



General Information for Northeast Region/Porsche Club of America Events

- **Welcome** to our Driver Education (DE) event. As noted in the Event Rules, this will be a Driver Education (DE) event and run in accordance to the national PCA Guidelines for Track and PCA Event Liability Insurance Program and our Region's Guidelines. To ensure a safe event, you, your guests, and your car must comply with the rules and regulations, or you risk expulsion from the track. You are expected to print out and bring to the track your Event Packet. We are committed to making this a safe and fun event, so put your head in gear, drive safely, learn to be an ever-better driver, and have a blast.
N.B. Information for our Canadian events is found at the end of this document.
- **Variations** on this information are inevitable at different tracks. Any such differences will be noted below under the track initials:
 - o Calabogie Motorsports Park (CMP)
 - o Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant (LCMT)
 - o New Hampshire International Speedway (NHIS)
 - o Watkins Glen International (WGI)
- **Current E-mail Addresses** are needed. We E-mail out Track Rats Messages that contain pertinent and critical information for the event. E-mails, however, are often bounced back, sometimes because of illegible handwriting on the application form, address changes, or spam filters. For example, when attbi.com changed to comcast.net, few people let us know. Please send your most current home and work E-mail address ASAP to our Registrar, [Mark Keefe](mailto:Mark.Keefe@PorscheNet.com) with a copy to [Bruce Hauben](mailto:Bruce.Hauben@PorscheNet.com)! Also, make sure your spam filter will accept messages from bmh993@PorscheNet.com.
- **Clothing** should be packed with layering in mind. Temperatures vary widely and can be cool/cold at night. You'll want choices from swimming at your hotel to having something to ward off sometimes-cool mornings and evenings. Remember that only natural fibers are allowed on the track. For those who are new to DE, you may want to consider shoes with thin rubber soles, rather than sneakers with thick soles that separate you from the feel of the car. We also recommend bug repellent just in case. Newcomers may want to check out the <http://www.porschenet.com/driving.html> page and review the **What to Bring** link.
- **Event/Track Hours, Access & Security:**
 - o **CMP** — Info will be added when/if we have confirmed our 2006 event at this track.
 - o **LCMT** — Track hours vary with the event. Access to the track is never before 4:15 the afternoon before the event and may well vary from event to event. Check your Track Rats Messages for current information. In any case, be respectful of people from another group in the paddock.
 - o **NHIS** — There is no track access the day before our event. The gate is open 7:00-6:00. Track hours: 9:00-5:00. There is 24-hour security.
 - o **WGI** — There is no track access the day before our event. The gate opens at 6:00 a.m., but there is no parking or waiting along the country road that leads to the track. If the entrance to the track is full, head up the hill and park in the next track drive, and if that is full, go to the third one. Track hours: 8:30-4:30 with a one-hour lunch break.
- **Garage Bays:**
 - o **CMP** — None as of this revision.
 - o **LCMT** — None as of this revision.
 - o **NHIS & WGI** — Assigned on a first-paid rental basis. Many people prefer to keep themselves and their cars out of the hot summer sun. Check with Registrar [Mark Keefe](mailto:Mark.Keefe@PorscheNet.com) for availability. Fees are listed on the event application form.
- **Camping:**
 - o **CMP** — tbd
 - o **LCMT** — Camping is permitted on premises by prior arrangement. No fee. Access for campers 24/7, although you may have to park your car outside the gate after 7-7:30 p.m.
 - o **NHIS** — Camping is permitted on premises by prior arrangement. No fee.
 - o **WGI** — No camping except on weekends (our event is during the week) without a hefty fee.
- **Bathroom Facilities:**
 - o **CMP** — tbd
 - o **LCMT** — Toilets and sinks in the building by the podium near the cafeteria and in the lower level of the control tower.
 - o **NHIS** — Bathrooms, sinks, and showers on the other side of the fence from the cafeteria.

- o **WGI** — Toilets and sinks at either end of the “exit side” (as you are travelling clockwise) of the garages. Additional toilets and sinks plus showers are in a building near the pyramid (goodie store).
- **Track Food:**
 - o **CMP** — tbd
 - o **LCMT** — **The cafeteria is open daily** for lunch. Breakfast & food may be found in the “old” village.
 - o **NHIS** — **The cafeteria is open daily 8:00-2:00** for full breakfast and lunch.
 - o **WGI** — **The cafeteria will be closed.** Breakfast may be found at several places in town. Ask at your hotel. There is a gas station at the foot of the road to Seneca Lodge that has coffee, juice, morning munchies, etc.
- **Liquids** are very important, and you should bring plenty of them in a cooler. At the track with the excitement and attendant heightened level of adrenalin, you can easily become dehydrated which impairs your concentration, reactions, and decision-making abilities. The rule of thumb is that if you are not heading to the loo several times a day, you are not drinking enough liquids. If you experience tingling in your hands or feet, have a headache or feel light-headed or nauseous, it can be due to dehydration. Please see http://www.porschenet.com/DE_PDF_WordFiles/HeatIllnessAtTheTrack.pdf.
- **Gas:**
 - o **CMP** — tbd
 - o **LCMT** — The Petro Canada near the track carries gas, including 94 octane. For cars that need the most premium of fuels, including race cars, you can get various octanes in barrels delivered to the track. Call Pascal Lafrance, VP Racing Fuel, 901 Gaudette, Saint-Jean sur Richelieu, QC J3B 7S7, Phone 450-359-7858 or 888-689-6821, Fax 450-359-9257, E-mail plperformance@qc.aira.com.
 - o **NHIS** — 110 leaded. They accept cash.
 - o **WGI** — 100 unleaded and 110 leaded is available at the track. They accept all major credit cards. Regular gas may be bought at any of several gas stations around town.
- **Tire Service:**
 - o **CMP** — tbd
 - o **LCMT** — Touchette Tire out of Montréal who are strong supporters of the PCA program. Their current pricing is available upon request by telephoning either Frédéric Bouthillier at (800) 381-1846 or on his cell at (514) 828-6058 or Nicolas Touchette on his cell at (514) 977-9991.
 - o **NHIS** — No on-premises tire service. Several gas stations near the track.
 - o **WGI** — Full tire and race-tire service is available at Tiremasters/Parmenter Automotive at 2640 Route 14 in Montour Falls (just South of Watkins Glen), <http://www.parmenterinc.com/>, (607) 535-7106. George Hoffman is the manager.
- **Phones** are iffy at any track. Best to bring your cell phone. Some tracks have pay phones.
- **Students and Instructors** occasionally just don't mesh. This doesn't happen very often, but if it does, please don't feel shy about seeing Matthew Wallis, Steve Artick, or if they are not available, Bruce Hauben, and ask for a change. We will do our best to accommodate you. This happened to one of our **participants** last year who with a change in instructors, has turned into one of the most avid DE participants you could imagine.
- **Canadian Events:**
 - o **Canadian Money** (CAD):
 - **ATM machines** accept almost all ATM cards issued by US banks and dispense CAD. Typically, they provide the best exchange rates. There are ATMs scattered around our Canadian venues, or ask at the front desk of your hotel.
 - **Hotels** will usually exchange USD into CAD, but the exchange rate is typically not as attractive as ATMs and you may not be able to exchange large amounts.
 - **Shops, restaurants, bars, etc.** will also accept US currency. They usually offer the poorest exchange rate and will almost always give you CAD coins (only bills may be exchanged at the border) as change.
 - **Credit cards** are universally accepted for any and all purchases. Credit card purchase exchange rates are calculated by the credit card company, not the retailer, and the exchange rate is almost always very attractive. On the other hand, getting cash from your credit card can carry high fees, so beware!
 - **Traveler's checks** work, but for a good exchange, make sure they are in CAD.
 - **CAD to USD** is easy to do at the duty-free shop at the border. They will only exchange bills, so spend your coins as you go (“Loonies” and “Twonies” are heavy, so you'll want to anyway.)
 - o **GST Tax** is expensive, but you can get it back at the border upon your return into the US. Make sure for hotel bills and large purchases that you get a separate “original” GST receipt that you can submit at the border. They will only accept original receipts.
 - o **Crossing the Border** into Canada is easy if you follow a few simple guidelines:

- Bring your **passport or a certified copy of your US birth certificate (with raised seal)**; these are your only two proofs of citizenship that are certain to be accepted quickly. Certificates of Citizenship or Certificates of Naturalization are also accepted. Although the US Customs website states there is no legal requirement for these forms of ID, it does note that long delays can occur while your identity and citizenship are confirmed.
- Be sure to have the yellow, **Canadian proof-of-insurance card** for your vehicle; if you don't have one, just ask your insurance company to send you one post haste.
- If you are towing your track car, bring your **Title** (ownership papers) with you.
- Before you get to the border, be sure to **take down any radar detector** and stow it away: they are illegal in Canada and will be confiscated if found. Fines are also possible.
- You do not need to get into the truck line at the border, even if you are towing unless you have a big rig.
- Always be courteous to border officials; most of them are very pleasant and efficient, and it is easier to keep them that way.
- Once in a while, a car will be selected for inspection. This is not a big deal. Many of us have gone through it. Just be cooperative, and it will be done quickly. The caravan will wait for you, so just be patient.
- o **Towing In Canada** with a big rig is not allowed in the left lane when signs indicate "No Trucks in Left Lane." We have not had a problem with open trailers.
- **Northeast Region Track Committee** members are always approachable if you have any questions, butterflies, concerns, etc., so don't hesitate to talk to any of them. Most are also instructors.
 - o [Bruce Hauben](#), Track Chair
 - o [Steve Artick](#), co-Chief Driving Instructor
 - o [Matthew Wallis](#), co-Chief Driving Instructor
 - o [Paul Avery](#), Chief of Instructor Development
 - o [Frank Bruns](#), Chief of Novice Development
 - o [Laurie Jitts](#), Chief of Track Operations
 - o [Interim](#), Scrutineer (Bruce Hauben)
 - o [Mark Keefe](#), Track Registrar

Have fun and be safe!