

Watkins Glen DE Track Rats Notes for 2017

Fellow Track Rats,

Welcome to NER's annual 3 day weekend at Watkins Glen, 11-13 August. We are all excited about this event at The Glen and look forward to seeing you at the track.

Our WGI event has been sponsored for many years by Jerry Pellegrino and his great staff at European Performance Engineering, 165 West Central St., Natick, MA 508.651.1316 and this year is no different. Not only is Jerry sponsoring the event, he is also footing the bill for your first drink at Friday afternoon's catered dinner. Thanks, Jerry, for all you do for our DE'ers!

All the information you'll need may easily be found on our web site www.porschenet.com. As this 'Track Rats' is multi-media, if you are reading this on-line, there are direct links to pages listed below. **Please visit the event page for NER's DE Event at Watkins Glen International and download the event schedule, work assignments, garage assignments and other important information.** Check back shortly before you leave for the track as there are often last minute changes. **There will not be copies of any of these materials (nor the schedule, instructor and work assignments) at the event, so please print your own and bring them with you or load them on your Smartphone.**

<https://porschenet.com/events/ner-de-event-at-watkins-glen-2/>

The following link should help to get you started. It will get you to our DE home page. If you click on the links down the right hand side they will lead you to the information you need.

NER's DE Information: Pay particular attention to the following:

[Technical Inspection](#)

[Requirements](#)

[On the Track](#) (all sections)

[Run Groups](#)

Event Specific Information: Links to this information are located on the event page.

[Event Schedule](#) and in [Smartphone format](#)

[Worker Assignments](#)

[Student/Instructor Assignments](#)

[Run Groups](#) for the event

[Garage Assignments](#)

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The following are other details not specifically spelled out in the information provided above.

Gate: The front gates will open at 6:00 AM each day of the event. Please do not arrive earlier!!

Early Group Arrival: Arrangements have been made with the track for everyone to enter on Thursday between 6:00 and 9:00 PM and unload your rigs.

Camping: We have arranged for camping in the paddock area this year. There is no additional charge for camping in the paddock area. To camp in the "Pit Road RV" area with an electrical hook up, campers need to see security upon arrival and pay a fee of \$50. No car haulers or work on the car is permitted in the Pit Road RV area. To hook up to electric on Manufacturer's Row (car haulers OK) also requires a fee of \$50. Free showers are available in the infield. There is no burning/open flame allowed in the paddock area.

Registration: Will be open by 6:30 AM. Please make sure that you and YOUR GUESTS sign both the track waiver and the PCA waiver. The track waiver will be signed at the gate as you enter. The PCA waiver will be signed at our registration in the garage between 6:30 and 7:45 AM. For guests arriving later in the day PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY SIGN OUR PCA WAIVER AT CONTROL. Everybody attending the event (including your guests and family) will be required to wear wristbands to indicate that they have signed the waivers. These will be distributed at registration. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY ASSOCIATED WITH YOU SIGNS THE PCA WAIVER AS WELL AS THE TRACK WAIVER. Registration and waiver signing is necessary only the first day you or your guests attend (keep your wristbands!).

Technical Inspection: Every car needs to be pre-teched as explained in the "Technical Inspection" section mentioned above. In addition to this pre-tech requirement we will also have a mandatory final safety inspection at the track. A tech line will be set up near registration and will be open from 6:30 to 7:45 AM. Please empty your car of all loose gear and materials, apply your numbers and move quickly to the Tech Line with your helmet and COMPLETED AND SIGNED tech form.

YOUR CAR MUST BE TECHED EVERY MORNING, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE TRACK WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE TECH LINE! If you're late and the tech line has closed you'll pay a \$20 late fee that will go to our charity, Homes for Our Troops. On the first day, register early and then get to the tech line. Please arrive early - don't be the last in line - we're all volunteers trying to give you a safe, fun day at the track.

Instructors please note: Although you may do your own inspection when you get to the track you are still required to have your vehicle pre-inspected by an appropriate inspector as described in the "Technical Inspection" section of the website. At some events we have had Instructors turning up with Tech forms filled out by themselves or by someone unidentifiable as a PCA Tech Inspector. This is contrary to PCA requirements and will not be accepted. If it is not clear to you what is required please email Stan or Chip in advance of the event so that we can explain it to you. Those failing to meet this requirement cannot be allowed to run under the

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terms of our insurance. Instructors must take their Tech Forms and helmets to the Tech Line to obtain their Instructor Tech Stickers.

Worker Assignments: All attendees are expected to help make our event safe and fun.

Everybody should be able to find their names associated with a work assignment on the worker assignment list posted on the website as part of the WGI Event Info. Most will have a short stint working in Staging, some may be listed to work the morning tech line and others will be shown to be working in control. Please take the time to understand when and where you are expected to be. **If you are listed to work the tech line please try to be at the track early** (particularly on Friday morning).

Classroom activities and coaching: Our Pro-Coach will be Lee Carpentier, who is our resident "Coaching Guru". If you would like to pre-book a session with Lee before the event, he can be reached at: Lee@advancemotorsports.racing. During the event he will also be holding classroom sessions for each of the run groups as shown on the schedule.

On-Line Drivers' Meeting: NER is continuing our new, different and quite revolutionary On-Line Driver's Meeting that we initiated last year at our September Palmer event in order to expedite the driver's meeting the morning of the event. We have developed an "On-Line Driver's Meeting Pack" which is a document of the actual drivers' on-site meeting topics. What this means is solo drivers (Blue, White and Black run groups) should:

- 1) PRINT and read the document. Once you are done - and found the answer to the "Secret Question" included in the main text - sign the top cover, date it, answer the question and BRING THE SIGNED TOP PAGE with you to your first day of Registration;
- 2) During registration at the event, we will collect that signed page from you and mark you off as successfully completed; and
- 3) YOU MUST STILL ATTEND the on-site Drivers Meeting that morning, but, as one who has taken the time to read the meeting notes - your time in that meeting will be brief. Those who do NOT have the signed form will remain to go through the detailed meeting.

Our thanks, and your Driver Meeting Pack can be found at the link [here](#).

Enduros: We will hold two of our signature DE Enduros, one for the Black (Advanced) and one for the Red (Instructor) run group drivers, on Saturday afternoon. To avoid having drivers in the rest of the run groups sit around waiting for their next run these sessions will be held at the end of the track day on Saturday from 3 to 4:30 PM. Drivers not eligible for the enduros are free to enjoy an afternoon at the track or whatever activity they please. All drivers are welcome to stay at the track and cheer on the participants.

Two Spin Rule: Any driver who leaves the track (two or four wheels off), spins, is not in control of his/her car, and/or makes contact with another car or object will be black flagged and must come into the pits to have the car looked over and to be queried for the cause. Do not wait for the black flag to come into the pits. A second incident may be cause for not driving the rest of the day and/or ejection from the event.

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Attitude Adjustment: Anyone deemed to be unsafe and discourteous will be ejected from the event. Safety is our primary concern throughout the course of the event. This is NOT a timed event and it is NOT practice for racing.

Breakfast and Lunch: Breakfast may be bought at several restaurants or take-outs near the track. I'm not sure if the food stand outside the classroom will be open for our event. The WGI Media Center lunch room at the track will be open for lunch all 3 days. A full buffet lunch will be available for a modest \$10, payable at the door. Bring plenty of liquids as discussed in the section "Prevent Heat Illness" found in the links above.

Race Fuel: Race fuel is available at the track.

Pets: No problem bringing your pet. You must clean up after your pet and we recommend the pet be on a leash (for safety purposes).

So, study your materials, make sure your car is pre-teched; MAKE SURE YOU PRINT YOUR SCHEDULE, WORKER ASSIGNMENT AND STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR ASSIGNMENT and we'll see you at the track. Check back shortly before you leave for the track as there are often last minute changes.

Social: There will be a catered dinner (see menu below) at the track in the Glen Room after the track goes cold on Friday afternoon. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 per person and are available through ClubReg when you register for the event. Drivers can purchase tickets for family and guests. Please order dinner tickets in ClubReg so we have an accurate count of the number of people attending the dinner. We will have a limited number of tickets available for purchase at the track.

Each dinner includes one drink ticket which can be used for non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverages. There will also be a cash bar.

Menu:

- Grilled All-Beef Hamburgers
- Traditional Chicken Wings
- Leaf Lettuce, Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Sliced Onions, Pickles, Yancey's Fancy Cheddar and Swiss
- Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Coleslaw
- Garden Green Salad with Choice of Two (2) Dressings
- Red Skinned Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Yancey's Fancy Mac and Cheese
- Potato Chips
- Assorted Cookies and Brownies

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Charity Events: WGI 'owns' the track at lunch time so we won't be doing parade laps. However, if you have family or friends that are interested in driving on the track please see [Drive The Glen](#) for info. Last year we had several people that took advantage of this opportunity.

Speed Shop: WGI has announced that [The Little Speed Shop](#) has opened up shop at the track. They will be open 7 days a week at the south end of the garage to meet the needs of track rental customers with a full retail store, complete with everything you may need at the track. The TLSS Race Shop will also offer part/tire pre-ordering services where clients can call before an event and have parts/tires ready and waiting to be installed on the vehicle once it gets to the track. You can call them at 585-647-0339 for parts inquiries or check their facebook page: [The Little Speed Shop](#).

See you at the track!
Stan Corbett

If you need anything else or have questions please email stanley_corbett@msn.com or phone me at 774.275.1621 before 9PM