



The New 10/10ths Motorsports Track Car

Ah yes, this is going to be a blast to put on the track !!!!! OR IS IT? You might have just believed this if you are one that does not pay attention to detail. Take a closer look at the caption. So now you are asking, just what in the world does this have to do with attending an HPDE? **A LOT !!!**

This sport absolutely *demands* that you pay attention to detail including each and every aspect of it. The old saying "Assumptions Can Be Deadly" absolutely applies to Motorsports. Some of this may seem basic to some of our drivers, but no one should go out on the track without first checking everything!!! If nothing else, this will be a good reminder.

Lets start with the car first.

- **Brakes**
 - You must physically check the brake pads prior to the start of the day. How much is left, is there any sign of damage?
 - Have you recently bled the brake fluid?
 - Do you have the right fluid for your level of driving?
 - Are the rotors in good shape and free of cracks. Anything other than very small spider cracks that do not reach the outside of the rotor are unacceptable. Running with cracked rotors puts you AND the other drivers at risk.
 - Do your brake lights work?
- **Tires / Wheels**
 - Did you actually check the cold temperature tire pressure before your first session?
 - Have you given them a good inspection to check for cuts, chording etc.?
 - Are all lug nuts properly torqued to manufacturer's specifications?
 - Wheel center hubs removed.
 - No play in wheel bearings.
- **Engine Compartment**
 - Is everything secure and all caps tight?
 - Is the engine compartment free of leaks
 - Are all fluids at the proper level?
 - Are all belts free from damage?
- **Steering**
 - Is the steering tight and free from play?
- **Interior**
 - Are all objects either properly secured and/or removed from the car?
 - Even a wrench left inside could become a deadly object.
 - Are seat belts and/or harnesses in good condition?



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These are just the basic things you should be religiously inspecting prior to each and every event. Making assumptions or not being diligent about this could put you and/or other drivers in serious jeopardy. Develop a checklist for yourself and use it as if your life depended on it. It Does !!!!!!!!

10/10ths Motorsports is pleased to announce our Strategic Partnership with JR Mechanical Services. Check our website for details.

Make sure to check out the 10/10ths Car at the next event. You will see the quality work done by JR Mechanical.





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Secondly, let's discuss the Driver.

You will quickly find that this is a very demanding sport, both physically and mentally. You should be well rested, well hydrated and free of distractions. If you get the "Red Eye" (simply tired out) in the afternoon, take a break, sit a session out and decide if you can even go out again. Remember, it is better to miss the last session of the day if you experience Red Eye, and live to drive another day.

Sportsmanship

So you are following that guy who just will not give you a point bye. What should you do? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Perform a Police type Pit Manuever via a slight tap to his rear quarter panel while in a turn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Just take the pass, deep in the corner anyway.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flash your headlights and lay on the horn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glue your front bumper to his rear bumper.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Throw your beer bottle out the window to get his attention.

I have to say that this sport brings out the best folks going but there are occasionally situations where drivers get a little miffed at each other and it seems to usually center around passing situations.

Before you get out of whack about a situation like this, remember:

- It may not be intentional. It may be that the driver is not as experienced as others on the track and is simply in a situation he is not proficient at yet. (The event organizer should be aware of this and make the appropriate move to a less experienced group)
- Mistakes are made and this could be one of them; again, not intentional.
- And of course, it could be that the driver simply has his head up his ass and is not paying attention or is too proud to give a point bye. (I do believe there are a couple of em out there)
- Pushing that guy will only make him nervous if he is less experienced making the situation worse.
- Pushing that guy puts both of you in a situation where you no longer have a margin for error, Not Good.



"That" guy

I can't speak for other event promotors but I can tell you this:

- 10/10ths Motorsports DEMANDS a very high level of driver sportsmanship. Any of you that have attended our drivers meetings have heard this and guess what, it works very well.
- We will be paying close attention to each session and monitor how things are going.
- We won't hesitate to bring somebody in to the hot pit to discuss any issues or problems.
- We hope you will come to us with any issues that need to be addressed.

Also remember that when we have 60 – 100 cars at an event, things can happen that affect the schedule such as a serious off etc. that requires the track to be shut down. This is simply the nature of the sport and if you attend enough of these events, you will at some point miss a session etc. because of it. Sit back and enjoy the time in the paddock, taking time to meet and talk to others around you. You will find that this will be time well spent.



Danny and Bill's Car on display at the 2009 Cincy Auto Show

The "OFFICIAL" Brake Pad of 10/10ths Motorsports



See past issues of our Newsletter at: <http://www.1010thsmotorsports.com/Newsletters.html>



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2009 Schedule Update

As most of you know, the 4-13-09 event at Bluegrass Motorsports Park had to be cancelled due to the track not being fully ready yet. I felt it was best to do this in the interest of safety and all our drivers. At this time, the 5-2-09 event is scheduled to take place however there may not be electrical hookups etc. yet available. The track has been working hard and after visiting last month to walk and drive the course, it will certainly be worth the wait.

I have started the process of putting together our 2010 schedule and hope to add the following tracks to our venues:

- Road America
- VIR
- Mid Ohio

Bluegrass Motorsports Park will continue to be our home track with many events there again in 2010 but I will be branching out to other tracks.

Some things we have in store for you in 2009:

- **Safety Competitions in the Paddock Area**
 - Getting out of your car with the doors closed, quickly!!!!!!
 - Others as we put them together
- **Deronda Sports/Track Cars on display**
 - Various Cars on Display and possibly a sign up to drive them on the track for a lap or two

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<http://www.derondausa.com/index.html>

- **JR Mechanical Tech Sessions**
 - Joe Rook from JR Mechanical will be at some of our events to showcase the work he has done on the 10/10ths Motorsports Corvette and to answer any questions you might have about having a full race cage installed in your car.



<http://www.jr-mechanical-services.citymax.com/index.html>

- **US Race Gear**
 - We will have Craig from US Race Gear with a wide variety of Safety Equipment on display and for sale.

<http://www.usracegear.com/>

- **The Performance Racing Group**
 - We will have Greg from The Performance Racing Group at various events to put on technical sessions as well as performance racing equipment displays.

<http://www.performanceracingonline.com/>

Sat. 5-2-09 @ Bluegrass

Mon. 5-11-09 @ Bluegrass

Sat. 6-6-09 @ Putnam

Fri. 6-19-09 @ Bluegrass

Mon. 7-6-09 @ Bluegrass

Sat/Sun 7-18/19-09 @

Bluegrass

Sat/Sun 8-8/9-09 @ Bluegrass

Sat/Sun 8-29/30-09 @ Putnam

Mon. 9-14-09 @ Bluegrass

Thur. 10-8-09 @ Bluegrass

Sat/Sun 10-17/18-09 @ Putnam

Mon. 10-26-09 @ Putnam

Sun. 11-1-09 @ Putnam