

11-11-23: Podium Club at Attesa (Full Course)

When Nitrocross announced they'd be running at night at Wild Horse Pass it left me with a full Saturday afternoon in Phoenix. I finally managed to find some racing at a new track to check out, The Podium Club at Attesa. NASA was there and after some searching I was able to determine that there would be racing in a countable format.

I had no idea what the rules would be at the track itself, but figured that since it's in Arizona at worst I'll be able to drive up to the fence and watch from outside the track somewhere. When I got to the gate they actually just let me in for free, which I was surprised by. I had to sign a waiver and get a wristband but it was totally free just to go in and watch.

There was a 30 minute race scheduled for 2pm and I arrived right around then. I parked amongst all the other haulers and racecars and wandered toward the track, ending up at a viewing area with some bleachers right by the flagstand, behind only a concrete k-rail.





A good number of Miatas were on track around the 2.32 mile road course. It was mostly flat, just a few very small rises. Standing that close, even the four cylinder Miatas are moving quite quickly. There was a decent bit of passing too, and a couple cars that went off the track in the corners, though there's enough runoff no one hit anything.

I walked around to a different part of the track after a few minutes. It sort of bends around in an L shape, with the pits in the middle, so I walked back to another set of bleachers along the short side and watched there for a short time as well. I noticed a sign on the registration building saying that iPhones new than a certain model aren't allowed on track due to their feature that automatically dials 911 after a detected collision, and the track will fine you \$5,000 if emergency services get called because of it.



It was a beautiful day outside and while the track is pretty much in a flat desert field, the mountains in the distance made for a very pretty backdrop. It was an easy track to count while I didn't have anything else in particular to do anyway, so that's always appreciated.

