

TRACK TIME

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The KYPCA Fall Festival Driver Education event was run this past September 12-14. As usual, the event went off without a hitch, and thanks to sponsorship from Louisville's Blue Grass Motorsport we enjoyed a social atmosphere second-to-none in the DE community.



Catching-up on some early morning words of wisdom from the master

Friday, as history mandates, is the open-track “thank you” day for event instructors and select advanced drivers. This is a special opportunity as the track is ‘open’ the majority of the day from 9:00 am to track close.



All in attendance under the big top for the driver's meeting

Following Friday's open lapping, Blue Grass puts on a great dinner / meet-and-greet / tech inspection event at the host hotel. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, to acquaint students and instructors with one another, and to just relax in a great atmosphere with fellow drivers from all walks of life.



Your author preparing to hit the track

Saturday and Sunday are operated in typical DE fashion with the nearly 150 participants running in 5 run groups (from novice to instructor) in 25 minute intervals. These two days are busy and intense. Novices are consumed with learning, classroom sessions, and track time, while instructors have their run groups to manage along with running sessions with one or two students.



Lining up on grid – another beautiful track day ahead

The event coordinators (KYPKA and Blue Grass Motorsport) deserve a huge pat-on-the-back for flawlessly executing complex events. If you have ever considered taking part in a track event, the KYPKA DEs are some of the best run, managed, instructed, and catered events in the country. Additionally, Putnam Park is only about a three-hour drive from the center of our region, and if you would like to see a DE event before participating these are the ones. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me as many others have over the years.



Tearing up the track in a beautiful Porsche Cayman
Photo Courtesy of Perry Fortney

The following is a short-listing of a few up-and-coming track events. I'll try to keep folks posted on these through time. The priority of the events posted is based on attendance (or interest in attendance) of individuals in our region.



Winding-down in the Putnam garage facility

Select Upcoming Track Events:

Date:

Club:

Track:

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| 1) October 3-5 | Bluegrass Bimmers | Nat. Corvette Museum |
| 2) October 10-12 | 10/10ths | Nat. Corvette Museum |
| 3) October 24-26 | 10/10ths | Putnam Park |
| 4) October 25 – 26 | Peachstate PCA | Road Atlanta |

If you have interest in joining us at any upcoming event, or would like more information on PCA DE events and what is required to join-in, please feel free to contact me: brantdnystrom@gmail.com

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