

May 7th Open Lapping Day - Track Schedule

THE TRACK GATE OPENS AT 7:00AM, PLEASE show up as close to 7:00AM as you can to maximize your track time.

Starting the event / drivers meetings / track rules etc.

We will start the drivers' meeting at 7:45am no matter who is changing whose tires for whom or unloading or in the bathroom. (That includes me) I will blow the air horn a few times to signal this. We are having it early to Maximize track time for those that are prepared and want to get out there.

Please get to the event on time so you will be there for the meeting. You will have plenty of time after the meeting to get your car ready to go out, or you might think ahead and prep the car the night before.

Remember that you will need to sign the track waiver and pay the "head fee" at the gate – that is \$10.00 per head in the car coming into the event. Please have the proper amount for the number of heads in your vehicle in cash. Remember that we cannot make change for all you high rollers from Vegas dropping bengies on us.

Check in/Sign ups/Drivers Meeting:

7:00-8:00am

ALL Drivers will be checking in with Gene **at the Dali Racing Trailer** to:

- 1) Make sure that you have signed all the waivers.
- 2) Pay your track fee if you have not.
- 3) get your event sticker. (put it on the drivers side of your windshield)

NO STICKER = NO TRACK ENTRY.

Please do this before the Drivers meeting! Then you can hang around and tell lies about how fast you are going to be or how fast you were last time and what is wrong with the car today so you will not be that fast this time, drink still more coffee, go to the bathroom etc.

7:45 to 8:00am

We will have a quick drivers meeting where I will go over the track light system, the lunch schedule, the passing zones and signals, the off road clean up procedure etc. – it is all in this handout and posted online but some of us are apparently not visually inclined and need an auditory reminder.

Time for questions, last minute sign-ups, etc.

Track Sessions:

8:00am-12:00pm

Our first track session is **FOUR hours long**. You WILL have plenty of time out there. Relax and have fun and do not try and set a lap record on the first lap. Run through your preflight checklist 2X. Then do it again.

12:00-1:00pm LUNCH & GAS BREAK

No extra "just between you and God" laps. The ambulance is not on duty, and the track is officially closed.

1:00pm-5:00pm

Track is hot – your FOUR HOUR afternoon session starts. Relax and have fun.

5:00pm – 5:45 Time to clean up and go to town

We need to clean up ASAP, as we need to be out of there by 5:45pm. If you have a lot of stuff to clean up, stop at 4:45pm and start packing, changing tires etc. If you are still in the paddock at 6:01pm you might be sleeping there and I might get a bill that I will pass along to you..

NO CIGARETTE BUTTS TO BE LEFT ON THE PARKING AREA OR ON THE TRACK ON PAIN OF SLOW DEATH BY DRIVING A YUGO HOME

Driving Groups:

No groups this time but we DO have drivers of all levels out here and cars of varying capabilities. Don't be a dick or a showoff and respect the passing zones. I have told the Track Light operator that cars passing in non approved areas are to be "black flagged" and if you do it 2X he has the authority to tell you to go home. This rule applies to SM Motorsport Club Members as well as "regular" event attendees.

Slower cars – DO NOT POINT BY ANYWHERE ON THE TRACK EXCEPT FOR THE 4 PASSING ZONES!

This is important for several reasons – not everyone will do it or even looks behind them all the time and if you do it once the guy that passed you will expect everyone one to do it – just don't do it – ever. 4 places to pass are plenty.

Event Stickers:

You will need one to get on the track. No exceptions. No making your own. You will need to get one from Gene when you check in, no sticker = no track time.

Track Control lighting

We have 5 Lights (aka flags) that we use:

Checkered Flag at the track entry – the AM or PM session is OVER – slow down and let everything cool off and come in. Please give the flag person a wave or the finger or whatever, so they know that you see the flag.

Green – the track is hot.

Yellow – slow down if this is out - the light operator saw dust in the air out on the track someplace – that means that someone went off, but we do not know if there is shit on the track or not – if not then the green light will come out again; (and the person that went off better come in and tell us) or if you see rocks and dirt on the track just come in and tell the entry flag person. He can tell the light operator to bring us all in. If there is shit or car parts on the track, then the RED light will come out – SLOW DOWN and come back in as soon as you can so that the sweep truck can go out and clean up.

RED - SLOW DOWN and come into the pit ASAP – something bad happened and the track might be dangerous.

Black - SLOW DOWN and come into the pit ASAP – something happened to your car (IE it's leaking or on fire) or you passed inappropriately.

Entering the Track

The Supervising Flag person is GOD – if they give you the hand signal to **STOP** before entering the track – **STOP**. You cannot see the cars coming up on your right on the straight from the track entry lane, and you will

need time and space to get up to speed in order to enter the flow of traffic safely. Wait for the signal to go.

Driver Changes

Please do all driver changes in the pit – no swapping in the middle of the track please.

PASSING

Passing Zones - [see passing zone map at the end of this document](#)

The Driver initiating the pass [the car to be passed] is the one that is responsible for determining if it is safe to pass [not the passer] and that there is PLENTY of room to do so and maintain SAFETY for both cars.

That said, if the guy in front of you points you by somewhere other than one of the 4 designated passing areas ignore them and wait for the next designated passing zone area.

If you are faster than the guy ahead of you and if the driver ahead looks like they are in their own little world, then hit them A FEW TIMES with your high beams or a little tap on the horn is OK too so they know what is happening, then wait for them to give you the passing signal at the next passing zone. If you don't get the signal to go - wait for the corner 21-22 straight or 2-3 straight to get by, if that does not work - come in to the hot pit - count to 10 s-l-o-w-l-y and then go back out when you get the "clear to go" signal from the flag person. We will talk to whoever is consumed by the red mist when they come in if we know who it is.

Some cars will be faster on the straights than the corners and some the other way around. Do not be a drag queen and hog the straight if you have 800 HP but have not learned to trailbrake and heel & toe your way around – let those pesky little cars past you.

The driver in front NEEDS to know that you are passing him, so WAIT for him to give you the signal even if you are Nils the Magnificent.

This is not a race and any overaggressive driving will be rewarded by the opportunity to go home early.

FAQ SECTION:

AIR

The track will provide a compressed air line – bring your own gauge.

Gas

There is NO GAS available at the track that you can afford. That is one reason why we break for lunch at 12:00 as a lot of people suddenly find that they need gas! Your car may transform itself from a penny pinching econo-rocket into a gas guzzling fuel hog in one warm up lap, so be prepared with a full tank of gas in the am, or bring some to the track in fuel cans. It's best to do both if you plan to be out there flogging it. There is gas available in town in all the popular flavors, and the REBEL station at the far end (past the Nugget Casino) has 100 octane no lead race gas at the pump – last time I bought some it was \$4.00/gallon (prewar) and remember that the REBEL station only takes CASH - no credit cards there.

Refueling

Speaking of gas, spilled gas (especially racy gas or fuel cocktails) melts the blacktop. That is a bad thing. There is a concrete refueling pad. Please refuel your car there only.

Donuts

The only donuts that are allowed at the track are the kind that you eat. Doing this in a fit of Testosterone makes The Track God **see red** and you may be asked to leave. (No refunds if this happens to you - don't even ask)

Paddock Speed Limit:

10MPH – please be on the lookout for cars headed the opposite way coming in from the track, wandering photographers, stray spouses etc.

Passengers

Passengers are allowed as long as they have a helmet and a seatbelt. Remember that they are your (you the driver) responsibility and drive accordingly.

Breakdowns-car problems-no gas-gas leaks etc.

If your car suffers a breakdown or mechanical problem and it can still safely move – put on the hazard blinkers and drive slowly back to the pit. If your car runs out of gas or dies or gets a flat tire etc. – pull off the track while it is still moving and then get out of the car and move away from it – we will throw the red flag/light as soon as someone tells us that there is a problem on the track and come and get you.

If you see a broken down car on the track KEEP GOING and report it to the flag person and then stay in the pit. You are not on a bucolic country lane on Sunday and stopping on track to be The Good Samaritan can result in a severe accident.

NO MATTER WHAT – DO NOT STOP ON THE TRACK ANYWHERE!!

Off Road Adventures

These can happen to anyone – be embarrassed and then don't do it again – and if you do it more than once we may ask you to go take a cold shower and calm down. Normally at other events I've been too, 2-3 offs in one day means you are DONE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY, as you clearly cannot control your car. I do not want to get into any situations where we have to ask someone to leave for their own and our safety, so lets not go there – OK?

Mitch (the Track God aka the guy that is running the corner lights etc) will get very uptight about anyone that goes off 4 wheel wise twice. A third time, he will need to go home.

- 1) If you do go off the track, make sure that you LOOK before coming back on the track as there may be traffic, and they are moving a lot faster than you are.
- 2) PLEASE come into the pit as you come around and tell the in/out flag person about the condition of the track. Then go into the pit and check your car for possible damage.

Every time there is an off road adventure WE ALL loose track time. That is a bummer for everyone – so stay on the track. If you can't stay on the track then at least come in ASAP so we can clean it off and get going again.

The cleanup crew [volunteers from the group not on the track] cannot go out and clean the track for you until ALL cars are in the pit or the hot pit lane so don't keep driving around in your own little world – if you see crap on the track, be a responsible driver and come in.

FEES

Track event fees is determined by ME – and is set to cover the fixed costs of putting on the event only. I pay just as much as you do to come to the event and I spend 5 months putting it together as my penance for being me.

Those costs include:

the exorbitant SM track rental fee
the corner light system
the corner light system operator
event liability Insurance
the ambulance
the on track event coordinator supplied by SM
etc

The event entry fee does not cover the tracks HEAD FEE – don't forget your \$10 per head bounty for the track.

Refunds

No refunds for any reason. The event will be held regardless of the weather. (Normally it is excellent)

Reasons for asking for refunds I have heard in the past:

"But my brake pads are already gone!"

"But I blew my clutch".

"But my tires are already bald and it is only 12:00!"

"But I blew the motor downshifting from 5th to 2nd instead of 4th".

Actually doing the [tech inspection](#) a week or two before the event, (and correcting the marginal situations you find) and learning to drive better, can avoid most "buts" – JUST DO IT.

Insurance

Several insurance companies now have wording in their policies excluding coverage for 'any event that takes place within a facility designed for racing' or similar. So no matter what the organizer calls the event, its location may decide whether you are covered or not. If you have questions about this read your policy completely. Don't take a policy you read a few years ago as a sign that your current policy is the same.

Also, note that insurance companies typically have covered vehicle damage only in the past. Although we drive expensive cars, their insurance values are generally limited to what you can prove to the adjuster that it is worth. If you should injure a person who then sues you for medical or other damages, your insurance company will almost surely deny your claim. So you must shoulder these damages on your own, and they can be much higher than the vehicle cost noted above.

Bottom Line:

If you are unsure if you would be covered - check with your carrier.

Event Coverage

Event participation coverage is available from: Lockton Motorsports, [Lockton Motorsports](#) or (866) 582-4957.

This is with a deductible of course – full details on their website, The important thing here is KNOWING you are covered to some degree. You might not be willing to take a chance that your auto insurance MIGHT cover you at least once, as has been suggested by others.

It is important to note that this insurance was developed for PCA & BMW Club DEs. It has been broadened to cover pretty much any track event with run groups having roughly similar abilities, as long as there is no racing and no timing. We will not have any racing or timing, so you ought to be able to get coverage - Please discuss your needs with them.

If your insurance company, like mine, is now excluding ANY event that takes place on a closed track, including in some cases, even being in the parking lot(!), then something like this may be worth a look.

Or, you can take a chance that your insurance company might cover you.

Quick Q & A – (the T & A is down the street from the track)

Q: Why should I go?

A: Why not? - This is a great event held on a great track with a bunch of great people!

Q: Can I share my car with another driver?

A: Yes

Q: Why is this event not an **NSXCA** sponsored event?

A: Because not enough NSX owners come to track events to fill the event; (If you know why; please tell me so we can do something about it) and I still want to go, and we want to be able to fill the event so we have some other cars there besides NSX's - variety is the spice of life! (Don't tell your wife).

Q: Do I need a Snell 2015 Carbon helmet or will an old football/bicycle helmet or motorcycle helmet be OK?

A: It is your melon [racer slang for your head for you legal types] - what is it worth to you to be able to walk away if you have "an incident"? I recommend that you buy, rent, borrow or steal the best helmet that you can get to use. You cannot get on the track without a real helmet on your head. No Snoopy specials! We will not inspect or "approve" your helmet – just verify that you have one on before you are allowed on the track.

Remember what Simpson Racing (helmets) says on their website: "*WARNING: Motorsports are dangerous. This article is sold without warranty, expressed or implied. No warranty or representation is made as to this product's liability to protect the user from any injury or death. The user assumes that risk.*"

And I agree – I got a Bieffe helmet for Blondie and I as it fit us the best – the better they fit the more likely they will stay on and help to protect you. Not all situations that you can get yourself into on a track are survivable no matter what safety equipment you have; so THINK before you try and push the gas pedal through the floorboard, and be safe - not sorry.

- We recommend that put the best helmet that you can on your head.
- You must have a helmet.
- All passengers MUST have a helmet too.

Q: Do I really need to fill in the **tech form** and get my car inspected by a professional? That costs me money.

A: Is your life worth anything? Are OUR lives worth anything?? DOH! JUST DO IT.

Q: How far away from SD & LA is Pahrump? MapQuest says it is 9.5 HOURS from San Diego!

A: It took us only 4.5 hours to come home to SD on Monday morning last time, (360 miles) and we stopped for gas 1X and to get Starbucks 1X - it might take longer on a Sunday night if there is lots of traffic coming back from Vegas. Directions are [on the website](#). It is far quicker to and from LA.

Q: I don't have a sitter, can I bring the kids, the dog, Granny etc?

A: No animals as they can get run over very easily, and that's a bummer. That also applies to little kids unless they are small enough to be tied to an adult at all times. When you are belted in your car with a helmet on you can't see for shit out the sides of your car or behind it, I do not want anyone's child run over by someone that can't see them whether they deserve to be or not. It might be tempting to try and convince your SO to come so that you can come with whatever lies you think might work, but unless they are also driving the car at the event they will be bored out of their minds in about 20 minutes and that will not be pretty. Send them shopping in Vegas or when you beg for permission to come tell them it's a "guys weekend out" type of thing. I don't want Granny wandering off into the desert never to be seen again either.

Q: Can I have a beer with lunch?

A: Sure if you want to spend the rest of the day napping in Nick's RV. No alcohol until it's over.

Q: What kind of clothing do I need to wear?

A: Long sleeve and long pants in cotton please. Or you can wear that fancy new drivers suit you got for Christmas.. No open toe shoes please.

OFFICIAL TRACK RULES

Welcome to the Spring Mountain Motor Sports Park, we are pleased to provide a venue for Motorsports and to have you as our guests. However, there are some rules that we would appreciate being followed:

- All participants are responsible for placing trash in the proper containers.
- Cigarette butts & food wrappers / drink containers etc. shall not be thrown on the ground or asphalt, rather placed in the trash.

THIS MEANS YOU – JUST DON'T DO IT.

- All refueling will be done on the concrete pad!! (near flag)
- Participants will be held responsible for damage to asphalt due to spillage and leakage of gasoline, lubricants, etc. or from heavy equipment.
- Please—keep your designated areas clean!
- There will not be any disposal of tires on property.
- Please drain all coolers and Ice chests off asphalt and onto dirt

HOTELS:

The hotel most of us now stay at is the local [Best Western](#), or [Saddle West](#).
Remind them when you call that that you are there for the "Dali Racing Track Day" so that the negotiated discounted rates will apply to your bill as well as mine.

BEST WESTERN - Pahrump Station

1101 South Highway 160
Pahrump, Nevada 89048
Phone: 775-727-5100 Fax: 775-751-1325

OR

SADDLE WEST Casino and Hotel

220 South Highway 160
Pahrump, NV 89048
1-800-433-3987

or

You Sin City types might like [The Nugget](#) better:

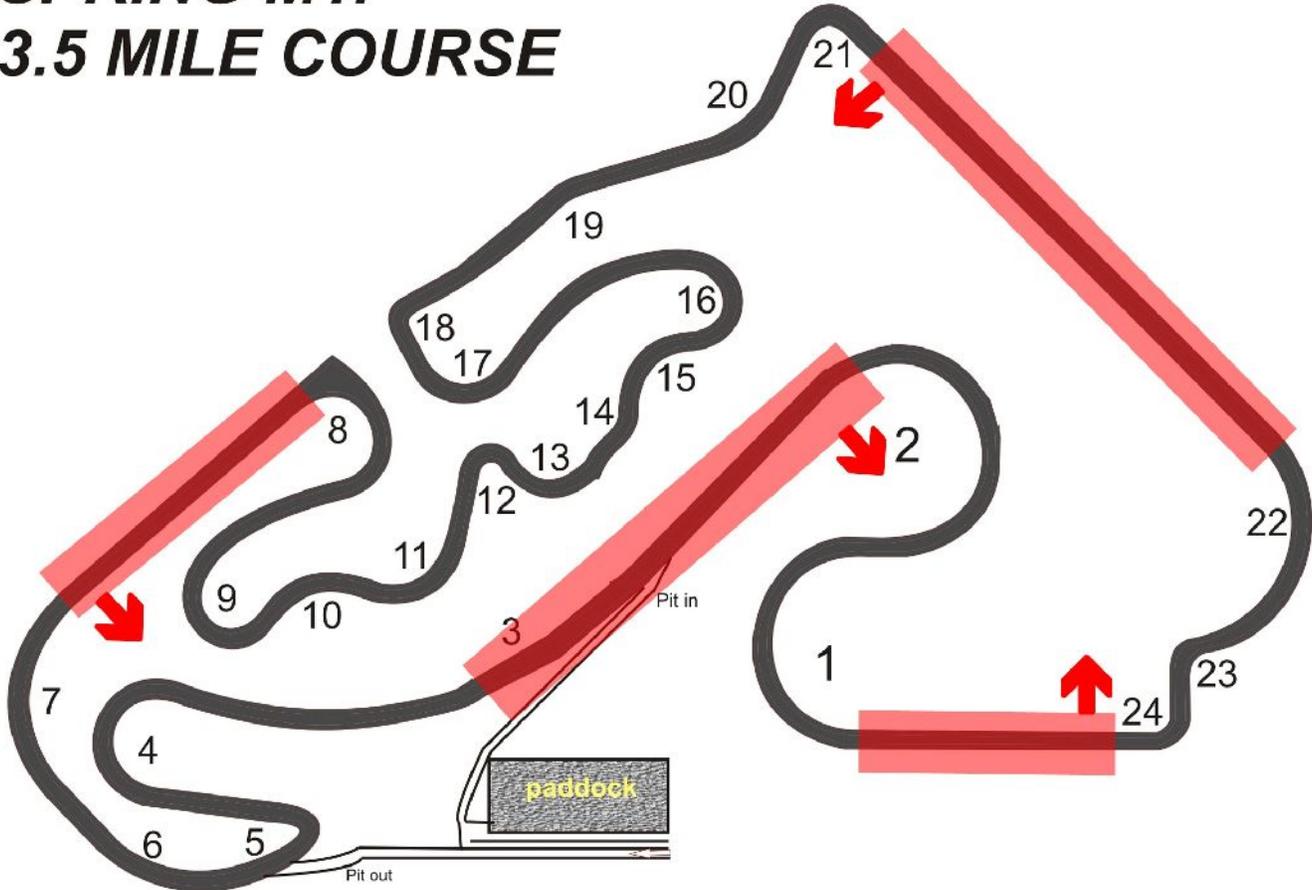
[Pahrump Nugget Hotel and Gambling Hall](#)

681 S. Highway 160
Pahrump, Nevada 89048
For Reservations Call Toll Free 1-866-751-6500
or if you have lots of cell minutes 775-751-6500

They have a casino and a couple of in house restaurants; but the walls are thinner, and the pillows are harder. They offer a "track school" discount as well, so if you decide to go there, ask for it.

Passing Zones (Pass to the side the arrow points)

SPRING MT. 3.5 MILE COURSE



DISCLAIMER: PLEASE READ AND THINK ABOUT IT:

Motorsports are dangerous. You may damage your car in this event. You may damage yourself in this event. You may damage both yourself and your car in this event. You may also damage another person and/or their car in this event as well as yourself and they may expect YOU to fix their car (and them) for them. Your insurance company may or MAY NOT cover you for this type of event. Since we are not racing, and we are not timing any of the cars, nor engaging in any competition, then you may or MAY NOT still have coverage. Please contact your insurance company to determine if you will be covered if that is a concern to you. The track and the organizers do not have any responsibility for determining this for you, nor do they have any responsibility for compensating anyone for anything that may or may not happen.

This event is held without any guarantees, expressed or implied, that no damage will come to you or your vehicle by participating. The track and the opportunity to participate is provided “as –is”. No warranty or representation is made as to this event by the organizers or the track owners in respect to their ability to protect the drivers or spectators participating from any injury or death nor do they have any liability expressed or implied for any damage that may come to you, your friends or your vehicle by your participation in the event or in transit to and or from the event. The user assumes ALL risk by freely making the choice to participate. We have rented an ambulance as we feel that is prudent. Let’s all try not to use it.

Please be aware that there may be real RACE CARS on the track that are NOT REGISTERED and NOT INSURED. Participation in this event is completely voluntary and anything that may happen to you or your car or anyone that might come with you to the event is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. It is NOT the fault of the track, the organizers, your mother, or anyone else associated with or attending this event no matter what some crybaby at the ACLU may think.

Remember that we DO NOT have corner workers to make the event more affordable, so pay attention to the corner lights and drive “one corner ahead”.

The event is held “rain or shine” and there are no refunds for any reason.

I have read the above and understand that no matter what happens to me or my car, at or in transit to and from the event, it is my entire fault for freely choosing to participate, and no matter what any sharky lawyer might tell me otherwise.

YOUR NAME HERE

DATE

Please exchange for your event sticker that you put on your car windshield