

A Mustang Day at the Track !!

Mosport International Speedway

- The Track:** **The Mosport Road Course**, is a fun 2.5 mile “Grand Prix” Track. Some features are banked turns, an interesting Hairpin Turn (Mos Corner) and a great long Straightaway (the Mario Andretti Straight) where you can really wind’er out !
- Event Date:** Monday June 14th 2010.
- Times:** **arrive at 7:30am** - 8:00 am (Mandatory Drivers Meeting, miss it and you wait until Noon)
1st Group On Track at 8:50am
Lunch Break from 12:00 to 1:00pm
4:45pm (Last Lap)
- Cost per Car:** \$200.00 / car & Primary Driver. Secondary Drivers \$80.00 per. Costs include Professional Track Marshals, Ambulance on Scene all day, Emergency Towing Services on hand all day, and Track Liability Insurance.
- Who Can Play:** Anyone with the Cash, a safe properly maintained functional Ford Powered Car, a valid Drivers License & over 19. Cars of dubious safety or capability may be refused.
- How Many Cars:** we are targeting for 70-80 cars total to the Event this year.
- When do I pay:** Full payment of \$200.00 (+ secondary driver costs if required) is required as soon as possible in order to guarantee your spot. The Primary & Secondary Drivers must attend the Drivers Meeting 2 weeks before the Event at Ford HQ, if they are 1st timers to this event. No exceptions. Miss it... You don’t drive.
- Too Risky for your Babied Beauty ?:** Drivers will be split into Groups – **Slow - Intermediate - Fast**, depending on your own comfort level. Only one group type at a time on the Track, so you are not mixed with groups other than yours.
- Slow:** **1978 or older models & ALL ROOKIES**... Passing is allowed on Mario Andretti Straightaway only. No tailgating, no side by side.
- Intermediate:** **“Quick”** some fast laps, but keeping well within the capabilities of the car. Passing on the Mario Andretti Straightaway only. No side-by-side or tailgating allowed. If you are too fast/slow for this group, you will be re-assigned to the appropriate group.
- Fast:** **“The Need for Speed”**, passing allowed on Mario Andretti Straightaway, and the Grandstand Straight. No close tailgating, no side by side. No Track hogging. Drivers not allowing another to pass, will be Black Flagged with the possibility of an ejection from the Event.

How Many Laps will I get ?

We have the Track all day. We will rotate the groups every 20 minutes, so after each Lap session you wait for your turn to come up again. After several sessions, you WILL be physically tired. Don't push yourself to get as many laps as possible in. If you're tired, skip a Session. We don't want tired un-safe Drives out there.

Instruction :

There will be several "excellent" Driving Instructors available to you at "NO CHARGE", however they are only available to ride in your car until Noon. They may allow you to ride in their car with them in the afternoon, if you ask them nicely, but they are under no obligation to do so. They will be pointed out to you at the Drivers Meeting the morning of the Event, and will wear identifying RED "Instructor" Shirts. Book your times with them right away to save being disappointed. These guys are good, and are in great demand. All Rookies must get a "**check-out**" ride with an Instructor in the Slow Group, which entails 3 or 4 Laps with the Instructor in your car, before you will be allowed out Solo.

Can I run in 2 Groups ?

NO. You can start in 1 Group and make 2 changes during the course of the day. This allows you to try out a faster Group and then change back if it doesn't suit you. Or as your skills build, to upgrade to a faster Class (if your skills/car qualifies for it), and then drop back down later in the day if you wish.

Rookies to the Track MUST stay in the Slow Group all day, unless signed off by an Instructor and Steve Mason.

The reasoning for a Maximum of 2 Group changes, is to try and stop people from running in 2 groups all day, making it fair for everyone. This worked well last year, and we rely on your honesty about it, we're not babysitters

* If we have a group going out that is "light" in numbers, WALK over to the Staging Crew and ask if you can go out with them, **BEFORE** bringing your car to the staging area.

Can I get Gas there ?

Possibly, there will be **Sunoco 94, 100 & 110 octane** available at the Track, but plan on bringing fuel with you anyway, as Track Gas is VERY expensive and we never know for sure if the guy is going to be there and for how long. Make sure you top up your tank at the Sunoco just North of the 401 on Waverly Rd. You might be wise to bring your tires up to 40 lbs while you are there as there is no Air Compressor at the track.

What other Services are available at the Track ?

- There will be a Concession stand open where you can get Drinks, and can order Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fries, Western Sandwiches, etc.
- Washrooms are also on site.

What if I breakdown ?

- a Tow truck service is available at the Track after the Event, but all the way back to Toronto or Burlington etc. is very expensive. Get a price from them prior to engaging their services or make your own arrangements. The Trackside Wrecker is only there to deal with On-Track mishaps. If you breakdown, they cannot help you get your car home until the Event is over. There is an active garage at the track, but they are only there to fix the tracks own cars. If you need help be very

polite and humble, and they MIGHT lend you some tools or parts if they have them.

How do I Prep my Car for this ?

Make sure your brakes are in VERY good shape with relatively new Pads. **All occupants** must have Seat-belts, Helmets, **Long Sleeve Shirts and Long Pants (cotton clothes only)**.

Cars with 5 point harnesses will only be allowed to use the full harness if they have a full cage system or in the case of A/C Cobra type replica... a roll bar. If an A/C Cobra type car has only 1 roll bar behind the Driver, and not behind the passenger, the passenger can only use the lap portion of the 5 point harness.

Make sure you have some sort of Overflow hose for your Rad (Radiator fluid is deadly slippery on a race track). Remove all items from Car interior including floor mats, all items in trunk, Glovebox, Console, Visors - leave no loose items in the car.

Recommended Tire pressure for Street Tires is 40lbs (this stiffens the tire wall for less tire sway and reduced risk of blowouts). It is also recommended that you bleed your brakes with fresh **DOT4** High Temperature brake fluid, to eliminate any moisture from the Fluid that will cause your fluid to “boil” under hard use, thus causing severe brake fade. The Ford branded brake fluid available from the Ford Dealer is pretty good stuff. **DOT5 not recommended for track use.**

Make sure you are using good quality “speed rated” tires, that are not worn or old, and of the correct size for your vehicle.

You are responsible for bringing a safe and Track worthy car. Unsafe cars are a danger to yourself and others on the Track.

If your Vehicle is found to be unsafe for ANY reason by the Organizing Staff or Track Marshals, it will not be allowed on the Track, and there will not be refunds. This is not a negotiable point, Staff’s decision is final. You are liable & responsible for ALL damage done, however caused, to Track property, as well as ALL damage to your own vehicle however caused.

- Bring a Torque wrench, as after each session you should be re-checking your lug nuts with a torque wrench, as the cornering stress and abnormal heat will cause them to loosen.

Tires:

Many think that in order to take your car to the track you need to blow some big bucks on an expensive set of Ultra High Performance tires, and this is simply not the case. In fact, a standard set of street tires of the correct size for you car, in low mileage condition, with a decent speed rating, are the best to learn on. An H or V speed rating is best however.

HR speed rating – max 130mph (210kph)

VR speed rating – max 149mph (240kph)

Before hitting the track pump them up to 40lbs pressure, and then after your 1st session, check the tire pressure right away, and see how much it increased. If at the end of your session the tire pressure is now 52 lbs, take some pressure out of them. You want your street type tires to be at approx 44 to 46 lbs hot (this may not apply to all cars, but is a very general rule of thumb).

A street tire squeals like crazy when you are pushing the car too close to it’s limits, which is your audible signal to back-off. Very handy for a beginner driver as you get to learn where this limit is. A full race tire does NOT give you this “warning sign” and can be VERY dangerous for a beginner driver to use, as the car will just suddenly lose traction without warning and spin out or crash or push.

Race only tires have their own system for air pressures, and may require proper heat cycling, see the manufacturers specs.

- Passing:** Pass on the right hand side ONLY.... We are not on the 401, this is a racetrack and we pass on the right hand side ONLY. The car being passed MUST move to the left (off the line) and come completely off the throttle until the passing cars have gone by. Passing for the Slow & Intermediate groups is on the Mario Andretti Straightaway ONLY, and the Fast group can also pass on the Grandstand Straight. Pass ONLY if the car in front of you signals an OK either by a pointing their arm out their window, or with their right hand turn signal light.
- Pitting (the signal):** If you are Pitting the car, or have a problem out on the track, put your left arm out the window, with a bent up, making a fist. This is the Pit signal. It is to be used at turn 8 when leaving the track, and also anywhere else on the track where you are having a problem and must slow down to get to the Pits. Anywhere else out on the track other than turn 8, this signal will trigger the Track Marshals to bring out a Yellow Cautionary flag to warn all other drivers of a potential problem ahead, and the Drivers will all slow down until you are off the track.
- Track Directions:** 401 East to “Waverly Rd.” (Durham #57) (exit 431) North to Regional Road 20, turn right (East), down a couple of miles on your right, you can’t miss it ! Enter the Gate and then get signed in by the people waiting for you there. They will have you and all occupants of all vehicles sign a waiver. Then thru the tunnel to the Inside of the Track. Trucks with trailers do not take the tunnel, but cross at the gate over track.
- Alcohol:** Not for Drivers, no matter what. Drivers found to have had even a sip of anything Alcoholic will be banned from Racing (**Black Flagged**) the rest of the day. No foolin around here folks ! Beer & Pop in coolers is allowed, please bring Cans or Plastic if possible. **Bring plenty of Water to drink**, as you dehydrate quickly in the car !
- Passengers;** Passengers are allowed if over age 16. They must be equipped with Full Seat Belts, & Helmets and must be wearing long cotton pants and long sleeve cotton shirts. They must have signed the Waiver at the Gate. Passengers must NEVER put any hands or obstacles of any type out the windows or roofs while on the Track. Hand held Cameras will be allowed with passengers this year, if tethered to the passenger securely.
- Spectators:** Invite your family & friends to either ride as a passenger or spectate at the Event. Admission is free ! **PETS NOT ALLOWED.** Small children are discouraged from attending, as there are constantly a lot of cars moving around, all over the infield, all day, and the risk is too great.
- The Staff:** At an Event such as this, there is always a plethora of opinions as to how things should be run, and people saying “this rule isn’t fair”, or “this guy did that to me” or “why don’t you do it this way”..... etc etc **This Event is run by Volunteers**, respect the fact that these people are taking time off Work & School to run this Event so YOU can have fun. We are NOT professionals and are running the Event the best we know how in the safest possible manner we are aware of. Leave your Ego & Attitude at home. If you feel you need to take a piece out of

somebody for some reason, you will NOT be invited back. It is your privilege to attend, not your right !

Event Day Review: All Rules will be reviewed the morning of the Event, typically around 8:25am. All Drivers must attend. One of the Track Marshals will at this time go over all the Flags we could potentially see out on the track that day.... VERY important ! This meeting will be at my car, and will be announced on the P.A. system.

Damage: You are uninsured while on the Track Property. You assume all risk for your Driving and all damage to your vehicle and person, however caused. That means if you get hit by somebody else, you fix yours, and he fixes his, no arguments, or negotiating, or Insurance Companies. You are on your own. Also, if Track property is damaged, the Driver that physically made the damage, however caused, is responsible for reimbursing Mosport for damage repairs, no matter what. 2 cars do damage at the same place, they split the costs. Mosport will enforce this with a Team of lawyers, so just go with it.
*** after the event you may have some maintenance or repairs your car needs. If you have your Mustang serviced at a Ford Dealership... for heavens sake DO NOT TELL THEM YOU WERE ON A RACETRACK... they can potentially void your Warranty.

Having said all that..... have a ball !

Remember !

On Event Day, the morning Drivers Meeting at 8:25am is mandatory. A “Pre-Event” Drivers Meeting will be announced and is mandatory for all Rookies will be held approx 2 weeks prior to the Event. This meeting is recommended as good review for all Drivers. If you are a Primary or Secondary Driver new to this Event & miss this meeting, you will not be allowed to drive.

If you arrive late to the Track and miss the morning Meeting, you not be allowed onto the Track.

No Refunds for any reason.... We go Rain or Shine !!!!

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