



## **Historic Chisolm Trail Road Race and Drivers' School**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

As your event Race Chairmen, Simon Hughes and I, John Taphorn, are glad that you are attending CVAR's event at Eagles Canyon Raceway (ECR). Our participation target, for the event, was 120 entries to cover expenses, and with 124 registered as of this writing, the event launches financially on a positive note. We would like to share a few updates and reminders since your last CVAR visit to the facility.

For those traveling to ECR on FM455 through the town of Sanger. I have been informed that major construction may cause delays. Choose an alternate path.

### **ECR Rules**

ECR operates as a business and is required to follow the directives from their insurance carrier to continue to operate. Please be attentive to the following:

- Unsupervised minors may NOT drive scooters, golf carts or other motorized vehicles around the paddock area.
- The speed limit in the paddock and false grid areas is 15 MPH. There was a recent fatality in the European LeMans series at Barcelona – the report just stated it was an incident with his team truck – So let us observe the speed limit and look out for one another!
- All participants must follow the direction arrows painted on the drive lanes, on approach to the grid or exiting the racetrack. These instructive arrows also apply to passenger cars, tow rigs, scooters, bicycles and golf carts.
- All entrants to the property must sign waivers at the front gate and receive a wristband. Should you arrive after hours and enter the facility when the gate is unattended, please return to the gate, when it is manned, to sign the waiver and obtain a wristband.

### **ECR Capital Improvements**

ECR's facility is constantly being improved to enhance its utility for their membership. Recent additions include:

- expansion of the grid to provide better access to pre-race staging positions

- completion of the mid-paddock level bathrooms. The new men's and women's facilities include three showers. Additionally, the showers in the main clubhouse remain available to us during their regular business hours, 7am to 6:30pm.
- the build out of the Eagle Eye suites at the top of the hill that are available for rent and provide ECR's best course viewing. I do not know the \$. Please contact Brad Flack at ECR (817) 583-9476 to reserve.
- A new mid-level concrete paddock parking area on the east side as you approach the grid. Seen on the map as area MP- East
- A single powered parking spot adjacent to Garage 4 (See Map) – available with electricity for 4 days for \$400 – please contact Brad Flack at ECR (817) 583-9476 to reserve. I understand 10 more such spaces are under development and will be available in future events.
- expansion of the new Skid Pad to create a Drift Pad for their membership. To protect these surfaces from damage and contamination, caused by fluid leaks, we are not permitted to park race cars and trailers on the surface. For our event, this reduces parking capacity in the lower paddock. Parking adjacent to pavement or concrete surfaces is more limited than in previous years. This situation will improve, in the future, as more concrete is poured. At present, the balance of the parking space on the lower paddock is a hard pack, comprised of dirt and stone, that serves as a base layer for a future concrete pour.

### **Event Check-in & Tech**

Event check-in and tech will be available Thursday at 3:00pm

### **Parking Guidelines**

Access to ECR's facilities and parking is 1:00pm on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please do not arrive early as the driveway is short and staging along FM51 is not permitted as it is a 70mph, 2 lane road, with narrow shoulders.

Several multi-car teams with large trailers (Speedstar Competition Services, Bigger Hammer Racing, Barron Racing, and Dalrymple Racing Services) will be allowed paddock entry at 11:00pm as they each have assigned spaces.

Priority to paddock spaces facing a paved or concrete surface will be given to race cars running slick tires. If you are running slicks and have not heard from Simon or I, please contact us if you would like to reserve a paddock space adjacent to a paved or concrete pad. If a parking location is reserved for you, please arrive at 1pm Thursday.

*Cones will mark locations assigned ahead of time, please do not move these cones and park in these spaces. You will be instructed to relocate.*

Simon Hughes: 832.206.4166

John Taphorn: 713.553.5475

Chris Kellner, Tim Blakeney, Simon Hughes and I will serve as Paddock Marshalls.

You may be directed to the paddock parking area based on the following criteria:

- Trucks, and single car trailers of less than 24' may be directed to either the Lower, Middle or Upper Paddock Area, depending on time of arrival.
- Trucks and trailers more than 24' (including ALL motorhomes and motorhomes pulling trailers) may be directed to the Lower Paddock Area or new MP-East paddock.

### **Track Damage Protection**

Your event fee provides you with financial protection, funded by CVAR, for any damage to the ECR facility (oil spills, barriers, etc.) over the race weekend up to a max of \$2,000.

Damages to the facility that exceeds the \$2,000 buffer would be the financial liability of the responsible individual.

Our experience with ECR has been that they have not sought to “nickel and dime” reimbursements from our members. The purpose of the protection and the policy of financial responsibility is to avoid substantial disruptions that affect the profitability of a race weekend.

In summary, we think this is a fair approach to limit financial exposure to our entrants along with providing CVAR with reasonable financial protection.

### **Food Service at the Track**

The only provider of food at the ECR facility is the Over the Top Bar & Grill, which is located next to Concierge near the top of the hill. It gets good reviews. The restaurant serves lunch (10:30am-3pm: Fri, Sat) and dinner (5pm-8pm Fri). No Breakfast service is available. All transactions are by card only, no cash.

For any questions, feel free to contact: Rebecca Kelly, Eagles Canyon Raceway, C: 860.462.6611

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### **Fuel at the Track**

93 and 100 unleaded racing fuel and 110 leaded racing fuel will be available at the track.

### **Saturday Night Awards Ceremony and Dinner Party**

Dinner service begins at 5:30 pm at the Eagle Eye, located at the top of the hill. While the cost to CVAR is \$30/head, tickets are available through MotorsportReg.com for \$25/person. Dinner will be an Italian buffet and include soft drinks. A cash bar will be available for adult beverages.

Group leaders will distribute 2023 Championship Points Awards.

**We wish everyone a fast, fun and safe weekend!**