

TWELFTH ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL
MARCH 21, 22 & 23, 2008

THUNDERHILL PARK - WILLOWS, CA
6.5 MILES WEST OF I-5 ON HWY. 162
ONE HOUR NORTH OF SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

**WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO INVEST \$440 TO GET
THE MOST FROM YOUR CAR?**

HIGH PERFORMANCE SUSPENSION? HIGH PERFORMANCE TIRES?

**HOW ABOUT INVESTING IN YOURSELF WITH THE PERFORMANCE DRIVING
S C H O O L @ T H U N D E R H I L L !**

Two and a half days of training, the school will enable you to become a safer driver, and also help you get every ounce of performance your car is capable of. There's nothing like having an experienced instructor right next to you as you drive lap after twisty lap on a race course, helping you to learn just what you and your car are really capable of.

This course will teach you the basics of high speed driving, equipment, human limitations, proper braking and steering techniques and lots of other skills necessary for safe performance driving. We also plan to have a traction circle as well as driving exercises this year. This school was originally for Miatas, however, now we have a groups for any type of car you would like to bring.

Come join us for a weekend of learning, while having a lot of fun, as you drive on the Thunderhill track with race experienced instructors and coaches and fellow car enthusiasts.

Registration Deadline – March 1, 2008.

No refunds after March 1, 2008.

Comments? Questions? Drop an E-mail to Dennis Hale at: dhale_510@yahoo.com
OR Peggy Hale at: peggy_hale_510@yahoo.com

SEE YOU ON THE TRACK!!!

PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL FAQ'S

Where is Thunderhill?

Thunderhill Park is a multi-use motor sport facility, located outside Willows, California. Willows is about one hour north of Sacramento on I-5. Once at Willows, Thunderhill is 6 miles west of Interstate 5 on Highway 162. It is about a 2 1/2 to 3 hour drive from the San Francisco Bay Area depending on where you live. It has also been the site of many car commercials (Mazda, Saturn, Chevy & others).

Do I need a roll bar?

No. However, it will determine what group you are placed in. We will put Miatas with roll bars in the same group. Not having a roll bar will place some restrictions on what you can and can't do on the track. Roll bars are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for all convertibles!

Do I need a helmet?

All drivers/passengers must be wearing a helmet while driving on the track. Helmets must be Snell Approved 90 or later. If you do not bring a helmet, Thunderhill Track has a limited number of used ones to rent for \$25 a day. The rent can be applied to the purchase of the helmet if you decide to buy it.

I've never done this before - is it safe?

Yes!!! The whole point of this is to make you a better and safer driver. The track is the perfect place to learn. We have never had two cars bump on the track so your car also safe as well.

Will it ruin my tires?

No! But it is a bit hard on them and will cause some additional wear.

You should come to the track with a good set of tires.

How much track time will I get?

That depends, but what is really important is not how much time, but how it is spent. 6 or 7 20 minute sessions per day are planned. Immediately after your track time, you will go to a group download meeting where your instructors will discuss and analyze the session. You will be given objectives for each session out at the download meetings. We will be using both tracks, east and west. There will be a maximum of 6 groups. (3 for each track). That means there will be two groups out (one on each track) at a time. Two groups will be in down load sessions and two groups will be getting ready to go back on track. Each group will have approximately 15 to 18 cars in it. Each group would run 20 minutes on the track and 40 off. You'll find the 40 minutes goes by REAL fast. Most students can have an in car instructor with them much of the time. However, if you have a convertible without a roll bar, in car instruction is not guaranteed.

What is the "TWO YEAR RULE" for roll bars.

Since the school is aimed at beginners, we want to give them every chance possible to participate. If a person with a convertible has participated for two years, on their third year they MUST come in convertible equipped with a roll bar OR be willing to stay in the beginning group. All students with out roll bars must sign an additional "convertible waiver" from the track to participate. If you have a roll bar or if you want to stay in the Beginning Group, don't worry, you can come as often as you like.

What if it rains?

The event will not be canceled because of rain. Besides - isn't rain just a part of driving? You'll learn just as much, and perhaps even more, driving on a wet track as you will a dry one. During the '98 & '02 class there was just a bit of rain, but is just made the day more interesting. We can't predict what the weather will be like, but generally that time of year it is great!

Where can I stay in Willows?

Accommodations in Willows are available at the following:

Best Western - 530 934-4603 / Days Inn - 530 934-4444 /

Best Value Inn - 800 814-6301 / Super 8 - 800 800-8000. Best Value seems to be the least expensive and the Best Western the most expensive.

Why does it cost \$440?

Have you ever rented a track? Not only is there the rental fee, but flagmen, insurance, other track workers, etc. Like most people, we are not rich so we wanted to keep it as cheap as possible. If we opened the students body up to 200 students - it would bring down the cost - BUT, everyone would get much less track time and less personalized instruction. Our instructors are a group of hand picked highly experienced and regarded volunteers, most teach throughout the year with other organizations such as Hooked on Driving and Speed Secrets. They are kind enough to volunteer their time to help you become a better driver. Please ask them any questions you have, they are at the event to help you! The '97 school was \$350 for the entire weekend but didn't include Friday dinner, Saturday dinner, Saturday lunch or Sunday lunch or as much track time. Since '99 we have limited the number of students to around 80. That means the price had to be raised a bit. Unfortunately over time the cost of just about everything at the track has gone up so the price is \$440 for the 2008 class.

Is there any charge to bring a spouse or friend to the track?

No charge - You can bring all your friends. The track may be asking for a donation of \$5 a person to those who want to come and watch, visit vendors, etc. The money goes directly to the track for improvements. Everyone will also be asked to sign a release while on Thunderhill's property. For the Friday & Saturday night dinner there will be an extra charge of \$15 for each guest you would like to bring. Extra lunches will be \$8.00 per person per day.

Is there camping or RV parking available?

There is an RV park about 2 miles down the road from Thunderhill that has a dump station. Additionally you may camp in the track forebay (that area between the highway gate and the paddock entry gate) if you have a fully self contained RV.

What is the Safety Inspection like?

It is a very simple inspection to make sure your car is safe for the track and that you have no loose items in your trunk and driving area. Since this is not an SCCA race event - you don't have to worry about having a modification that the SCCA wouldn't normally allow. Everything from superchargers to adjustable shocks are OK. A Tech inspection list will be sent to you with your school acceptance packet.

What should I do to prepare my car for the school?

Well, just do about what you would do before any long trip. Check your tires, belts and fluids. Make sure everything is in good working order. If you have over 30K on your shocks, you might want to consider getting them replaced. Come with your car prepared as you would if you were embarking upon a long cross country drive. You will receive a detailed list of items that you need to check at home prior to the event and that will be checked at the track upon your arrival and check in on Friday afternoon.

Intermediate & Advanced Instruction

This school has been focused upon beginners since its inception. We do normally have an intermediate and an advanced group that work on things beyond basic car control including an introduction to passing in corners. Depending upon how many students we have at the intermediate to advanced level, we will tailor the school appropriately for the students' skill level.

See you on the Track!!

THUNDERHILL PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL EVENT SCHEDULE

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE SCHOOL.

Of course this is subject to slight changes.

Friday 2-3:30 pm	Check out the track if you like. <i>(Nothing official)</i>
Friday 3:30 pm	Check in near the Track Club House Building
Friday 3:30 - 5 pm	Safety Tech Inspection near the Track Club House Building
Friday 5 pm	Dinner at the Track Club House Building
Friday 6 til 9 pm	Performance Driving Class (<i>Must be attended by ALL Students!</i>) at the Track Club House Building. – Separate class sessions will be held for the beginner, intermediate and advanced groups.
Friday 9 pm	Class over - get a good night sleep
Saturday 7:15 am	Track Opens
Saturday 8 am	Mandatory Drivers Meeting & Review of Track at the Track Club House Building
Saturday 9 am	Track Exercises with instructors
Saturday 11 am	Track Time with instructors <i>(See FAQ for more info)</i>
Saturday Noon	Lunch break at the Track Club House Building
12:45 pm	School Group Photo in front of the Track Club House Building
Saturday 1 'til 5 pm	Track time with instructors
Saturday 6:30 pm	Dinner at the Track Club House Building
Sunday 7:15 am	Track Opens
Sunday 8 am	Mandatory Drivers Meeting at the Track Club House Building
Sunday 9 am	Track time with instructors
Sunday Noon	Lunch break at the Track Club House Building
Sunday 1 pm	Track time with instructors
Sunday 4 pm	Head home

MAKE CHECK OUT TO: NorCal UFO

**SEND TO: Dennis Hale
Performance Driving School - 08
8683 Glen Arbor Rd.
Ben Lomond, CA 95005**

You should receive confirmation by mail or E-mail. Approximately 1 month prior to the event you will be sent a packet of information with your Tech sheet and more specific details about the event.

QUESTIONS/HELP/PROBLEMS Phone (831) 336-2444 between 7:30 am and 8:30 pm (PST)

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One hour north of Sacramento

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Please fill out a form for each student.

Fill in this form and send it, along with your check, to the address at the bottom.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ E-mail* _____

(*Your confirmation of entry and school materials will all be sent by **email**. Please make sure your email ID is legible.)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ **T-Shirt Size** XXL XL L M

Home Phone _(____)_____ Work Phone _(____)_____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____ **Roll Bar** Yes No

Please evaluate your driving skill. Indicate the level that best describes your experience. You will be grouped with people who have similar experience levels. **Driving Skill Level:** _____ **1** (No Experience); **2** (2 previous track schools or 10 autocrosses or more); **3** (6 - 10 track days or more); **4** (comfortable with traffic, ready for passing school, **see passing school entry form @www.norcalufo.com**).

Please let us know what your experience is. _____

Car Modifications _____

Have you attended **our** school more than twice before? Yes No **If you have attended more than twice, you MUST have a roll bar to advance to the Intermediate, Passing or Advanced groups. You can come and stay in the beginner level group as many times as you like with out a roll bar.**

Will you need to rent a helmet? Yes No Will another student also use your car? Yes No

If yes - fill in: First Name _____ Last Name _____

(This person must also register with their own registration form and \$440 check)

Friday & Saturday Dinner Guests- \$15 each / per meal per night _____ (Enclose an extra \$15 for each guest per meal) Dinner is included in the student registration - this is for those who are NOT students and is non-refundable after 1 March.

Saturday & Sunday Guest Lunch- \$8 each / per meal per lunch _____ (Enclose an extra \$8 for each guest per meal) Dinner is included in the student registration - this is for those who are NOT students and is non-refundable after 1 March.

TOTAL Enclosed: \$440.00 for student + total# _____ extra meals @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

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Interested in a more advanced experience? Enroll in the **Passing School** or the **Advanced Driving Experience**.

Download forms at: www.norcalufo.org Questions? Call Dennis @ (831) 336-2444 or email: dhale_510@yahoo.com