

University of VARA
January 17th-18th 2026
presented at
Buttonwillow Raceway Park

YOU ARE INVITED to join us Jan 17-18th 2026 , for the “**University of VARA**”. This premiere driving school event will once again be held at **Buttonwillow Raceway Park**. The two day curriculum covering basic to advanced car control and performance driving techniques will include classroom sessions, skid pad, slalom and braking courses, and lots of track time. Covered over the weekend of training will be all levels of instruction providing valuable information to beginners and veteran drivers, with expert instruction from VARA’s corps of Certified Master Instructors, Senior Instructors and highly experienced race industry experts.

NOW IS THE TIME! If you would like to see what vintage racing is all about, you have a friend or neighbor that has always wanted to give it a try, or just know someone that is an motorsports fanatic, please pass along the information. **THIS MAKES A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!** Here is the perfect opportunity to share your passion for the sport of Vintage Auto Racing. This event is not a race, it is a performance driving school. However, the University of VARA counts as two weekends in our 3-6-9 program toward your VARA competition racing license.

SIGN UP EARLY. To provide you with the highest quality instruction with the maximum amount of “seat time”, the University can only accept a limited number of entries. Don’t find yourself on the event waiting list. The entry fee is only \$625 or \$675 AFTER Jan 8th ’ which includes a weekend VARA membership. Additionally, we welcome you to join VARA for a discounted annual membership fee of only \$200 This entitles you to all VARA’s racing event information. You can join VARA right on the University Entry Form.

Registration and mandatory vehicle technical / safety inspection will be held at the track Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. All cars including street cars must be inspected by the VARA technical inspectors. Note All open cars - convertibles - must have roll bar protection subject to review by VARA technical inspection. A physical / medical exam is not required for the University.

Buttonwillow Racetrack is 90miles north of LAX Airport on interstate 5. The weekend event motels are the Motel 6 Central (661) 764-5121 and National 9 Inn, (661) 764-5117, Camping is permitted at the track. For RV hookup information please contact Buttonwillow Raceway Park directly at (661) 764-5333.

Entrants will receive an acceptance package by email approximately 10 days before the event. If you have any questions regarding the 2023 University of VARA, do not hesitate to contact the VARA office at (800) 280-8272 or email us at vara@msn.com

We’ll see you at the track!

