

Performance Driving School



This past spring, I found myself headed out to Goode Co BBQ to pitch some Autocross ideas to the LSR Board members. I was answering a “Help Wanted” notice on the webpage. As it turned out, Joost Perquin was there pitching a Car Control Clinic...

Fast forward six months, several meetings, countless emails and phone calls, several editions of curriculum and handbooks, and the whole time keeping a finger on the required logistics. Momentum prevailed; we finally arrived... The October 10-12th Performance Driving School marked the rebirth of the LSR PCA car control driving skills clinics and autocross for our region.

These events cannot come to fruition without the dedication of the volunteers and instructors that come together for a common goal. In addition to those volunteers and instructors that gave up their weekends, I'd like to thank the following, in no particular order...

- Joost Perquin and Jim Robertson - together, we gathered information for the curriculum and set the plan into motion.
- Jake Taylor for organizing the PCA instructors.
- Richard Jackson for assisting with registration.
- The Finley's, Baker's and Ricardo Barnes for organizing the BMW instructors and volunteers.
- David and Jim Hedderick for remarking the course, setting up and running timing, and being my go-to resources for GGP.
- Peggy Newman for running Tech.
- Jack Smyth for providing continued suggestions and sources of information.
- Alex Wier for handling the t-shirts and hustling all weekend to cover any missing details.

- Art Vivar, Jeremy Wood, Ken Finley and Kevin Tan for standing in the death zone of the accident avoidance drill.
- Jeremy Wood for organizing the setup at Porsche NH and taking pictures.
- La Marque Fire Department for providing the water trucks.
- Houston Sports Car Club of America and the BMW Club for continued support.
- Gulf Greyhound Park for getting the contractors out and the parking lot repaired.
- Jack McCall and Rodger Gay for hosting us at Porsche NH.
- Laura Grubb for arranging food and drinks, sewing flags, running registration, and otherwise putting up with my BS for the past couple months.

Please enjoy Kelli Araujo's first hand account of the weekend and following her article you'll find some of the other comments that we received following the event.

If you missed us this time, look forward to upcoming LSR events in 2009. As always, the Houston SCCA and BMW clubs welcome us with open arms. Houston is fortunate that autocross is a regional affair and not strictly delineated by club membership. The schedules are posted on the LSR website.

Thanks again. Hope to see you at the next event.

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