

PCA High Performance Driver Education “HPDE”



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Agenda



- What is HPDE/DE?
- Who runs these events?
- Who attends Des?
- What safety measures are in place?
- What types of cars are allowed?
- What is DE weekend like?
- What will I learn?
- What happens at a DE?
- Q & A



What is HPDE?



- Learn to drive your car at a fast pace in a controlled environment
- Classroom and in-car coaching
- Paved track, corner workers
- Typically four 20 – 25 minute on-track sessions, plus classroom



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Who runs these events?



- PCA volunteers!
- DE Chair- organizes
- Chief Driving Instructor (CDI)- manages all on-track activity
- Coaches- Trained and selected to PCA standards to provide in-car and classroom instruction



Who attends DEs?



- Drivers who:
 - Want to enjoy performance in controlled environment
 - Want to become better drivers on the road
 - Want gateway to competitive driving (time trials or club racing)
 - Want to learn more about the technology of their cars
 - Want to enjoy their cars with friends – new and old



Is it safe? –Driver Measures



- Helmets required
- Passing rules
- Two spin rule
- Bad attitude rule
- Strict enforcement
- Run groups based on experience and skill



Is it safe? –Car Measures



- Technical safety inspection
- Very low % of incidents
- Track insurance



Is it safe? –Will it hurt my car?



- Porsches are made for high performance driving
- Tires and brake pads
- Brand new to very old Porsches on track
- Doesn't void warranty



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What types of cars are allowed?



- Any make or model as long as it passes tech inspection
- Convertibles with factory roll over protection
- Modifications not required



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What can I expect during a DE Weekend?



- Early morning driver meeting
- Garage or paddock
- Mentors
- Classroom and on-track sessions
- Saturday social
- Friendliness
- Helpfulness



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What can I expect during a DE Weekend as a Novice Driver?



- On track with those with no, or just a handful of weekends' experience
- Mostly stock cars
- Lots of help – don't hesitate to ask
- Classrooms to learn, meet others, and to ask any questions
- PCA trained driving coach in car at all times



What can I expect during a DE Weekend- Family and Friends



- Family and friends welcome, free of charge
 - Ear protection, especially for kids
- Admire the cars, talk to the owners
- Parade laps
- Saturday evening social



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What will I learn?



- Safety - Meaning of flag stations, flags, hot pits, etc.
- The fastest way around the track
- The best "line" - turn in, apex, track out
- Braking technique
- Weight transfer
- Car control
- Car rotation

Doesn't void warranty



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Introduction to HPDE



- A “taste of the track”
- Available only to those who have never experienced HPDE
- Half day, morning or afternoon
- Classroom and 2 on-track sessions with coach
- \$399



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Next Schnell Fests at COTA



March 8-9

November 22-23

Options:

- Register for DE or intro
- Visit
- Parade Laps
- Saturday Evening Social



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Q & A

- Questions
- Concerns
- Will you do a DE?



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