



SAAC-35

AUGUST 27 - 28 - 29, 2010
 INFINEON RACEWAY
 SONOMA CA

SAAC descends on the West Coast this year with our National Convention at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California. We're joining forces with the club's largest and best run region, Nor Cal SAAC. This year's convention is shaping up to be an epic event that you won't want to miss—whether you are bringing your car or just joining in on the festivities.

Infineon Raceway is set on 1,600 acres in the beautiful Sonoma Valley. Formerly known as Sears Point, this major league facility hosts NASCAR, IndyCar and NHRA major events, as well as dozens of regional meets. The road course is approximately 2.5 miles and features more than 160 feet of elevation change from its highest to lowest points. It is both challenging and rewarding, whether you're racing or just driving quickly.

We have planned three full days of motorsports enjoyment here for SAAC-35. With a schedule chock full of Open Track, wheel-to-wheel Vintage and Historic racing, as well as Drag Racing and multiple car shows, this convention has something for everyone.

Take a look at [Infineon Raceway](#)

SAAC-35 Official Schedule

THURSDAY Aug. 26	FRIDAY Aug. 27	SATURDAY Aug. 28	SUNDAY Aug 29
HOTEL 2 pm Early Arrivers Registration 2 pm - 5 pm Early Tech Inspection 5 pm - 8:30 pm Early Arrivers Cruise	HOTEL 5 pm Late Arrivers Registration 7:30 pm - 10 pm Friday Evening Social	HOTEL 6 pm Cocktail Hour 7 pm Sit-down Dinner 8:30 pm Evening Program	
TRACK 5pm - Early Load-in	TRACK 7 am - Track Opens 7 am - Registration 7 am - 2 pm Tech Inspection 7:30 am - Swap Meet Setup 8:15 - 9:00 - Drivers Meeting 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Trans Am and	TRACK 7:30 am - Track Opens 7:30 am - Registration 7:30 - 3:00 pm - Tech Inspection 7:30 am - Swap Meet Setup 8 am - Concours Entrant Meeting 8:30 am Driver's	TRACK 7:30 am Track Opens 7:30 am - 1 pm Tech Inspection 8:00 am - 9:00 am Popular Car Show Setup 8:30 am Driver's Meetings 9:30 am - 12:50 pm Vintage Race Group

		Meetings 8:30 am - Concours Judging Begins 9:30 am - First Timers Class	Practice, Open Track Sessions
	Vintage Group Practice, Open Track Sessions	9:30 am - 12:50 pm Trans Am and Vintage Group Practice, Open Track Sessions	12:50 pm Lunch / Parade Laps
	1:00 pm Lunch / Parade Laps	12:50 pm - 1:50pm Lunch / Parade Laps	1:00 pm Popular Car Show Voting ends
	2:00 - 3:20 pm Trans Am Group Practice, Open Track Sessions	1:50 pm Trans Am Group Race	1:50 pm Vintage Group Race
	3:30 - 6:30 pm Drag Racing	2:20 - 4:40 pm Vintage Group Practice, Open Track Sessions	2:20 - 4:50 pm Open Track Sessions
		4:45 pm - Track Goes Cold	5:00 pm End of Track Activities

LOCAL HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

We have blocked rooms at two hotels within a mile of each other, in San Rafael.

The HQ hotel is the Embassy Suites in San Rafael; the second hotel is the Four Points Sheraton.

Within hours of announcing the hotel details to our membership via Member eBlast, the Embassy block was sold out. As we write this, there are a few rooms left there, but at the non-discounted rate. Our block at the Sheraton still has plenty of available rooms at our discount. Not to worry, the Friday Social and the Saturday Banquet will be at the Embassy Suites, but all other convention activities will be out at the track.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

We have planned the return of the wildly successful Social for Friday evening. This mixer will fill the ballroom of the hotel with displays, exhibits, club representatives and plenty of room to sit and meet with fellow attendees.

Open cash bar and snacks will make things even more fun. If it is anything like last year, we'll have trouble chasing everyone out at 11 pm so we can close the ballroom up.

Our Saturday Dinner will be a sit-down meal at the Embassy Suites, with a Cocktail Hour prior to the dinner.

The Evening Program, immediately following the meal will be a fun event and is open to all registered attendees.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTELS

Embassy Suites San Rafael - Marin County
101 McInnis Parkway
San Rafael, California 94903
Phone Number: 1-415-499-9222
Group Name: Shelby American Automobile Club National Convention
Group Code: SAA

Four Points by Sheraton San Rafael
1010 Northgate Drive.
San Rafael, CA 94903
Phone: (415) 479-8800
Group Name: Shelby American Automobile Club National Convention
Group Code: SAAC

Online Reservations:

[Four Points Sheraton Online Reservation Site](#)

REGISTRATION FEES

SAAC and Nor Cal SAAC Members, Advance Registration - \$15 Per Person/Per Day.
NOTE - Each daily advance member registration gets one FREE Family Member Guest Pass for the day.

This is an unprecedented "Two-Fer" Special...for Members Only

Non-Member and Walk-up Registration, Day of the Event - \$20 Per Person/Per Day.

Everyone 16 years or older must pay the registration fee - either in advance or when you arrive. There is no charge for kids 15 and under.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION. We have the Advance Registration online for print-and-mail. After we receive your registration we will send you an acknowledgement by email, with the necessary infosheets and documents.

INFINEON OPEN TRACK will be held on all three days. Friday is an extended session at a discounted rate. Full day slots are available for Saturday and Sunday. A special half-day package will be available for Sunday afternoon.

Open Track slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to SAAC National and Nor Cal SAAC members with Ford-powered cars only (exceptions can be made, on a case by case basis).

If you would like to run your car but are not a member, you will have to join one club or the other. (SAAC annual membership price of \$50; Nor Cal SAAC membership price of \$58). No exceptions. We are expecting the open track spots to all be filled by convention time so if you are serious about running you should register in advance (a word to the wise).

Open track entry fee is \$295 per car for Saturday and/or Sunday (includes AM and PM sessions); \$200 for Friday (AM and PM session); and \$160 for the Sunday PM session. Two drivers may share a car (entry fee is based on the car — not the number drivers; the second driver need not be a club member). All drivers must attend the daily Drivers Meeting

prior to going out on the track that day and all cars must pass a safety inspection. The open track is NOT a competitive event. Please understand that. You are NOT racing.

There may be a few vacant spots available on the morning of the event due to last minute cancellations, and if so they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis at Tech Inspection. We cannot guarantee that any spots will be available at that time so we strongly recommend registering in advance. Pre-Registration insures that you will receive advanced information which will help you to understand how the event is run and exactly what will be expected of you when you arrive with your car at Tech Inspection. You may run your car as hard (or as easy) as you feel comfortable doing. We run rain or shine; there will be no refunds in the event of less than perfect weather.

This year, we are offering a special treat... The last session of Open Track on Friday and Sunday **will permit Passengers** for the session.

DRAG RACING - Here's a chance to run the quarter-mile on a first class NHRA dragstrip. Friday afternoon will be reserved for a drag racing and even if you are not participating you will want to see this. There will be a special exhibition by some top-notch vintage Cobra, Shelby and Ford drag cars: factory and independent Dragonsnakes, Thunderbolts, GT350 drag cars. History will come alive before your eyes. There will also be spots for SAAC and NorCal Members to make as many timed runs as the schedule allows. Drag participants get a time slip for every run—you can wave it under everyone else's nose. Here's the opportunity for you to end the "my car is faster than yours" arguments. Stage and race against whoever you want.

The Drag Racing entry fee is \$50 per car.

WHEEL-TO-WHEEL RACING will be held on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday will feature the Historic Trans Am cars from 1966-1972 in competitive action—Mustangs, Camaros, Challengers, Javelins, all restored exactly the way they raced in Trans-Am competition in the late 1960s and early 1970s. They will be running practice and qualifying on Friday, and qualifying and competition on Saturday. Entry for the Trans-Am race is by invitation only. Cars must be recognized by the Historic Trans-Am Group.

Sunday will feature the Vintage Cobra/Shelby competition, always a favorite event. It's like stepping back into the 1960s. Detailed race information and entry forms for the Vintage Cobra/Shelby race are available for the asking. All drivers must have a current competition license issued by a recognized sanctioning body and cars must appear-period correct and pass a typical race safety inspection.

Entry for the Vintage Cobra/Shelby Race is \$350 and this includes a three-day convention registration for the driver. Additional overcrew registrations are available at \$15 per person per day.

PARADE LAPS. If you'd like to take a tour of the track during the lunch break you can do that—with passengers. Any vehicle in the paddock is welcome to join in for parade laps on all three days. For \$10 you'll get 5 laps. Speeds will be held to 55 MPH. Passengers will be allowed and helmets will not be required. Parade lap spots are available by pre-registration. There are a limited number of spots available on each day. There may be spots available on the day of the event. You'll have to check at Tech Inspection the morning of the event.

PADDOCK GARAGES will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 38 garages available. Each will hold 2 cars. They will be available all 3 days (no single days and no single car rentals: find a garage buddy and chip in). Cost is \$300 per garage for the

weekend. We suggest that if you want a garage you reserve it quickly. They will not last long. Garages will be available at 5 pm on Thursday.

JUDGED CONCOURS will be held on Saturday morning. Judging begins at 8:30 am and, depending on the number of cars in the class, can last until 4 pm. Entry into the Concours Car Show is by pre-registration only, open to SAAC National and Nor Cal SAAC members only. The entry fee is \$75 per car and spaces are limited to 6 cars per class (due to the time it takes judges to evaluate each car). You cannot enter the concours after you arrive. There will be concours classes for the following cars: Cobras (CSX2000 and CSX3000 cars only), Shelybs (all years), Bosses (302 and 429), Tigers and Competition Cars. This year, there will be a special category added for 1968 GT/CS (California Special).

There are 3 levels: Division I (stock/original cars); Division II (non-NOS cars); Division III (original/unrestored "Survivor"). All other cars qualify for the Popular Vote car show. The same car cannot be entered in more than one show. Concours entry is on a first-come/first-served basis. Judging guidelines will be sent to all entrants in advance. All trophies will be engraved with the winners' name and car serial number and mailed after the convention.

The Concours entrants will be on display Sunday from 9 am - 1 pm.

Please note: the SAAC Concours is a serious competitive event. Entries which are obviously not up to judging standards will be rejected and will not be evaluated.

POPULAR VOTE CAR SHOW will take place on Sunday morning. All cars not in Concours are eligible. All cars will be evaluated by the attendees voting for their favorites. A team of judges will also determine the winners in several specialty categories. There is no entry fee for participants.

PARTS SWAP SPACES will be assigned on a first-come/first served basis out at the track. Vendors will be able to stake out their territory at 5 pm on Thursday. The Parts Swap will run Friday through Sunday. There is no pre-registration for parts swap spaces. Once you set up there will be no need to move; only secure your belongings before you leave for the evening. There will be a one-time swap meet space fee of \$10 per frontage foot (spaces are approx. 20' deep) — payable after you set up. This charge will cover the entire convention. Complete swap meet details will be mailed to anyone who checks the appropriate spot on the pre-registration form. All swap meet vendors and their staff must pay the daily registration fee in addition to the swap meet space fee.

Swap Meet vendors are invited to set up on Friday evening at the Welcoming Mixer at the Embassy Suites. There is no charge for tables but we ask that only clean or boxed items are brought in—no greasy transmissions, engine blocks or heads, etc. Set up will start at 5 pm. Contact SAAC HQ for details.

FRIDAY EVENING WELCOMING MIXER at the Embassy Suites is free for all registered attendees. If you arrive late on Friday, or do not register for that day, admission to the Social will be a \$10 per person fee.

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER and PROGRAM will also be held at the Embassy Suites. The program will be preceded by a Cocktail Hour and sit-down dinner. Tickets are available in advance. They are \$45 each (\$15 for kids under 13). We will be required to give the caterer a firm number 3 weeks before the convention. so tickets will likely sell out. We suggest you reserve yours in advance. It's no fun standing off to the side, watching everyone else eat.

GOLF CARTS will be available at the track. Info on this will be forthcoming. Contact us and we will email you info as soon as we have it.
email: membership@saac.com

REFUND POLICY. Registration refunds (less a \$20 service charge) will be made if we receive written, fax or e-mail notification of your cancellation prior to August 15th, 2010. Open track refunds: once all slots have been filled there will be no refunds. In the past we have attempted to issue refunds to those who signed up in advance and then, at the last minute, found that they would not be able to participate. In the meantime all slots had been filled and we had to turn people away. In some cases not being able to run meant those people either did not bring their cars or did not attend the event. When slots became available at the last minute due to these eleventh-hour cancellations, those people who had wanted to run were not in a position to do so. The whole situation strikes us as unfair, so we have adopted a strict open track refund policy. No refunds will be made once the event begins or after the event. Credit for future convention open track spots will be issued. Dinner ticket refunds will be made prior to August 15th when written notice of cancellation is received. Refunds cannot be made after that time as we will have confirmed the final number of meals with the caterer.