

Jim Russell Racing Schools

Marathon Coach Mini-Rally

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Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, California

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Does the idea of driving from 0 to 60 mph in less than 5 seconds interest you? Are you thrilled by the idea of flying just inches off the ground on a NASCAR® road course? If you are, you'll be excited to hear that next year Marathon is offering coach owners the chance of a lifetime: the opportunity to drive an open-wheel formula car at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California.

Marathon is organizing a mini-rally around Jim Russell Racing Schools (jimrussellusa.com), a three-day racing school in prime California wine country, just minutes from the San Francisco Bay area. This fun, informative mini-rally will allow you to improve your driving skills, practice real racing starts, run continuous laps, and be timed like a pro.

British racing champion Jim Russell founded the racing school in 1957. He has graduated thousands of alumni, including world-class drivers such as Jacques Villeneuve, Emerson Fittipaldi, Danny Sullivan, Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne, and Scott Speed. From novice to professional, drivers flock to Russell Racing to take their defensive-driving programs, corporate driving packages, and kart school programs.

This intimate rally will be exclusively for Marathon coach owners, with parking available at the racetrack. Space is limited to 20 coaches. We estimate the rally fee to be ~\$3500 for each racing school participant. If this is something that appeals to you, please call Office Administrator Deb Johnson by August 1 so she can put your name on the interest list. A preliminary event itinerary will be published in an upcoming issue of *The Maratime*. If you're ready for an experience of a lifetime, consider this 2007 mini-rally. •



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