

SCCA-Flagger

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WELCOME TO THE 2012 ROAD RACING SEASON

A New Race at a New Track !

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I had hoped this newsletter would introduce a new spring event at a new venue. That's still the case but the schedule has changed.

The Ridge Motorsports Park decided to cancel the event in April due to safety issues. The record March rains have left the track shoulders too soft for high speed "offs".

Instead, the first event of the season will be our usual three day *Memorial Day Double National* weekend at **Pacific Raceways** (<http://pacificraceways.com>)

We finally get to use **The Ridge Motorsports Park** (<http://www.ridgemotorsportspark.com>) in July. The extra time should allow the owner to address several safety issues and make a great new track even better.

As you can see from the number of turns, we'll need plenty of flaggers.

Both events will include a vintage grid

2012 SCHEDULE

MAY 26, 27&28:

PACIFIC RACEWAYS.

JULY 28 & 29:

THE RIDGE MOTORSPORTS PARK

NOVEMBER 18:

FORMULA ONE (REALLY!) AT CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS

THE RIDGE MOTORSPORTS PARK

1060 W. Eells Hill Road NE

Shelton, WA 98584

About the Track

The track was developed and owned by racers/private investors. The track is 2.47 miles long, 40 ft. wide with smooth concrete corner curbing. The front straight is ½ mile long. The 13–14–15 complex is tight and twisting, descending steeply downhill. There are plans for a dragstrip and even a hotel.

Getting There

I've confirmed it takes about 2 hours to get there from Seattle. MapQuest is accurate.

From **I-5**, take **US 101** West from Olympia. Stay on **US 101** north toward Shelton. Keep to the left lane where Hwy 3 cuts off. Turn left at **US 102** and go a few miles and then turn right at **Eells Hill Road**. You will soon see the track on the right.

Hotels are available in Shelton and Olympia but reserve early if you want to stay at the casino.

At The Track

We will be allowed to have cars on track at 8:30 so plan to be at the track and registered by 7:30 for the morning meeting. We don't have a designated area for the meeting but we will be easy to find.

The Lion's Club will be providing lunches.

There is plenty of RV and car parking but no



The Track

Turn Numbering is Preliminary

Turns 1, 4, 5, 5b, 6, 7, 8b, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 16

It is my hope that we will have personnel to staff all these stations. Station locations may not be on the same side as shown. Light gray track is "future".

Turn 5b & 8b

The 5b station isn't shown on driver's right. 8b is still in planning/construction.

Special Stations

Turn 6

This station will call last car through during pace laps.

Turn 10

This will be the black flag station.

Turn 13

This station will call cars for black flag and the leader last lap (and perhaps cars entering the pits and/or paddock.)

Turn 16 (Pit in)

This station will call cars for black flag and the leader last lap as well as cars entering the pits and/or paddock.

Notes

Most stations will have parking available, assuming things dry out. The entire area is rocky dirt without any grass at this time.

Stations are elevated and covered. Bring your own seating.

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running water or electricity as of April. You better like dirt if you plan to tent.

New To Flagging?

Go to <http://www.nwr-scca.org/race/> and scroll down to **Flaggers' Newsletters**. These cover flags, hand-signals and more. Let me know if you are interested in attending a Flaggers training class. Call the **SCCA** at 800-770-2055 and ask for a Regional F & C license if your membership card doesn't list it already.

You can e-mail me at SilverSableDiner@aol.com with questions.

CANADIANS – META

I would like to invite all Canadian Volunteers to join us for these two events. Be assured that you will not be displacing any paid workers: All corner personnel are un-paid volunteers like you.

FORMULA ONE

The Formula One is soliciting interested SCCA Flaggers and Communicators to submit an application. Go to <http://www.scca.com> to apply on-line. It appears that a National level license is required (see why I've been asking you to get a F & C license and upgrade it?). The dead line for application is April 25th.