



Audi
Club North America
Southern California



November 10, 2019

Dear Audi Club Member,

Welcome to the Audi Club SoCal High-Performance Driving School at Buttonwillow Raceway Park
November 22-24, 2019.

Thank you for joining us! We are looking forward to a fun event and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow Audi enthusiasts.

First and foremost, this is not a racing school! The purpose of this driving school is to improve your personal driving skills while learning about your car's capabilities. **Safety** throughout the entire event is of utmost importance!

Please take a few moments to look through this material. It includes:

- This year's **Highlights** and What's New
- Preliminary **schedule of events**.
- Event information including links to useful online-only **event resources** including **First-Timer Advice and Preparation Tips, Detailed Driving School Requirements**, the required **Safety Inspection (tech) form**, and **track descriptions**.
- Directions to the Track

Your car's mandatory **Safety Inspection** ("tech inspection") must be complete before you come to the event. The inspection may be completed by your Audi Dealer's (or other favorite dealer's) service department, an independent shop, certified mechanic, or other qualified person.

Audi Club membership is required by our insurance. Please check the "See who else is attending" page on motorsportreg.com and if your status is "On Hold", you must join or renew your membership prior to arriving. If your status is other than "Confirmed" please contact the registrar to resolve any outstanding issues.

The weather is usually quite pleasant this time of year. This year's forecast is for mild days and cool nights with a slight chance of precipitation. We encourage you to wear layered clothing as the temperature can vary from the 40's to over 90 degrees. Always be prepared for the possibility of rain. There are a few two-car enclosed garages available for rent at Buttonwillow (details are on the registration pages at msreg.com/AudiBW19). There is a large covered seating area under the awning just outside of the Tower Café, but E-Z Ups and similar shade and weather protection devices can come in handy.

Long pants, long sleeve shirts, and flexible closed-toe shoes are required while driving. Clothing should be made of cotton, wool or other fire-resistant materials.

Should you have questions or need additional information please contact your eventmaster, Bill Vogel at eventmaster@audiclubsocal.org or call Audi Club SoCal at (714) 660-3453 (Google Voice).

Best Regards,
Audi Club of North America – Southern California Chapter



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HIGHLIGHTS

SoCal chapter website: It's been a year since Audi Club North America changed web servers and your Southern California chapter has a new website. The old home address redirects to the new site located at www.audiclubna.org/southern-california, but bookmarked links to the old site no longer work. Please update any page links you had previously saved.

All MEETINGS and EVENTS will be held at the Track: Our Saturday evening banquet in the Audi Club Tent is a popular activity, and we are excited to bring the tent back this year. We have some great items to auction, including a full set of TOYO Tires for your car, and we will give away some great swag for you and your car at the raffle. Please support your club by purchasing raffle tickets at the event and bidding on the auction items.

Classrooms: This year we have added an additional classroom location in Garage #5, so our advanced drivers won't be meeting in a public space. This is in direct response to your feedback on the DrivingEvals.com post-event comments.

Skid Pad: Due to low participation in prior years and limitations of the area available (the kart parking lot is small and the asphalt too rough) we will again not be running the skid pad at Buttonwillow this year.

Convertibles, SUV/CUV: Audi Club now allows us to accept more vehicle types, but there are also additional requirements. Drivers **and** Passengers in Open Cars (top down) must wear eye protection and both must wear **arm-restraints** which are to be provided by the driver/car owner. SUVs must use street tires (those with a wear factor of greater than 200).

Track Configuration: We are running the familiar **#1 track** layout (with Bus Stop, Phil Hill, and Star Mazda) **counter-clockwise on Friday**; We are running **#13** (Bus Stop, Phil Hill, and Sweeper) **counter-clockwise on Saturday and Sunday**.

Friday: Our experienced drivers are joining us on Friday for the optional Experienced Driver Day.

Everyone is welcome to attend Friday to watch the action and get a ride with one of our instructors. If you are an advanced driver with Audi Club (C, D or Instructor who has been soloed at Buttonwillow) and would like to join us on Friday for plenty of open track time running the course in the 'opposite' direction, please email registration@audiclubsocal.org and we will gladly add Friday to your weekend entry.

Meals: A hot breakfast may be purchased at the Tower Café starting at 7:00 AM each morning. Lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is included with driver's registration; guests may purchase lunch at the counter. The banquet dinner is included with your registration. A limited number of banquet tickets for your guests may be purchased at the on-site check-in desk in the Tower Café.

NEW: The Club has just arranged a block of rooms at the Buttonwillow exit. Call Gloria at the **Motel 6 Central**, she has inside rooms set aside for the Audi Club, about 25 for Thursday night arrivals and another 25 for Friday arrivals. Phone (661) 764-5121 and ask for the Audi Club rate.

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RVs & Camping: There will be 24-hour security at the track on Friday and Saturday nights. You may dry-camp at no cost, or there are RV spots, some with hookups, available by prior arrangement directly with the track office at (661) 764-5333.

Passing Protocol: Passing in all run groups will be by permission-only in designated passing zones using the “blinker” (turn signal) protocol. This protocol is mandated for use by all Audi Club of North America driving schools. Passing at this event will be on either side at the discretion of the car being passed; the blinker on the car being passed will be on the side opposite of the pass (similar to the way blinkers are used on the public street). The car making the pass will not display a signal.

Speed Secrets driving course: We encourage all drivers to take advantage of the special 50% discount Ross Bentley has graciously offered all our drivers on lifetime subscriptions to his outstanding online training courses. Visit learn.speedsecrets.com and use discount code *SoCalAudi-50* at checkout.

The Speed Secrets *Performance Driving 101* course is mandatory for first-time performance drivers - you must complete the simple online course prior to arriving at the event. Turn in a copy of your completion certificate in the A-Group classroom and the club will refund the cost of the course.

Staff: The volunteer event leaders for this event are:

Eventmaster:	Bill Vogel	Chief Driving Instructor:	Alex Whitney
Exercise Leader:	Dan Hastings	Hospitality:	Zeke Woolley
Registration:	Ben Payne	A Classroom:	Erin Vogel
First Timer Advocate:	Ari Gertler	B Classroom:	“Deeno” Deenihan
Safety Steward:	Joe Stuesser	C/D Classroom:	PJ Woolley

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Need last minute driving gear? **Winding Road Racing** is offering 5% off to Audi Club members on grab and go items at their local store. Visit the new store location at 3759 S Plaza Dr, Santa Ana, CA 92704 or call Peter Nelson at (657) 859-9557 to claim your discount. Store Hours are Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm, Saturday: 9am-4pm, and Sunday: 10am-4pm

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2019 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

>> SUBJECT TO CHANGE <<

**ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE TRACK. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY
AT ALL MEETINGS, CLASSROOM SESSIONS AND EXERCISES**

Friday

7:00 AM	Friday Drivers Arrive at the Track
7:00 AM	No-host Breakfast – available in the Tower Café
7:25 AM	Friday-driver (only) Check-in – Tower Café dining room
7:45 AM	Mandatory Friday-Driver Meeting – Tower Café
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Experienced Drivers Day – detailed schedule provided at check-in
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Weekend-driver Check-in – Tower Café dining room
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Food and Refreshments – Audi Club Tent
7:00 PM to 7:45 PM	First-Timers Meeting – Tower Café dining room
7:00 PM to 7:55 PM	Instructors Meeting – Upstairs Tower Classroom
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Mandatory All-Drivers Meeting & Meet your Instructor – Audi Club Tent

Saturday

6:00 AM	Arrive at the Track and pay the \$10/person weekend gate fee
6:00 AM to 7:15 AM	Car prep, exercise set-up, late check-in
7:00 AM	Tower Café open for No-host breakfast
7:20 AM to 7:50 AM	Mandatory All-Drivers Safety Briefing – Audi Club Tent
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	On-track Instruction & Lapping – detailed schedule provided at check-in; Group Classrooms
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Classroom and Exercises - Beginner/Novice groups
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Lunch available at the Tower Café
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	On-track Instruction & Lapping; Classrooms
5:00 PM	Track goes “cold”
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Social Hour – Audi Club Tent
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Banquet and Raffle/Auction – Audi Club Tent

Sunday

7:00 AM	Arrive at Track; Car prep
7:00 AM	Tower Café open for No-host breakfast
7:45 AM	Instructor Briefing (TBD) – Audi Club Tent
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	On-track Instruction & Lapping; Group Classrooms
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Lunch at the Tower Café
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	On-track Instruction & Lapping; Group Classrooms
5:00 PM	Track goes “cold”
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Clean up and good byes!
6:00 PM	Track closes and must be vacated by the club.

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EVENT INFORMATION

www.audiclubna.org/southern-california/driving-school
www.audiclubna.org/southern-california/buttonwillow

TECH: Your car must be inspected for safety before you arrive at the event. This mandatory Technical (Safety) Inspection may be completed by your Audi (or other) Dealer's service department, by a licensed mechanic, or by an individual qualified to determine your car's safety and proper preparation for performance driving.

The person performing the safety inspection must sign the **Tech Form**, or you may attach your dealer's courtesy inspection sheet to the tech form. The inspection must be performed within one month prior to the event. Instructors may complete their tech inspection sheet themselves. **You must also sign the form.** The Club does NOT perform tech inspection at the event.

You must turn in your **Tech Form** at the event check-in desk to receive your track packet with car numbers and the wristband necessary to allow track entry. Download the [Tech Inspection Form](http://www.audiclubna.org/southern-california/driving-school) at www.audiclubna.org/southern-california/driving-school.

MEDICAL: For your own safety, we recommend that each driver carry some form of In Case of Emergency (ICE) medical information and emergency contact information on their person.

MEMBERSHIP: Audi Club of North America membership is required by our insurance. Please join or renew your membership now, as we will verify your membership before you arrive at the track. New members must contact the national office at **(262) 567-5476** to obtain your membership number (M-F 8a-5p CST). Existing members may renew online at www.audiclubna.org/join.

PHOTOGRAPHS: There will be a professional photographer taking pictures of you and your car on track during the event. You will be able to purchase the digital photos and photo enlargements at the track before the event ends. No hand-held cameras are allowed in your car. We ask that you only post online content which reflects positively on our club.

IMPORTANT & HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

Online Distribution ONLY. Print and bring with you if want a copy at the track.

Event Pre-Registration Information– Two Pages at msreg.com/AudiBW19

Driving School Documents: <https://audiclubna.org/southern-california/driving-school/>

- SoCal Audi Club First-Timer Preparation Tips
- SoCal Audi Club Detailed **Driving School Requirements** and the **Tech Form**. *This must-read document contains important info about helmets and other safety gear, clothing, tires, and more.*
- Information about special vehicle types: convertibles, open cars, SUVs and CUVs.

Buttonwillow-specific Documents <https://audiclubna.org/southern-california/buttonwillow>

- This Welcome Letter
- Large Track Map with SoCal Audi Club Passing Zones
- Videos and Track Driving Descriptions

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GETTING THERE

Buttonwillow Raceway Park, CA is located just **West** of **Interstate 5** at the **Lerdo Hwy** exit. The street address is 24551 Lerdo Hwy, Buttonwillow, CA 93206.

The Lerdo Highway exit on I-5 is:

- 196 miles south of San Jose
- 126 miles north of downtown Los Angeles.
- 28 miles northwest of Bakersfield
- 14 miles south of the Hwy 46 / Lost Hills exit
- 9 miles north of the Hwy 58 / Buttonwillow exit



Hotel Information

We do not have a designated headquarters hotel as ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS will be held at the track.

Make sure you have a place to stay! Local Motel, Hotel and Camping information is on page 2 of the event description at msreg.com/AudiBW19.

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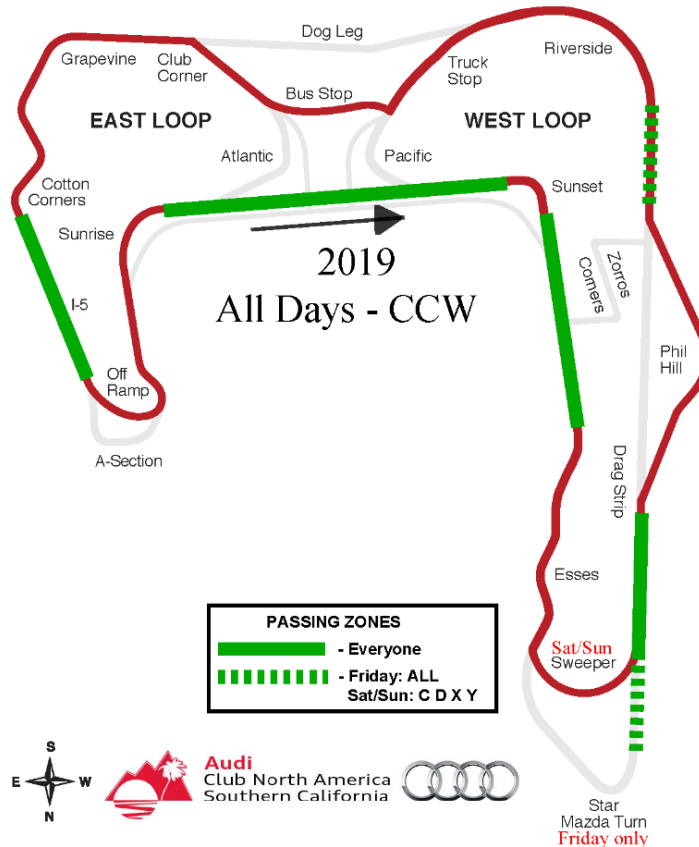
The Track

Buttonwillow Raceway Park

is Built, Owned and Operated by the CalClub chapter of the Sports Car Club of America. Buttonwillow is a modern track specifically designed for safety and driver training.



Our weekend configuration is No 13 CCW. See our Buttonwillow page at www.audiclubna.org/southern-california/buttonwillow for more information about driving Buttonwillow. Friday is the No 1 configuration, also in the CCW direction.



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