

## In Depth: Best Places To Speed Legally

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### Aspen Racing and Sports Car Club

Location: Woody Creek, Colo.

Number of Members: 26

Initiation Fee: \$75,000

Member Dues: \$12,000 per year

Track Distance: 1.1 mile

Track Shape: Eight-turn road course

Amenities: Membership fees buy equity in the 50-acre property.

Points of Note: Each member also purchases a \$40,000 Toyota spec racer.

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### Autobahn Country Club

Location: Joliet, Ill.

Number of Members: 400

Initiation Fee: \$35,000-\$112,000

Member Dues: \$4,000 to \$16,000 per year, plus track fees

Track Distance: 3.56 miles total on two tracks

Track Shape: Nine-turn and 15-turn road courses

Amenities: Reciprocal membership with Joliet Golf Club; planned clubhouse will offer swimming pool and bar/lounge.

Points of Note: 350 total acres

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### **Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving**

Location: Chandler, Ariz.

Number of Students: More than 250,000 total over 41 years.

Fees: From a \$400, four-hour Father's Day outing to a \$5,925, four-day "anti-kidnapping" course and everything in between.

Track Distance: 1.6 miles

Track Shape: Road course; three additional tracks at Firebird International Raceway used for advanced driving courses.

Amenities: 3.5-acre asphalt pad, military and customized courses available. The school operates with over 200 new vehicles provided by a partnership with General Motors.

Points of Note: Celebrity graduates include Clint Eastwood, David Hasselhoff, Nicholas Cage, Paul Newman and Tom Cruise.

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### Lime Rock Club, Lime Rock Park

Location: Lakeville, Conn.

Number of Members: Limited to 300

Initiation Fee: \$27,500 or \$110,000

Member Dues: \$275 or \$550 per year

Track Distance: 1.53 miles

Track Shape: Seven-turn road course

Amenities: Members receive VIP passes to all events at Lime Rock Park.

Points of Note: The 52-year-old track is owned by Skip Barber, founder of the well-known Skip Barber Racing Schools. It's unique for the absence of grandstands or bleachers along the track; spectators sit on grassy hills instead.

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### Monticello Motor Club

Location: Monticello, N.Y.

Number of Members: Limited to 500

Initiation Fee: \$125,000

Member Dues: \$7,500 per year

Track Distance: Four miles total; 1.5 miles of straightaways

Track Shape: 22-turn road course

Amenities: Spa, luxury suites, helipad, fitness center, valet service, exotics fleet, bar/lounge, restaurant, pro shop.

Points of Note: Plans in place to build trackside luxury condos and an on-site tuning center.

Courtesy of Monticello Motor Club

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### Guardrail Club, Motorsports Park Hastings

Location: Hastings, Neb.

Number of Members: 86

Initiation Fee: \$1,000

Member Dues: \$500 per year

Track Distance: 2.15 miles

Track Shape: 14-turn road course

Amenities: Landing strip; track-side garages with more than 9,000 square feet of space.

Points of Note: The tracks sits on 150 acres at the edge of Hastings, Neb., the birthplace of Kool-Aid.

Courtesy of The Guardrail Club at Motorsport Park Hastings.

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### Prairie Hills Motorsport Club

Location: Lake Village, Ind.

Number of Members: Limited to 560

Initiation Fee: \$37,000 to \$110,000

Member Dues: \$3,000 or \$10,000 per year

TrackDistance: Almost seven miles among four tracks

Track Shape: Road course

Amenities: Two restaurants, rooftop dining, spa, fitness center, indoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis courts, playground, trackside home sites, landing strip and helipad.

Points of Note: Set to open in late 2009.

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### **Palm Beach Driving Club, Palm Beach International Raceway**

Location: Jupiter, Fla.

Number of Members: Limited to 200

Initiation Fee: \$125,000 or \$145,000

Member Dues: \$6,000 or \$14,750 per year

Track Distance: 2.034 miles

Track Shape: 11-turn road course, concrete drag strip

Amenities: Year-round, 24-hour track availability, concierge, overnight accommodations, cigar bar, bar/lounge, indoor/outdoor dining.

Points of Note: Multimillion-dollar clubhouse and pavilion slated for completion in 2010.

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### Club Spring Mountain, Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch

Location: Pahrump, Nev.

Number of Members: 206

Initiation Fee: \$15,000 to \$100,000

Member Dues: \$200 to \$500, plus track fees

Track Distance: 3.5 miles total

Track Type: Road course

Amenities: Clubhouse with barbecue, fire pit, swimming pool, fitness center, spa, 14-person Jacuzzi.

Points of Note: The Corvette Z06 and the C6 Z51 are the exclusive cars of the driving school.

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### Motorsport Ranch

Location: Cresson, Texas

Number of Members: Unavailable

Initiation Fee: \$3,400 or \$12,000

Member Dues: \$90 or \$75 per month, plus track fees

Track Distance: 3.1 miles total between two tracks

Track Type: Road course

Amenities: Meeting rooms, showers, observation deck, skid pad.

Points of Note: Trackside villas offered on some of the 304 acres; near Texas Motor Speedway.