

MG 2010 TRACK DAY Friday June 25, 2010



Shannonville Motorsport Park Long Track

Close your eyes for a moment. Think about the acceleration into a right-hand curve. You are going fast, maybe a little too fast, but you trust the weight shift. The left rear compresses, the right front raises, you have a strong URGE to lift but you KNOW the B will respond so you push the gas, turn the wheel ever so slightly right and she screams through the turn like she's stuck to the road on a pair of rails. THAT folks is an MGB Experience.

IT has nothing to do with speeding over the limit; it has nothing to do with accelerating through a ¼ mile strip as fast as possible; it has nothing to do with drifting the car around a right-hand corner with the wheels turned to the left. It has everything to do with negotiating the turn as close the limit between pushing the front wheels off the track and losing the rear wheels into a skid. The sweet spot is magic if you are a racer because it maximizes momentum through the turn and minimizes deceleration. You want NO skid, NO slide and NO scrub, similar to a skier carving through a downhill Giant Slalom; the objective is to keep the car in control and safely through all the turns.

When we find twisties [like the Tail of the Dragon with 318 curves in 11 miles] we all like to experience the thrill of controlling our cars through the sweet spots. But on public roads there is a potential problem of other cars coming towards you. At Shannonville you will not have to worry about that.

Track day is designed to be a fun experience where you will learn how to handle your car better through twisties in a safe, controlled way. Track day registrants will have two sessions. In the morning you will take to the track with an instructor in the passenger seat. Experienced volunteers from the St. Lawrence Automobile Club will show you the line, how to best handle the curves and help you to gain confidence while improving control. Participation in this session is mandatory to get your 'wrist band' for the afternoon solo session. The afternoon session is a Speed Consistency Test where you will get to practise what you learned in a solo run consisting of one warm-up lap, two timed consistency laps and one cool-down lap.

Let's review what this is and what this is not. Safety is our main consideration. Let's face facts... you need to drive your car home at the end of the event and we do not want you to break anything, including yourself.

Shannonville is a flat track with generous run-offs, no walls except in the pit area and has hosted MANY Vintage car races. The St. Lawrence Automobile Club will be assisting us [and will be given some track time between our sessions in return for their help].

- 🚗 It is NOT a race.
- 🚗 Passing is NOT allowed [or allowed only under certain criteria to be well explained].
- 🚗 You are NOT insured if you wreck your car, hurt yourself or someone else.
- 🚗 You must be a licensed driver and will be required to sign a waiver.
- 🚗 No cars other than MG's will be permitted on the track.
- 🚗 If possible, cars will be grouped based on their engine size to avoid having 1600, 1800, V6 and V8 variants on the track at the same time.
- 🚗 There may be marshals on some corners. If you are black flagged you are off the track with no refund.
- 🚗 It is a driving skills / learning opportunity.
- 🚗 It is a time for some fun.
- 🚗 It is a time to experience what it might be like to race, without racing.
- 🚗 You must wear a helmet – bring your own if you have one.
[Driving/Motorcycle/Snowmobile ok – hockey, bicycle, skiing helmets are not ok].
- 🚗 We have 80 pre-registration spots available for this event. First come, first served.
- 🚗 You must be a fully registered participant at MG 2010 in order to register for Track Day. No 'track day only' registrations will be permitted.
- 🚗 Pre-registration is mandatory – no registrations will be accepted on Track Day.
- 🚗 Pre-Inspection on Thursday afternoon June 24 or Friday morning June 25 is mandatory. You will submit a signed mechanical preparation inspection. Organizers will spot check the cars. If your car fails inspection you will need to rectify it or park it. No refund will be given.
- 🚗 Your cabin and trunk must be completely empty of anything that is not bolted down or strapped in. There will be a place for you to empty the contents of your car during the two driving sessions.
- 🚗 There will be professional emergency crews at the track all day.

The Track Day page at www.mg2010.com will contain further details of the event, how it will operate, what you need to do to the car to pass inspection and further rules which are designed to provide everyone with a safe, enjoyable experience.

General MG 2010 reminders: Americans need passports. Only hands-free devices are permitted for driver's use in Ontario. [CB Radios, GPS's and cell phones must be hands-free]. Don't forget there are Photo, Model & Craft Contests and Valve Cover Races. Bring your submissions to Belleville.

Safety Fast. Peter Mittler, MG 2010 Vice Chair.