



## **PCC Track Day at Autoclub Speedway in Fontana Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

There is a gate fee of \$10 for everyone entering the facility, including drivers, guests, and spectators. Auto Club Speedway is located at 9300 Cherry Ave., Fontana, CA 92335. Use the main entrance on Cherry Ave. and, once through the gate, drive to the left side of the Speedway and then curve right to enter the tunnel which takes you into the infield of the track. We will tee up a caravan from the Starbucks at Green River Rd. and the 91 as it gets closer to track day. Our departure time from there will be about 6:20.

Sorry, no convertibles are allowed to run unless you have an approved roll bar. Targa Corvettes (removable roof) are OK. You will run with your roof on and windows down. You can take off your roof but there's a whole bunch of reasons why that's a bad idea. I'll be glad to share having tried it once.

**Spectators:** Plenty of shaded seats overlooking the grid and front straightaway.

**PCC Group Rate:** The usual Speedventures fee is \$199 for the day at Fontana, but unless you really want to pay that much, send me an e-mail now or soon and/or sign-up for the event at the club meeting in September or October. We will cut off the group rate head count on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, right after Cambria. The more drivers we have the more our discount will be. For now, figure on \$179 tops (should be less). That's per driver. Spectators pay only the \$10 gate fee. Multiple drivers can use the same car, but you should be at different experience levels to not overlap run groups and the rate stays the same per driver, not car. I'll let you know when we need payment as we get closer, plus the details of how we will sign up with Speedventures, they know we are coming. Don't go to Speedventures web site and sign up now or you pay full price, but please do let me know via e-mail ASAP if you plan to attend.

**ARRIVAL TIME:** A run group schedule will be emailed to you a few days prior to the event. We will plan to show up at the track by 6:50am and go straight to Registration in Garage 2 (G2), the second garage, to check in. Please check in BEFORE unloading or working on your car. Check-in will close at 7:40 and the Drivers' Meeting may begin as early as 7:40am (depending on your run group) in the Drivers Lounge (also in G2). The Drivers Meeting is mandatory for all drivers - unless you have received prior clearance from Speed Ventures to show up late. Beginners: Plan to get a lot of mandatory, fun, and worthwhile classroom time from the Speedventures instructors, all included.

**GARAGES:** Garages are usually assigned the morning of the event on a first come/first served basis. For PCC, if we take a group of garages and let them know how many by October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will get them all together which will make for a great social event to go

along with track time, as we will not all be in the same run groups. A garage is usually \$35 for the day. What a deal. Shade, lighting and power everywhere inside. If you don't rent a garage, those of us who do will likely allow you to sit inside anyway.

**GASOLINE:** There will be no gas available until 8:45am. The schedule for gas is on the hour, every hour until 4pm. The attendant will only wait for 10 minutes to sell gas. Gas is purchasable only using CASH ONLY. None of us run race fuel, but they do have it. Don't use it unless you are tuned for it. 91 Octane was \$7.50/gallon last month at the track. Much better to make the 5-minute trip out to the gas station when you get low. You will get low too, our cars will usually burn over ½ tank during a 30 mile run group if you are pushing it. Your 30mpg Corvette can get 3 mpg on the track if you drive it hard. No kidding.

**CAR NUMBERS:** You must have car numbers, at least 8" tall, located on both sides and either the front or back of your vehicle. This is mandatory for all drivers. I will be assigning your car numbers when we do the mass sign-up. If you have existing numbers you love and want to use, let me know way in advance and I'll try to reserve them for you. Otherwise, painters tape is fine and we will have plenty available if you forget to bring it.

**TOW HOOKS** or a suitable TOW POINT are required on the FRONT of your car (and recommended on the rear). If you do not have a tow hook or tow point established for the front of your car, please figure out a tow point we can use in order to pull you off track in the event of a mechanical problem. You are responsible for establishing a tow point - Speed Ventures is not responsible for any damage done to your car.

**TRANSPONDERS:** You can rent a transponder if you want Speedventures to record your lap times. It's very cool and done real time through an app. However, if you forget to turn in your transponder at the conclusion of an event, you will be responsible for shipping it back ASAP and they are very expensive if you don't.

The **TECH FORM** is a must-have at the event. Be sure to print it out, fill it out before the event, and bring it with you to registration: <http://www.speedventures.com/events/tech.pdf> Honestly though if you forget it, they have plenty at registration when you get there. We self tech. There is no separate inspection.

There is also a track event **CHECKLIST** available if you're not sure what you should bring: <http://www.speedventures.com/events/trackchecklist.doc> If this link doesn't work, don't worry, I'll send out the doc as we get closer. It's nothing but common sense. You can also try <http://www.speedventures.com/events/eventdetail.aspx?id=636> and get it from the link at the bottom of the screen, but here is the meat of it:

*Note: Many of these things don't apply to a person in a street car, so don't worry about it if you don't have a neck brace, for instance.*

## Required

- Helmet! - a very bad (and easy) thing to forget, they have rentals available and some of us have spares too. We can coordinate helmets once we know who is going.
- Tech form – Important, but they have blanks if you forget to do it in advance
- Car Numbers – required on both sides of the car and rear, a minimum of eight inches high (we will have racer's tape available at the track for this purpose)
- Cotton or Nomex clothing ONLY. No leather or synthetics allowed. I wear jeans and a cotton shirt if it's hot, a drivers suit if it's not.

## Highly Recommended (not strictly required)

- Tow hook installed or tow point established
- Driving Suit **or** long sleeve cotton shirt and cotton pants (although they allow short sleeve shirts and shorts, it is highly discouraged and potentially harmful in the case of an accident)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Extra Brake pads
- Brake fluid
- Drinking Water (Speed Ventures provides water but just in case they run out...)
- Engine Oil - bring a quart or two, just in case
- Hat - for Sun
- Sunglasses
- Sun Screen
- Folding chair

There is more on the “suggested list” for later.

See Speedventures **FAQ** for answers to the most commonly-asked questions: <http://www.speedventures.com/faqs.aspx>

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