ROAD AMERICA

Road America Track Day Session Tips

Don't Forget, you have to drive your car home!

Paddock Area:

- 1. Check all fluid levels, no leaks, belts tight, wires snug.
- 2. Tires/Wheels-lug blots/nuts torqued, correct tire inflation.
- 3. Body-Sunroof closed and latched (no pop-ups), doors unlocked, glass headlights/fog lights taped, brake lights work, hood closed and latched, windshield clean with working wipers.
- 4. Interior- Floor mats out, glove box empty, garage door opener out, radar detector out, cellular phone handset out or duct taped in place, everything out of the trunk except spare tires that are bolted down.

Pit Area:

- 1. Proper seating position-as vertical as possible, thighs supported, knees slightly bent when clutch is pushed to the floor, back against seat and elbows slightly bent with hands are 3 and 9 o'clock.
- 2. Adjust mirrors, your instructor may ask to use your right side mirror.
- 3. Driver and passenger windows down.
- 4. Helmet on snugly and buckled.
- 5. Seat belts on very snugly.
- 6. Doors unlocked and sunroof closed and latched.

Entering the Track:

- 1. Enter the pits at the "false grid" sign, form a line where indicated by starters.
- 2. Wait for starters signal to move.
- 3. Keep to the right upon entering all the way through turn 1.
- 4. Check mirrors before moving to the left "on line" after turn 1.

Driving the Track:

- 1. Signal to allow pass, signal each and every car you want to have pass.
- 2. Don't pass unless signaled.
- 3. Be aware of the flagging stations and observe their signals.
- 4. Acknowledge the checker flag at the end of the session by waving or blinking your head lights.
- 5. After the checkered flag is thrown, reduce speed and cool down car and driver
- 6. Wave to the corner workers while you cool down your car.
- 7. Exit the track in the pit lane; put your arm out the window with a closed fist to signal you are going to exit the track.

Re-entering the Pits/Paddock:

- 1. Slow down to go through the pits and paddock, speed limit in paddock is 20mph
- 2. Do not set your parking brake when you return to the paddock.