

# Second Strike and Olthoff Racing Spring Invitational Track Event 2003

Virginia International Raceway  
Saturday and Sunday - May 17 and 18, 2003

## Final Letter - Read ASAP (Not when you arrive - NOW!)

### Schedule

Friday	5:00-7:00 pm	Check-in and tech at Holiday Inn and welcome gathering.
Saturday	7:00 am	VIR Gates Open
	7:30 – 8:30	Check-in and tech at VIR
	8:30-10:00	Mandatory driver meeting and instruction
	10:00-12:00	Track time
	12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
Sunday	1:00-5:00	Track time
	7:00 am	Gates Open
	8:30-9:00	Mandatory drivers meeting
	9:00-11:00	Track time
	11:00-12:00	Lunch
	12:00-5:00 pm	Track time

If at all possible, please plan on arriving Friday night for check-in and tech at the Holiday Inn. We need at least 75% of the participants to check-in and tech on Friday in order to stay on schedule Saturday morning. At check-in, be sure that everyone going to the track signs the waiver and gets the waiver wristband. If everyone in your car has the waiver wristband, just show the wristbands to the guard at the VIR gate when you arrive Saturday morning and you will not have to sign the waiver at the gate.

If you want, you can park your trailer in the South Course paddock Friday evening between 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

We run rain or shine. It has rained at some point every time we have been to VIR. But it has not kept anyone from getting in serious track time. So do not stay home because of a few clouds.

The event will be smaller than past VIR events. At our last VIR event in the Spring of 2002, we had 92 cars registered. This time we will have around 60. The good news is that everyone will have a lot more opportunity for the good stuff – track time, autocross, and instruction. But we have had to make a few changes to cover expenses.

- ?? We will still be gathering around the pool at the Holiday Inn on Friday evening, but we will not be providing the lavish morsels that Alison Olthoff and Pat Stenhouse are justly famous for. Its pizza, beer, and soft drinks this time.
- ?? The event shirts will be short sleeve. A number of veterans with a drawer full of long sleeve shirts have asked for short sleeve event shirts for summer wear. So we obliged. Be sure to bring a long sleeve shirt for the track.
- ?? We will not be providing numbers. The numbers have never accomplished what we intended, so we are dropping them. If you have numbers of your own, be sure to bring them.

Be sure that you comply with the tech inspection items, particularly the following, before you arrive. Resolution once

you are at VIR may not be possible. This is for your info. The “Tech Inspection Form – VIR Spring 2003” is the final authority on tech requirements.

For you to drive on the South Course.

- ?? Roll bar: The roll bar must pass the “broomstick test”. As an approximation, a broomstick passed over roll bar and the windshield must clear the driver’s helmet while the driver is sitting upright in the seat. Given variations in windshield height, the definitive test is for a level (horizontal) broomstick passed over roll bar to clear the driver’s helmet.
- ?? Helmet: Must meet Snell 95 or Snell 2000. Must be SA rated. M rated helmets are for “Street Use Only” and are so noted in the catalogs.
- ?? Seat belts: Must be 5-point.

For you or instructor to drive Figure-8 and Autocross:

- ?? Roll bars are not required.
- ?? Helmets are not required, but recommended.
- ?? Lap belts are required.

For instruction on the South Course:

- ?? The instructor will be driving your car and instructing.
- ?? Speeds will be limited by the instructor to “highway speeds”.
- ?? Instructor (driver’s side) will meet roll bar and 5-point belt requirements.
- ?? Student (passenger’s side) must have lap belts.
- ?? Both driver and passenger must have helmets.

For you to drive with passengers on the South Course:

- ?? Passengers have the same roll bar, helmet, and 5-point belt requirements as driver.
- ?? Passengers require permission of the events sponsors. See Dennis or Bob Olthoff or Mike Stenhouse at event.

Do not forget that both Superformance and Dream Car Garage (Speed Channel) will be filming this event. So make sure your car looks good and wear your best racing attire. Wear your event shirts when you are wandering aimlessly in the pits waiting for your turn on the track. We definitely want to look our best here!

Be there ready to have the most fun you can have with your clothes on!!!!

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