PDC Racing Track Day #41
@ *Thunderhill Raceway*,
Willows, CA.

Friday, November 10th, 2017

Thunderhill East Course

What?

PDC Racing brings to you, a select track junkie, another 1-day self help/group fix!

We traditionally get killer weather this time of year at Thunderhill – not too hot and not yet wet. We'll be running **the East Course with Bypass!**

New randomness: for the first time ever, we will limiting registrations for this event. We just plain had too many cars last year. Register early so you get a spot and don't have to settle for the Wait List.

Where/When?

We have rented Thunderhill Raceway for the day on Friday, November 10th, providing lapping between the hours of 9:00am and 5pm with NO run groups. Gates open at 7:00am.

There is a **mandatory** 8:30am Drivers Meeting!

Track config is counter-clockwise (normal) East Course with the Bypass.

Where Should I Stay?

Given the plethora of hotels in urban Willows these days, I am no longer doing block reservations.

Hotels I can recommend include:

The **Baymont Inn & Suites**. This hotel is right next door to Casa de Burrito. Need I say more? It also has trailer parking. Ask for the Thunderhill rate. Details are at:

http://www.baymontinns.com/hotels/california/willows/baymont-inn-and-suites-willows/hotel-overview

The **Holiday Inn Express**. This lovely chateau is one step up the luxury scale from the Baymont, yet still maintains that truck-stop atmosphere so highly coveted in the Central Valley. Make sure you ask for the Thunderhill rate. This total keeper also features trailer parking and is located mere yards from the Starbucks *and* the Subway. Fresh!

http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/willows/wlwca/hoteldetail

The newly renovated **Motel 6** is also highly regarded by PDCers for its fresh not-yet-hookerized interior and low, low pricing. I haven't stayed there myself yet because I have, well, standards.

http://www.motel6.com/reservations/motel_detail.aspx?num=4273

All three of these lovely establishments are walking distance to Casa Ramos, home of the Thursday Night Beer 'N Lies session, which is really the important part.

How Much?

Time marches on. So does inflation, so the entry fee is $405/car for this event, regardless of the number of drivers. Please do not wait until the last minute to register as it drives my blood pressure up, particularly given the liberal Cancellation Policy (see below).

This will be the usual **seven hours** of track time. This fantastic if:

1. You're short on track time, like I am
2. You're instructing for BMW CCA over the weekend
3. You're racing with BMW CCA over the weekend
4. You're thinking about doing some other long race thing some time this year
5. #1 and #2
6. #1 and #3
7. #1 and #4
8. #1, #3, #4
e) all of the above

Sharing cars is permitted at no additional cost, but every driver (and every passenger) must sign the waiver! NO EXCEPTIONS! Going out on track, whether as a driver or as a passenger, without signing the waiver is grounds for immediate ejection from the event with no refund.

We are building in the cost of the tow truck and offsetting it with a fee of $50 per tow. Hopefully over time this will allow us to reduce the towing fee.

Thunderhill now charges me for track cleanup at $10/bag for oil-dry. If you drop fluids that necessitate cleanup and I get charged, YOU get charged. Share The Love, I say.

What's The Cancellation Policy?

The revised, Left-Wing cancellation policy is working well, so we'll continue it. You may cancel via MotorsportReg.com **at no charge with full refund** up to two weeks before the event date. Due to this kinder, gentler cancellation policy, you are encouraged to register for the event NOW and cancel later if you need to.

The cancellation deadline for this event is the end of the day on October 28st, 2016. If you need to cancel after that, you forfeit the entry fee and all of your Halloween candy.

Note: your registration must be set to Cancelled in MotorsportReg.com to receive a refund. **Sending me an email is not sufficient – you must cancel in MSR as well**. You can cancel your registration from the MotorsportReg.com Dashboard.

RULES!

General:

1) You, and anyone you bring along, **must** sign the waiver! No exceptions!
2) Everyone **must** wear at least an SA2010/M2010 helmet while on the track. **2005 or older helmets are no longer acceptable**.
3) You are responsible for the mechanical soundness of your car. It should have passed a BMWCCA, PCA, NASA, or equivalent tech inspection in the last 3 months.
4) One passenger is allowed in the car with you (helmeted), provided they have signed the waiver.
5) Clothing: Per Thunderhill's requirements. Suitable footwear/socks is required (training/driving shoes, preferably not synthetic).
6) **Positively no alcohol and/or drugs allowed.** NO EXCEPTIONS.
7) No convertibles without roll protection. Factory roll protection is acceptable, but not even remotely preferred. **The track's minimum rollover standards must be met in all cases**. Contact Thunderhill Raceway directly if you need more information on this important topic.
8) No open-wheel cars. Closed-wheel cars such as SRF's are fine.

9) Fire truck and tow truck are pay-as-you-go. Bring a checkbook or cash. Towing is $50 per tow (payable to a PDC event organizer) and fire truck fees are the actual expenses incurred (payable to the track).

10) The 8:30am Driver's Meeting is ***mandatory***. If you don't make the meeting, you **must** talk to Mark Dadgar before going on-track. Please have a truly spectacular excuse prepared.

Car Maintenance:

Car maintenance is your responsibility! Please make sure that you are keeping up with regular maintenance items (ie radiators and water pumps on BMW's, etc). On-track failures cost everyone track time while we tow the car in and clean up any fluids, so let's limit these types of events to unforeseen, random failures. **Remember: you will now be billed for cleanup expenses assessed by the track.**

On-Track:

Note: We will have a combination of both driver experience and car performance. The rules are designed to ensure group safety. The MOST IMPORTANT THING is that everyone goes home the same way they arrived, just a lot more tired and happy!

1) **Bad and/or dangerous driving will end your day without a refund, no exceptions!**   The PDC event organizers reserve the right to decide what is "bad and/or dangerous driving." Do not argue with them.
2) Open Track/Open Passing as usual
3) It is your responsibility to observe and obey any flags, flag workers, or their orders
4) Last-minute issues will be covered at the 8:30am Driver's Meeting. Attendance at Drivers Meeting is **mandatory**. If you don't attend, you don't drive!

Passing Rules:

1) "open passing" anywhere that it is safe.
2) if the lead car has an "X" somewhere on its rear end, then passing that car is by "point-by" from the lead car only. Note that 1 point-by is good for one car, so each passing car must be pointed by separately
      i. If you pass an X car without a point-by, you WILL be black-flagged. Don't do this.
3) It is the responsibility of the passing car to execute the pass safely
4) Line Ownership: we run a modified SCCA rule for taking ownership of the line. When passing on entry into a turn, the passing car must be AT LEAST abreast (mirror-to-mirror) of the car being passed BEFORE entering the braking zone for the upcoming turn in order to take ownership of the line. Otherwise any passing in the corner must occur off-line if at all.

LIABILITY

We the organizers, and/or Thunderhill Raceway Park, are not liable for pretty much anything. You, by attending this event, and signing our Waiver, assume full liability for the consequences of your participation. **READ THE WAIVER. IF YOU DONT SIGN, YOU DONT DRIVE.**

This event is run as a group of individuals. There is no sanctioning body. Think of it as an open test day. Your responsibility for damage, injury or death rests solely with you. If you cannot participate under these circumstances, do not sign up. By signing up, you agree to these terms.

Note also that the insurance we are required to purchase when renting the track is hardly comprehensive. Therefore, you are responsible for your own car/medical insurance.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

We are handling sign-ups on-line with the MotorsportReg.com event management system. This allows you to pay on-line by credit card! **A MotorsportReg.com login is required to register for PDC events**.

Please make sure you complete your profile in the MotorsportReg.com system, including address, contact information, emergency contact info, etc. *This is very important.*

1. Go to:

    msreg.com/pdc1117

    If you do not have a MotosportReg login, create one.

2. Complete registration for the PDC Racing event at Thunderhill on 11/10/17. **Paying online is required to complete registration.** This makes life much easier for me. To make life easier for YOU, your credit card will not be charged until shortly before the event. MotorsportReg.com accepts VISA/MasterCard and electronic checks.

    Each driver **must** sign a copy of the waiver at the event before going on-track. I will have spares at the event for drivers sharing cars.

If you are sharing a car, only the first driver of the car needs to register using MotorsportReg.com. The other driver merely needs to sign the waiver at the track. **However, the registrant is responsible for making sure that all members of their party sign the waiver if they go out on track – we reserve the right to shut you down and send you home if this rule is broken.**

WHAT ABOUT EVENT CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS?

Unless Thunderhill Raceway cancels on us, the event will happen. If Thunderhill Raceway cancels and refunds us, the refund we receive will be divided equally amongst the participants. Otherwise, do not expect a refund for any reason if the cancellation deadline has passed.

If you sign up and the cancellation deadline as passed and uyou do not attend or participate for any reason, you are still liable for the full cost of your participation. For this reason, you are COMMITTED to your share of the costs when the cancellation deadline has passed. No exceptions.