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NAAC November 2018

Welcome to the November issue of *HubCentric*.

The dealer visit and tech at Audi Norwell on November 11 has enough members signed up to proceed, but we really would like to get more members there. Details about the free event are below; you can register via Motorsportsreg up to November 8 [here](#). Please consider going; we would like to get a good turnout from NAAC. And, hey, it includes food and a raffle for multiple prizes, courtesy of Audi Norwell!

2019 gets off to a good start with the popular Winter Driving Schools January 26-27 and February 23-24; more information is below. We're looking for an interesting venue for the March annual meeting, and the spring tour and a reprise of the Collings Foundation tour and visit are in the planning stages. Stay tuned.

Random Musings: November 11 is Veterans Day. So a hearty "thank you for your service" to all NAAC members who have served, or are currently serving, in the armed forces.

-Charlie Learoyd, Ed.

NAAC Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location
	2018	
Cars and Coffee	Nov 10	Larz Anderson, Brookline, MA
Dealer Visit	Nov 11	Audi of Norwell, Norwell, MA
	2019	
Winter Driving School I	Jan 26-27	Dalton, NH
Winter Driving School II	Feb 23-24	Dalton, NH
NAAC Annual Meeting	March TBD	TBD
Spring Tour	April TBD	TBD

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.

Dealer Visit & Tech
Audi Norwell

11 AM November 11
Norwell, Mass.



Please come join the North Atlantic Audi Club for a dealer event hosted by Audi Norwell in Norwell, Mass. Aside from a chance to "kick the tires" in the showroom and chat with fellow Audi enthusiasts, we have a number of activities planned, including a tour of their new facility, a presentation of some of the new 2019 models, and a tech talk. If it can be arranged, we will have a demonstration of mobile wheel repair, protective film application or paintless dent removal. Audi Norwell is generously providing a light lunch and refreshments, and there will be a raffle for various Audi-centric prizes.



The event starts at 11 AM Sunday November 11. Audi Norwell is located at 59 Pond St., Norwell, just north of Route 3 at exit 14 (Rt. 228). Although the event is free, we need to limit attendance to 20 or so persons. Therefore if you plan to go we ask that you register via Motorsportreg by clicking [here](#).

Questions, please email one of the co-chairs at charlie.learoyd@naac-club.org or gerry.dibello@naac-club.org.

-Charlie Learoyd

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

**Jan. 26-27, Feb. 23-24
Dalton, NH**

If you're reading this, you probably live someplace where it snows in the winter. You also probably drive an Audi, quite possibly with the fabled Quattro all-wheel-drive system. While you may drive one of the most snow- and ice-capable vehicles in the world, how would you like to increase your confidence behind the steering wheel and really learn how to drive it in the snow?



Our Winter Driving School (WDS) will be held at the Team O'Neil Rally School in Dalton, NH. It is 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:



- The skid pad teaches the difference between understeer and oversteer (and is a lot of fun!)
- The slalom teaches the importance of looking ahead, weight transfer, and the proper amount of steering input.
- Combining the two into a challenging road course puts everything together and includes a variety of turns and a "lane toss" where a devious instructor directs the student to switch into one of two lanes and stop the car, all in distances that look difficult if not impossible (but believe us, with practice it is possible).
- The school wraps up with a fun 'time trial' that connects the skidpad and exercise areas where the goal is consistency through several runs.



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. For drivers who have enjoyed high performance driver education events on racetracks, the Winter Driving School is an excellent opportunity to hone car control skills that apply to all sorts of driving, improving safety even on the track.

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 Friday evening and early Saturday morning. 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](#). (If the event is not yet posted to MSR, please try again in a few days.)

Past Event October 13, 2018

Fall South Shore Tour



This year's NAAC Fall Tour took us around Narragansett Bay. We started at 10 a.m., sixteen beautiful Audis and one handsome Lexus following Ian Duff's extremely well-planned route. We drove through small Rhode Island villages, stopping at several sweeping views of the bay; one especially memorable highlight was Colt State Park.

At each stop we had the opportunity to mingle and chat, with several new members joining in with long-time and board members. Despite a rainy day, spirits and appetites were high when we stopped in Bristol to pick up a very good sandwiches-to-go lunch at Goglia Market.



The highlight of the tour was the [Newport Car Museum](#) in Portsmouth, RI. Ian arranged for us to bring our lunches into the Thunderbird Room - really, a collection of Ford Thunderbirds in a cafeteria area. They were lit dramatically, a sea of gorgeous cars in all fifties and sixties colors. After lunch we took in the rest of the museum's amazing collection of vintage and contemporary American and European automobiles. And we lucked out: it was "open hood" day, so the gearheads among us could check out "under the hood." This is a museum well worth the trip to Portsmouth.





Many thanks and kudos to Ian for organizing an interesting and well-thought-out tour and museum visit.

-Faviana Olivier

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