



# Thunderhill

## BMW CCA Club Racing School August 9 & 10, 2008



### **Important Event Details:**

- **Eligibility for this event is at the discretion of the GGC BMW CCA Chief Instructors.** At a minimum, you should be an A or B level (advanced) driver. Please see below for additional eligibility requirements.
- **No race car or race safety equipment is required.** Your car must pass the normal driving school tech inspection and you must have a Snell SA2000/M2000 or newer helmet.
- Price is \$499 for BMW CCA members and \$539 for non-members (includes a non-refundable 1-year BMW CCA membership)
- Optional \$28 dinner ticket for the Saturday night BBQ banquet
- Online application and payment due by 8/2/08
- Cancellations assessed a \$50 fee before 7/19/08. No refunds issued after 7/19/08
- Racing School students may not participate in the Thunderhill Driving School running at the same facility on the same weekend due to the rigorous nature of the program.

### **Track Location**

Thunderhill Raceway is located 7 miles west of I-5 on Highway 162 in lovely Willows, CA.

### **Take It To The Next Level**

Are you an experienced track enthusiast? Someone who's enjoyed the A or B groups at BMW CCA schools or the equivalent in other programs? Are you ready to take your driving to the next level?

The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School is specifically designed to transition the intermediate-to-advanced high-performance driving school driver from high performance driving to club level racing by introducing traffic, passing, and the driving lines that they won't see in the typical high performance driving school. Even if you don't plan to race competitively, think of this as the Masters Program for track enthusiasts. You'll have a blast and come away a faster, safer, *better* driver.

Raise your game with us at  
Thunderhill!

- *Peter Vinsel & Billy Maher,*  
*Chief Driving Instructors*

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## Track School Schedule

In an effort to maximize the amount of track time for students, GGC driving schools run on a very tight schedule. A detailed schedule will be provided to you at registration.

The Bimmerworld BMW CCA Club Racing School program is rigorous - you can expect 4 full track sessions along with four hour-long classroom sessions each day.

## Club Racing School Overview

The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School is specifically designed to transition the intermediate-to-advanced high-performance driving school driver from high performance driving to club level racing. Students are introduced to traffic, passing, and driving lines that they won't get in the typical high performance driving school. The racing school goes beyond a high performance driving school in the areas of driver development and track experience.

Like driving schools, safety is the first priority. The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School is similar to a high performance driving school with a two-day event. You drive your own car and track sessions are alternated with classroom sessions. However, while the instructors are ever vigilant, they don't ride in the car with you, but make observations from key points around the track making their observations in the extensive classroom sessions which typically run three to four hours per day. The on-track exercises and lessons go far beyond anything you've experienced at a high performance driving school. The training includes vehicle preparation, driver development, rolling starts, restarts, passing, on-track space management and driving lines that don't resemble that perfect driving school line. After each on-track session, the instructors and students review what transpired on the track. Sharing problems, making observations and reviewing mistakes as a group allows for different perspectives and enhances the learning environment. A considerable amount of effort is aimed at the mental aspects of racing and not just the mechanics of moving the car around the pavement.

The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School isn't just for the driver who thinks he is ready to hit the club racing circuit. It allows those drivers who want to advance their skill level beyond the driving school level, or those who are simply curious to learn about what's involved in being a racecar driver, an opportunity to do so in a safe, controlled environment without making the full investment in racing safety equipment. The school teaches skills for an environment where the driving conditions are very different from the usual driving school situations. The school teaches you how to cope with congestion and traffic considerations unseen in driving school and how to drive your car on less than that "perfect" driving school line. The school develops situational awareness judgement skills in dealing with what the cars around you may be about to do.

Unlike the large variety of professional race schools, the BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School offers the opportunity to drive your own car. The experience is less expensive and more relevant to your actual driving situation. The school is designed as a learning experience and not a speed contest. The emphasis is on driver development, so race-prepared cars are not required and neither are driving suits, racing seats or harnesses. Only a driving school level helmet is required and a desire to learn.

Students at the school are observed on the track and monitored in the classroom for skill and awareness. Attitude plays a significant role in determining who graduates. Graduation from the BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing school does not automatically qualify you for a BMW CCA Club Racing license, but if you meet the experience and other requirements you will be eligible for a rookie license and the opportunity to join the ranks of BMW CCA Club Racing which many consider to have the finest club racing level drivers in North America.

## Event Headquarters Hotel

Baymont Inn & Suites, 199 N. Humboldt Ave, Willows, CA 530-934-9700 (next door to the Best Western Golden Pheasant).

## Saturday And Sunday Track Schedule

The drivers' meeting in the paddock at 8:00 a.m. is mandatory for all students. Failure to attend this meeting is a fantastic way to lose track time! The rest of the schedule is as follows:

Time	Activity
6:30am	Track gates open
7:00am	Registration opens
8:00am	Racing School Drivers Meeting - <b>mandatory</b>
9:00am	Track is open
5:00pm	Track is closed

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## Saturday Night Banquet

BBQ banquet on the grass next door at the Best Western Golden Pheasant.

6:00 p.m. Social (hotel lobby)

7:00 p.m. Dinner (parking lot)

If you choose to sign up for dinner, please pay the \$28 dinner fee when registering online. Guest banquet tickets are available.

## Getting More Information

Your primary source of information for these events is the Golden Gate Chapter web site:

<http://www.ggcbmwcca.org>

Please download the Event Preparation document and read it prior to arriving at the school! It includes information about car and safety requirements.

The discussion forums in the "Communications" section of the chapter web site are an excellent place to ask questions about the format of these events and to get advice from previous participants as well as chapter officials and instructors.

If you have questions after reading the application and web site, please contact us ASAP! Questions can be directed to the GGC Driving School Team at [trackschools@ggcbmwcca.org](mailto:trackschools@ggcbmwcca.org) at any time.

## Convertibles

**Convertibles and T-top cars must have 5-point/6-point belts and arm restraints, as well as an approved roll cage installed.** Factory "rollover protection" for a soft top (i.e. BMW Z3 and Z4, Porsche Boxster) is not sufficient for the school. Convertibles with hard tops, including folding hard tops, are NOT ALLOWED. Examples of cars NOT ALLOWED include: Firebirds and Camaros with T-tops or convertibles; any Corvette other than the Z06 coupe; Porsche convertibles and Targas, and BMW folding hardtop convertibles. The Lotus Elise, while a targa-style car, IS ALLOWED due to its structural design provided that the hard roof panel is in place (the soft roof panel is not sufficient). **It is essential that you email Mark Dadgar ([trackschools@ggcbmwcca.org](mailto:trackschools@ggcbmwcca.org)) to discuss these issues well in advance if you plan to bring a convertible or T-top car.**

Vehicles with high centers of gravity such as pickups and SUVs are not allowed in the Club Racing School.

# Event Sign-Up Procedures

## Eligibility: Previous Experience Required

A minimum of 10 driving school days within the preceding twenty four (24) month period as well as experience in the A or B group at a BMW CCA Driving School (or equivalent) is required. All participants are subject to the approval of the GGC Chief Instructors. Your registration will be waitlisted until it has been approved by the Chiefs. Please make sure that your driving experience is up-to-date in your MotorsportReg.com user profile.

The Chief Instructors may contact you for further information.

## The Enrollment Process

Please see [www.ggcbmwcca.org](http://www.ggcbmwcca.org) for information about online registration and payment. Please download the event documents from the GGC Web Site, including the Tech Form. Your car must be tech'd by a professional mechanic - self-techs are not allowed.

Credit card and electronic check payment are available for online applications. Payment at the time of registration is required and your application is not complete until payment has been made.

Your enrollment status will be available online at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) on your personal account Dashboard. You will be waitlisted until your application has been reviewed and approved. Please check your status at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) before contacting us to ask if you are "IN," or if we have received your application and payment.

All cancellations from "Confirmed" status are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. The balance of the enrollment fee will be refunded by check for cancellations made prior to the cancellation deadline. NO REFUNDS will be issued after the cancellation deadline. No payment is collected for waitlisted registrations and it is your responsibility to pay online at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) if you make it off the waitlist.

No enrollment fees will be refunded for registrants who are not present at the school or who have mechanical difficulties at the event.

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### **A Word About Volunteers**

Numerous volunteers devote their spare time to make this a safe and successful learning experience for you. No staff person or instructor is paid for his/her participation. Staffers and instructors volunteer their time because of their love of the sport and their desire to help club members - you - maximize the joys of the ultimate driving experience. If you have a particularly good experience with an instructor or staffer, please remember to thank them.