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## Oregon SCCA School 2012

If participation in the March Driver's School is in your plans, then congratulations! You have just started on a fabulous adventure that few have earned the privilege to take. You will make lifelong friends and tell stories you have never imagined possible. There is a little bit of business to take care of first, however...

Without putting too fine a point on it – when you arrive for an SCCA Driver's School, you must be prepared (car and driver) exactly as for any other SCCA race weekend. Luckily, you knew that day was coming, anyway...

We all had a beginning in this sport and you aren't expected to immediately know all that an experienced racer knows – but, when you arrive Thursday evening for Ground School, the bullet has left the gun (so to speak).

- So first, bring a “race” car that you believe is prepared to complete an entire SCCA race weekend.
- Second, bring everything that you think you *might* need for a complete race weekend (most people benefit from something easily disguised to be a pit crew).

To help you understand more specifically what the above means, I suggest you peruse the copy of “Go Ahead - Take the Wheel” that you will receive when you apply for your Novice Permit. Start with Chapters 1,3,4,5 and 6, if you are time crunched. If you want a head start on the topics that will arise regarding driving your car, read Speed Secrets Parts 1 and 2 (get that at Amazon).

Some good news - Oregon Region SCCA is fortunate to be the home of some exceptional racing, driving and teaching talent. And, we will be relying more on instructors with “professional” teaching experience than in the past – which also means a change in format. The new schedule allows for much more track time - this means the curriculum can focus a bit on developing driving skills. The main points here are that this is going to be even better than in the past, and that what anybody else has told you about what to expect might be tossed out the window...

Also different from a typical SCCA School - if you bring a car properly equipped to carry a passenger, we may be able to briefly put an instructor in the race car with you. Some people learn more quickly this way, and while many of us did just fine without a riding instructor, it can be helpful. Contact me ([speed@gorge.net](mailto:speed@gorge.net)) if you have questions about this.

If you haven't registered yet – do it now. If any of the above doesn't make sense to you, Contact Karen (503-224-9469, [office@oregonscca.com](mailto:office@oregonscca.com)) and she will make everything better!!! If we know you are coming, we can plan for it – and racing (as you will soon learn) is much about making and executing plans. Help us out by giving us a heads up.

In most cases, it is helpful (perhaps, necessary) to have documentation of your previous on-track experience if you desire to have it considered to streamline your permit / licensing process. And, this **must** be done **before** the school is completed. And, proof is more useful than simple documentation – photocopies of licenses, certificates, race results, etcetera all work great. Bring them to the track with you.

We are here to help you succeed – all you have to do is cooperate and everything will work out. I promise. That does not, however, mean that there won't be trick questions on the test... The old guys did it to us, so we have to do it to you – tradition, you know..?

- Complete your paperwork with SCCA (call Karen, 503-224-9469)
- Document your previous experience
- Read "Go Ahead - Take the Wheel"
- Bring a prepared "race" car
- Bring help to keep it running
- Ask for help when the process seems confusing (see Karen, above)

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