

# ***The Oval Racing Expo 2017***

## ***Final instructions for NASA and SEGTO drivers and Open Hot Rods***

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PROMOTER**

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the 2017 Arena Essex annual Oval Racing Expo, we have a great weekend ahead with over 200 cars booked in on each day.

As part of our tenancy agreement, I am required to bring the following to your attention;

The landlords would ask all those attending to pay strict attention to the site rules, which must be adhered to at all times, anyone found to be violating the site rules will be required to leave the site with immediate effect, the site rules are simple, treat the site as you would treat your own home, no tyre dumping or rubbish dumping no acts of vandalism of any kind, please remember ultimately you pay for the idiots, such actions affect us all, if you see something you are not happy with report it, saves us all money in the long term.

**Health and Safety ORCi notice**, please go to the ORCi web site and read the rule carefully, we are required to implement those rules, do not exit your car at any time whilst the race is in progress, should your car come to a halt whilst the race is in progress, only exit in an emergency, the bottom line is, should you exit your car whilst the race is in progress to go walkabouts, we are required to stop the race and remove you from the race track, don't do it, is the answer. Crying wolf fake injuries that require medical assistance to extract you from the car, should you call for medic assistance to extract you from your race car, you will not be permitted to partake any further in the meeting that is the rule, so please think before you make that call, can I get out unassisted. Your call.

**Scrutineering** will take place at your trailer/transporters, not in the bay. You will be scrutineered for safety only , it is your responsibility to ensure your car complies to the rules in every aspect, the first three in every race may be the subject to post race scrutineering, Ninjas you will have available on Saturday the use of the scales, please use them, any underweight cars will be automatically excluded from all results as a result of post race scrutineering parents please take note it is entirely your responsibility to ensure the car complies to the rules , we do not want any disappointed children, so in in doubt please ask Alan or Jason who are on hand, when you collect you drivers entry form at the gate please ensure you write you engine seal number on the top right hand corner of the form, in post race scrutineering that is the engine number that will be checked if it is wrong on not on the form you will be excluded from the results so please check.

**Trophy presentation** will be on the start line, please do not get out of your car..

**Pit parking** is as per normal Saturday SEGTO and NASA in the top pits all others in the lower pits, Sunday SEGTO/ NASA and Stansted Dirt Rods top pits Bangers in the rear lower pits, Racers Swap Meet Sunday only, please park in the upper pits facing the site compound.

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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PROMOTER (continued)**

No trailers or vehicles are to remain in the stadium complex overnight, all must be removed, you are permitted to stay overnight in the main car park but with the services at the main entrance we advise you to use the services as they have full facilities, the main car park has none, should you decide to stay, no radios no parties of any kind are permitted, those are the rules, please observe them.

For those drivers not familiar with the parking this is how it works;

**Saturday / Sunday upper pits**, all SEGTO and NASA cars, please park tightly and leave room at the entrance to the pit lane for 2 cars to pass each other, should you not we will require you to move to achieve the 2 lane principle.

**Sunday lower pits**, Bangers in the rear section, Dirt Rods upper pits, Ninjas, and Superstox in the front section, all others in the top pits.

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Have a great weekend of racing

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## GETTING THERE

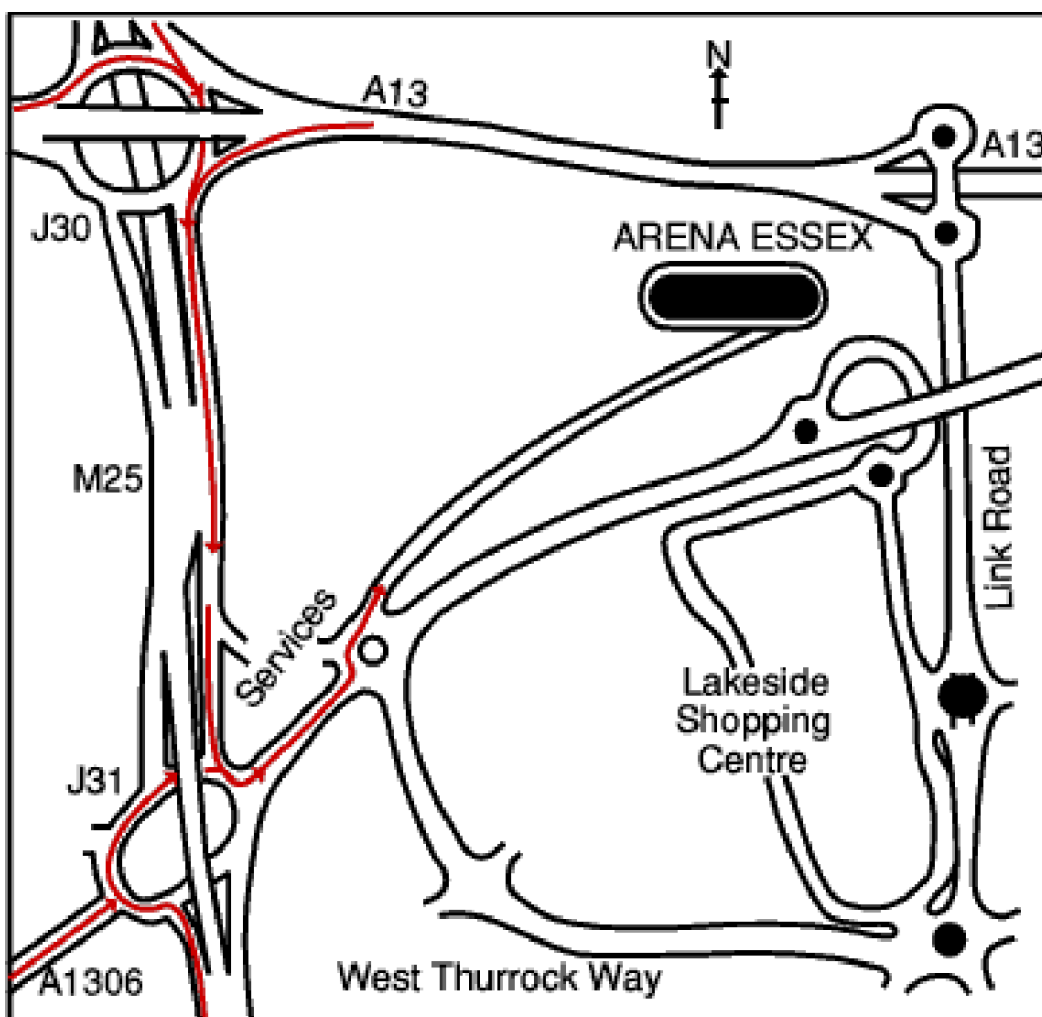
Arena Essex is located on the A1306 Arterial Road, 100 yards east of Junction 30/31 of the M25, north of the Dartford Crossing. It's opposite the Lakeside Shopping Centre and adjacent to the Thurrock motorway service area. The postcode is RM19 1AE.

If coming from the north on the M25, please note that your exit is on the second part of the junction (J31) – don't get onto the A13 (even if your SatNav wants you to) as you will go straight past the track.

Postcode is RM19 1AE, but that will either take you onto the A13 or to Mr Woodroffe's house. Co-ordinates for the track entrance are N: 51.489864, E: 0.272561, or just follow the map.

If coming from the south we recommend you to pre-pay the Dartford toll; otherwise you'll need to remember to pay it as soon as you get home as it must be paid before midnight the following [day. www.gov.uk/dart-charge](http://www.gov.uk/dart-charge).

For more detailed directions please refer to [www.arena-essex-raceway.co.uk](http://www.arena-essex-raceway.co.uk)



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### **ON ARRIVAL**

Gates will open at 10.00 am (ish) each day. For early arrivals there's plenty of room to queue on the stadium entrance road. Don't worry if there's a massive queue when you arrive – the gate staff get everyone in quickly once it's open.

All access is now through the top pits (straight on once you're through the gate). No vehicles are allowed on the "ambulance road" leading to the bottom pits.

On the gate, ALL personnel, including drivers, will pay the basic admission fee of **£15 PER DAY** (children under 13 free). There will be no additional race entry fee.

At the gate you'll be given an indemnity form to fill in. Please complete this and, once unloaded, stay close to your car until the scrutineers find you. **THE SCRUTINEERS WILL COME TO YOU IN THE PITS.**

You must have passed scrutineering before the drivers' briefing at approx. 11.30.

Due to the early start, unfortunately there won't be any time for pre-meeting practice.

The racing will be under the jurisdiction of the Rolling Thunder Show and you do not need a NASA or SEGTO licence to race.

No late entries will be accepted on the day for Saturday's racing, although we may be more flexible on Sunday.

Everybody must leave the stadium overnight (at the end of racing, or when the Raceway Tavern bar closes, whichever is later). You may camp or park trailers etc in the public car park, immediately outside the main gate. If leaving any equipment unattended overnight, please make your own arrangements with somebody who is camping so that they can keep an eye on your things for you.

If you need accommodation, the following are close to the track:

Travelodge Thurrock – in Thurrock M25 service area

Premier Inn Thurrock West – on the A13 (London side of the M25)

Premier Inn Thurrock East – near Chafford Hundred railway station/Lakeside shopping centre

Details on [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk) or [www.premierinn.com](http://www.premierinn.com)

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### **RACING PROCEDURE**

You will all race in two 10-lap heats and a 12-lap final each day (except Open Hot Rods – 15 lap heats and 18 lap finals). The grids for the first heats have been pre-drawn using random numbers, and these grids will be reversed for the second heat.

PLEASE STUDY THE GRID LINE UPS AND MAKE SURE YOU START IN THE CORRECT POSITION.

Because of the fast turn round of races needed at the Expo, there will be no time to re-arrange cars on the grid and you may be penalised if you start out of position.

The regular Rolling Thunder Show classes are used to running with "RACEceiver" radios – these won't be in use for any of the visiting classes at the Expo so we must rely on the drivers to follow these instructions and marshals' flag signals.

All races will be lined up in a 2-2-2 formation grid.

**PROD B/MOD C** – the race will be run on a class stagger; Prod B grid lines up on the start/finish line, Mod C just before the pit gate.

**1450 HOT RODS/SUPER SALOONS** – this race will also be run on a class stagger. 1450s line up on the start/finish line, Super saloons on the back straight.

**THUNDER RODS/DRIFT RODS** – the grids will be lined up in blocks of 6 cars. Block 1 on the start/finish line, block 2 on the pits bend exit, block 3 at the pit gate.

Any driver who wants to drop from their allocated position to the back of the grid may do so, but please tell us in advance.

All races will have a standing start. The start procedure will be demonstrated at the drivers' meeting. Hot Rods and Specials will have two tyre-warming laps under a yellow flag, and then must return to your original grid positions for the standing start.

Points will be awarded in each heat, 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3 then 2 for all other finishers and 1 for non-finishers. The finals will be lined up in points order. Grid positions will be displayed at pits control before the start of the finals.

The points system is designed to encourage consistency – you don't need to push your way to the front in your heats. Two consistent finishes will put you somewhere near the front for the final.

### **Race order**

Please study the running order carefully and be ready for your races – there will be no time to wait for latecomers. If you're in the top pits you might not be able to hear any PA announcements so please keep an eye on what's going onto the track.

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### **RACING PROCEDURE (continued)**

#### **Driving standards**

Please drive to the conditions and respect your fellow drivers. There will be a wide variety of cars on track. Some drivers will have extensive tarmac experience, others will have none. The Rolling Thunder Show stewards are VERY strict on contact. Any "deliberate" or "careless" contact observed will result in penalties or disqualification. The stewards' decision will be final.

#### **Flag signals**

The flags used will be as for stadium racing and will differ from those used in NASA Autograss.

GREEN = race start or restart

STATIC YELLOW = caution

WAVED YELLOW = slow to walking pace, fall into single file and be prepared to stop. When the obstruction is cleared, the race will be restarted with a slow rolling lap in single file – do not start racing until the green flag is waved.

CHEQUERED = race finish BUT continue racing until RED flag is shown

RED = stop as soon as you safely can

BLACK CROSS = warning for driving standard – places will be docked

BLACK FLAG = disqualified – pull onto infield

If your car stops on the track, or if you have to pull onto the infield, please stay in, belted and helmeted. If you are in a dangerous position the race will be slowed under yellow flags to enable you to be recovered. Please note that ORCi have now adopted the same rule as NASA – drivers must not exit their cars within the track area.

### **TYRE RULES**

You should all have been advised of the tyre rules for this meeting when you booked in. To ensure equality as much as possible between NASA and SEGTO cars you have the choice between running to NASA or SEGTO tyre rules. The basic tyre rules will be:

Production Saloons and Juniors: E-marked road legal tyres only permitted, maximum width 165 (Prod A) or 185 (Prod B/Mod C).

Modified Saloons: Any tyre is permitted. Outside edges of tyres must be within the bodywork. Specials: Any tyre is permitted.

On Sunday only, some freedom may be given to run experimental tyres, as long as they're suitable to the conditions and not too outrageous!

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## **EXTRAS**

On Sunday, in addition to the racing and trade stands there will be a "Racers' Swap Meet" autojumble – the fee for this is £25 to admit driver, with truck or van and trailer with no restrictions on size or what you can sell.

All weekend there will be a selection of trade stands in the pits, including BPG Motorsport and Mark Miller Motorsport. The shops and catering outlets in the main stadium building will be open both days – times to be confirmed.

## **MOST IMPORTANT!**

The Expo is primarily a promotional event, so please remember at all times that you have been invited to Arena to represent NASA or SEGTO and your own clubs to the best of your ability. It is also designed to be a fun event, and an opportunity for Grasstrack drivers to try their cars on one of the UK's best tarmac ovals.

## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Please e-mail [jeffrey@autograssreview.com](mailto:jeffrey@autograssreview.com) , or on race day phone or text 07795 14613