



2026 AutoFair

## Comprehensive Event Information

*From classics, customs, and hot rods to modern-day muscle and super cars – AutoFair.*

### Event Overview-

Charlotte AutoFair is a three-day automotive celebration hosted at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Designed to bring car enthusiasts together, the event creates an immersive environment where fans can connect, showcase their vehicles, and enjoy their shared passion. The show features several distinct segments that offer something for every type of automotive enthusiast.

- Car Clubs
- Show Cars
- Flea Market
  - Red Field
  - Blue Field
  - Orange Field
  - Green Field
- Car Corral
- Manufacturer's Midway
- AACA
- AutoFair Auction
- Wheelhouse Ride Alongs

Each of these segments are broken out into greater detail below in the sections below.

### The Hornet's Nest-

Charlotte AutoFair is planned and executed in conjunction with The Hornet's Nest. The Hornet's Nest is a unit of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). The Hornet's Nest oversees the **Flea Market, The Car Corral, AACA, and AutoFair Auction**. More information can be found at the website below. The Hornet's Nest information tent will be located outside of Gate 12.

<https://www.charlotte-autofair.com/>

Point of Contact- Ken Gilmore [kengilmohr@gmail.com](mailto:kengilmohr@gmail.com)

### Car Clubs & Show Car Information-

Passionate car enthusiasts who showcase their vehicles at AutoFair are a driving force behind the event's energy and appeal! Cars who register get to showcase their vehicle on the iconic Charlotte Motor Speedway track.

- Registration Fee- \$50.00 Per Vehicle
  - Includes (1) Parking Credential and (4) Event Credentials- the driver and (3) Guests
    - Event Credentials are good for all three show days

### Car Club Information-



Car clubs register and display together, creating large, themed group showcases inside the speedway. Whether it's classic muscle, modern performance, vintage cruisers, trucks, imports, or specialty builds, each club creates its own mini-exhibit within the larger show.

For many participants, AutoFair is as much about fellowship as it is about cars. Clubs use the weekend as a reunion of sorts — a chance to connect with fellow members, meet new enthusiasts, and share stories with fans walking through their display.

- Point of Contact for Car Clubs- Jerry and Robina Caulder- [cmsautofair@gmail.com](mailto:cmsautofair@gmail.com)
- Cars may register by contacting Robina at the above e-mail, and she will send them the registration link
  - This e-mail is on the website for interested Car Clubs to reach out
- Car club registration has been extended to March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Registration link-
  - <https://form.fillout.com/t/aRbBj7c8U2us>
- Car Club Credentials are mailed out prior to the event to the point of contact listed on the registration form.



#### *Show Car & Rat Rod Information-*

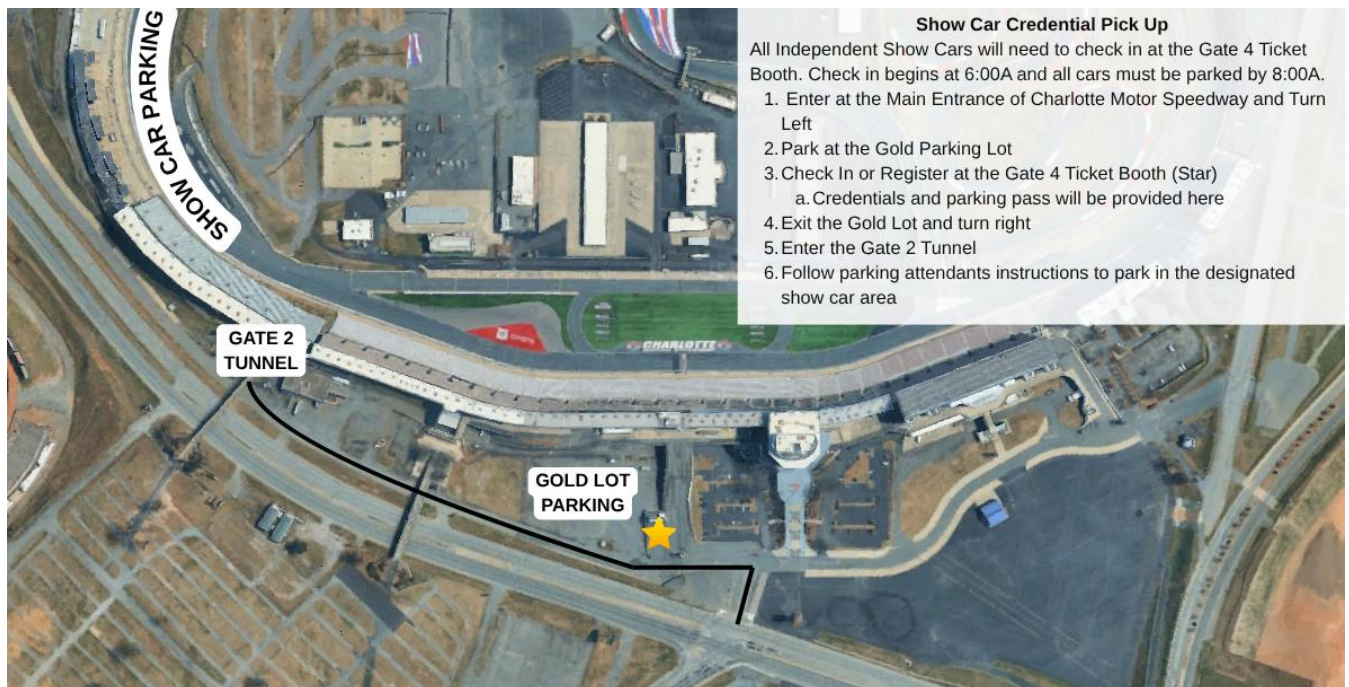
New at AutoFair this year, Show Cars may now be individually registered! In the past, any display car has to be associated with a club to register their vehicle.

- Cars may register at the below link-
  - <https://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/events/autofair/>
  - Registration will stay open and cars can register onsite day of the event



Show Car Credential Pick Up or Registration during show weekend-

1. Enter property at the main entrance of Charlotte Motor Speedway and take an immediate left, following signs for Show Cars & Car Clubs
2. Park at the Gold Lot
3. Check in with Charlotte Motor Speedway staff at the Gate 4 Ticket Booth to receive credentials and parking pass
4. After checking in at Gate 4, exit the Gold lot and take a right
5. Enter the Gate 2 tunnel, showing Guest Services staff your credentials
6. After entering the infield, follow instructions of Charlotte Motor Speedway Staff to take a right onto pit road
7. Show cars will be directed right to the turns 3 & 4 apron where they will be parked by Charlotte Motor Speedway staff





## Trophies & Awards

Car clubs will receive (1) 15" Trophy for their club and (1) 10" trophy per every 10 cars registered. Car clubs that do not have 10 cars will still receive (1) 10" trophy.

Trophy Pick Up will take place Saturday morning 9:00A- Noon at the Manufacturer's Midway. Lisa Davis will oversee trophy handout. Goodie bags will also be handed out here.

The speedway will also present 7 awards in total. Starting this year, we will not have the judges "walk the line" to make logistics easier for judging.

### Full List of Speedway Awards-

- Walt Hollifield "Best of Show" 1992 and older
- Walt Hollifield "Best of Show" 1993 and newer
- Best Restoration
- Sam Bass - Best Paint
- Best Foreign Car
- Best Truck
- Most Original
- Hagerty Youth Best of Show
- 3 JEG's Awards- they will provide, our team will judge

### Awards-

Awards will take place at 4:00P in Victory Lane. Jerry will organize getting these cars lined up outside of Victory Lane for award presentation.



## Track Cruise

Registered car club members and independent show car owners will have the opportunity to cruise the same asphalt as racing legends during the inaugural AutoFair Track Cruise!

This non-competitive experience features paced laps around Charlotte's iconic 1.5-mile oval, giving participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the speedway from behind the wheel of their own vehicle. The Track Cruise will take place from 6-8 p.m. Tickets will be provided and will be for two ticket slots- 6:00P-7:00P and 7:00P-8:00P.

### Ticket Pick Up-

- Show Cars & Rat Rods- Pick Up at Gate 4 Ticket booth- included in registration packet
- Car Clubs- Pick Up at Manufacturer's Midway Tech Bay during Trophy/ Goody Bag pick up- Jerry & Robina will also have extra tickets
- Car Corral & AACA Cars- Pick Up from Ken Gilmore

### Sample Ticket Below-

 <p><b>AUTOFAIR</b> <b>TRACK CRUISE TICKET</b> <b>6:00P-7:00P</b></p> <p>ADMISSION- ONE CAR- AUTOFAIR TRACK CRUISE</p> <p><b>FOR A FULL LIST OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, PLEASE VISIT CHARLOTTEMOTORSPEEDWAY.COM</b></p>	 <p>All Track Cruise participants, including passengers, are required to complete a track waiver. To save time on event day, please scan the QR code above and complete your waiver in advance. Be sure to screenshot or save your confirmation to help expedite the check-in process.</p>
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### Map & Instructions-

- Cars may start lining up at 4:30P for the Track Cruise
- Track Cruise Cars will pull in at AutoFair Blvd and make a left into the Road Course
- Suggested path for car clubs and independent show cars to get to the rides-
  - ROVAL Pit Out (scoring pylon) and head to AutoFair Blvd
- Car Corral Cars can come down through Gate 12
- Waivers & Check in will be completed at a check in point on the Road Course
- Cars will be counted, stacked, and enter the track at the ROVAL Turn 7 Cut Out
- Once cars complete their ride, they will pull down Pit Road to Cup In and will exit out into the Champion's Pavilion parking lot and out Gate 13



#### Rules & Regulations-

- Participants (Driver and Passengers) must sign a waiver
- No driver under 18 years of age
- Vehicle capacity is restricted to the number of working seat belts & everyone must be buckled
- Everyone must wear a seat belt, using state-required restraints
- No motorcycles or convertibles permitted. Vehicles must have doors.
- Laps will be paced- two pace vehicles are reserved with Tracy for this time. 1 front car, 1 behind, 1 chase vehicle to help clear the track of slow cars. (4 company cars total) Doug to bring this up in manager's meeting to get people to drive them. Pete's crew to handle stragglers. 1 person in the tower
- Speed limit is 55 MPH
- No passing
- Cars will cross the Start/Finish line twice
- 30 cars per session

#### Staffing Plan-

- Every Speedway car has a radio- Pete to provide radios
- 1 Person in the tower- Pete to staff
- Khadijah is working on staffing 8 people to do waivers at the check point
- Kris will have a few staff members helping to count and stack
  - 2 Lanes with 30 cars per session
- Pete's team Close Gate 8 at 5:00P and sweep the track and ensure all gates are closed
- Close Gate 12 at 5:30P



- Security at Pit Stalls 35 & 36 with lights to clear people out and the pace cars keeps going down pit road to catch the next group

#### Weather plans

- Light rain is fine, slower ride

#### AutoFair Vendors

Vendors participating at AutoFair fall into two categories- Hornet's Nest Vendors and Charlotte Motor Speedway Vendors.

#### Hornet's Nest Vendors

Hornet's Nest Vendors include Flea Market vendors. Flea market vendors are divided into 4 separate sections- The Blue Field, Red Field, Green Field, and Orange Field. The Red and Green Fields are located outside the back of the track and the Blue and Orange Fields are located inside of the track.

Maps included below-

#### Red Field



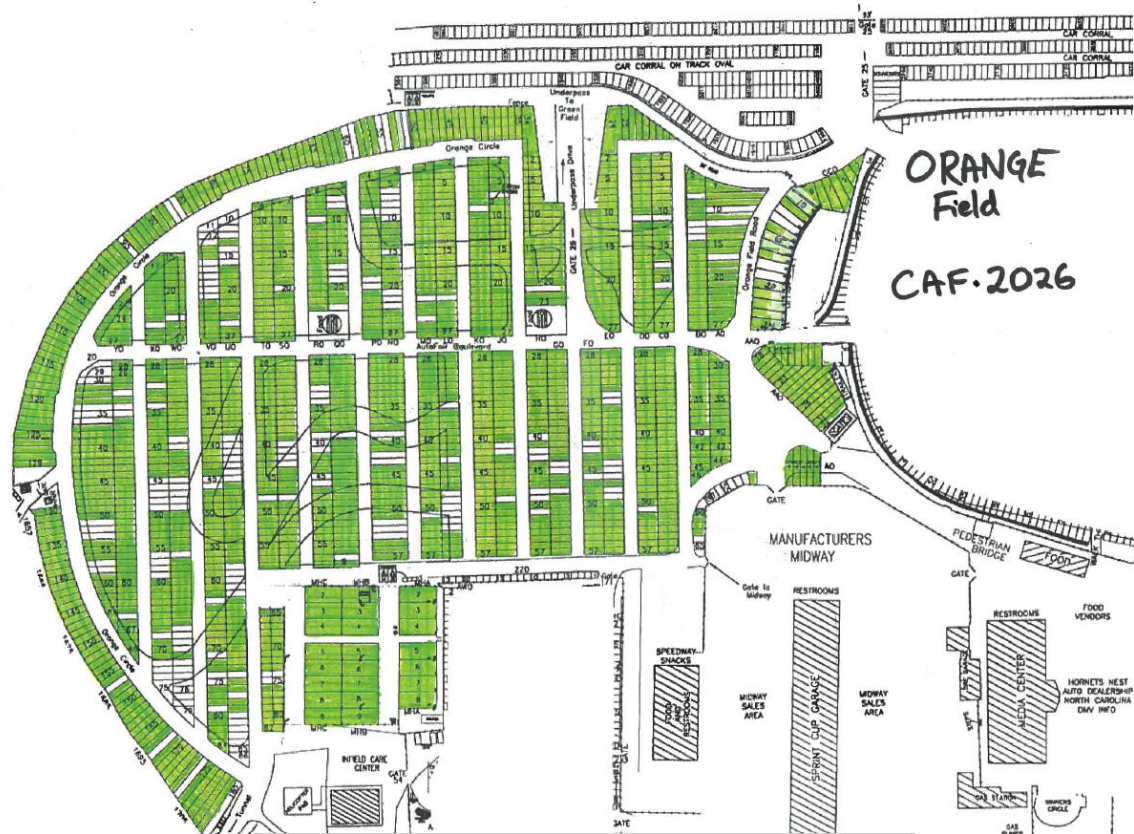
#### Green Field



Blue Field-



Orange Field-



*Charlotte Motor Speedway Vendors*

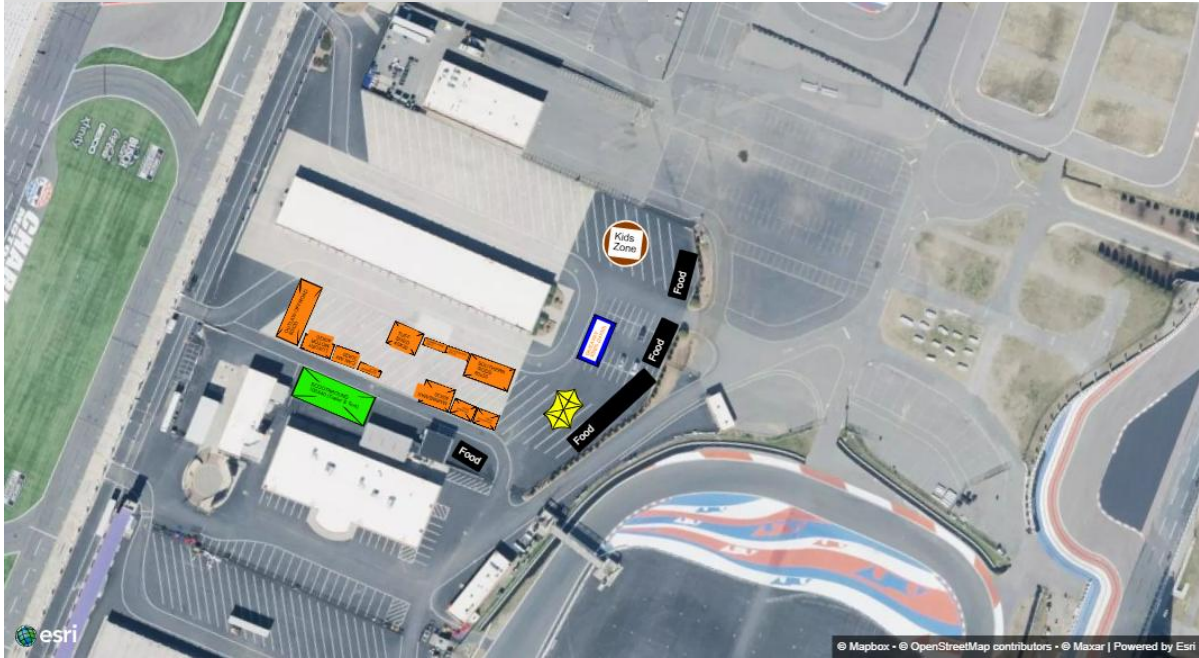
Charlotte Motor Speedway Vendors are located in the Manufacturer’s Midway.

**Manufacturer’s Midway**

The Manufacturer’s Midway is located in the Cup Series Garage Footprint and features a variety of vendors, Food Vendors, and the Atrium Health Play Zone. Vendor parking for MM will be located in the Champion’s Pavilion parking lot with overflow parking located outside of Gate 12. The dining tent and giveaway structure will have picnic tables for guests to eat.

Point of contacts-

- Vendor Sales- Don Stodola- [dstodola@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:dstodola@charlottemotorspeedway.com)
- Map and Layout- Jason Hoyt- [jhoyt@CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com](mailto:jhoyt@CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com)
- Atrium Health Play Zone- Jennifer Blake [jblake@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:jblake@charlottemotorspeedway.com)
- Food Vendors- Levy- Tina Jones Smyle [tina.jones@Levyrestaurants.com](mailto:tina.jones@Levyrestaurants.com) and Jason Maxey [JMaxey@Levyrestaurants.com](mailto:JMaxey@Levyrestaurants.com)



### **ACA Southeastern Spring National Car Show**

Now showcased in the iconic NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Garage, the ACA Southeastern Spring National Car Show will feature approximately 350 meticulously preserved vehicles, all registered and judged according to the prestigious standards of the Antique Automobile Club of America. The Hornet's Nest is overseeing this portion of the show.

### **AutoFair Auction**

This year, AutoFair will feature an Auction located within the footprint of Champion's Pavilion. This will be hosted by Thornburg Auctions- anytime we reference this, their auction ID must be included.

### **Car Corral**

Located on the backstretch, the Car Corral is a must-visit destination where automotive enthusiasts can buy and sell collector, classic, and custom cars. From project cars to show-ready classics, the Car Corral puts vehicles directly in front of thousands of engaged buyers all weekend long. To register your car or learn more, contact 704-841-1990.

### **Wheelhouse Ride Alongs**



Wheelhouse Racing School will host a ride along experience during AutoFair. This experience will be located within the eye of the ROVAL footprint. The Wheelhouse Trailer will be located at the ROVAL pit out road, by the back gate of the O'Reilly Garage.

Times not listed publicly, as they will be driven by demand-

- Friday: 11:00am to approx. 3:00pm
- Saturday: 9:30am to approx. 3:00pm

### **STEAM “Make, Rattle, & Roll”**

Thursday morning, our STEAM program will be hosting a “Make, Rattle, & Roll” event starting at 9:00A. They anticipate around 700 kids to participate in this event.

- Event 9:00A-1:00P
- Registered participants only
- Rain or Shine
- 3 Schools total- 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Parking
  - Buses will enter through Gate 12, unload at the scoring tower, and then park in the apron of Turn 4
  - Individual Cars will park in the Fan Zone, and people will access the event through Gate 8
- Activities
  - Students will participate in multiple hands- on stations
  - Areas of use will be Pit Road, ball field for car judging, and a third TBD location
- Lunch
  - Student groups will use a combination of the grandstands, pit suites, and picnic tables for lunch beginning at 11:30A

### **Levy**

Levy oversees Food & Beverage operations at Charlotte Motor Speedway and is responsible for organizing all Concessions and Food Vendors at AutoFair. See list below for Vendors participating at AutoFair- subject to change.

Point of Contacts- Tina Jones Smyle [tina.jones@Levyrestaurants.com](mailto:tina.jones@Levyrestaurants.com) and Jason Maxey [JMaxey@Levyrestaurants.com](mailto:JMaxey@Levyrestaurants.com)

Archie Boys BBQ  
Concessions Concepts  
E&M Concessions  
Funohcakes  
Gus’ Greek Foods  
Hungry Howies  
Joy Coffee Company  
Kona Ice  
Travelin Tom’s Coffee



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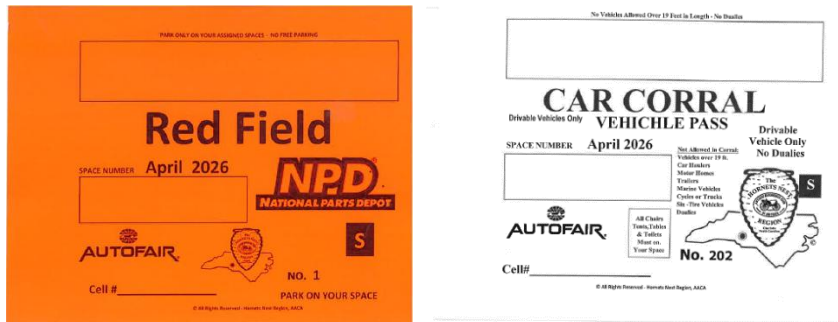
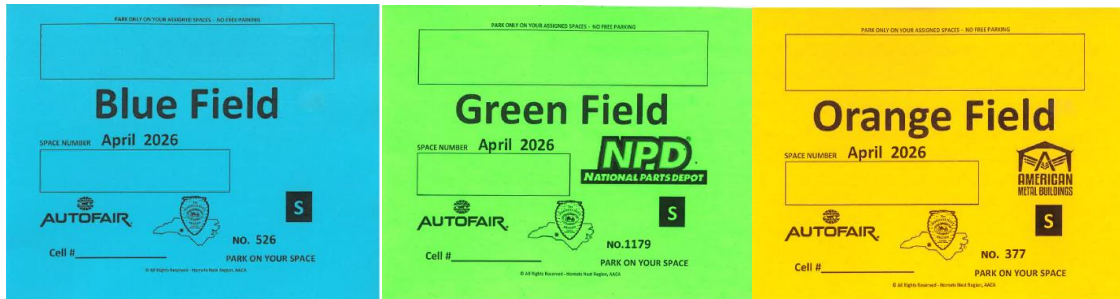
**Credentials-**

Point of Contact- Becky VanSandt [bvansandt@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:bvansandt@charlottemotorspeedway.com)

Event Credentials for people will be a Tyvek wristband that is good for the entire weekend.



The Hornet's Nest Produces their credentials, showcased below-



Charlotte Motor Speedway Credentials are showcased below. Parking credentials with blue box are allowed inside of the track, entrance through Gate 12 or through Gate 2.



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## Tickets-

- \$10 for Thursday
- \$20 for Friday and Saturday
- \$40 for weekend package
- Kids 12 and under are free with a paid adult

## Thursday

- Tunnel Gate 2 (Seller): 6:30 AM
- Ticket Booths 12 & 13: 7:00 AM
- Ticket Booth 7 & Main Office: 8:00 AM

## Friday & Saturday

- Tunnel Gate 2 (Seller): 6:30 AM
- Ticket Booths 12 & 13: 7:00 AM
- Main Office, Ticket Booths 3 & 7: 8:00 AM



Ticket booth 4 will have a few tickets in case non-Show Car guests arrive at this location.

Point of Contact- Crystal Grimsley [cgrimsley@CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com](mailto:cgrimsley@CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com)

### Parking-

\$5 Cash or Credit for all parking lots. Fan Zone will be a parking lot this year.

Point of Contact- Tom Vesey [tvesey@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:tvesey@charlottemotorspeedway.com)

### Guest Services-

Point of Contact- Khadijah Segura [ksegura@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:ksegura@charlottemotorspeedway.com)

### Security-

Point of Contact- Randy Scott [rscott@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:rscott@charlottemotorspeedway.com)

### General Show Maps-



### Golf Cart Information-

Golf Carts will come from a Sales Trade and from SMIP. All golf cart reservations have been sent to those placing orders.

Trade Golf Carts- Point of Contact- Grace Marlowe [gmarlowe@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:gmarlowe@charlottemotorspeedway.com)

SMIP Golf Carts- Info Below-



**AUTOFAIR - CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY**

**Golf Cart Compound Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026	Please call compound number to make arrangements for pickup (only between 1pm - 5pm)
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Please call compound number to make arrangements for pickup (only between 9am - 5pm)
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Please call compound number to make arrangements for pickup (only between 8am - 5pm)
Friday, April 10, 2026	Please call compound number to make arrangements for pickup (only between 8am - 5pm)
Saturday, April 11, 2026	8:00 a.m. All carts must be returned within 2 hours post-event

***Compound will not be open during this event except for Saturday, April 11 otherwise Appointments only  
For assistance please call compound number during operational hours***

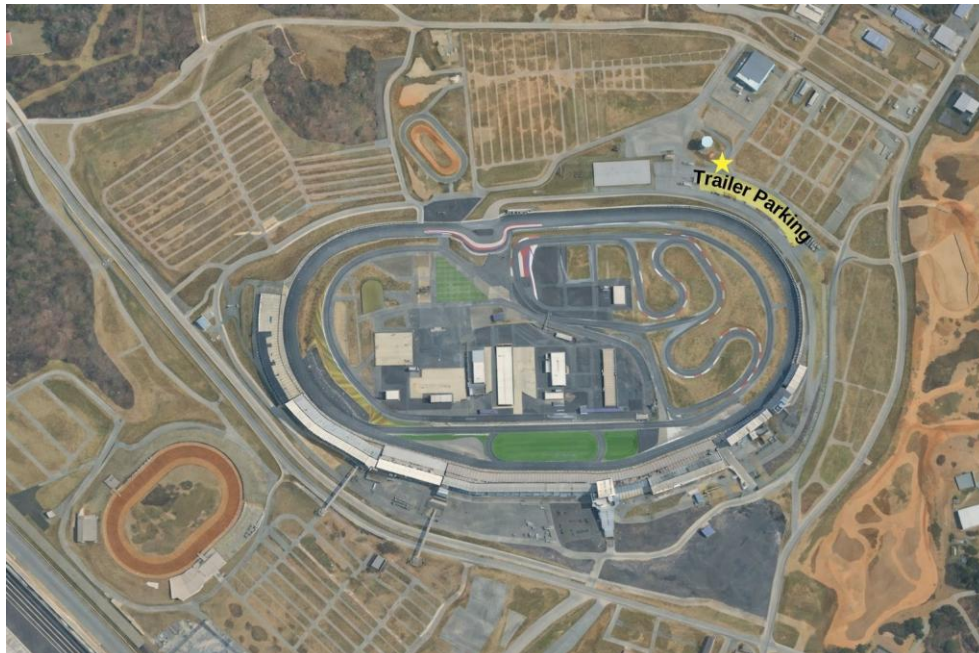
Compound Number: 980-440-0909

**Porta Potty Rentals-**

United Site Services - (704) 718-5185

Trailer Parking- Must have yellow trailer parking pass to park here

- Trailer Parking will be located at the Turn 2 Overlook
- Staffing-
  - Security Staffed-
    - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:00A-6:00P
  - Kris' Staff to park the trailers-
    - Wednesday- 3:00P-8:00P
    - Thursday and Friday- 5:30A-6:00P
    - Saturday- 5:30A-9:00P
    - Sunday- 5:30A-12:00P



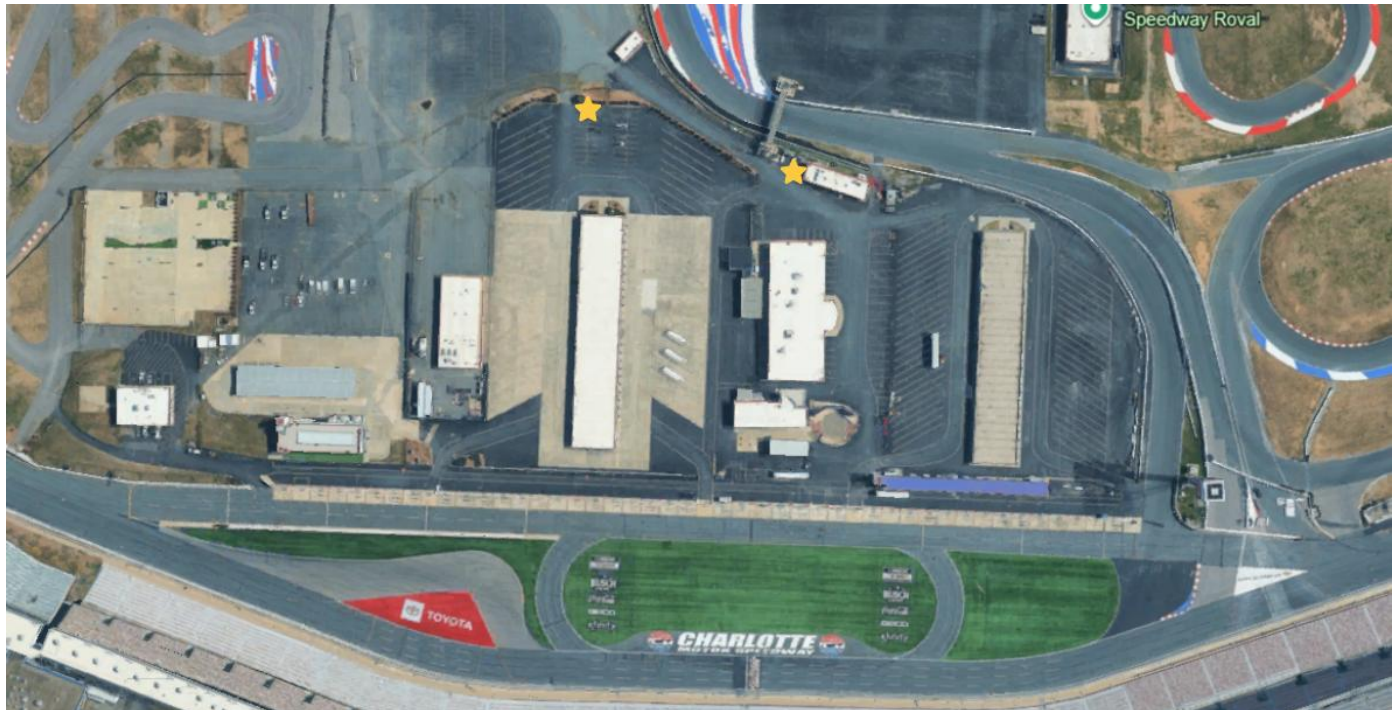


### Track Services-

Staff in the infield will be on EMS Dispatch and the supervisors will be:

- Wednesday: Tommy Williams
- Thursday: Tony Clanton
- Friday: Tony Clanton
- Saturday: Shannon Terrell

### ATM Locations- STILL TBD



### Media Center Schedule-

All Days-

- Hornet's Nest Charging Radios- Photo Room
- Speedway TV Crew- Should All have hard cards

Wednesday-

- Events Team- Trophies & Goodie Bags- Deadline Room

Thursday-

- Events Team- Trophies & Goodie Bags- Deadline Room- Boxes will be stored here until Friday night
- STEAM Kids- Theater Room

Friday-



- Hornet's Nest Admin- PR Work Room
- Afternoon- Judge's School- Theater and Photo Room

Saturday-

- Hornet's Nest Admin- PR Work Room
- Morning- Judge's Breakfast- Deadline Room

#### **Walt's Memorial Service-**

- Champion's Pavilion- Saturday Morning
- RSVP Only
- Everyone at 9:00A

#### **Speedway TV-**

- Speedway TV talent will include Lenny Batycki and Robin Kanady

#### **Operations Procedures-**

Tasks needed by OPS Team for setup/teardown of event: (Always remember to list a required completion date for each task)

- If a 24/7 User = Enter it into 24/7 via CMMS – Tasks – click on + button = it's a 3-step entry
- If not a 24/7 User = send email to Cindy Arcuri (carcuri@charlottemotorspeedway.com) with list of tasks

Work Orders (repairs, etc.) needed by OPS Team to get facility ready for the event: (Always remember to list the required completion date in the summary section) – via 24/7 if user or non-user then submit via WO link ([www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/WorkOrder/](http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/WorkOrder/))

Hierarchy of Work Orders -

Same Day Attention:

- Call OPS Office if during office hours @ 704-455-3211 w/issue
- Call ON-CALL Team Member if AFTER office hours @ 704-455-1350 w/ issue
- Then submit a WO for record-keeping of issue

Next Day Attention:

- Submit a WO (including needed completion date in summary) and then email Cindy Arcuri with issue as well to ensure WO is pending.

Futuristic Attention (2 days to 1 month)

- Submit WO (again include required completion date in summary)

Deliveries for a specific event (whether it's a CMS employee or a Vendor)

- WHSE accepts deliveries Monday – Friday (7am to 3pm)
- WHSE address is: 5111 Morehead Rd. Concord, NC 28027



- How to label the pkg to be delivered - Name of Event and the Name of Individual who will be picking up the delivery
  - If LARGE DELIVERY – please notify Nona in advance (via email = [nbarrier@charlottemotorspeedway.com](mailto:nbarrier@charlottemotorspeedway.com)) of the estimated date of delivery.
- Deliveries/Pkgs .will be placed on incoming shelf area for pickup by the person/vendor it is for.

**Updates and Improvements to AutoFair Layout-**

- Internal Roads are getting cleaned up to help navigation inside of the facility