



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB'S TRACK DAYS



From novices to aspiring race car drivers, Cascade's Track Day events let you experience the thrill of driving your car in a safe and controlled environment on a race track – Portland International Raceway. Get in, buckle up and get ready for the drive of your life!!

Cascade's Track Days offer three different groups: A beginner (novice) group, an intermediate/advanced group, and an HPDE (High Performance Driving Experience) group which is for the experienced track participant.

In the **Novice group**, you will be paired with an instructor who will work with you to safely navigate Portland International Raceway! You will learn the secrets and techniques of car control, the correct line around a racetrack, and more. You'll begin the morning with speeds which are most comfortable to you and then build up by the end of the day to speeds which should only be achieved in a controlled environment aka a race track! The goal is for you to learn more about your car and become a better driver while enjoying the thrill of driving on a race track!

In the **Int/Advanced group**, you will be paired with an instructor who will work with you to improve on skills already learned and work with you on some new advanced techniques. This group is designed for the person who has prior track experience be it minimal or extensive. The goal is for you to improve on consistency and work on aspects of driving that you would like to improve on.

In the **HPDE group**, you will not be paired with an instructor except for possibly the first session. This is a club day environment where the goal is to enjoy a day at the race track driving fast and safe with friends and other enthusiasts who share your same passion. Flow in this group is excellent with the more experienced drivers!

WHICH GROUP SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR? If you've never been on track before or have very limited track experience, sign up for the "Novice" group. If you would like an instructor and have prior track experience, sign up for the "Int/Advanced" group. If you have a minimum of three days of track experience within the last 2 years and are seeking a lapping day, sign up for the "HPDE" group. If you are seeking a Competition License, sign up for either the "Novice" or "Int/Advanced" group (the classroom is required). Please contact the Event Chairperson with any questions.

Whether you are just beginning your very first track day or have so many track days under your belt that you've lost count, you can be sure that you will have an incredible day at Portland International Raceway with Cascade Sports Car Club!

EVENT INFORMATION

Cascade's Track Day events include an evening classroom session which covers car control basics such as how gas pedal, brake pedal, and steering wheel inputs affect the balance of a vehicle. The "racing" line, shifting techniques, and a whole lot more are also covered. This is all followed by a full day on track where you are able to put this newly learned knowledge to use. The classroom session is optional for "HPDE" participants and may be waived for "Int/Advanced" participants with prior approval. It is required for "Novice" participants.

Typically, Cascade rotates four groups throughout the day, each session being about 20 minutes in length. Usually participants will receive four sessions on track.

Novice: After a morning briefing, "Novice" participants will ride around the track with their instructor who will familiarize you with the track, turn stations, the correct line, braking markers, and more. After this brief session, your first session on track begins. The morning is all about you learning the track, the line, and braking points. There is a maximum speed limit in the morning and no passing is allowed the first session to help you to be able to focus on the track! Progressively throughout the day as you become more comfortable, speed limits increase and passing is allowed in designated sections. At the end of the day your instructor will fill out an evaluation form which gives you input as to your strengths and areas that could use some improvement. As you leave the track with a big grin on your face, you'll think to yourself how fun and rewarding that day was!!

Intermediate/Advanced: The "Int/Advanced" group is typically for the participant who has prior track experience but who is looking to improve in certain areas of their driving. After a morning briefing, "Int/Advanced" participants are more than welcome to participate in the morning drive around with their instructor. Your first session on track is less restrictive than the "Novice" group but it is still geared towards you being able to concentrate on learning new techniques. After your first session, speed limits open up and passing in designated sections is allowed. At the end of the day your instructor will fill out an evaluation form which will show you how you improved.

HPDE: The "HPDE" group is for the experienced track participant. There are no speed limits and passing is allowed in designated sections. The morning briefing goes over the passing areas and rules. "HPDE" participants are held to a high standard due to their experience and the fact that an instructor will most likely not be in the car. Drive smart and safe!

ADDITIONAL INFO

- * Must be at least 18 years old and possess a current valid Driver's license
- * Helmets are required. M2000 or SA2000 or newer. Rental helmets are available for \$10.00
- * Space is limited, most groups are limited to 25 cars.
- * A typical day includes four sessions on track
- * Novice group participants are required to attend an evening classroom session the evening before on track activities. All participants may attend the class.
- * Convertibles must have a roll bar. See "Convertible Roll Bar Requirements"
- * Some T-tops and Targa tops fall under the "Convertible" requirements
- * All cars shall have a passenger seat securely installed for an instructor
- * Both driver and passenger seat belts must function properly, be in good condition, and be of a minimum three point design (shoulder and lap belt). Convertibles have different belt requirements. See "Conv. Roll Bar Requirements"
- * Open toed shoes and/or shorts are not allowed
- * Cars shall be in good mechanical condition. Tires should be in good condition, the wheels properly tightened, and plenty of brake pad.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE TRACK?

- 1) Arrive at the track between 6:45am – 7:15am
- 2) Sign the waiver at the gate
- 3) Check in at registration. This must be done even if you attended the classroom session. Show registration your Driver's License. At registration you will receive a schedule, your run group assignment, a tech form, and a number to help us identify you. Attach your number to the outside of the upper driver's side corner of your front windshield and line your car up in the appropriate run group for tech inspection.
- 4) If you have rented or need to rent a helmet, registration will be able to assist you.
- 5) Check the schedule for time and place of the Mandatory Driver's Meeting, and then of course attend. Typically the Driver's Meeting is held around 7:45am.
- 6) Drink plenty of water throughout the day

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Do I have to be a member of Cascade to participate in this event?

A: No, membership is not required. Cascade members do receive a discount.

Q: Can passengers ride along with me?

A: No, only your instructor is allowed to ride with you. Friends and family are welcome to attend and watch. It is free to watch!!

Q: Are convertibles allowed?

A: Yes, but additional safety equipment is required.
See “Convertible Roll Bar Requirements”

Q: How are instructors assigned?

A: We try to pair instructors with cars they are familiar with in order to give the best feedback to the participant. If for whatever reason you don’t click with your instructor, please request to have a different one. Every attempt will be made to find one who suits you.

Q: Does the event run rain or shine?

A: Yes

Q: Does my car insurance cover me for this event?

A: Some insurance companies do not cover you for a track event. It is best to check with your insurance company. There are companies who do provide track day insurance for an additional cost.

Q: What is your Cancellation Policy?

A: Our current cancellation/refund policy: If you cancel 7 days or more prior to the event, you receive a full refund. If you cancel 6 days – 48 hours prior to the event, a \$50 cancellation fee applies. Cancellations less than 48 hours prior to the event or a “No Show” of the event receives no refund.