

Watkins Glen DE Track Rats Notes for 2018

Fellow Track Rats,

Welcome to NER's annual 3 day weekend at Watkins Glen, 10-12 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. 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, student/instructor 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/de-at-watkins-glen/>

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

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

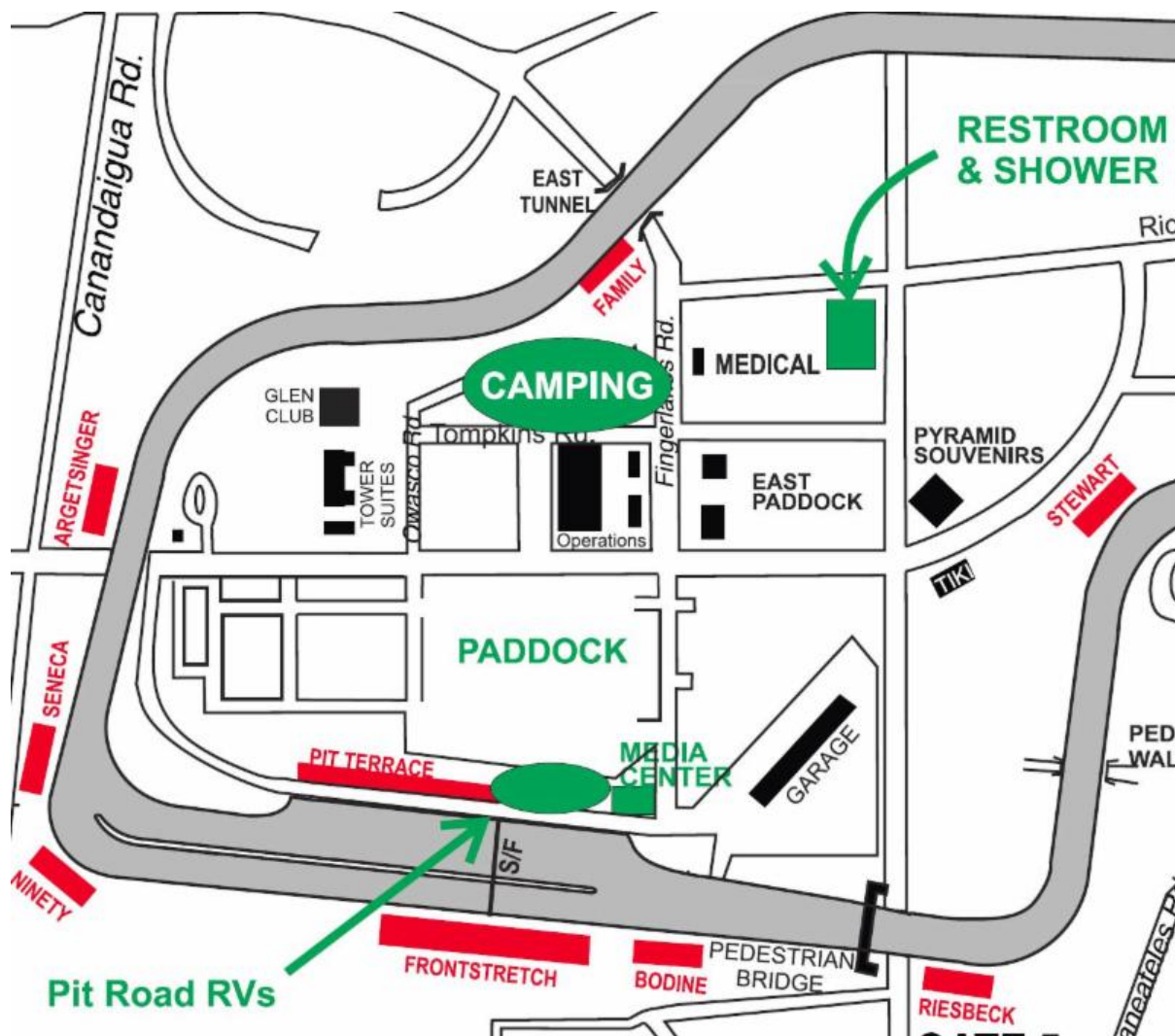
Gate: The front gates will open at 6:00 AM each day of the event. Please do not arrive earlier!!

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.

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Paddock and Camping Changes for 2018: This year, due to the Phish concert setup effort in the paddock and garage area we normally use, we will not have access to those facilities during our event - except for the gas pumps, which will be open during their scheduled hours. We will have full access to North Paddock #2 (where IMSA sets up), unfettered access to the Media Center for our event, have permission to set up our own Hospitality Tent in Victory Circle adjacent to both the track and in front of the Media Center - and too, we will be expanding our access to camping areas - accommodating everything from tents to RVs. All that and more! The Glen will be providing a complimentary lunch to all participants on Saturday.

The detailed paddock map below shows which areas to park your RV, Transporter - and setup up your car. It also shows the location of the Hospitality Tent, media center, grass parking areas and the like.



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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. If it is not clear to you what is required please email Stan or Justin in advance of the event so that we can explain it to you. 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).

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Classroom activities and coaching: We are thrilled to have Dave Scott lined up for this event as the designated Pro Coach! Aside from classrooms and debriefs, Dave will also be available for personal coaching in your RIGHT SEAT for the nominal fee of \$125 for the first session or \$225 for two sessions.

To schedule and coordinate your session(s) with Dave before the event, please e-mail Janice Ernsting, NNJR Track Chair, at jlernsting@yahoo.com as she has volunteered to schedule and coordinate your sessions with Dave. As preferred slots tend to go fast and trackside scheduling gets a bit chaotic, please contact Janice ASAP and she'll get you set (Thank You Janice - you rock!).

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 3:40 to 5:30 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.

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.

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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. The Glen will be providing a complimentary lunch to all participants on Saturday. 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: OK - you demanded and we delivered. Yep, you read that right - the Dinosaur BBQ is happening on Saturday after the track goes cold (the track goes cold at 5:30 PM, as we've an extra hour of drive time scheduled) and thanks to the "ace" NER Social Team of Kristin, Judi and Pam, they've pulled off getting this set. Wait? What? OK, here are the details....

For the paltry sum of only \$25 per ticket, the BBQ is open to drivers, your friends, your family, your aunt, your uncle, your nieces - well, you get the idea. You can pretty much invite and purchase a ticket for anyone - as all are welcome! Tickets for the dinner 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. If you forgot to purchase your ticket(s) during registration - please simply email Stan at stanley_corbett@msn.com and he'll get you set.

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: [The Little Speed Shop](#) is going the extra mile to support us this year. This year, due to preparations for the Phish concert, they cannot be in their usual location at the south end of the garage. Instead, they will join us in our paddock and will do their best to provide you with everything you may need at the track. They will be set up in the same area as Justin Becker's trailer (which should be very easy to find). The TLSS Race Shop offers 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 out their facebook page: [The Little Speed Shop](#).

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM, THEY ARE GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SUPPORT US!

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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