

BMW CCA Heart of Dixie Chapter Annual Drivers Education

Thank you for choosing to participate at our driving school at Barber Motorsports Park on September 14 - 15, 2018. We'll do our best to provide you with a safe and an enjoyable weekend.

We will have a lot of track time and classroom for all students. Please check your schedule and keep it with you to be on time for your classroom and track sessions. Roll call will be done at the beginning of each classroom session and we strongly encourage everyone to attend their classroom session. If you have any concerns or needs over the weekend feel free to come find one of the officers or Chief Instructor to help with anything you need.

Keep in mind this is a driver school and not a race. We are here to learn to be better high performance drivers and following the rules is part of it. Please be sure to remove everything from your vehicle, including floor mats, glove box junk, change and anything else that could bounce around. Most of you will have an Instructor and they are all very good. If you have any questions, your instructor should be able to help explain the driving dynamics and make you a better, faster, safer driver.

Be sure and arrive early Saturday morning so you don't find yourself rushed to register and attend the **MANDATORY INSTRUCTOR** meeting at 7:15 am and **MANDATORY DRIVER** meeting at 7:45 am on the 2nd floor of the race control building at the bottom of the paddock. All in attendance will receive an arm band to grant access to the track. If you miss the meeting, you will not be able to access the track without a discussion with the Chief Instructor first.

After the track goes cold on Saturday night, we are hosting a BBQ dinner for attendees. Please make your way to the 2nd floor of the race control building. The event will run from 5 – 8 PM. We will raffle off a number of prizes during the event.

Thanks again, we look forward to a great weekend.

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During the Event

Driver's Meeting

As a part of the Diving School there is a mandatory driver's meeting on Saturday and Sunday mornings. You must attend these meetings!

Classroom Sessions

Drivers in all run groups are required to attend each of their classroom sessions (see your schedule for times). As a complement to your time on the track the classroom instruction will cover high speed driving theory, vehicle dynamics, and other topics. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the mechanics of high speed driving. Remember, your classroom sessions are mandatory and attendance will be checked!

Run Groups

You will be assigned to a run group (A, B, C, D) based on your experience and driving skills. If two participants are sharing a car each will be placed in a different run group if their experience permits. Students in Groups B and C will have an assigned in-car instructor for the weekend. A student's that have never been to Barber or that request an instructor when they register will be assigned one. We'd like to encourage you to ride with your instructor and with other instructors during the weekend. Riding with an instructor is a good learning experience and you'll find that they are eager to take students out for a ride. Just ask...

Car Numbers

Place the vinyl numbers on the car as shown on the following illustration. One set of numbers goes on the driver's side rear window and the other set goes on the top center of the windshield. The run group letter goes in front of the number on both front and side, like in the box.



Before Each Session

Check your fluid levels and generally have a look around the engine bay and under the car for anything loose. Your lug nuts may loosen under the stress of track driving. “Do not check the torque when the wheels are hot as that will result in them being over tightened.” Just before your next session, when they've cooled down, re-torque them.

Your instructor will help you with finding the right tire pressures for your car and tires. But those measurements are done with the tires hot just after you've come off the track. Just in case you've had a tire go down between sessions you should check your pressures when you check lug nuts. During hot weather it is not unusual to have to let air out of your tires since pressure will build with temperature.

“KEEP HYDRATED – DRINK LOT’S OF WATER”