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Attend the San Diego Region SCCA Autocross School!

Saturday, May 13th, 2017

Southeast Lot, Qualcomm Stadium

Enter by Pre-Registration only – 50 entries max

Cost: \$75, includes lunch and weekend SCCA membership

Ground School:

Beginner Session: Thursday, May 11th, 7:00-9:00pm

Intermediate Session: Friday, May 12th, 7:00-8:30pm

@ Independent Motorcars, 5836 Autoport Mall, San Diego, CA 92121

Enter Online 4/23/17 @

www.motorsportreg.com

(Instructors need not register)

Event Chair: Carl Miller, (760) 809-9250

Co-Chair and Registrar: Hank Yamfang (559) 916-5079

FAQS

What is the school intended to do? The school is intended to help any autocrosser, from the completely novice to the intermediate, improve their performance driving skills with the help of experienced instructors sitting beside you throughout the school.

What is the ground school? The school begins with a non-mandatory ground school Wednesday/Friday evening. We will have two ground school sessions: one for beginners, and one for intermediates. As a rough guideline, beginner session is appropriate for those with less than 10 events or a full year of experience; the intermediate session is appropriate for those with that much or more. But no matter you're experience level, you're welcome to attend both sessions if you like.

What about the school itself? The school will start with driving exercises on two different mini-courses. The courses will contain a variety of common autocross elements. With the help of your instructor, you will practice negotiating these elements with multiple runs on each course. After the mini course exercises are done, we will connect the two courses together and give you three to four timed runs on the combined course.

School Schedule (subject to change):

Ground School: For both sessions, please plan to arrive at 6:45pm. Instruction starts promptly at 7:00pm. The beginner session is predicted to run for 2+ hours. The intermediate session will run approximately one hour.

Driving School: Plan to arrive at 7:30am. Park in a designated paddock area, then check in with the registration desk. At 8:15, we will begin the driver's meeting, which includes a lesson on proper course working. You'll be paired up with your instructor, who will first take you on a guided course walk. Then the mini course skills sessions will occupy the morning. After a short break for lunch, we'll begin timed runs. We expect to be done driving by 4:30, and we'll conclude the day with a graduation ceremony.

Are there any prerequisites to drive? You must have a valid driver's license. If you are not already an SCCA member, we will provide you with a temporary membership. You must be wearing appropriate closed-toed shoes. Please bring your own helmet (Snell rating M or SA 2005 or newer) if you have one, otherwise, we have a limited number of loaner helmets. Your car must pass a safety inspection (if it's safe for the street, it will usually pass), have a secure passenger seat, and (with exceptions) be wider than it is tall. Taller cars are less stable with high speed turning. Also, take care to have a secure battery and healthy tires/brakes. The other major prerequisite is that you "work." This means you will help work the course (usually replacing cones when they are knocked out of place) while others are taking their turn driving.

Is this hard on my car? There will be some degree of accelerated wear on your tires and brakes, but at the technical speeds of autocross, it is minimal and only a bit more than spirited driving on the street.

How much driving will I do? You will be driving on and off throughout the day. For those of you familiar with autocross, 18-24 autocross runs is typical. We have never had a complaint over lack of seat time.

How much time will my instructor spend with me? Barring unforeseen circumstances, your instructor will be there to coach you the entire time you are driving, but he/she may encourage you to try runs on your own if you're comfortable.

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How will I know if my entry is accepted? We will acknowledge entries by email, and there will be an entry list on the online registration site.

How does online registration work? We are offering online registration at www.motorsportreg.com. This website is used by the SCCA's national office for registering entrants for national events, and by many regions for their autocross programs. Here are the steps involved if you do not use our [hyperlink](#):

- 1) Go to www.motorsportreg.com
- 2) On the right side, midway down the page, you'll see a box entitled "CREATE an ACCOUNT". Click on that link. You'll be taken through a series of pages to register as a user.
- 3) Once you have created an account, you'll be ready to register for the event.
- 4) Go back to the home page of [motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). At the very top is an event locator. Select auto cross/solo as the event type, and in the "Within" box check 60 miles of 92111. The event should pop up. Since you have already registered for the website, most of the information on the event entry page should populate itself. Select the event specific options, go through the payment steps, and you'll be registered. You'll receive an acknowledgement email right away, and at a later date you will receive additional event information and updates.

How does online payment work? You must pay the entry fee up front when you register. Motorsportreg.com processes the payment. We have elected to authorize the credit card charge, but not yet charge your card. We realize plans do change, and so will defer payment until right before the event. On May 11th, if you have not already cancelled, your credit card will be charged.

What is the cancellation policy? Cancellations may be made without penalty through May 10th, 11:59pm. Cancellations received after May 10th, will be subject to a 5% cancellation fee. This will fee will reimburse the Solo Committee for the cost of processing the payments. No shows and cancellations the day of the event may result in no refund.

What if I register late and end up on the waitlist? This happens; our schools typically fill up in under 24 hours, and several students end up on the waitlist. In the weeks leading up to the event, as cancellations occur, we will take one student from the waitlist, in registration order, for each student that cancels. If that's you, you will be notified individually by e-mail that you are now definitely in the school. If you're still on the waitlist when the ground schools are scheduled, please attend one or both of them as if you were going to make it into the event. We will not charge you for attending ground school if we cannot accommodate you in the track session on Saturday. Arrive at the Saturday track session early (7:30am sharp), and inform registration that you are present, you are on the waitlist, and you'd like to get into the event if possible. As registration is closing, just before the driver's meeting begins at 8:15, we will offer the unclaimed spots of no-show students to people on the waitlist who are present to claim them. Based on instructor availability, we may also open up a few extra student spots at that time, to bring a few extra waitlist people into the event. There are no guarantees that you'll be able to claim one of these last minute morning-of openings, or how many there will be, but you must be on the waitlist, present, checked in with registration, and ready to go in order to claim one.