

# TRACK TIME

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Here we are in November. Sadly, November marks the end of racing season for most professional series, as well as the end of track events for my track buddies and me. The good news is that October was a great month for racing events and the local track scene. For starters, I visited the 10/10ths Motorsports driver education event at the new *National Corvette Museum (NCM)* track the weekend of October 10-12, 2014. This event was special as it was one of the first to be run at the new corvette track. This is significant to our region as the NCM track is now the closest racecourse to our home in Lexington, KY.

Many of us (myself included) were excited about the new track in Bowling Green but were concerned that as Corvette racing's home, the track would be long, boring, and cater to the likes of high horsepower cars with few technical challenges. Folks, we were wrong! The track has multiple configurations, and judging by the one we experienced, the track is tight, complex, and technical, with elevation changes, multi-line turns, and challenging switchbacks. Currently, the facilities are still under construction, but the track is open. Once the infrastructure issues of restrooms, spectator stands, and final track and tire barrier placement subtleties are ironed-out, I can safely say this is going to be one of the great race tracks in the country. We will definitely keep this venue on our schedule for future years, and I'll keep you posted on its progress.



Cold October Mornings in Atlanta

Two weeks after our Bowling Green adventure, a number of track aficionados from our area attended the Peachstate Region PCA DE at Road Atlanta. This event has been a mainstay on our calendar for over five years now. We had over a dozen attendees in our group from Kentucky supporting 8 vehicles. Road Atlanta is my favorite racing venue for its combination of spectator friendliness, quality facilities, and an old-school high pucker-factor racetrack. We return every year to this event, and appreciate our Peachstate region peers and the great events they coordinate.



Great On-Track Driving & Great Cars

In particular, the October event is always fantastic. As usual we had to bear the cold mornings in order to enjoy the clear blue and sunny afternoons. In addition to the great weather and venue, this event brings out over 150 track junkies and some of the best Porsches around. A new 991 GT3 here just makes you 'one of the crowd'. The two-day event on October 25-26, saw great weather and track conditions. Numerous individuals ran personal best lap times, and in spite of the fast conditions, carnage was kept to a minimum.



Looking Back at the Paddock

For the track-minded drivers who have not yet been to Road Atlanta, I highly recommend it. The track is easy to get to from Lexington (try your best to avoid the Atlanta rush-hour traffic), local hotels and restaurants are abundant, and the learning opportunity provided by the fast challenging track is second to none.



Tight & Competitive Driving (Go Bobby)

For more pictures and in-car track video from our Road Atlanta weekend, please visit our local track team's Facebook page at 'Nytro Motorsports'.



Our True Favorite Pastime, Paddock Chat

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