

Friday morning student meeting

Hi I'm Charles Hall, your Lead Instructor for the school.

Thank you for coming out today. I guarantee this event will be an adventure you will remember for the rest of your days! Some of you are experienced racing drivers renewing a lapsed license, some of you are racers from other forms of racing who just starting out in vintage and some of you are novices. Please be aware of that we are a mixed group on track, so show patience and extreme awareness. Be prepared for some surprises, boneheaded moves and realize we all make mistakes some times. It is part of learning. And this is a group activity--we are all in this together.

VSCDA has a reputation for fast, safe, fun racers and a particularly successful formula for going vintage racing. Welcome to vintage racing--I know you will love it!

Introductions:

There are so many people involved in this school but these people you should know for today;

Chief steward	Gordon Ensing
Chief Starter	Bobbi Orr
Group Leads	John Kennelly, Bob Mauer, Jim Donato
Chief of Grid	Bob Shedd
Event Chairs	Kurt Marquardt, Katrina Marquardt

Goals for the day

We want you to pass the school, join us vintage racing everywhere and we will do everything we can to help you achieve your goals.

Criteria for the day

Be on time-to grid and to classroom debriefings,
You must participate in all sessions,
Be predictable-line, braking, flags, rhythm, emergency situations,
Situational awareness-Vision, who is around you, flags, your own car's dynamics,
Handling multiple priorities simultaneously,
Etiquette and vintage attitude.
Speed is not a criteria-that comes with seat time.

We will be running the long track configuration today

Weather forecast

It has been very wet. Track is green and cold but try and stay on it to stay on schedule. If you go off, go of straight--do not try to steer too much in the dirt/sand mud!

Station wagon runs. Line up at head of grid.

Goal--Demonstrate flow and line--slowly. Look for corner stations. If you are in the first group for conga sessions, get into your race suit now.

Conga lines? By group, line up at head of grid and wait for direction (hand signals).

Goal-- 40% speed (slow but not too slow) orientation with where the track goes, how it feels to drive your own car, the proper racing line. Ideally, no more than two students behind a lead car. NO PASSING. Session will be under full course yellow. ***Do not lag behind.*** Hold to less than two car lengths behind the car in front and try to emulate the racing line demonstrated by lead car.

Flags and blend line

Find the manned stations--you are always responsible for knowing and observing which flag stations are manned.

Standing yellow does not mean, "crawl" – maintain speed, under full control.

Do not violate the blend line--instant black flag and very dangerous situation.

4 wheels off is an automatic black flag except in a race--come in.

Do not follow safety vehicle--do follow a pace car.

Acknowledge the corner workers.

Make sure you fit in your car

With your instructor, check fit of belts, seat and when fully belted in, arm and pedal reach. Make sure your helmet is not less than 4 inches below the rollbar.

Get to grid and classroom on time!

This is a very tight schedule! You need to go to the classroom immediately after the end of your on-track session--no checking out the car or casual conversation--ok, you can toilet -- but that's it! Address any problems with your instructor. We will end the classroom at least 15 minutes before next session so you can be at grid 10 minutes before the next session. Drink (water is at classroom), toilet and check car's vital--oil, air pressure, lug torque.

After last session, do not come to classroom.

Fill out instructor evaluation form.

It will not be shared with the instructor.

Turn them in to me when you get your graduation certificate at dinner tonight.

Please stick around for the graduation (and free dinner!)

We will have you out by 7:30 pm latest.

Problems? See your lead or see me.

We may have suggestions or solutions to your problem.

Cell Phones

Please turn off cell phones until around 4 pm today. This is already intense enough--you don't need the distraction!

Suggestions/comments

PLEASE--I am trying to streamline the processes (don't laugh) for setting up the school and to deal with the changing mix of demographics of who is coming to the school. I need and value the input, in person, or in writing. All brickbats and compliments welcome in person or in writing.