

Watkins Glen DE Track Rats Notes for 2013

Fellow Track Rats,

Welcome to NER's annual 3 day weekend at Watkins Glen. We are all excited about this event at The Glen and look forward to seeing you at the track.

Our WGI event has been sponsored for many years by Jerry Pellegrino and his great staff at European Performance Engineering, 165 West Central St., Natick, MA 508.651.1316 and this year is no different. Jerry will be with us at the event so please take the opportunity to tell him "thanks".

All the information you'll need may easily be found on our web site www.porschenet.com. As this 'Track Rats' is multi-media, if you are reading this on-line, there are direct links to pages listed below. There will not be copies of any of these materials (nor the schedule, instructor and work assignments) at the event, so please print your own and bring them with you.

Please visit the event page for NER's DE Event at Watkins Glen International and download the event schedule, work assignments, garage assignments and other important information.

Check back shortly before you leave for the track as there are often last minute changes. Note: multiple updated documents were posted Tuesday, the 20th!

<http://www.porschenet.com/events/watkins-glen-international/>

The following link should help to get you started. It will get you to our DE home page. If you click on the links down the right hand side they will lead you to the information you need.

[NER's DE Information](#)

Pay particular attention to the following:

[Technical Inspection](#)

[Requirements](#)

[On the Track](#) (all sections)

[Run Groups](#)

The following are other details not specifically spelled out in the information provided above.

Gate: The front gates will open at 6:00 AM each day of the event. Please do not arrive earlier!!

Early Group Arrival: Arrangements have been made with the track for everyone to enter on Thursday between 6:00 and 9:00 PM and unload your rigs.

Registration: Will be open by 6:30 AM. Please make sure that you and YOUR GUESTS sign both the track waiver and the PCA waiver. The track waiver will be signed at the gate as you enter. The PCA waiver will be signed at our registration in the garage between 6:30 and 7:30 AM. For

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guests arriving later in the day PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY SIGN OUR PCA WAIVER AT CONTROL. Everybody attending the event (including your guests and family) will be required to wear wristbands to indicate that they have signed the waivers. These will be distributed at registration. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY ASSOCIATED WITH YOU SIGNS THE PCA WAIVER AS WELL AS THE TRACK WAIVER. Registration and waiver signing is necessary only the first day you or your guests attend. ***If you have guests that going to arrive unescorted by you the first time in (when they would sign the track's waiver and get a track wristband) you must provide me with their names so I can add them to the **Guest List** or the track will not let them in*** (email me at trackchair@porschenet.com).

Technical Inspection: Every car needs to be pre-teched as explained in the "Technical Inspection" section mentioned above. In addition to this pre-tech requirement we will also have a mandatory final safety inspection at the track. A tech line will be set up near registration. Bring your car, helmet, and COMPLETED AND SIGNED tech form with you to the tech line after emptying all loose stuff and attaching numbers.

YOUR CAR MUST BE TECHED EVERY MORNING, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE TRACK WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE TECH LINE! If you're late and the tech line has closed you'll pay a \$20 late fee that will go to our charity, Angel Flight. On the first day, register early and then get to the tech line. Please arrive early - don't be the last in line - we're all volunteers trying to give you a safe, fun day at the track.

Instructors please note: Although you may do your own inspection when you get to the track you are still required to have your vehicle pre-inspected by an appropriate inspector as described in the "Technical Inspection" section of the website. At recent events we have had Instructors turning up with Tech forms filled out by themselves or by someone unidentifiable as a PCA tech Inspector. This contravenes PCA requirements and we can no longer tolerate this. If it is not clear to you what is required please email Stan or Chris in advance of the event so that we can explain it to you. Those failing to meet this requirement cannot be allowed to run under the terms of our insurance. Instructors must take their Tech Forms and helmets to the Tech Line to obtain their Instructor Tech Stickers.

Worker Assignments: All attendees are expected to help make our event safe and fun. Everybody should be able to find their names associated with a work assignment on the worker assignment list posted on the website as part of the WGI Event Info. Most will have a short stint working in Staging, some may be listed to work the morning tech line and others will be shown to be working in control. Please take the time to understand when and where you are expected to be. Please pay particular attention to the timing of Worker meetings also shown on the schedule. If you are listed to work the tech line please try to be at the track early (particularly on Friday morning). Details of the actual assignments will be discussed with you during the Worker's meetings following the Drivers' meetings.

Classroom Activities and Coaching: Pete Argetsinger will be conducting classroom sessions for all run groups Friday morning. Please see the schedule for times for your run group. Classes

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will be in the classroom right behind the registration desk and only a few steps from where we will hold the drivers' meeting. These classes are NOT mandatory but you will be missing out on a free benefit that comes with your attendance at this event. Pete will also be available to solo drivers for individual coaching sessions on Friday afternoon and Sunday. If you would like to schedule time with him in advance he can be reached at 954.494.8994 or peteargetsinger@gmail.com.

Chief Instructor advancement criteria reinterpretation: In the interest of improving our Drivers Education program for all involved, I am initiating a few changes to the interpretation of our current driver advancement. These changes are aimed at elevating the educational value as well as the overall safety of our driver's education events for all participants.

As of today, all driver run group advancements will be subject to a more stringent application of our current advancement criteria. Going forward only the Chief Instructor or his pre-designated instructors will be authorized to perform "check out" rides. These evaluation "check out" rides are no longer intended exclusively to gain insight into advancement applicant's ability to execute at a minimum "specific items" listed on the run group advancement "checklist". Instead they will serve to confirm a driver's ability and willingness to consistently display all of the less tangible qualities required for the run group for which they are being considered. This clarification of our policy will help ensure consistency in all aspects of our student advancements, as students' progress through our Drivers Education program.

"Competence" in all aspects of the checklist criteria should be considered minimum requirements for all advancement candidates.

The above revisions will be applied to all prospective advancement candidates.

Jerry Pellegrino, Northeast Region Chief Instructor

Breakfast and Lunch: Breakfast may be bought at several restaurants or take-outs near the track. The WGI Media Center lunch room at the track will be open for lunch all 3 days. A full buffet lunch will be available for a modest \$10, payable at the door. Bring plenty of liquids as discussed in the section "Prevent Heat Illness" found in the links above.

Race Fuel: Race fuel will be available at the track.

Pets: No problem bringing your pet. You must clean up after your pet and we recommend the pet be on a leash (for safety purposes).

So, study your materials, make sure your car is pre-teched; MAKE SURE YOU PRINT YOUR SCHEDULE, WORKER ASSIGNMENT AND STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR ASSIGNMENT and we'll see you at the track. Check back shortly before you leave for the track as there are often last minute changes.

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Sensational Seneca Social 22 August: Please join us for our annual Sensational Seneca Social, at the Seneca Lodge Thursday the 22nd at 7:00PM. The aim of this event is to spend some social time with old friends, and meet new ones. We ESPECIALLY encourage our new drivers, or new to The Glen drivers, to join us for this friendly event. On hand will be Instructors, Track Committee and NER Board members to welcome you and answer questions, or just hang out for a beer. We'll have track maps so you can see how to get in and around the paddock. Our Chief Instructor will be there to answer questions about your instructor, the track, and drivers education. Track time is better when you know who you'll run with.

We love to see our regular Track Rats and to catch up with old friends before the hustle and bustle of registration and tech lines.

Thursday night the 22nd of August, (Watkins Glen Eve) at the Seneca Lodge, 7:00, on the deck (behind the bar). See you there!!.

Social: Following our Friday on the track: at 6:00 there will be a social hour at Lakeside Park with wine, beer, soda & chips. Plan on unwinding a few minutes, welcoming our new comers to DE and rehashing your day on the track. Lakeside Park is across the street from Wal-Mart on 4th St. aka Rte. 414 about 3/4 mi. East of Rte. 14.

At 6:30, immediately following the wine & beer social, we'll have an Italian dinner prepared by Jerlandos. Same location, you don't have to move more than a few steps. Registered drivers are free; guests are \$20 (\$10 for children under 12) payable at Registration when you pick up your wristbands.

See you at the track!
Stan Corbett

If you need anything else or have questions please email trackchair@porschenet.com or phone me at 774.275.1621 before 9PM