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NAAC February 2019

Welcome to the February 2019 issue of *HubCentric*.

The second Winter Driving School, scheduled for February 23-24, is full, with a short wait list. On the other hand, we need qualified instructors, so if that's you, please consider registering. If you're not an instructor, but you want to help the club, learn more about the school, and spend a nice social, if perhaps chilly, week-end in New Hampshire, please consider registering as a helper. Registration for either is [here](#), and more information is in the article below.

The NAAC annual members' meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 16 at Apex Entertainment in Marlborough, MA. Aside from the meeting, there are many other entertainment opportunities, including a go-kart track and dining facilities. Full details are elsewhere in the newsletter. The usual spring "destination" tour, in the planning stages, will be April 28; we're looking at the dealer event postponed from last fall sometime in May; and June will be German Car Day at the Larz Anderson Museum. Our goal is to offer at least one event each month, stay tuned, film at eleven....

Speaking of the [the Larz Anderson Museum](#), they have posted their full 2019 schedule for lawn exhibit events, which start May 19, and their popular Cars and Coffee events starting May 11. As in past years, members of the Board of Directors will be present at many of the Cars and Coffee events; so look for us (usually wearing NAAC garb.)

-Charlie Learoyd, Ed.

NAAC Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location
	2019	
Winter Driving School II	Feb 23-24	Dalton, NH
NAAC Annual Meeting	March 16	Apex, Marlborough, MA
Spring Tour	April 28	TBD
Dealer Event	May TBD	Audi Norwell
German Car Day	June 16	Larz Anderson, Brookline

NAAC-sponsored events are in orange. Other events that may be of interest to members or that we directly support are in turquoise.

We are diligently working on our calendar; please let us know if there are events that are of interest to you and we will try our best to add them.

**Winter Driving Schools
Team O'Neil Rally School**

**Feb. 23-24
Dalton, NH**

The first of two NAAC Winter Driving Schools is behind us (see "past event" article below). The second, and final school of 2019 February 23-24 is presently full with a short wait-list. However, if you want a shot at attending, it's not too late to register and be placed on the

wait list; if you don't get in your fees will be refunded.



Our Winter Driving Schools (WDS) are held at the Team O'Neil Rally School in Dalton, NH. It's a safe, low-speed event on a closed course, with expert instruction and a fun atmosphere. If you would like to learn to control your car in slippery conditions, to handle every type of skid including correcting understeer and oversteer, and how to stop most quickly in icy conditions, then this school is for you.

The school will begin with a classroom session in which we will cover the basic principles of driving on snow and ice -- types of skids and how to correct for them, winter car preparation (for example, why snow tires are a good idea, even on a modern all-wheel-drive car), and so on. You will then drive your vehicle to the Rally School site, where we continue through a day and a half of exercises such as a slalom, a skid pad, and a road course (all under instructors' expert tutelage) in which these principles are put into practice:



This event is very much at your own pace, and everyone from inexperienced to very experienced drivers will learn a great deal and have a blast.

Unlike events held on pavement, there are no restrictions on the type of vehicle allowed - convertibles, trucks, and front-, rear-, and all-wheel-drive vehicles of all kinds are welcome (they don't even have to be Audis!). As a minimum, front- or rear-wheel drive vehicles are required to have snow tires on the drive wheels, and preferably on all four. All-season tires

are acceptable on all-wheel-drive vehicles, but snow tires are recommended.

NAAC will provide make-your-own sandwiches, snacks, and cold beverages for lunch Saturday; please plan on bringing a bagged lunch for Sunday.

Check-in is at the [Cabot Inn and Suites](#) in Lancaster, NH early Saturday morning only (no Friday evening check-in). The club is arranging for a block of rooms at a special rate. If you wish to stay at the Cabot, make room reservations directly them at 603-788-3346.

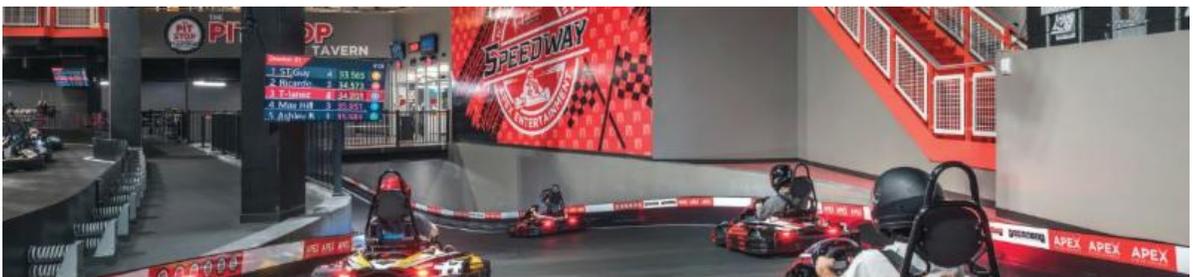
Registration fees for each school are \$295.00 for ACNA members, \$325.00 for non-members and \$150.00 for teens accompanied by a registered adult. Schedule details and registration via Motorsportreg are [here](#).

Note: we need more instructors for WDS II. If you're an instructor and available, please sign up at the above link.

Looking for a chance to get out and have some fun toward the end of a long New England winter? Do you like challenges such as go-karting on a multi-level track, or laser tag, or a sports simulator? Running into friends in a classic bumper car arena? Dining in an American Cuisine restaurant? Attending an exciting annual meeting of the North Atlantic Audi Club?



Look no further, we've got you covered. NAAC is planning a family-friendly day of fun, dining and, not coincidentally, the club's annual membership meeting, Saturday March 16 at noon at [Apex Entertainment](#), 21 Apex Drive, Marlborough, MA. Those who wish can indulge in lunch (order from the menu) while we review last year's events and finances, elect or re-elect board members for the coming year, and transact other club business. Following elections, the annual meeting will include a brief executive session during which the current and newly elected board members elect officers for 2019. After the meeting, several board members will be available for grudge match Go-Karting.



Please consider bringing the entire family; while they might not want to attend the annual meeting, there is a LOT to do at Apex for all ages.

The meeting is open to any NAAC member and interested prospective members. To ensure adequate seating, please let us know that you are planning to attend by clicking [here](#) (its free.) If you cannot attend the meeting, please review the board member candidate statements below and vote on-line by clicking [here](#) prior to midnight March 15. To register or vote you will need to log in or open an account with Motorsportreg. Or, you can vote in person at the meeting.

NAAC Board Candidates for 2019

Ian Duff

The New England Audi community has been around for quite some time, and has always provided varied and enlightening events. I've been fortunate to have been involved with this

community since I bought my first Audi in 1989, a used 1987 5000 S Quattro, followed by quite a few other Audis (and a few Volkswagens) since. From the original Quattro list, Mount Washington Climb to the Clouds, to our own Winter Driving Schools, I've reaped the benefit of the efforts of this club, and its predecessor groups. Having been on the NAAC board for three years now, I would like to continue to "give back" to the club and its members by serving another term on the board.



My professional background is as a technology executive, consultant and manager; my personal background is as a husband, father, sailor, cyclist, boatbuilder and gearhead; not necessarily in that order. I've been involved with coaching sailing and running large sailing regattas for years, and would like to continue to bring some of the experience I've gained to bear on our events. While I've been known to pontificate on occasion, I much prefer to collaborate and just get things done. We have a great board for this club, and I would like to continue to add my unique focus and experience to the mix, and continue to make it a better place where we all want to spend time together, playing with cars.

Please consider casting a vote for me for the Board of Directors of the North Atlantic Audi Club. Thanks for your consideration, and for supporting our club.

Bailey Bishop

I would be honored to continue to represent you on the Board of Directors of the North Atlantic Audi Club, and I ask that you please cast a vote for me. I work in finance, but my passions are my wife, my two college age children, and cars. Like many of you, I am afflicted with the "car illness." Why else would we join a car club? Since there is no cure for our disease we must find ways to cope. I would like to help you, by listening to you and working with the Board of Directors to offer you fun and interesting activities and learning opportunities related to one of our favorite marques, Audi. I would like to ensure that we offer activities that appeal to you as individuals, and events that can include and be fun for family and friends as well.

I contracted the disease from my uncle who owned Jaguars, BMWs and Audis during my formative years in the 1970s and 80s. I bought my first car, a Volkswagen Scirocco, in 1982. In 1990 I bought my first BMW and discovered their car club. I have since owned many cars including Audis, BMWs and Porsches. Do you see the German car attraction here? My current stable includes an Audi B7 A4 Avant and a B7 RS4, as well as a couple of German sports cars from another marque. I have always belonged to the respective car clubs and have participated in many club activities. Now I want to continue giving back to the Audi club and its members.



Please allow me to work with and for you, to share our mutual passion together. I look forward to meeting you all at upcoming social, driving and educational events.

Thank you for your vote.

Nigel Tilli-Pauling

My love of cars was inspired by my father who was a Jaguar man. We spent many an hour

under the hood of a V12 beast; this was good practice and initiation for owning Volkswagon Vanagons in later life! I'm a proud Brit but have an affinity for German metal. I am not new to the Volkswagon-Audi Group scene as I had my first Audi, a 1988 model 80 in 1997. It was cheap 4 door fun but I did covet a 90 for the extra cylinder! I have also had a string of Volkswagens including an early 80's Passat (which was basically a 5 door fast back variant of the Audi 80), a Mkl GTi (Rabbit to you over here in the Colonies), a MkII Diesel Golf Van, 7 or 8 Vanagons (one of which is my current summer daily driver) and part ownership in 2 Rialtas used for rental in VA.

Also, I currently own a 2006 A4 Avant with a list of mods and alterations. One of my other passions is Ford Capris (proper ones, not those Fox body things), I have owned 6 of these in the UK and now own a '76 2.3l here in the states. It needs some love, but it stops and starts so a good start. And then 50 or so other vehicles and a very unusual trailer.



When I met my now-wife, Marianne, who wrote the WDS article last year, all she had ever driven was automatics. This had to be rectified immediately so we bought a '96 Explorer sport (2 door) and proceeded to get that challenge checked off the list. She is now a true convert, realizing what is missed when driving an automatic, and cannot understand how it isn't obligatory to learn in a standard as you have a better appreciation for the road, conditions and users.

I am a relative newcomer to the NAAC as I have only been a member since September 2017 and on the board since June 2018 when I was asked to assist with promotions to new members. I enjoy meeting new people and hope to help drive an increase in interest among the membership of our club. There are some great events put on by some very hard-working people and it is satisfying to have these events well-attended, as that shows we have it right.

Our current inventory of rolling stock includes: a 2006 Audi A4, a 1998 Toyota 4Runner, a 1990 Vanagon (x2), a 1985 Vanagon, a 1981 Vanagon Trailer, a 1976 (Ford) Mercury Capri, a 1988 Kawasaki Voyager XII, a 1986 Honda Shadow 700, and a conventional utility trailer.

Past Event
Winter Driving School I

January 25-27, 2019
Dalton, NH

The Winter Driving School is held at the Team O'Neill Rally School in Dalton, NH on 583 acres of Alpine terrain. I looked at a map and determined it was certainly in the snow country of New Hampshire. I drove two and a half-hours straight north from my home in Massachusetts, near the New Hampshire border. My destination was the hotel where the WDS classroom training would begin on Saturday morning. According to my Audi display It was about 8 degrees when I arrived around 10 pm Friday night and there was about 2 feet of snow on the ground. My assignment was to be a "volunteer" and I had no idea what that entailed. I packed for any weather - sweaters, heavy socks and gloves, a parka, snow pants, and the warmest hat I own - with the hope it all would all be warm enough.



The next morning all the students, including adults and teens, met at the hotel for a two-hour training session to learn some winter driving tips and what to expect on the course. The training was conducted by NAAC board member Mike Collier, who also served as one of the volunteer driving instructors (say Hi, Mike!) Some tips the students learned before they began their drive on the track were to constantly think about what could happen when driving, what to do when the car starts to slide, grip lighter not tighter on the wheel when driving in snow, look where you want the car to go, always keep two hands on the wheel at the 3 and 9 positions, keep a gentle touch on the pedals, what to do when the wheels spin, how to react when a skid begins (either understeer or oversteer), how to brake without the ABS kicking in (a useful technique to get the car to stop quicker) and what cone placement (pointing left or right) on the driving course meant. Mike told us there would be two driving locations at the school: an uphill road course and a circular skidpad.

After the class concluded, all the students caravanned to the school location in Dalton. When we got there, the driving courses had already been set up by the volunteer instructors, many of whom have been teaching at WDS since it began. Students were divided into two groups. One group would drive the uphill road course and the other would work on the skidpad.



Cone placement was changed after lunch to vary the way the two courses were run. After set periods of time the groups switched from one course to the other. Students brought front wheel, rear wheel, and all-wheel drive vehicles. It was an eclectic mix of sport cars, pickup trucks, sedans, Audi Avant's, and a large SUV. Students frequently rode as passengers in the different types of vehicles to get a sense of different driving characteristics.



My job as a volunteer was to send vehicles out on the course and give the drivers four laps to test their skills. An instructor in the passenger seat of each car taught their student drivers how to navigate the icy and snow covered turns and hills. Apparently, I wore enough warm clothing to be able to stand outdoors for long periods, as I still have all my fingers and toes. After noon we broke for lunch, held in a building where the volunteers and students could warm up and make the sandwiches from some great food selections provided by the

club. After lunch the students drove on the same courses, but re-configured to teach different skills than were learned in the morning sessions.



The school continued on Sunday morning with the tracks re-configured in a different pattern. Track conditions were icier than on Saturday which added some challenge to the driving. The formal training sessions finished by 1 pm with optional time trials in the afternoon.

Thanks to all our volunteer instructors, some whom traveled long distances to help their students learn some valuable winter driving skills. And a special thanks to board members Buddy Gregory, who organizes both the Winter Driving Schools, to Mike Collier, who conducted the classroom session and instructed for the zillionth year, to Ian Duff who again instructed and generally helped out, and to (ahem) Gerry DiBello, who stood out in the cold for two days directing cars on and off the courses and helped keep the lunch supplies replenished.

-Gerry DiBello

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NAAC Board Meetings

NAAC monthly board meetings are open to members. Our meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month by telecon, although once each quarter - March (annual meeting), June, August and November - we meet in person at a restaurant, mainly to eat and socialize, although a board meeting often breaks out. The usual agenda includes prior minutes approval, financial status, ACNA interface status, past and upcoming events and website/outreach activities.

If you would like to place an item on the agenda and/or sit in on a meeting please contact President [William Ellis](#) or secretary [Bailey Bishop](#) via email and we'll give you the call-in

number or meeting location.

Our purpose as a Board of Directors is to host the types of events that our membership wants. Please join us at our events, learn something new and develop some lasting relationships. If you have any recommendations for other event types ... please let us know.

Sincerely,

Charlie Learoyd, Newsletter Editor
North Atlantic Audi Club