944 Questions??
Posted by jsallenbach - 10 Feb 2011 19:51

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I have been thinking for awhile and been doing research about road racing. My original plan was to race Open wheel Formula v's, but found out that there really isnt alot of compition in that class. I stumbled apon this class and it looks like a lot of fun. Some questions i have are do you have to have a license to race this class in nasa and scca? If so, i would probably have to go to a racing school. Which is recomended in socal? Is there usually some good compition in this class? I'm probably forgetting some questions so if you any other input, fire away.

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Re: 944 Questions??
Posted by cbuzzetti - 13 Feb 2011 21:10

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It's all good. Probaly not as exciting as off-road but plenty fun.

Let us know if we can help with anything.

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Re: 944 Questions??
Posted by joepaluch - 14 Feb 2011 05:43

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Sounds like you have some basic car driving skills, but could use seat time on road course.

Now getting a license is one thing and being effective in a race is another. NASA's method of getting comp license takes some time, but will leave you ready to be on the track with other racers. Being on the track in race group is not the best place ot learn lines and things. That is best done in the HPDE groups where you spend all day lapping the track and can focus on that.

 So step 1.

Do you have track worthy car? NASA requires a standard road car at minimum, while SCCA comp school requires a log book prepared race car.

Step 2. Take a car to the track and get seat time. The biggest differene between desert racing and road course is in desert stuff you mostly racing terrain and the clock. Most of the time not many other cars around. In road course racing you are racing the other cars. The track is just where it happens and the clock is only partially important. So in road racing you already need to know how the car handles on the track with little thought. This frees your mind for racing the cars around you. If you need to speed time lean how the car responds on the track you should do DE where you back to just you and track. There are cars around you, but all you need to do is just keep out of each others way.

Step 3. Once comfortable in the car at speed on track you ready to race. Keeping the car on the road at high speed should be pretty basic for you now and you will be ready to run hard with your competition.

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Re: 944 Questions??
Posted by Fooshe - 16 Feb 2011 07:21

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The big difference you will find from bondurant, skip barber and the like is that they teach you some basic skills and driving the line. There is SOOOO much more to road racing than driving "the line." In fact, I will say this, in a spec class, you will drive the line maybe 50% of the time.

If you want basic car control, Joe is right, you need to get some spacial awareness and improve your visual technique. In the spec class, you will have cars around you most all the time and you want to comfortable and predictible in that situation. There are some drills to do and things to practice to get used to this quickly. Again, as Joe stated, you don't want to be learning about your car on race day. The people around you will also appreciate that, too.

Also, there is nothing like a rolling, green flag start. You will want to experience that before you do it for real. It is absolute chaos at times and something you have to do to really understand it.

I seriously recommend the Driving Concepts race school. There, they assume you know the line and how to drive. They will help you have a successful race weekend in genereal. They will have you in close quarters, practice real green flag starts and simulated race situations, including flags....which is invaluable. They draw from years of sprint and enduro racing to help you learn form all the mistakes others have made before you. They will help you learn that your race starts before you get to the track and the value of preperation and much, much more.

Let me know if you have any specific questions about the school. It is really worth every penny!

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Posted by jsallenbach - 16 Feb 2011 08:09

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