



## SIN CITY CHAPTER

### WHAT IS A HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL?

The High Performance Driving Schools that BMW CCA Chapters put on are for people that are interested in learning how to drive their cars at speed in a safe and controlled environment. The safest environment we've found is a racetrack. These events are SCHOOLS, not races or speed contests of any kind. In fact, if we catch anyone timing themselves, they will be asked to leave. Passing is allowed only on designated straightaways and then only if the car being passed first gives the overtaking car a signal to pass. The students bring their own cars, no special equipment (other than a helmet -- loaner helmets are available) is required. There will be an instructor in the car with you.

The cars are put into groups based upon the high speed driving experience of the driver and the speed potential of the car. The objective is to have all cars on the track at one time travel at about the same speed. We want to avoid having fast cars and slower cars on the track together. The track sessions are interspersed with classroom sessions. The objective is to allow everyone to become a better driver. However, one of the big side benefits is a LOT of fun! Fair warning though, these schools are addicting!

The Las Vegas track is perfect for a first time student. The track is pretty open and in the very unlikely event that you went off track, there's nothing to hit. The worst thing is that your car will get dirty.

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