



BMW CCA CLUB RACING SCHOOLS An Introduction to FUN!

The 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 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 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 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 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.

We welcome your participation! Contact Scott Hughes at shughesbmw@aol.com for further information. See YOU at the track soon!