

Track Club USA Kicks Off With A Bang!

Today, a new club is born, Track Club USA! The purpose of TCUSA is to get track enthusiasts together for some fun on the track whether it is a road course, autocross, or dragstrip.

The first official TCUSA club event was held at Virginia International Raceway on October 17-18, 2009. The weather was cold and chilly but the track was as hot as can be as the official kickoff of Track Club USA was under way at Virginia International Raceway. With over 85 participants in attendance the event was huge success. There was a wide variety of vehicles on hand including Mustangs, Corvettes, Porsches, Ford GTs, and even a Lightning pick-up.



(Lisa Kelley with her Lightning Pick-up)

The recruiting began as the club founders recruited 15 new members at the event. Bobby Byrd was the first official club member (not including the four founders). Other participants soon followed as 14 more enthusiasts began signing up, for a total of 15 new members

in just two days. To say that everyone who participated in the on track portion of the event had a great time would be huge understatement. Speeds easily exceeded 120 mph all day long for most of the participants.



(Pete Epple of MMFF was at the event with his 2003 Azure Blue Mach 1 Mustang.)

There were 25 instructors at the event and each one offered their professional expertise to share with the drivers in the novice group. They were also available to instruct in the intermediate group.



(Roger McQueen in his Shelby GT 500 Coupe gets pointers from his instructor.)

Piles of smiles could be found everywhere you went all weekend long and everyone was having a great time. The adrenaline rush made you forget all about the chilly weather as it kept you running hot all the time.



(Waiting on grid can make you impatient especially when you want to run and gun.)

Saturday evening sported a cookout for those that wanted to join in for food and movies. Peter Calvert, “the official club chef”, cooked up some burgers and dogs and Ralph Wishon and Dave Stanfield brought out the condiments and deserts. With over 40 people attendance at the cookout, the conversations lasted quite a long time.



(Frank Lussier smiling along with his son.)

Saturday was over and Sunday is always such a sad time because everyone knows it will be a long time before we get together again for another event. We said our good-byes to friends and family and went our merry way.

The TCUSA would like to thank all of you that signed up for membership and attended the event. We hope you enjoyed the weekend and will be back next year for our first autocross at the Devens Airfield in Shirley, MA. For more upcoming events, check our website at www.TrackClubUSA.com.



(TCUSA Founders from left to right, Pat Madigan, Phils Saglimbene, Tony Sorrentino, and Allan Scott.)