

# Savannah Parade 2011

## Michelin Autocross



### Check-in & Safety Inspection

You must go to Parade check-in no later than the day before the Autocross event starts 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. See the Parade schedule for check-in times. Here are the safety inspection dates and times:

Sunday, July 31	1:00 -- 5:00 PM
Tuesday, August 2	1:00 -- 4:00 PM
Wednesday, August 3	1:00 -- 4:00 PM

### The Autocross Site

The autocross will take place in the paddock area of the Hutchinson Island road course which is located less than 0.8 miles (walking distance) from the Westin Hotel (host hotel).



## Autocross Site Layout and Directions



The directions to the site are very simple. However, the entrant parking area and the volunteer/spectator parking areas are separate and require a slightly different path to follow.

For autocross entrants:

1. Turn right out of the Westin Hotel onto Grand Prize of America Ave. going east
2. Continue straight for 0.25 miles to enter the paddock parking area for entrants. Please park on the right side of the road and leave the left side open for traffic to pass.

For autocross volunteers & spectators:

1. Turn right out of the Westin Hotel onto Grand Prize of America Ave. going east.
2. Go 0.1 miles and take your second available left turn.
3. Go 0.1 miles & take your first right turn and continue 0.2 miles to the volunteer & spectator parking.

Here is a detailed diagram of the autocross site:



## Chalk Talk and Course Walk

There will be an autocross “Chalk Talk” on Monday, August 1, from 5 to 6 pm at the convention center in the Oglethorpe auditorium. This talk is open to everyone but will be geared toward novice / intermediate drivers.

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

Tuesday (August 2) 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Wednesday (August 3) 6:30 to 7:30 am & after timed runs are complete (approx 2 pm)

Thursday (August 4) 6:30 to 7:30 am

Note there will be a novice course walk with an instructor at 4 pm on Tuesday, August 2. 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 site, Hotel Shuttle, Grandstands & Facilities

There is limited parking at the site for tow rigs, trailers, and support vehicles. Please when possible leave your trailer and other support vehicles at the hotel, convention center or trailer parking lot. Workers and spectators have the option to drive to site, take a shuttle bus from the convention center or walk to the autox site. If you drive there, please use the volunteer and spectator parking area which is separate from the entrant paddock area. Grandstands will be setup near the autocross course for spectator viewing. Restroom facilities will be available at the site. A food concession may be available at the site.

## Tentative Run Group Schedule

### Wednesday (August 3) - Classes S01 thru S12 and P01 thru P02

Group #1: S01, S02 & S03	Pre-Grid Opens: 7 am	Run Time: 8 am
Group #2: S04, S05, & S06,	Pre-Grid Opens: 9 am	Run Time: 10 am
Group #3: S07, S08, S09, S10, S11, S12, P01 & P02	Pre-Grid Opens: 11 am	Run Time: 12 pm

### Thursday (August 4) - Classes P03 thru P16 and All Improved and Modified classes

Group #4: P03, P04, P05, P06, P07 & P08	Pre-Grid Opens: 7 am	Run Time: 8 am
Group #5: P09, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15 & P16	Pre-Grid Opens: 9 am	Run Time: 10 am
Group #6: All Improved & Modified Classes	Pre-Grid Opens: 11 am	Run Time: 12 pm

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

## **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 Tuesday at 5 pm, which is one day before the start of the autocross event. No class change requests are permitted after Tuesday at 5 pm. Any entrant is 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**

You should get to the autocross site early enough to prepare your car for the event and to get your car to pre-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 and space is limited. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.