

Michelin Autocross – Traverse City Parade 2013



Check-in & Safety Inspection

You must complete Parade Check-In no later than the day before the Autocross event starts to sign the waiver and receive your car number. Also, your car must pass a safety inspection before the day you are scheduled to run the autocross. See the Parade schedule for Check-In times. The safety inspection area will be in the GTR Valleyview Lot on these dates and times:

Sunday, June 23	1 - 5 PM
Tuesday, June 25	1 - 4 PM
Wednesday, June 26	1 - 4 PM

Autocross Site

The Parade autocross will be held at the main parking lot at the Traverse City Beach Bum Stadium. The address is: 333 Stadium Drive, Traverse City, MI 49685. It is located south and a little west of downtown Traverse City and is approximately a 15 mile drive from the host hotel. The stadium is on the west side of US-31 (a.k.a. M-37/Division St.) just off of Chums Village Dr.

Chalk Talk and Course Walk

There will be an Autocross Classroom “Chalk Talk” on Monday, June 24, from 4 - 5 PM at GTR in Mackinac B & C. This talk is open to everyone but will be geared toward novice/intermediate drivers.

The autocross course will be open for walking as follows (tentative):

Tuesday, June 25	2 pm to 3:45 pm
Wednesday, June 26	7:30 to 8:30 am
Thursday, June 27	7:30 to 8:30 am

Note there will also be a novice course walk with an instructor at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, June 25. 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.

Tentative Run Group Schedule

Wednesday (June 26) - Classes S01 through S12 and P01 & P02

Group #1: S01, S02, S03, S04, P01 & P02	Pre-Grid Opens: 8 am	Run Time: 9 am
Group #2: S05, S06, & S07	Pre-Grid Opens: 10:15 am	Run Time: 11:15 am
Group #3: S08, S09, S10, S11 & S12	Pre-Grid Opens: 12:30 am	Run Time: 1:30 am

Thursday (June 27) - Classes P03 thru P16 and All Improved & Modified Classes

Group #4: P03 thru P07	Pre-Grid Opens: 8 am	Run Time: 9 am
Group #5: P08 thru P13	Pre-Grid Opens: 10:15 am	Run Time: 11:15 am
Group #6: P14, P15, P16, All Improved/Modified	Pre-Grid Opens: 12:30 am	Run Time: 1:30 am

A final run group schedule will be provided to you at Parade Check-In.

Parking, Transportation & Facilities

Paddock parking at the autocross site for cars and tow vehicles will be on the public roads near the stadium (see picture below of Beach Bum Stadium). You can park on the left and right sides of both Stadium Drive and Village Park Drive. The center of the road must remain open to traffic at all times, since they are public roads. And you must park your vehicles on the paved surface only. **Do not** pull onto the grass adjacent to the public roadway. There will be overflow parking available in a grassy area on the north side of the stadium at the north end of Stadium Drive.

A free shuttle bus will be available from the host hotel to the autocross site. Check the shuttle schedule for details. There are restrooms and a food concession available on site.



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 5 PM Tuesday, which is one day before the start of the autocross event. No class change requests are permitted after 5 PM Tuesday. 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.

Pre-grid, Final Safety Inspection, Grid and Driver's Meeting

Plan to arrive at the autocross site early enough to prepare your car for the event, get your car to pre-grid in time for final safety inspection, and the driver's meeting. All loose items must be removed from the interior of your car and you should have your helmet and your completed safety inspection form. Loaner helmets will be available. Please arrive at the pre-grid area approximately one hour before your group's run time, so you can get checked-in and your car can have a final safety inspection. 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 the pre-grid area. You must attend the driver's meeting in the pre-grid area which will begin 15 minutes before your run group's start time. Failure to get to pre-grid on-time or to attend the driver's meeting will result in disqualification from the event. After the driver's meeting, all cars will be moved to the grid area in preparation for your timed runs. There will be separate sections within the grid area for single driver cars and multi-driver cars.

Timed Runs

Each driver will get five (5) timed runs on the course. We are offering all drivers more than the traditional three runs at the Parade autocross. The first run is NOT a warm-up run. All runs will be timed and will count toward your fastest run. Each pylon knocked down or completely out of their chalked box will be scored as a 2 second penalty and all upright pylons on the course count for penalties including those after the finish line. Helper pylons which are not standing upright will not count as penalties.

Results

There will be a large electronic scoreboard that will display 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 cone penalty listed. Also, we hope to 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 last official timed run, you will be directed to the impound area where you will need to open your Porsche's compartments for inspection. Only personal items such as helmet, keys, and gloves may be removed at this time. Failure to report to the impound area immediately after your last run, or stay the required time, will result in disqualification. Impound affords you the opportunity to inspect your competitor's Porsche, and to verify that the official results are correct. The protest committee will be located in the impound area.

Showroom Stock Category Note

The Showroom Stock autocross classes 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 automobiles 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 automobile out of Showroom Stock. This includes R-rated tires even if they were on the automobile as delivered. Showroom Stock class tires must have a tread wear rating of 140 or greater. In addition, anything 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 automobile. It is the intent of the PCR Committee to keep these classes as originally intended. Please classify your automobile 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 automobile in the correct Production or higher category/class.