# St. Charles Parade 2010 Michelin Autocross



# **Check-in & Safety Inspection**

You must go to Parade check-in no later than the day before the Autocross event starts (Tuesday) to sign the waiver and receive your car numbers. Also, your car must pass a safety inspection before the day you are scheduled to run the autocross. Please see the Parade schedule for check-in & safety inspection dates and times.

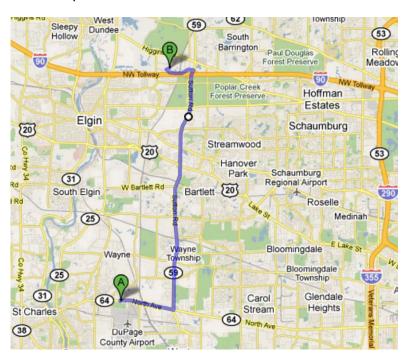
#### **Directions to the Autocross Site**

The autocross will take place at the Sears Centre Arena which is located less than 15 miles from the Pheasant Run Resort. The street address for the arena is:

Sears Centre Arena 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

Here is a map with a highlighted route and a set of turn-by-turn directions from the host hotel to the arena:

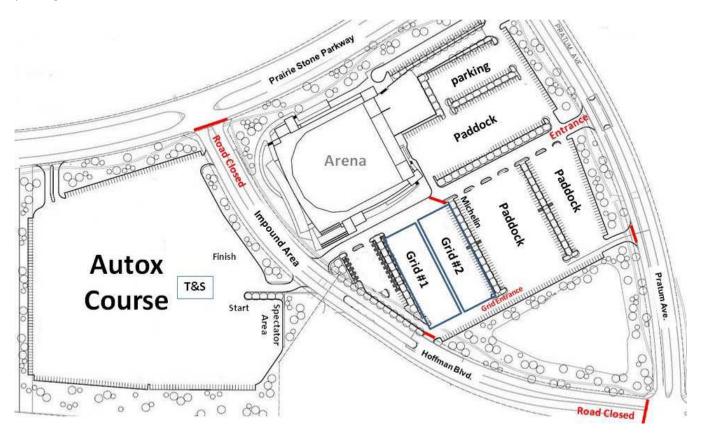
- Turn Right out of the Pheasant Run Resort onto Rt 64 (E. Main St/North Ave.) going East
- Travel 2.5 miles and turn left at a traffic light onto Rt. 59 (N. Neltnor Blvd.) going North
- Travel 11 miles and turn left onto Hoffman Blvd going East (just after crossing over I-90)
- 4. Travel approx 0.9 miles and turn right onto Pratum Ave. going North
- Travel 0.10 miles and turn left into the parking lot for the Sears Centre Arena



Please be aware there are stop light cameras mounted at some of the traffic intersections along this route.

## **Autocross Site Layout**

Here is a diagram of the autocross site at the Sears Centre Arena. Please note that a segment of Hoffman Blvd near the arena will be closed between Prairie Stone Parkway and Pratum Ave. Please enter and exit the arena parking lot from Pratum Ave.



#### **Chalk Talk and Course Walk**

There will be an autocross "Chalk Talk" on Sunday, July 4, from 5 to 6 pm at the Pheasant Run Resort in the Amphitheater. This talk is open to everyone but will be geared toward novice and intermediate drivers.

The autocross course will be open for walking at the arena on the following days & times:

Monday (July 5) 3 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday (July 6) 6 to 7:30 am & in the afternoon after timed runs are complete (approx 2 pm)

Wednesday (July 7) 6 am to 7:30 am

Note, there will be a novice course walk with an instructor at 4 pm on Monday, July 5. 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.

## Parking at the Arena, Shuttle Bus, Grandstands & Facilities

There is ample parking at the arena for tow rigs, trailers, support vehicles and spectator parking. Please use the paddock area to prepare your car before going to grid. For those workers and spectators not wishing to drive to the arena, shuttle bus service will be available to transport you from the host hotel to arena and back. Grandstands will be setup near the autocross course for spectator viewing. A food concession may be available at the site and numerous local businesses are within a mile or two of the arena to get food and supplies.

## **Changes to Car Class**

Changes to your car classification should be done at Parade check-in. Last minute car class changes must be done no later than Monday at 5 pm, which is one day before the start of the autocross event. No class change requests are permitted after Monday at 5 pm. Any entrant is encouraged to bring classification issues to the attention of the Autox 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.

## **Tentative Run Group Schedule**

#### Tuesday (July 6) - Classes S01 thru S12 and P01 thru P04

Group #1: S01, S02 & S03	Grid #1 Opens: 7 am	Run Time: 8 am
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Group #2: S04, S05, S06, S07 & S08 Grid #2 Opens: 9 am Run Time: 10 am

Group #3: S09, S10, S11, S12, P01, P02, P03 & P04 Grid #1 Opens: 11 am Run Time: 12 pm

#### Wednesday (July 7) - Classes P05 thru P16 and All Improved and Modified classes

Group #4: P05, P06, P07 & P08 Grid #1 Opens: 7 am Run Time: 8 am

Group #5: P09, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15 & P16 Grid #2 Opens: 9 am Run Time: 10 am

Group #6: All Improved & Modified Classes Grid #1 Opens: 11 am Run Time: 12 pm

A final run group schedule will be provided to you at Parade check-in.

#### Final Safety Inspection, Grid and Driver's Meeting

You should get to the autocross site early enough to prepare your car for the event and to get your car to grid in time for final safety inspection and the driver's meeting. It is recommended that you leave all non-essential personal items back at your hotel since there will be no additional security at the autocross site in the paddock area. 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 your specified 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 grid is 20 minutes before your run group's start time. The final safety inspection will be done on your car while in the grid area. There will be separate sections within the grid area for single driver cars and multi-driver cars. You must attend the driver's meeting in the grid area which will begin 15 minutes before your run group's start time. Failure to get to grid on-time or to attend the driver's meeting will result in disqualification from the event.

#### **Timed Runs**

Each driver will get <u>five</u> (5) timed runs on the course. Yes, that's right! We are trying to offer all drivers more than three runs at the autocross this year. The first run is NOT a warm-up run. All runs will be timed and will count toward your fastest run. Regardless of the size of the run group, no car will be allowed back on course without an approximate minimum of a five (5) minute cool down between laps.

#### **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. In addition, we plan to have an FM transmitter connected to our PA system so you will be able to hear the announcer over your in-car's stereo system while in the grid area. Lastly, 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. However, anything beyond this, especially anything that could be reasonably perceived as being performance affecting is not allowed in the Showroom Stock category. This includes R-rated tired even if they were on the automobile as delivered. Showroom Stock class tires must have a tread wear rating of 140 or greater. 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.