

Cincinnati Region PDX July 30th, 2010 at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course



Welcome to the Cincinnati PDX home page. If you're new to what a PDX is and what to know more please keep reading. If you already have been to a PDX in the past or just want to know the prices and link to online registration, just scroll to the bottom.

What is a PDX really? It goes by many different names but the SCCA definition is as follows.

Performance Driving Experience (PDX) - Non-competitive event that concentrates on teaching of safe high speed performance driving techniques. Eligible vehicles include street legal, licensed vehicles and non licensed vehicles eligible for classification in Solo classes of Stock, Street Touring, Street Prepared or Street Mod, or Club Racing Showroom Stock, Spec Miata, Touring or Improved Touring Categories.

***A very important note!** *Convertibles and Targa top automobiles must have a roll bar or roll hoop. Please contact the Chief Safety Steward for more details.* If you have a regular street car with a solid roof or sun roof you do not need a roll bar.



You may be wondering what you need to do to prep the car for the upcoming event. Obviously all safety features that came with the car must be in working order. Safety belt and properly mounted seat for both you and your instructor. It is recommended if you are wearing a full face helmet to disconnect/ disable the airbag in the car for the duration of the event.

You will be working the brakes pretty hard so make sure you have plenty of pad and consider changing the brake fluid before you head to the track. And of course your tires should be in great shape. Make sure they are properly inflated and are free of cuts, punctures and abrasions. Age does play a factor so if the tires are over 6 (six) years old check with the manufacturer to see if they are still up to performance standards. The car and you will be passing through a tech inspection before you go on the track. DON'T panic! The inspectors are just another safety feature to insure you have a fun weekend and will work hard to make sure you get on the track. They may require you to make corrections to the car but it is very rare that a solution cannot be found that satisfies everyone.

OK, now that we have the car squared away what do you need to prepare for as a driver? Our online registration is on www.motorsportsreg.com We do not accept walk ups at the track. Registration is projected to open around the end of May so stay tuned. If your planning on participating at our PDX or one of the other clubs running at Mid Ohio it is recommend that you create a login and password for the website. List yourself as a member of the club who's PDX your interested in participating in. That will put you on that club's data base so we can contact you when registration opens and any other information pertaining to the event as it becomes available. Once you are logged in texplore the site. You'll be amazed at how much club activity there is around the country. You can locate the Cincinnati PDX by doing a search of Club racing events within a 300 mile radius of your zip code. You should see the Cincinnati Event pop up July 30th-Aug 1st. More information on the PDX will appear on this website as we get closer to the event.

The next step is to get to the track and check in at registration (Gate 3) . Please refer to this link to Mid Ohio's interactive map to find registration and other landmarks I will mention . <http://www.midohio.com/Fan-Guide/Map-of-Facility> Once you are registered you should proceed down to the garage area in the lower paddock where you will find Tech. There will be signs to guide you and plenty of folks to point you in the right direction. In the lower paddock you will also find the classroom over at the Goodyear garages behind the 5-story tower and the staging grid for going out on track. The track facility will be open from 6 pm Thursday evening July 29th until Sunday evening Aug. 1st. Please check back for information on Registration and tech hours and track times. You may enter the facility after hours, please be prepared to leave a photo I.D. at security if registration is closed. You may pick up your I.D. once you have registered or leave the facility for the evening. Showers and camping are open throughout the weekend so your welcome to stay. Please be aware that Mid Ohio does charge a \$30 weekend fee for self-contained vehicles (i.e. campers, fifth wheels and r.v.'s with toilets). Tent camping, car carrier and anything else you can think of sleeping in is FREE.

Whew. Congrats, you've made it over all the hurtles, now you're READY to GO! What do you need to go out on track? All participants shall wear long sleeves and pants (100% cotton material recommended) and shoes which fully cover the foot at least to the ankle while on course. Helmets which meet Snell M-95 requirements or higher are required. For novices you will be assigned an instructor at the track. This will happen at one of the Classroom sessions held on Thursday night and Friday morning. Your instructor is yours for the day. Even if he/she feels you have a good feel for the track and are eligible to ride alone you may still request that they ride with you for the day. Here is an example of a novice and instructor going around the course. Though you cannot hear what the instructor is saying watch his hand gestures as they approach corners. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5ehUxR2KUQ> Once you get a handle on the course you may want to try it by yourself! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xPA70m0f-E>

Now for the important stuff!

Entry Fee: **\$210 for SCCA members**
\$225 for Non-SCCA members (weekend Membership included)



Entry Fee includes a minimum of (4) four 20 minute sessions on track , classroom instruction, Instructor for Novice and first session of the day for Intermediate drivers. There will be a (1) one hour lunch break during the day. Concessions will be available in the lower paddock . There are no restrictions on food or beverage so feel free to bring food and drinks if you so choose (**Alcohol consumption between the hours of 6 am and 5 pm prohibited for all participants, volunteers and crew members**). This is a road racing weekend so the garages will be occupied by race teams that will start arriving during the day on Thursday. Please be courteous and try not to block access to the garages. A \$25 per day reimbursement is available to those participating in the PDX that choose to stay and volunteer for the weekend. Lunch

is provided both days as well as a Saturday evening party with gift giveaways. Please contact Todd at www.tefkatt@aol.com for details on how you can help out.

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Online Registration, www.motorsportsreg.com

Current Time Trial Rules (TTR) from SCCA.com:

<http://cms.scca.com/documents/Club%20Forms/2009%20TTR%20Book.pdf> students should make sure they understand their requirements and responsibilities as identified in section 5.1.3 of the TTR

Mid Ohio Sports Car Course: <http://www.midohio.com>

Hotels rooms in the area: <http://www.mansfieldtourism.com/lodging>

Directions to Mid Ohio Sports Car Course: <http://www.midohio.com/Fan-Guide/Directions> Travel time from Downtown Cincinnati is about 2 hrs 45 minutes (167 miles)