

## MOJAVE MAGNUM – 2018



### Changes since the last time we ran - updated 1/30/18

Hello for 2018! We're back!

So much has changed since the last Mojave Magnum that it would take several pages to list everything. We will try to just hit the most significant high points here. Most of the changes were done to make things easier to understand and to simplify operations. It is our plan that these changes will result in a much nicer, lower-key event where everyone gets more runs and spends less time waiting in line.

- All the previous entry classes have been eliminated and replaced with 10 simple classes (5 each for cars and bikes) based on speed limits. In particular, the SSE class is gone as is the LSA class, and there is no longer any difference if you have power adders or not. The new classes are simply called D, C, B, A, and U (in order of increasing speed).
- The MKM license system has been reworked and renamed to match the new classes; old licenses have been reassigned to the new letters based on your prior record with us.
- The system of separate Tech Speeds for drivers and vehicles has been done away with. There is now one Tech Speed for the vehicle/driver combination.
- Because of that, Mix and Match driving has been eliminated. You can now only drive the vehicle(s) you entered with. We will allow any one vehicle to have two drivers entered, and we will allow any one person to enter two vehicles and drive both, but that's it. (A special exemption may be possible for a "group" entry but this would need to be worked out in advance with our office.)
- If an entry has two drivers, the lower of their two MKM licenses will be used to determine Tech Speed for the entry, and both of them (and the vehicle) must qualify if they want to get a class upgrade.
- There are now only 5 possible Tech Speeds – one for each Class. These are 170, 190, 220, 240, Unlimited.
- Gear and safety requirements aren't all that different, just restated for each of the new classes, plus the SSE and LSA classes and their exemptions are gone. There are a few actual changes:
  - All auto racers, even the lowest class, must now wear actual auto racing (SA type) helmets. No more using a bike helmet with a head sock added.
  - Car drivers in Class C (up to 190 mph) must wear at a minimum an SFI 3.2A/1 fire suit, not just cotton street clothes as in Class D.
  - Any car/driver over 190 mph (Class B or higher) must have race equipment (roll bar/cage, harnesses, arm restraints, race suit/clothing, etc.) and wear a HANS type device.
  - Snell 2005 helmets, both M and SA, have expired and are no longer allowed.
  - SFI or FIA certification is now required on most car and personal safety gear.
  - Cars that only have lap belts cannot run, even if they came that way originally.
  - Those 4-point 2-inch "tuner belts" or "dune buggy belts" are now banned completely.
  - All bikes now require riding boots without lug soles. (No more logger boots!) Class A and U bikes both require armored leathers with hard back armor and road race-type boots.

- Entry fees are quite a bit higher, and the entry is limited to 60 vehicles a day. This smaller field should result in a better experience in one day than you used to get in two, so we anticipate a higher percentage of one-day entries. The plan is to guarantee an overall average of 6 runs per vehicle per day barring any unforeseen problems beyond our control.
- Sunday-only entrants can now check in and go to tech on Friday like everybody else.
- We won't be having a Friday-night finger food get-together like before.
- Entries now include 2 meals per driver/rider per day and more free merchandise.
- We now have a mandatory MKM Membership system. Every adult going through the gate must be a member. Temporary weekend memberships will be available at the event, but will only be sold to a racer or his/her crew/guests. As before, the event is private and closed to the general public.
- Some of the speed limits are effectively higher than before. For example, many cars that used to run in A1 at 180 MPH might now be allowed into Class C (190 MPH) (with possibly a helmet, suit and tire upgrade). Many cars that used to be in A2 at 205 MPH will now qualify for Class B at a 220 limit.
- There have been some changes and updates to the MKM DOT race tire list. In particular, for bikes, Bridgestone BT003RS tires are no longer on the list.

Mojave Magnum #6 is set to go on April 14 and 15, 2018. Entries will open on Feb. 1 at 6:00 AM PST at our usual online registration site, [mojavemile.motorsportreg.com](http://mojavemile.motorsportreg.com). There are only 60 spots per day so be sure to get your entry in!

There is one more change: You must now provide a credit or debit card online to hold your entry spot. We will validate this card, but we won't charge it until your entry is processed by our office. We're doing this because it's more businesslike and because too many people were wasting our limited time and resources by putting in entries without actually attending or paying.

We'll see you at Mojave in April!