

NOR PCA DRIVERS EDUCATION MAY 2 & 3

Dear Student,

Thank you for your participation in the NORPCA Drivers Education event.

Our Headquarters Hotel is the COMFORT INN SPLASH HARBOR I-71 and State Route 97 (Exit 165) Telephone number is 419-886-4000. Be sure to mention NORPCA. You may register and have your car teched Friday evening from 5:00 to dark. Refreshments will be available during those hours.

OTHER HOTELS IN MANSFIELD/LEXINGTON AREA

Best Western
880 Laver Road
I-71 & US 30
Mansfield, OH
419-589-2200

Comfort Inn - North
I-71 and Ohio 13

Bellville, OH
419-529-1000

Knights Inn
555 N. Trimble Road
(Near Comfort Inn - North
Mansfield, OH
419-529-2100

Holiday Inn
116 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH

419-525-6000

Travelodge (old L & K south)
West Hanley Road
I-71 & Ohio 13
Mansfield, OH
419-756-7600

Travelodge
Koogle Road
I-71 & US 30
Mansfield, OH
419-589-3938

Buckhorn Inn Bed & Breakfast 8702 Ross Road Lexington, OH 419 884 3500 www.buckhorninn.net

PREPARATION FOR NOR-PCA DRIVERS SCHOOL

STARTING NOW:

PLAN ARRIVAL

If possible, plan to arrive, register and complete tech inspection Friday evening. This will help us avoid a Saturday morning crunch. If you can't arrive Friday, arrive at the track at 7:00 AM Saturday morning.

CHECK CAR We strongly recommend that you have a qualified mechanic check your car; however, this is not mandatory. We strongly recommend that you change your brake fluid. If you have a mechanic check the car, do so enough in advance of the event that any deficiencies can be corrected. Have the mechanic check each item on the tech form and sign that form. **DOWNLOAD AND PRINT OFF TECH FORM NOW !!!!** Two or three days before the event, inspect the car yourself. Check off each item on the form, sign and **BRING IT TO THE TRACK WITH YOU.**

Please make sure your car will pass tech. For safety sake, we cannot allow unsafe cars to run, but we hate to turn anyone away. **READ THE TECH FORM THOROUGHLY.**

The Tech Form is not necessarily comprehensive. You and/or your mechanic should perform whatever safety checks you feel are necessary. No NORPCA officer of event volunteer assumes any responsibility for the safety of your car.

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***** Student cars must provide a restraint system for the passenger equivalent to the one used by the driver – if the driver has a five point harness, a five point harness must be provided for the instructor. If it is not, then the student will be permitted to use only the stock three point belt while the instructor is in the car. The student may then use the five point harness if and when he goes out on the track solo.**

DRIVERS LICENSE Make sure your drivers license is valid now – and will still be valid through May. You must be 18 years old and have a valid drivers license to participate in the school. You must show your license upon registration.

TRACK LAYOUT A map of the track is on the website. Study it and memorize the turn numbers to facilitate communications with your instructor and other students.

EMERGENCY If you are coming to the track alone, please identify someone we could contact in case of an emergency.

PACK Be sure to bring everything you need for safety and comfort. Some reminders:

HELMET Helmet with an 2000 or better SNELL sticker is mandatory. DOT approval alone is not sufficient. Note: Many motorcycle helmets are not SNELL rated. This is a Porsche Club insurance requirement – we cannot compromise.

CLOTHING - You must have a driving suit or long sleeve shirt and long trousers of a natural fiber material (cotton or wool). Shoes must be leather or canvas. Socks must be cotton or NOMEX. You cannot wear any synthetics while driving.

RAIN GEAR - We can't guarantee good weather. Bring rain clothes and/or umbrellas.

LUG NUT KEY Tech inspection includes checking the lug nut torque. If you have locking lug nuts be sure to bring the key.

TOOLS & SUPPLIES You may wish to bring window cleaner, extra oil and some hand tools.

BE PREPARED !!!

FOOD Coffee, bagels and doughnuts will be provided both days. The concession stand at the track will be open both days from @ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are pop machines on the premises. You may want to bring snacks and something to drink.

ALCOHOL Is strictly forbidden while the school is in progress.

PETS Do not bring them. The track prohibits pets on the premises.

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FRIDAY, MAY 1

REGISTRATION Registration will begin at 5:00 pm at the Comfort Inn Splash Harbor at Exit 165, I 71 and Route 97. check at the desk for the location of registration. Registration will last until dark.

TECH INSPECTION Tech Inspection will begin at 5:00 pm at the side and rear parking lots of the Comfort Inn. Tech Inspection will last until dark.

GAS AND AIR Fill up with gasoline Friday night. Gasoline is for sale at the track. Track gas is very high octane and is very expensive. It's a good idea to add air to your tires. Fill tires 5 psi above what your owners' manual recommends, or to minimum of 30 psi. There will be air at the track. **GAS CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED BY CREDIT CARD.**

PREPARE YOUR CAR You may want to do some car preparation Friday evening to save time Saturday morning.

WAIVERS You and all family members and friends with you will be required to sign Porsche Club and track waivers to be admitted.

REST Get plenty of sleep, these schools are very tiring.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

WAKE UP If you did not register and pass tech on Friday, plan to arrive at the track at 7:00 am so you have time to register and pass tech before the 7:55 drivers meeting. Allow 15 - 20 minutes to drive to the track from the Comfort Inn.

ROUTE The south entrance to the track - off Steam Corners Road - will be the only one open. To reach the track from the Comfort Inn, take Route 97 to Lexington. Turn Left on 42. Route 42 merges with Route 97 north of Lexington and they proceed together through "downtown" (marked by a 25 mph speed limit) Where 97 and 42 split, follow 97. You will soon pass a large four door fire station. The next left is Steam Corners Road. Turn left on Steam Corners Road and proceed 2.4 miles to the track entrance.

Please obey all posted speed limits - they are enforced !! Besides affecting your drivers license, speeding tickets reflect badly on the club. Watch out for construction zones - follow detour signs.

PARKING From the front gate of the track, proceed to the paddock area and park your car anywhere in the gravel lot. The paved areas are reserved for tech inspection, organizers and instructors. **ONLY THOSE WHO RENTED A GARAGE MAY PARK IN THE GARAGE AREA.**

REGISTRATION If you did not register Friday night, proceed to Garage 6 to register.

PREPARE YOUR CAR Empty all loose items from your car, trunk and glove box, including radar detectors. Adjust the driver's seat and belts to proper position. If you have a driver's side window net, it must be removed or securely fastened back so that a proper passing signal, with arm fully extended, can be given. No magnetic numbers or magnetic decals are allowed.

DRIVERS MEETING **Attendance at the drivers meeting is mandatory.** Important safety rules will be discussed. If you are not present at the meeting, you will lose track time while one of the instructors reviews safety rules with you. Everyone, not just drivers, is welcome at the drivers meeting

SPECTATORS As this is not a spectator event, the infield and other usual spectator areas may be off limits. You and your guests can watch from the pit/paddock area or from the hill at the keyhole. For other locations, please check with the event chairman. Children under 12 must be supervised at all times.

RIDES Under no circumstances can a student give a ride to anyone who is not an instructor. If a spouse or friend has come with you and wants a ride around the track with an instructor, they must register in advance with the Event Chairman or Chief Instructor, sign the waiver and pay a \$5.00 fee. We prefer to give rides on Sunday. “ Classroom only “ participants must be 18 years or older.

TIMELINESS Running a driving event requires communication and cooperation of track officials, corner workers, instructors and students. A schedule will be provided at registration. Please be on time, you will only wind up costing yourself and possibly others valuable track time if you are not.

SAFETY You are responsible for safety - your own, that of anyone with you, and for the safety of other drivers, instructors and corner workers. **Keep your car under control at all times. The speed limit in the pit and paddock area is 15 mph.**

ASSIGNMENTS While most of the work for the event will have been done before you arrive at the track we may need helpers at the event to act as starters, make announcements, etc. You may be asked to volunteer for one of these task and your cooperation will be appreciated by all.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

DRIVERS MEETING **Attendance at the drivers meeting is mandatory.** Roll will be taken again. If you are not present, you will lose track time while an instructor reviews safety rules with you.

QUESTIONS If you have any questions, please email us at jsm@northcoastseal.com.

CHECKLISTS

BEFORE STAGING

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| Wheel lug nut tightness | Controls |
| Oil level | Steering |
| Air pressure in tires | Brakes |
| Remove window net (if any) | Clutch |

BEFORE GOING ON TRACK

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| Adjust seat | Fasten helmet |
| Roll down sleeves and pants | Fasten seat belt securely |
| Adjust mirrors | Driver’s window down completely |
| Sunroof close | Passenger window all the way up |
| Wait for instructor | or down - no part way |

ON TRACK

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| Keep your eyes up | Keep your car under control |
| Watch the road ahead of you | Brake & downshift in straight line |
| Watch the corner workers | Pit if you get tired |
| Watch your mirrors | Pit if you go off course |
| Drive safely | Have fun! |

OFF TRACK Pit speed limit and speed limit on premises in 15 mph

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FLAGS

The corner workers use flags to communicate with drivers. The information they communicate is for your benefit. Understand the flags and pay attention to them.

YELLOW - Slow down. Do not pass. Be sure you could avoid a car stalled on the track ahead of you. Proceed cautiously until you see a corner worker who is not showing the yellow.

YELLOW WITH STRIPES - Slippery condition. Oil or debris on the track. Proceed cautiously until you see a corner worker who is not showing the flag.

BLUE /YELLOW STRIP Check your mirrors. A faster car is approaching or has caught you and you should let them pass. Most likely the corner worker will look at you and show the flag quickly to avoid confusing other drivers around you.

RED- Slow down safely, pull to the side of the track and stop within sight of a corner worker. You need to be able to see a corner worker so you can be signaled when it is safe to resume driving. Leave room for emergency vehicles, but stay on the paved surface; in the past, hot car exhausts have set dry grass on fire.
DO NOT STOP YOUR CAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRACK

BLACK- Come in to the pits as soon as you can. This may be for a mechanical problem, so drive carefully.

GREEN - The track is clear and a session can begin. Usually shown only at the starter's tower.

CHECKERED - Your session is over. This will be shown only at the starter's tower. Complete a cool-off lap and enter the pit

PASSING

Watch your mirrors If a car is there that wasn't there before, it is doing faster laps and you should let it pass. This is true whether or not your car is faster down the straights.

Watch for flags Watch the corner workers for blue flags. If they show you one, check your mirror and allow faster cars to pass.

Passing locations Passing is only allowed on 4 straightaways. (1) Front Straight - between corners 15 and 1, (2) Straight between turns 1 & 2, (3) Back Straight - between corners 5 and 7, and (4) The Chute - between corners 11 and 12.

Passing The slower car will stay on line. The faster car will go off line to complete the pass.

Front Straight – Drivers Left. Between 1 and 2 - Drivers Right. Back Straight – Drivers Right
Between 11 and 12 – Drivers Right

Passing as follows The Slower car will stay on line. The overtaking car will move off line and execute the pass. If you signal a low horsepower car to pass, slow down and let the car pass. Signal the side of the car you want to be passed on – arm straight out for pass on the left, arm over the roof for passing on the right. A passing signal is permission to pass, not a demand. **DO NOT PASS IF YOU CANNOT PASS SAFELY. DO NOT PASS IN CORNERS.** If you choose not to pass once you have been signaled, get in line directly behind the car that signaled for you to pass.

Use good judgment Remember, this is a driving school, not a racing school. This procedure is the law.