

Dear Participant

Welcome to the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club Competition License Driving School. For 2017 we once again look forward to providing an educational and fun introduction to sports car road racing and high performance driving at Castrol Raceway. Please note that this school is conducted in a controlled setting with emphasis placed on learning in as safe a manner as possible.

For those of you intending to begin racing in 2017 the successful completion of the school will entitle you to apply for a Western Canadian Motorsport Association (WCMA) race license. This license qualifies you to enter road-race competitions as an amateur throughout North America.

**IMPORTANT:** Information to download is available at <http://nascc.ab.ca/racing/race-school-information/> for the school schedule, **Vehicle Technical inspection form you must print, complete in advance of the event and bring with you**, license application forms, medical forms and much more!

Please note that the daily schedule is very tight and it is extremely important that you arrive at the track earlier rather than later – **so please be on time**. Registration is very early since we will start one of the classroom sessions at 8:20 am, so start arriving around **7:30 am**.

To make your weekend more enjoyable, there are a few tips for you to consider:

Make sure **YOU** are in good repair. Ensure you are well rested and ready for a rigorous 2 days. A day at the racetrack can tax even the fittest of people and starting the day at less than full strength can ruin the experience. Make sure you have plenty of water to drink to keep you hydrated and snacks to keep you energized throughout the day.

**Clothing** - Ensure you have clothes for all weather conditions, the weather can be quite variable at the track in early May and **we run the school in all types of weather** short of an outright blizzard! Dress warmly. This means bring more than a light jacket. Bring something that will keep you warm, including gloves, dress in layers so you can adjust if it gets warm. Consider sunscreen and a hat as well. You must wear long pants, a shirt, shoes and socks while on the track. Sorry no shorts or sandals are allowed in pit lane or on the racing surface.

**Vehicle** - Make sure your vehicle is in an excellent state of repair; the track environment can tax your car's various systems. Cooling, engine oil, suspension and brakes are particularly important. You must have at least two seats in the car, along with similar belts for driver and passenger, or you will not be able to use the car to take the school. You do not have to use your race car, in fact, you may be much better off to use a street car.

**Tires** - Ensure your tires are inflated to a value above the manufacturer recommended pressure, but do not exceed their maximum allowable pressure as printed on their sidewalls. This gives you a reservoir of air to allow you to adjust the tires down to the pressure that makes them work at their maximum performance for the exercises we run. If you find they are over-inflated you can reduce their pressure. Discuss pressures with your in-car instructor.

**Brakes** - Ensure your brakes are in excellent condition. It is a good idea to have fresh brake fluid in the system, and you should be confident the pads have enough life. A day on the track can be very punishing for most street braking systems and we would hate to see you go home early out of brake pads! If you are sharing a car, consider upgrading the brake pad type.

**Fuel** - Bring one or two jerry cans of fuel if you can arrange it for Sunday. Even small displacement engines can get well less than 10 mpg under track conditions. There may be some time available over the lunch period on Sunday to leave the track to re-fuel.

**Oil** - A liter of engine oil may be needed for some engines as well.

**Interior of Vehicle – IMPORTANT** - Please clean out the interior and trunk areas of your car, items must not fly around inside the car while you are on track. This can include items such as tissue boxes, pens, car parts, clothing and beverage travel mugs, etc. Your vehicle must be free of all items that can present a hazard by roaming free in your car or trunk! Under the hood (or in trunk) make sure your battery is secured well.

**Food** - Lunch will be provided for all days. We will have some water, tea and coffee available. Please ensure that you bring your own supply of snack food and beverages as well.

**Helmet** - If you plan to race this coming season make sure to buy a SNELL SA2010 or 2015 spec. helmet. The following are also acceptable standards for the school - 2000 or 2005 Snell SA (competition) or M (M is okay for the school). Make every effort to arrange for a helmet, we do not have spares for rental.

Come prepared to learn. Even our instructors who have been racing for many years learn something each time they instruct at the school.

Once again, thank you for deciding to become part of this exciting sport and we look forward to seeing you at the track.

If you have any questions please email [sue@somedaysoon.ca](mailto:sue@somedaysoon.ca) or [nascc.events@gmail.com](mailto:nascc.events@gmail.com)

Also if anyone taking the school is under 18 years of age, please let Sue know so that she can forward a copy of the parental waiver form for their signature. This form **must** be completed before participating in the school.

For directions to Castrol Raceway, go to:

[http://www.castrolraceway.com/index.php?mo=pages&p\\_id=9](http://www.castrolraceway.com/index.php?mo=pages&p_id=9)

See you all at the school!

Sue Wilson, Brooke Carter representing ARCA and NASCC

## **Race License Info**

For those planning on racing at the June 3 - 4 race weekend keep in mind that it takes time to get everything done to get your license. Upon passing the race school you need to

- 1) Get two passport sized photos of yourself to submit with your race license application
- 2) Obtain your medical. This may take time, depending on your Doctor's availability. We **highly recommend you make arrangements today for your medical exam, so that you have the documents in time to get a license for the first race.**

When you see the Doctor, you need the test for an amateur license, you do not need the EKG and other tests shown on that form for an International license.

- 3) Submit club membership card or identify yourself as an NASCC member in the on line license application, photos, medical documents and application form to the WCMA, with a payment to the WCMA of \$100. Use this link  
<http://www.wcma.ca/new/racing/competition-licenses-event-permits/>
- 4) Paying for the race school includes payment for 2017 membership in NASCC, so you are already a member of a WCMA affiliated club, and the WCMA has access to that information.