

**BMW CCA, Los Angeles Region
Laguna Seca Driving School
November 22 & 23, 2003**

GENERAL INFORMATION and ASSORTED TIDBITS

The following information is intended to answer some of your questions before you get to the event. You don't have to read this, but if you ask us a question that has already been addressed on these pages you run the risk of getting a sarcastic reply.

- Accommodations:** Event headquarters (Registration, Friday night hospitality, general hanging out) is: The Cypress Tree Inn, 2227 Fremont Street, Monterey, CA 93940 - (831) 372-7586 or Reservations: 1-800-446-8303
- Registration:** We will have Friday night registration at the Cypress Tree from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday registration opens as soon as we get all the stuff out of the trailer. Participants should form one line, with their helmets and assorted waivers in hand. Sometimes we have a separate line for instructors. Please have all necessary paperwork (waivers, etc.) in your hand, **completed and signed**, before you get in line. While you are waiting for Saturday registration, you should pick out a nice parking place and empty your car. If you are ready to register before we get the trailer emptied, feel free to help us drag stuff out.
- Dress Code:** Closed shoes are a must for all drivers. Long sleeved shirts and long pants are suggested but T -shirts or shorts are acceptable. Please avoid wearing yellow or purple shirts as they are worn by instructors/staff.
- Drivers' Meeting:** Drivers' meetings are **mandatory** both days. Attendance at a previous Driving School Driver's meeting does not count for this event. The Saturday morning meeting is at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Don't dawdle around unloading your car and going through registration. Come early if you think you might have registration problems.
- Food/Coffee:** Participants have a catered lunch provided on both days. If you are bringing along a friend, spouse or other, and they want lunch, you can purchase an additional lunch when you register or add the info to your application.
- Name Badges:** Name badges should be worn at all times. They provide the instructors with a name to put with your face and car. They also tell us which run group you are in, what group color you're with, whether or not to loan you a helmet, and various other important information.
- Emergency Info:** The inside portion of your nametag is an emergency form. Because it is with you at all times, no one will ever need to know your deep dark secrets unless you require medical attention, then, if the paramedics need to know your blood type or allergies, the information will be available to them. After you complete the school with no medical problems, throw out your nametag insert before you return the plastic holder.
- Parking:** You will be directed to the appropriate parking area. Please do not park in the fire lane, the instructor & key worker parking areas, or the registration area. When you first arrive at the track, stake out a spot, empty your car and trunk, and remove your hubcaps and trim rings. We have never had a problem (in our 50+ schools) with theft, but please leave your expensive jewels and laptop computers at home.
- Helmets (yours):** Unless you are in Group D, please bring your own helmet. Helmets must be Snell 95 or newer. Regardless of whose helmet you are using, you must sign a Helmet Waiver.
- Helmets (ours):** Helmets are loaned, for a nominal fee, to novices only, (D group and a few people in C group). If you are not in either of those groups and you need to use one of our helmets, please talk to Roger Scilley or Delight Lucas **before** the weekend. When you borrow one of our helmets, we will ask for \$5.00 each day (which we keep), your Driver's License or a credit card (which we return when you return our helmet). If you forget to return the helmet we use the credit card to charge you \$200.00 for your newly acquired helmet.
- Wristbands:** You will be given one or more lovely plastic wristbands. Wristbands must be left on for the whole weekend and must be visible. Key workers will not let you onto the track if he/she can't see your wristband; the instructors won't let you drive if you aren't wearing the right band, you won't be fed Saturday night, etc., etc., etc. Wristbands can be worn in the shower. You will have to sign all the waivers all over again on Sunday if you remove the wristband on Saturday.

- Instructors:** Instructors are those dudes and dudettes wearing yellow shirts. They donate their time and knowledge to help, teach and encourage you. Treat them with respect.
- Instructor Group Colors:** Each run group is broken into five colors. When you go to pre-grid, park as close to your color group tent as possible. Instructors are assigned to each color group to ensure that everyone gets equal time on the track. The colors have no special meaning and do not denote your ability level or your fashion sense.
- Key Workers:** Key workers wear purple shirts. They do the work so you can devote your time to driving. If a key worker tells you to move your car, report to class or registration, check your tire pressures, etc., than that is what you should do.
- Corner Workers:** We use professional corner workers. The "A" and "B" groups are scheduled to cover their lunches. This is part of your learning experience; you get a completely different perspective of the track while working the corners. Please report on time for corner workers' instruction and stationing. All students are welcome to "visit" the safely accessible corners while they are manned by the professionals, (check with a key worker before going to a corner) but you must follow any directions given to you by key or corner workers.
- Passengers:** Students are not allowed to take passengers on the track. If you want your spouse, friend or significant other to see what the "ultimate driving machine" is all about, ask an instructor to drive your car with the passenger of your choice. When time/schedules permit, instructors are willing to provide an E-ticket ride. Riders must be over 18, sign all waivers, wear approved helmets and have all the appropriate wristbands.
- Insurance:** As long as you are participating in a driving school, not a competitive or racing event, your personal insurance policy should remain in effect. *Please check your policy or with your insurance agent for additional information.* The insurance purchased in conjunction with BMW CCA driving events is limited to bodily injury, disability and medical expenses. If your automobile insurance or other insurance policy includes coverage for your medical expenses, your policy(s) will respond on a primary basis for the costs of your injuries. Coverage in the policy provided by the BMW CCA does not cover vehicle repair, regardless of cause or circumstances. *(See Waivers for additional info.)*
- Saturday Dinner:** Your Saturday evening dinner ticket(s) and/or wrist band will be included in your registration packet. If you want to add a meal for your spouse, buddy, friend, etc., and you haven't already sent in extra money, we will be selling a few (very few) tickets after we close registration. You must purchase extra tickets no later than 3:00 p.m. Saturday. No dinner tickets will be sold at dinnertime.
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Student Mdse.** Event shirts will be passed out Friday or Saturday at registration. If you want a different size or an extra item, you will be able to purchase/trade **after** 1:00 p.m. Saturday
- Merchandise** In addition to the handout you get with your registration, there will be some shirts left over from previous schools and events, (as well as various other club paraphernalia), for sale at the loaner helmet table.
- Weather:** We usually have weather. It will be either hot, cold, windy, wet, dry or some combination thereof. Pack accordingly. The track officials have the final say on whether the weather is good enough to let us out on the track, so if it happens to be too wet, too windy, etc., the event could be delayed until the weather improves. No amount of arguing or complaining will make the officials let us out on the track if they think it isn't safe.
- Pre-Tech:** Trackside Vehicle Spot Check is not intended to take the place of a thorough pre-event inspection of your vehicle by a qualified individual. **The Pre-Tech Safety and Tech Inspection List and Waiver must be completed before the event, and you must bring it with you to the event.** Your completed forms must be turned in to Registration before you get your car numbers. If your vehicle has not been teched prior to the event, you could lose the right to participate.
- Timing:** Please read the "DO and DON'T" sheet regarding timing. Using a stopwatch will result in your removal from this event, and probably prevent you from ever participating in another BMW CCA driving event. (All local clubs share Driving School information.) If your friend, spouse, buddy, etc., times your laps, both of you will be expelled from the event.

- Children/Pets:** Everyone is entitled to one or the other or both, **but leave them at home.** The track is not an appropriate place for either. If you insist on bringing your children, make sure they are over 16 and stay with you at all times. Animals are equally unwelcome, unless you have a Seeing Eye dog. (Seeing Eye dogs must sign all waivers and wear their helmets before they will be allowed in the car to assist you.) These rules apply to everyone: participants, instructors, key workers, spectators, corner workers, and assorted groupies. **NO KIDS, NO PETS.** If you do bring one or the other, plan to stay at her/his/its side **AT ALL TIMES.** You may not go out on track if your child/pet will be left unattended. If your spouse, friend or significant other plans to visit you at the event, and they bring children/pets with them, someone must stay with same at all times. **NO CHILDREN/PETS ARE EVER ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREAS.**
- Waivers:** You must sign all waivers, including the Helmet Waiver and Tech Waiver, and a Track waiver, which will be provided at the beginning of each day. If you don't sign all the waivers, you don't go out on the track. **Any and all persons (participants, workers, spouses, and friends) who enter the facility must sign a Track waiver at the entrance gate.** Most tracks have an entry fee for participants and observers. The BMW CCA does not pay this fee for you.
- Air:** Air service is not guaranteed at the track. Bring your own tire pressure gauge and an air pump if you own one. (See **Tire Pressures** for more info).
- Gas:** Fill up your tank before coming to the track. Although there is fuel available at most tracks, it is extremely expensive. There is usually a line for gas in the morning so give yourself a little extra time. Remember that your mileage on the track may not be quite as good as what you are use to.
- Repairs/Towing:** The best advice here is that you not allow your vehicle to break down. However, if you choose to ignore this advice, please be aware that there are no repair facilities open on the track. This is an automobile club event and someone probably has a spare lug nut or even a hose clamp to lend to you. However, if what you need is a rear axle, you may be out of luck. There are towing facilities nearby and we will do our best to help you get up and running, (or towed away), but ultimately repairs and towing are your responsibility.
- Tire Pressures:** Warm/hot tire pressure should be 38-40 psi. Cold tire pressure of about 34 psi usually results in the correct hot/warm pressure.
- Run Groups:** Your run group assignment is based on your general driving school experience and input from your previous instructors. If we have no knowledge of your experience level, you may disagree with our assessment, however, please run in the group that you were assigned to until your instructor has a chance to assess your ability. If there is room in another group, you might be reassigned. Occasionally, we have too many people in one group and have no choice but to move someone to another group. If you feel you don't have enough experience for the group you are assigned to, let your instructor know. Remember, you will never be asked to go faster than you are comfortable; this is a school, not a speed event.
- Number/Sticker Placement:** Your numbers and letter will be in your registration packet along with a diagram for correct placement.

If you still have unanswered questions, please contact us.

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