



MFD Driving Experience

Grattan 2023 Event Info Packet

MFD Classic Motors welcomes you to our 2023 Drivers' School at Grattan Raceway – our 31st running of this annual event! In the following pages you should find the information needed to prepare for participation in the event. If you have any questions that are not answered in this package, contact/text Mike Fisher (231) 883-2727, Geoff Harris (231) 620-3922, Dave Denison (231) 590-2022 or email Mike@MFDClassicmotors.com

In this packet you will find:

- Tentative Schedule for Advance Drivers' Day and Drivers' School (final schedule provided at registration)
- Track info, Event Rules and Tips on vehicle preparation
- Tech Inspection Form
- Suggestions on what to take to the track
- Track map
- Maps to location of event registration and tech inspection, event hotel, and track
- Information on event hotel – AmericInn Greenville, Michigan Call direct 616 754-4500
- We have a room block until March 21st, 2023. Mention MFD Driving Experience when reserving. Limited availability/Book early!

Advanced Drivers' Day Schedule

Friday, April 28th 2023

7:30 AM	Track opens, Registration, Tech, Car Prep
8:30 AM	MANDATORY Drivers' Meeting (at Track) Review COVID-19 requirements and protocols
9:00- 9:25	Group 1 – First Session warm it up / shake off the dust / check your car out
9:30-9:55 AM	Group 2 - Same as above
10– 11:30 AM	Group 1 Lapping 25 minute sessions beginning at the TOP of the hour
10:30- 12 noon	Group 2 Lapping 25 minute sessions beginning at the BOTTOM of the hour
12 noon – 1 PM	Lunch Break Brief review of morning sessions & expectations for Saturday and Sunday
1:00 – 4:30 PM	Group 1 Lapping 25 minute sessions beginning at the TOP of the hour
1:30 – 5:00 PM	Group 2 Lapping 25 minute sessions beginning at the BOTTOM of the hour
5:00PM	Track closes, clean up, Registration and Tech at AmericInn Greenville

General Drivers' School Schedule

Friday Evening, April 28th 2023	
5:00 – 8:00 PM	Registration and Tech Inspection at AmericInn Greenville
Saturday, April 29th 2023	
7:00 AM	Depart AmericInn (request an escort or follow someone if needed)
7:30 – 7:50 AM	Car Preparation at Track / Registration & Tech
7:50 – 8:15 AM	MANDATORY Drivers' Meeting (at Track)
8:15 – 9:05 AM	Classroom, Novice Students
8:15 – 9:50 AM	Instructors: Prepare, set up and help with on track Exercises
9:05 – 9:50 AM	Novice/Intermediate Exercises on the track: Threshold Braking and Slalom
10:00 – 12:00 noon	Run Groups on track / Novice Students in classroom
Noon- 12:40 PM	Lunch Break
12:40 – 5:20 PM	Lapping Sessions- see your schedule
6:30 PM	Banquet at Flo's in downtown Greenville
Sunday, April 30th 2023	
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Car Preparation at Track
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Drivers' Meeting (all participants)
9:00 – 4:30 PM	Lapping Sessions then clean up - see your schedule

2023 Track Info and Event Rules

- Participants must have a completed and signed tech sheet prior to presenting themselves at the registration desk to obtain their driving credentials, group assignments and car #s. Instructors are expected to self tech their own vehicle and assist when needed during this process.
- All drivers are required to have a SA2010 or newer helmet to participate. A limited # of rental helmets are available through MFD. Please inquire before arriving at the event if you have questions.
- You must sign a waiver at registration and upon entering the track facility. The track owners also charge \$10 (cash) per person for weekend access.
- Driver's meetings are **mandatory** for all drivers.
- Classroom and in-car exercises are **mandatory** for all "Yellow" NOVICE group students.
- Absolutely no alcohol consumption is allowed until the track closes for the day.
- No motor vehicles are allowed on the track before the track opens and after it closes each day.
- This is not a racing school or a drifting competition.
- Only instructors are allowed as passengers in a student's car.
- All school entrants are free to ride as a passenger in an **INSTRUCTOR'S** car at any time, with priority given to the instructor's student(s). Any non-entrant wanting a ride must register as a rider and must sign the appropriate waivers. Only **selected & approved** Instructors may give rides to non-entrants.
- Passing cars will always overtake on the left, and ONLY in designated zones and AFTER receiving an appropriate passing signal. The passing signal is to turn on your right turn indicator and move to the right. After the pass is complete, use your left turn indicator to signal you are moving back on line. **NOTE:** Passing is **ALWAYS** a cooperative exercise! **LIFT** so the person passing can safely make the pass before the braking zone! Just like street driving protocol! No "point by's" unless you don't have turn signals. Remember, as mentioned above- we are not a racing school. Find that elsewhere.
- If you experience two or more wheels off-track or spinning on the track you must come into the hot pits for car check and discussion with the event organizers. Understand the "Blend Line" rule upon entering the track from the hot pit lane. Identify the flag stations and learn the flag system.
- Driver's side window must be all the way down. Passenger side window must be all the way down if a passenger is present, otherwise either all the way up or all the way down.
- Sunroofs must be completely closed. All loose items should be removed from the car.
- Speed limit in the paddock and access roads is 15 mph. The upper paddock is directional one way counter-clockwise. Pedestrians- keep your eyes up! Cars have the right of way.
- Properly dispose of any used car fluids (brake, oil, coolant, etc.)
- ***Our organizing group reserves the right to send participants home without a refund if these rules and guidelines are not followed.***

Club Vehicle Considerations

Technical inspection of your car by MFD Classic Motors volunteers is not a guarantee of your car's track worthiness. You are responsible for your car. The purpose of the MFD technical inspection is to search for obvious vehicle shortcomings that would inevitably cause a delay in the event's schedule.

MFD strongly encourages all participants to have their vehicle serviced by a professional automobile service technician prior to attending the driving school.

Listed below are examples of items we look for when technically inspecting your car. We strongly encourage all participants to review this list as part of the pre-event servicing referenced above.

- BATTERY: securely mounted
- ALTERNATOR & FAN BELTS: no cracks in belts, belts tight
- FUEL LINES: no leaks, no crimped or pinched lines
- THROTTLE LINKAGE: travels and returns freely
- COOLING SYSTEM: clean antifreeze, no leaks
- BRAKE FLUID: clean, no air bubbles, reservoir full, DOT4
- BRAKE PEDAL: firm, full pedal
- BRAKE LIGHTS: operational
- BRAKE PADS: more than 3/16" thickness
- BRAKE CALIPERS: clean and dry
- BRAKE LINES: no cracks or leaks
- WHEEL BEARINGS: no play, tightened properly
- WHEELS: no cracks, lug nuts/bolts properly torqued
- TIRES: H rated or higher, street tires at least 3/32" tread, track tires must have no cords showing.
- TIE RODS AND ENDS: not bent or worn, no play in tie rod ends
- TURN SIGNALS: operational
- SUSPENSION: no excess play, no rust at stress points
- SHOCKS: no leaks, firm
- EXHAUST: intact, no breaks or leakage, must meet track's noise restriction
- ENGINE/TRANSMISSION: no leaks
- GLASS: no significant cracks
- MIRRORS: (interior and exterior) operational
- SEAT BELTS: operational
- ROLL BAR/HOOPS/CAGE: required for all convertibles, (**see requirements for convertibles**)
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER: if present, must be securely mounted

Technical Inspection Checklist

MFD Classic Motors Driving Experience

The purpose of this inspection is to identify obvious defects in the participant's automobile that could result in delays of the event. Each event participant is responsible to ensure that his or her automobile is in a safe and operable condition. Please direct any questions/issues/concerns to the event coordinator.

Participants: Please print and bring this form to the event.

Participant's Name: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Color: _____ License Plate Number: _____

LIGHTS:

- Headlights
- Brake Lights
- Turn Signals

ENGINE BAY:

- No loose parts or disconnected hoses
- Throttle return spring intact and functional
- Brake fluid and coolant above "minimum" lines
- Oil, coolant, brake fluid and hydraulic fluid caps in place and tight
- No gross fluid leaks (look for puddles beneath car)
- Battery firmly secured

SUSPENSION:

- No play in linkage, bushings or tie rod ends

WHEELS/TIRES:

- No gross wheel defects
- Visible tread on tires with no abnormal wear patterns
- No exposed tire cords or severe sidewall cuts
- Wheel fasteners torqued by student during inspection

BRAKES:

- Firm Brake Pedal
- Brake pads show at least 3/16" thickness

INTERIOR:

- No loose objects, all non-fastened materials removed
- Seat belts/harnesses intact and operable

HELMET RATING: _____ **INSPECTOR'S INITIALS:** _____

Each participant recognizes that this inspection does not certify or warrant the above vehicle is free from defect. This inspection is performed only as a courtesy and is intended to identify only the most visible potential faults and to prevent delay of the event due to those faults. Each participant understands and acknowledges that the condition and operating worthiness of their vehicle is their individual responsibility.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

What to Take to the Track

When packing for the track, you want to take only those things that you need, but you also want to take **everything** that you might need! A listing of common items follows:

- Directions to the track and to your hotel
- Your Snell-approved helmet (if you are not renting one from MFD)
- Your Driver's License
- Tire pressure gauge
- Torque wrench (if you don't have one, someone at the track will likely let you borrow theirs)
- A quart or two of oil, extra brake fluid, coolant, Pentosin/power steering fluid (your car may not need these items but it doesn't hurt to have them on hand, just in case)
- Long cotton-fabric pants (no shorts allowed while on the track)
- Long sleeve cotton-fabric shirts (long sleeve preferred on the track)
- Comfortable shoes (no sandals or open shoes allowed on the track)
- Appropriate clothing in case of wet/cold weather (it could happen — remember this is Michigan — and we drive regardless of weather conditions)
- Fluids for you (water or sports drinks are preferred, alcoholic drinks are prohibited with zero tolerance while the track is hot)
- Snacks or other foods – many tracks have a food concession, but they may not have your favorite snack food or may not be open when you want it
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Lawn chairs
- Umbrella
- Tarp or something to store your belongings that have been removed from your car.

Note 1:

You want your car empty of all loose items when at/on the track. Leave items you won't need for your trip at home and you'll have less to remove from your car at the track.

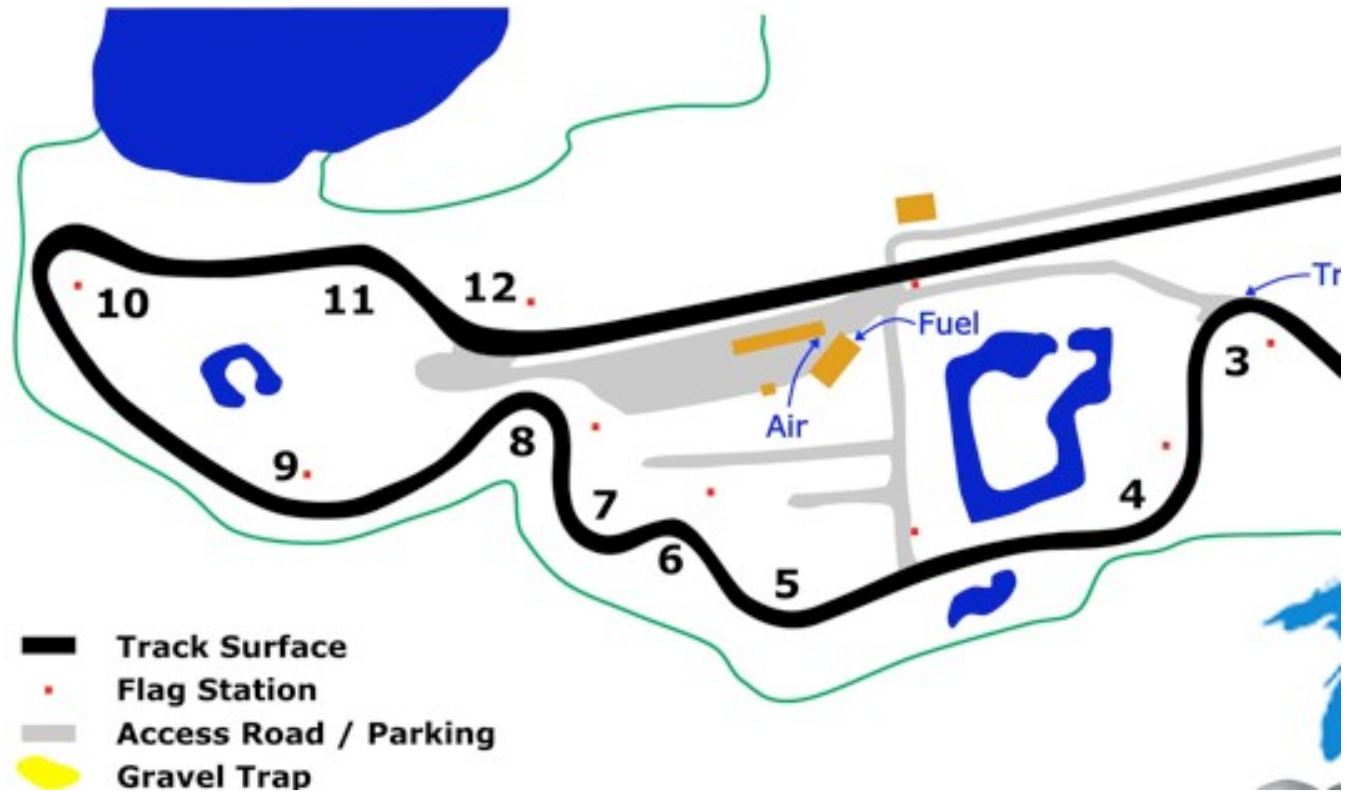
Note 2:

Spouses/significant others/family/friends are welcome at our MFD events. However, be certain that small children have someone to watch them at **all** times. In the paddock cars — not people — have the right of way, particularly hot cars coming off the track.

Note 3:

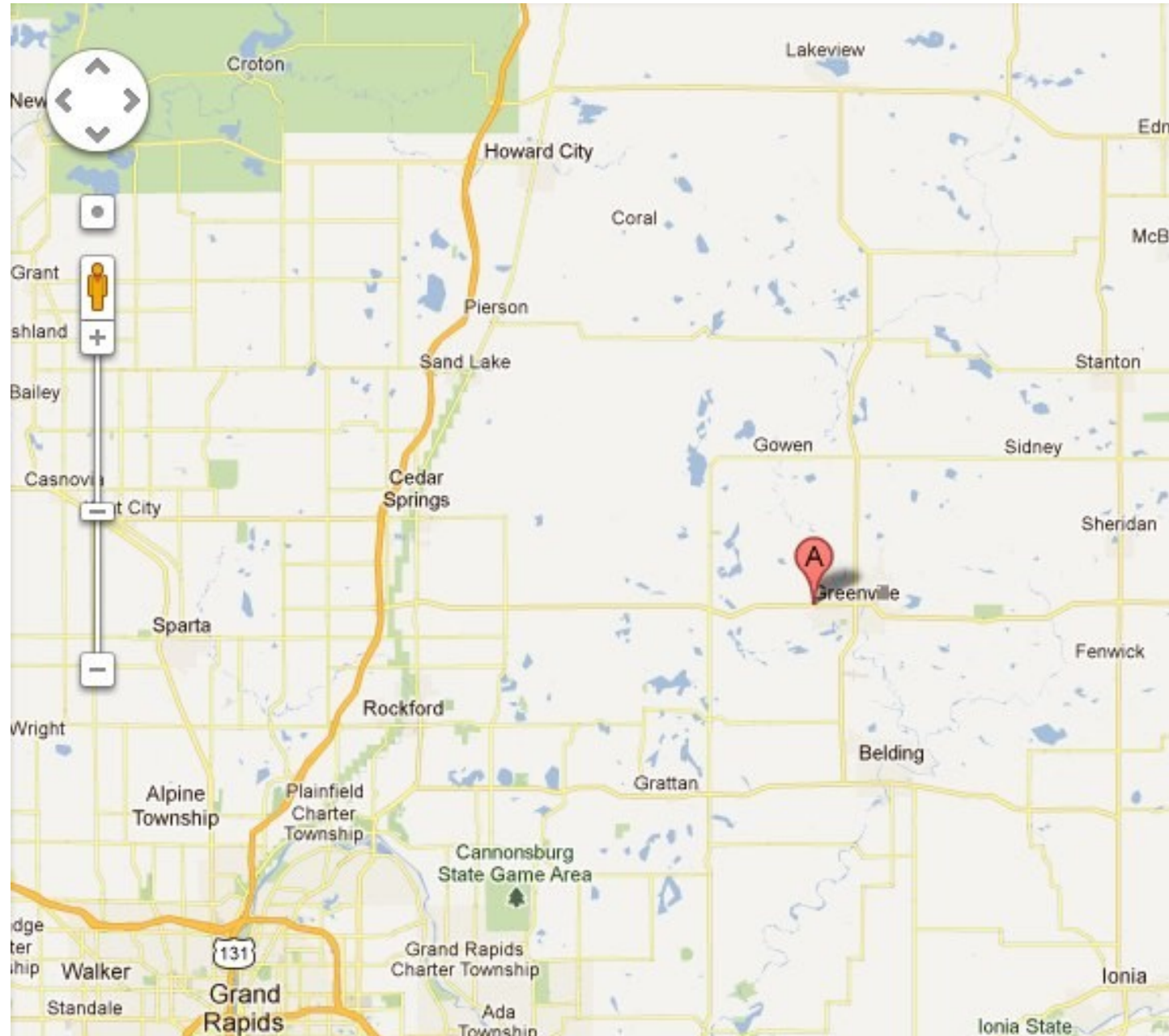
Please leave all pets at home. Tracks often have strict rules regarding the management of pets.

Grattan Track and Facilities



Greenville / Hotel / Registration Overview

The event hotel is the AmericInn Greenville, MI (616.754.4500) located at 2525 W. Washington St. Tech Inspection and registration will be held at the hotel in the parking lot Friday from 5 pm – 8 pm. MFD has a limited number of rooms blocked for you until March 21, 2023 at a rate of \$121 per night. Please reserve early if you plan to stay at this property.



Event Requirements for Convertibles

Convertibles must meet the following minimum requirements in order to participate in our MFD Driving Experience track driving school:

1. A four-point roll cage consisting of a main hoop behind the front seats with two rear braces **or** factory designed and permanently installed roll hoops behind the driver and passenger seats.
2. When you are seated in your car, the top of your helmet must be at least 2" below a line from the top of the roll bar to the top of the windshield. (aka "the broomstick rule") This must be checked and verified at tech inspection. It is advised that all convertible drivers check this before signing up for this event.
3. Your factory top must be installed or the convertible top up when on the track.
4. Arm restraints and a 5 pt harness are recommended but not required at this time.

Removable hard tops are **not** considered structural roofs. The only exception is if they meet the minimum "race track" requirements.

Vehicles with factory deployable roll over protection will **not** be allowed.

Please contact the event master if you have additional questions about using your car at a specific event.

Some cars models that will be considered at this time are BMW Z4, Porsche Boxster, Mazda Miata and some Audi TT models with fixed factory roll hoops.