

10th Annual Motor State Challenge, Optima Search for the Ultimate Street Car Open Event

The 2018 Motor State Challenge will once again see a division of the competition with two model year groupings – **1988 and Earlier** and **1989 and Later** and a third category **“Touring Group”** with no year boundaries.

Manufacturers participating in the event will be competing in the “Manufacturer Category” and are not eligible for prizes and giveaways, however they will compete in the “Manufacturer’s Shootout” for the overall “Motor State Challenge Manufacturer Champion” trophy in both Vintage and Late Model Classes. Manufacturers will be assigned spots using the same criteria as all other competitors; therefore, they will be mixed within the established run groups. A “Manufacturer” is considered any competitor who designs, builds, and sells parts that enhance the performance and/or look of a vehicle. This includes, but is not limited to, all vendors selling products through Motor State Distributing.

We will do our best to match participants in groups with like skill level and speed.

GingerMan is a very open track with many safe run-off areas. It will still be stressed that you not let your speed exceed your skill level. With proper spacing and passing procedures, everyone will enjoy a safe outing with plenty of track time.

The GingerMan track day features road course hot laps without a speed regulating pace car. Timed sessions will be run for approximately 15 minutes each. Session duration is at the discretion of the SCCA race director. Since we're not limiting speed in the time trial groups, we will limit track time to prevent heat related malfunctions and failures such as brake fade and excessive oil/coolant temps.

Road Course Timing – Competitors will be timed using AMB Transponders. If you do not have an AMB Transponder you will need to purchase one and have it mounted prior to the event. If you do not have your transponder prior to registering for the event, please remember to go back into your registration and add your transponder number once you have one. If you need a transponder for your car/truck feel free to contact us. We have them in stock along with the mounting clips.

Optima Ultimate Street Car Open Event – In order to secure the OUSCI invite, the Spirit of the Event Award winner must compete in at least one of

the OPTIMA Search for the Ultimate Street Car qualifying events during the calendar year in which the award was received. Official Rules and complete details on "The Optima Search for the Ultimate Street Car Open" are available by clicking on this link <http://driveusca.com/>.

Event Requirements

Registration ends on Monday, July 16th, 2018 12:00 PM EDT
Registrations received after July 16th will incur a \$50 late fee that will be given to our Relay for Life charity.

[Download](#) the full rules and regulations for the 2018 Motor State Challenge.

[Download](#) the rules for the Optima Search for the Ultimate Street Car Open.

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[Download](#) more info on the Optima Ultimate Street Car Invitational.

Host Hotel Contact Information:

The Host Hotel will be Fairfield Inn and Suites/Surfari Joe's Water Park, Exit 41 off I-94 at Watervliet, Michigan. When calling and making a reservation tell them you are with the Motor State Challenge Pro-Touring group. All room rates now include admission to the Water Park attractions. Rooms are limited so make your reservations today.

Fairfield Inn and Suites/Surfari Joe's Water Park,

www.surfarijoes.com

8258 Arnt Blvd

Watervliet, MI 49098

(269) 463-7946

[Visit Fairfield Inn & Suites Website](#)

Thursday, July 19th Motor State Check-In, Cruise Night, and Dinner

1:00 PM - Check-In Opens (Lane Automotive Customer Pick Up Area)

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM - Meet and Greet

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Drivers/Participant Meeting (Motor State Training Room)

4:15 PM - Cruise Departs (approx. 20-25 miles)
5:00 PM to ? – Cruise and Dinner (Location TBA)

Friday, July 20th GingerMan Raceway Road Course

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM - MSC/SCCA Staff Meeting
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Track day at GingerMan Raceway Road Course in South Haven, Michigan. Drivers will be divided into groups, based on experience. Novice drivers will keep speeds to a prudent rate. Experienced and Professional drivers will be able to run the course at a faster pace but will still be expected to keep safety at the forefront. All drivers will be required to wear a SNELL 2010 (or later) rated helmet. There will be absolutely NO fender to fender racing allowed on the course. ***PLEASE NOTE: Convertibles will not be allowed to participate on the Road Course unless they are equipped with structurally secure, roll-over protection (roll bar or cage).***

Saturday, July 21st Autocross, Tire Rack (South Bend, IN)

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM - MSC/SCCA Staff Meeting
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM - Registration, Drivers Meeting, and Course Walk
9:30 AM - First Car on Autocross

Competition will begin at 9:30 and continue until 4:00. Awards for the event will be handed after the Autocross event. The Lane Automotive Relay for Life team will once again be providing lunch on Saturday during the Autocross event. A variety of food, drinks, and deserts will be available for all participants and spectators for a donation to the charity.

Join us for three days filled with good times, good friends and the chance to experience the technological creativity and excitement that defines Pro-Touring. Due to the nature of this event, participation registrations will be limited. To secure a spot, please register as soon as possible. All events will run, rain or shine.

Entry Fees

Thursday - Cruise, T-shirt, Dinner, and Car Show - \$30

Friday - GingerMan Track Day - \$160

Saturday - Autocross - \$50

FULL Event Pass (Cruise, Track, and Autocross) - **\$200**

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