

Michelin Autocross

Check-in & Safety Inspection

At Parade Registration “check-in” no later than Sunday afternoon so you can sign the waiver and receive your car numbers. **Late check-in. after Sunday is allowed. However you will have to find the Registrar..** Also, your car must pass a safety inspection before you compete in the autocross. Tech will be on your scheduled day of the autocross. Tech will be done in the paddock before you run. Car must be presented ready to run. **EACH DRIVER MUST SIGN UP TO WORK, IT WAS STARTED IN 2019 AND IS TYPICAL AT MOST AX EVENTS. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR WORK DURING REGISTRATION PROCESS ONLINE OR IN PERSON DURING CHECK IN. YOU WILL EITHER WORK IN THE MORNING OR IN THE AFTERNOON. See Worker Schedule below,**

Changes to Car Class

Changes to your car classification should be done at Parade Check-In. Last minute car class changes must be done prior to 1:00 pm Tuesday July 13, which is the day before the start of the autocross event. Only the Autocross Protest Committee can approve class change requests after that time. Entrants are encouraged to bring classification issues to the attention of the Autocross Chair or a PCR Committee member for corrective action. We would prefer to be proactive in fixing classing issues before the event rather than impose penalties after the fact. Also, see section G-8 in the PCRs. However, even if you receive our advice, classification is still your responsibility. Feel free to contact the Autocross Chair, Danny Saxton, (678) 313-2806 cell (voice or text), and djsaxton@bellsouth.net with any questions.

Chalk Talk and Course Walk

There will be an Autocross “Chalk Talk” on Tuesday, July 13, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at the French Lick Hotel in the Clifton Ballroom. This talk is open to everyone, but will be geared toward novice/intermediate drivers. Wednesday morning, we will have Experienced Instructors that will walk the course and provide advice on what to expect at the event.

The autocross course will be open for walking as follows:

Wednesday, July 14	7:15 to 8:00 am
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Thursday, July 15	7:15 to 8:00 am

Time permitting, the course may be available for walking near noon between groups 2 and 3 on Wednesday July 14 and between groups 6 and 7 on Thursday July 15. This is your opportunity to walk the course with an experienced “autocrosser” and ask questions and get tips about the course. A course map will be provided to you at Parade Check-in and a video of a run on the course **may be** available on the Parade website or Facebook after course set up July 13.

Autocross Site

The Parade autocross will be held at the French Lick Municipal Airport (9764 W County Road 375 S, French Lick, IN 47432) which is about a 10 minute, 5.5 mile drive from French Lick Resort. To get there, travel 3.5 miles south on Indiana Highway 145 and turn right on West Airport Road (S County Road 350 W). In 0.9 miles, bear right onto W County Road 375 S and you will reach the airport in 1.1 miles. Major revision of the road from High 145 to the airport was under way this spring and should be complete, so the route instructions from Highway 145 to the airport may no longer be accurate, but the airport should be easy to find.

There is no sound level limit at this site. However, we are following the local “good neighbor” policy by not allowing open exhausts

Parking, Transportation & Facilities

Paddock parking at the autocross site for participants will be inside the airport gate in the hanger area. Parking for workers and spectators will be on the grass field on the left side of the road as you approach the entrance. This area has recently been prepared for spectator parking. There are portable toilets and a food concession available on site. There is no shuttle to the autocross site.

Tentative Run Group Schedule and Work Schedule

You will receive a final run group schedule at Parade Check-In. You must compete in the correct run group for your car’s class. There will be no exceptions made for those who have personal conflicts or conflicts with other Parade activities. Open and women’s classes run together. This year we are limiting runs to 4 per driver. The Schedule is adjusted to get all runs done before the heat of the day and afternoon thunder showers begin.

Wednesday (July 14)

Group #1: S01, S02, S04, S05	Grid Opens: 7:15 am	Run Time: 8:30 am
Group #2: S03, S06	Grid Opens: 7:15 am	Run Time: ASAP am
Group #3: S07, S11, P01, P02	Grid Opens: 11:00 pm	Run Time: 1:00 pm
Group #4: S12	Grid Opens: 11:00 am	Run Time: ASAP pm

Thursday (July 15)

Group #5: S08, S09, S10	Grid Opens: 7:15 am	Run Time: 8:30 am
Group #6: S13, P03, P05, P08	Grid Opens: 7:15 am	Run Time: ASAP am
Group #7: P04, P06, P07, P09	Grid Opens: 11:00 am	Run Time: 1:00 pm
Group #8: P10 I all, M all	Grid Opens: 11:00 am	Run Time: ASAP pm

Worker Schedules (Note: regardless of the Parade Worker Assignment you received for the autocross, if you are a Driver, you have to work the schedule below. If you are not a driver then you work the Parade assignment that you received.)

Wednesday July 14

Group #1 runs first and works second

Group #2 runs second and works first

Group #3 runs first and works second

Group #4 runs second and works first

Thursday July 15

Group #5 runs first and works second

Group #6 runs second and works first

Group #7 runs first and works second

Group #8 runs second and works first

**If you require special accommodations in your work assignment, let contact
Danny Saxton at (678) 313-2806.**

Grid, Safety Inspection and Driver's Meeting

You should arrive at the autocross site early enough to prepare your car for the event. When your grid area opens for your run group, place your car on grid ready for Tech Inspection. All loose items must be removed from the interior of your car and you should have your helmet. **Loaner helmets will not be available.** Please arrive at the grid area approximately one hour before your group's run time so you can check in and your car can have a final safety inspection. There will be four grids that alternate between run groups and there will be separate sections within each grid for single driver cars and multi-driver cars. There will be grid workers to direct you where to place your car in grid. The deadline to get your car to pre-grid is 20 minutes before your run group's start time. The final safety inspection will be done on your car while in grid. You must attend the mandatory driver's meeting in the grid area which will begin 15 minutes before your run group's start time. **Failure to get to grid on time or to attend the driver's meeting will result in disqualification from the event.**

Timed Runs

Each driver will get four (4) timed runs on the course. The first run is NOT a warm-up run. All runs will be timed and will count toward your fastest run. **If your car has more than one driver, you and your co-driver(s) will alternate runs.** Note that this is a change from past Parades to make competition fairer. Which driver goes first is up to you. You must make sure that your car displays the proper identification for each driver. Multiple driver cars will display letters distributed in grid to indicate which driver is

currently running. You must proceed to the start when directed by grid workers or risk the loss of a run. However, as required by the rules, it is your responsibility to ensure that your car has at least 5 minutes between runs.

Instructional Runs

Only the driver will be allowed in a car during officially timed runs. Autocross instructors will not be allowed, due to COVID.

Penalties

A penalty of two (2) seconds will be assessed for each cone moved completely outside of its outline or tipped over during a timed run. A penalty will be assessed for cones determined to have been moved or tipped over by your car from staging through the finish area, including those parts of the course before and after the timed section. Penalties will not be assessed for displaced pointer cones (cones not initially standing upright). If an official rerun is given, the final cone penalty assigned will be the cone penalty recorded during the rerun (cone penalties do not carry over). If you miss a gate, you are off course and will receive a DNF (did not finish) for that run.

Reruns

A rerun will be allowed due to timing failure or if the driver did not get a fair run. Reruns will not be granted for mechanical failure or if your run is already a DNF before the event causing the rerun. If you are red flagged during your run for a condition that you did not cause, you will get a rerun. If you observe a condition that interferes with your run while on course, such as a course worker or another car in your way, or a cone (not a pointer cone) on its side or outside of its position due to a previous competitor, stop immediately and point out the problem to a course worker. Do not complete your run; follow the course worker's instructions and then follow the course back to the grid at reduced speed. If you stop and it is determined that an unsafe or unfair condition did not exist, you will not get a rerun. You will be given directions for an official rerun when you return to grid. If you observe a condition for which you should get a rerun but do not stop, you will not receive a rerun.

Questions

A worker will be responsible for helping participants with questions. If you have a question regarding timing or penalties, come to the posting area near your grid and a worker will assist you. Do not go the timing tent. Please feel free to contact the Autocross Chair, Danny Saxton, (678) 313-2806 cell (voice or text) and djsaxton@bellsouth.net, with any questions.

Results

There will be a large electronic display that will show your run time at the finish. You will also be given a timing slip with your run time. Both the display and the timing slips are considered unofficial and may not have the correct penalties listed, if any. Also, we will have a scoreboard in the grid area that will be updated periodically during your run group with run times for all the cars in the heat.

Impound

Upon exiting the course after your and any co-drivers' last official timed run, you will go through impound in your grid. You need to open your Porsche's compartments for inspection. Only personal items such as helmet, keys and gloves may be removed. Failure to report to impound immediately after

your car's last run, or stay the required time, will result in disqualification for all drivers of that car. If all drivers in your class sign off on the results you will be allowed to leave impound early. Impound affords you the opportunity to inspect your competitors' Porsches and to verify that the official results are correct. The protest committee will be located nearby.

Showroom Stock Category Note

The Showroom Stock autocross classes (classes S01 through S13) continue to be a very popular option for entrants in the Parade autocross. These classes have seen some entrants exceeding the limits of the category with illegal modifications. The intent of the Showroom Stock category is to provide classes for cars as normally delivered and specified for use in the United States and Canada. Factory options as normally delivered for a specific model year are permitted. Certain factory and/or dealer installed equipment/options will move the car out of Showroom Stock. This includes R-rated tires, even if they were on the car as delivered. Showroom Stock class tires must have a tread wear rating of 180 or greater. In addition, any modification that could be reasonably perceived as being performance affecting is not allowed in Showroom Stock category. This may also include certain safety equipment such as a harness, roll bar, race or factory race seats, etc. Please review the PCR's for further information about properly classifying your car. It is the intent of the PCR Committee to keep these classes as originally intended. Please classify your car properly so that you don't fall victim to a protest and possible disqualification from the event. If you have exceeded the allowances for Showroom Stock, please classify your car in the correct Production or higher category/class.

"Nutshell version" Upon arrival:

- Both morning run groups show up at the same time.
- Cars go to parking or directly to grid.
- As cars head to grid a worker puts a sticker (removable) on the upper left of the windshield indicating which run group (1, 2, 3, etc.) to help grid workers.
- Another sticker is applied indicating how many drivers if two or more to help grid workers.
- Car is teched in grid.
- Both morning groups attend drivers meeting together. Drivers meeting includes work procedures and work safety as well as run procedures.
- First group runs while second group works.
- Swap. Second group runs while first group works.
- Impound period begins for first group after second group is finished running. Impound period for second group begins when second run group results are posted.
- Separate grid space is available for afternoon groups so they do not have to wait for morning groups to vacate if they run long. Grids are located so that afternoon can fill without interfering with morning competitors returning to grid.

**AUTOCROSS COURSE AND GRID LAYOUT ON NEXT
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