

Trackside Classroom

How to Learn a New Track



- How to Learn a New Track
 - Pre-Event Preparation
 - Prerequisites
 - Priorities / Sequence
 - Refinements

- Mt Tremblant





- Track map(s)
 - Very helpful to know the corner basics and sequence
- Expert driving advice
 - Be very careful about online advice
- Videos
 - May or may not help with the line
 - But RennSport video shows the line for Mt Tremblant!
- iRacing, etc. (some tracks)



NNJR Prerequisites / “Pre Conditioning”



- Be Open Minded
- Trust Yourself—the most
 - Know your risk level
- Have patience and be methodical
 - This is an analytic sport
- Go slow, see a lot—the “visual photo”
 - Today: long, light braking
 - Helps get the right photo
- Avoid the herd mentality and misinformation
- Beware of gurus

--credit to Dennis Macchio, Chief Instructor Bertil Roos



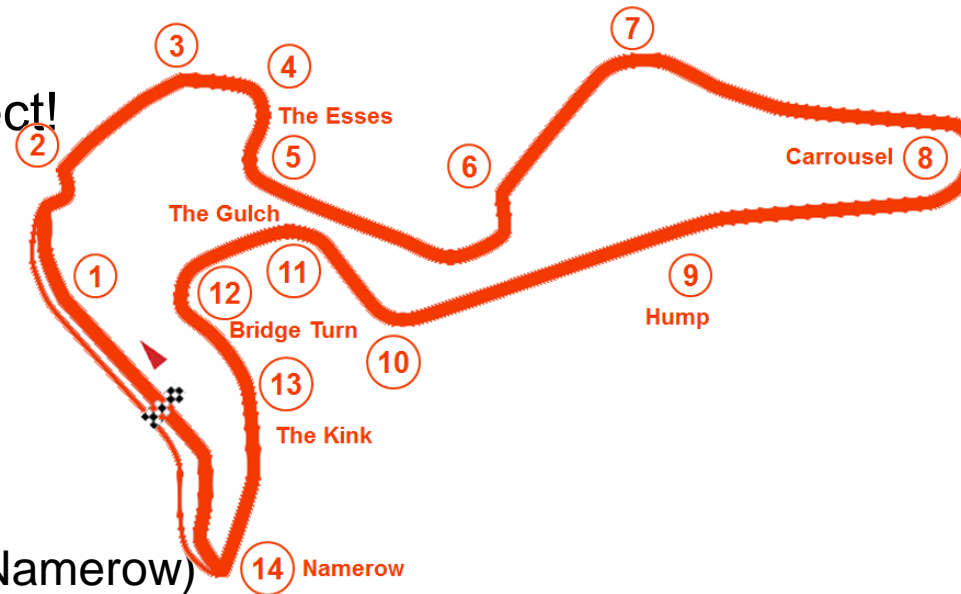
- Learning Priority List (always)
 1. Exit speed
 2. Entry speed
 3. Braking

NNJR Practical Steps at the Track



1. Categorize corners

- “Scary”: Treat with much respect!
 - e.g. Turns 1,2,3
- Typical: “turn and go”
 - e.g. Turns 6, 10 (maybe)
- Slow
 - e.g. Turns 12, 14
- Long (lots of trail braking?)
 - e.g. Turns 8 (Carrousel), 14 (Namerow)
- Identify compromises (connected corners)
 - e.g. Turns 4/5, 10/11, 14/15



2. Estimate reference points

- Start with a single arc, very late apex

3. Start adding items that affect grip

- Elevation, camber, curbs (not here!)

4. Re-adjust and repeat

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NNJR Summary



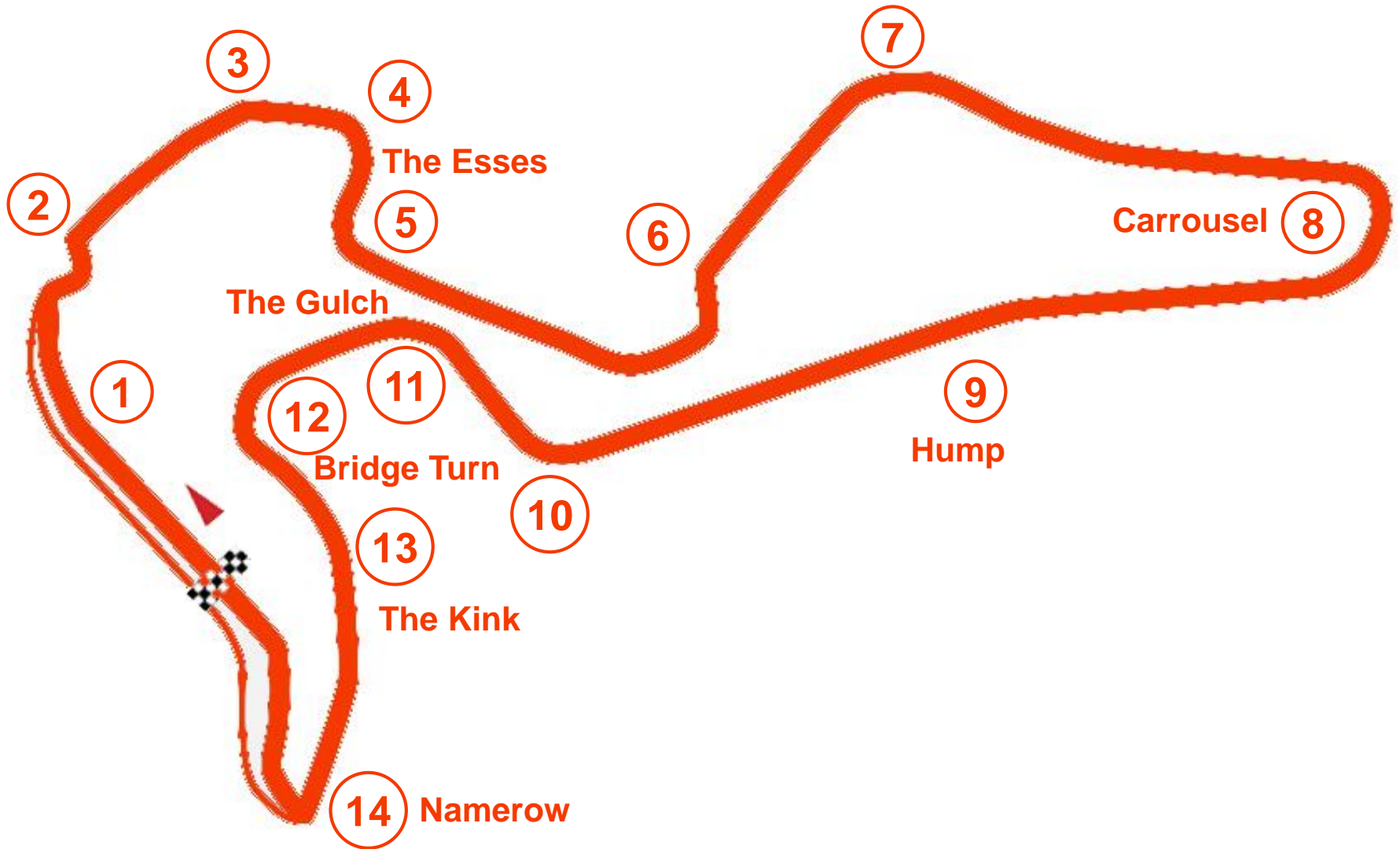
- Approach as a learning challenge
 - Admit you don't know it all
 - Do not assume “this corner is just like a corner at ...”
 - Get the mental “photo”
- Focus on:
 1. The line: corner exit
 2. The line: corner entry
 3. Braking
- Make adjustments and observe their effect
- Keep it safe!
 - Emphasize learning, not speed



NNJR Questions?



NNJR Circuit Mt Tremblant



NJR Front / Pit Straight



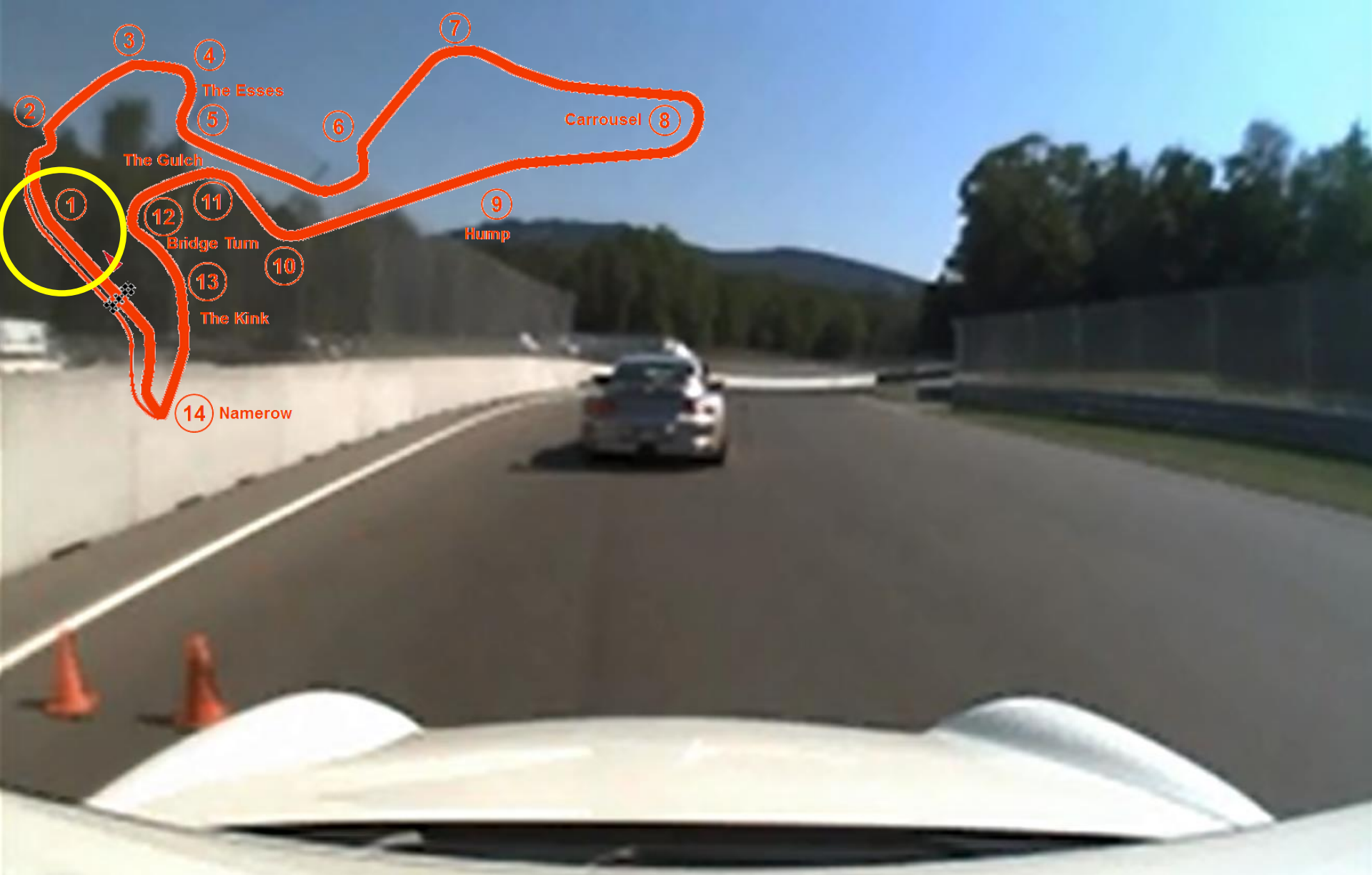
Start / Finish Line

NNJR Passing on Right



Passing zone on the right
The arm over the top





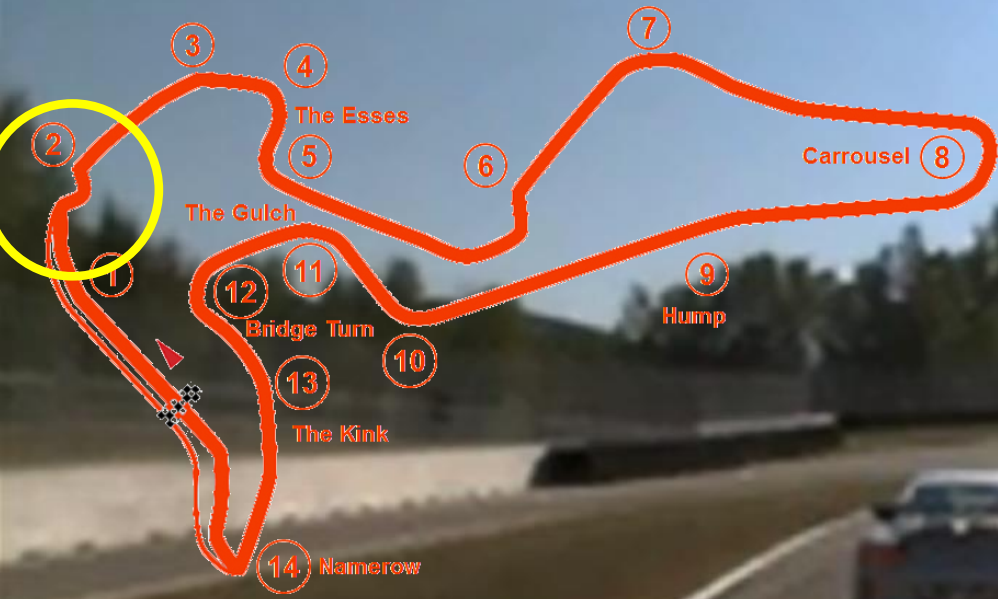
NNJR Turn 1 (Turns 1 & 2 driven as one corner)



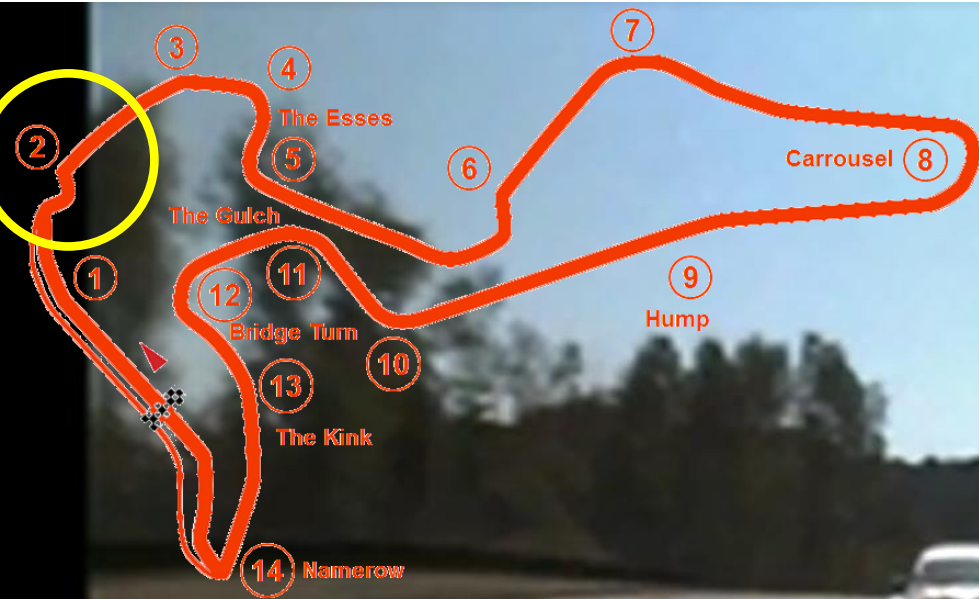
TURN #1
MCLAREN BEND



NNJR Braking for Turn 2



NNJR Turn 2

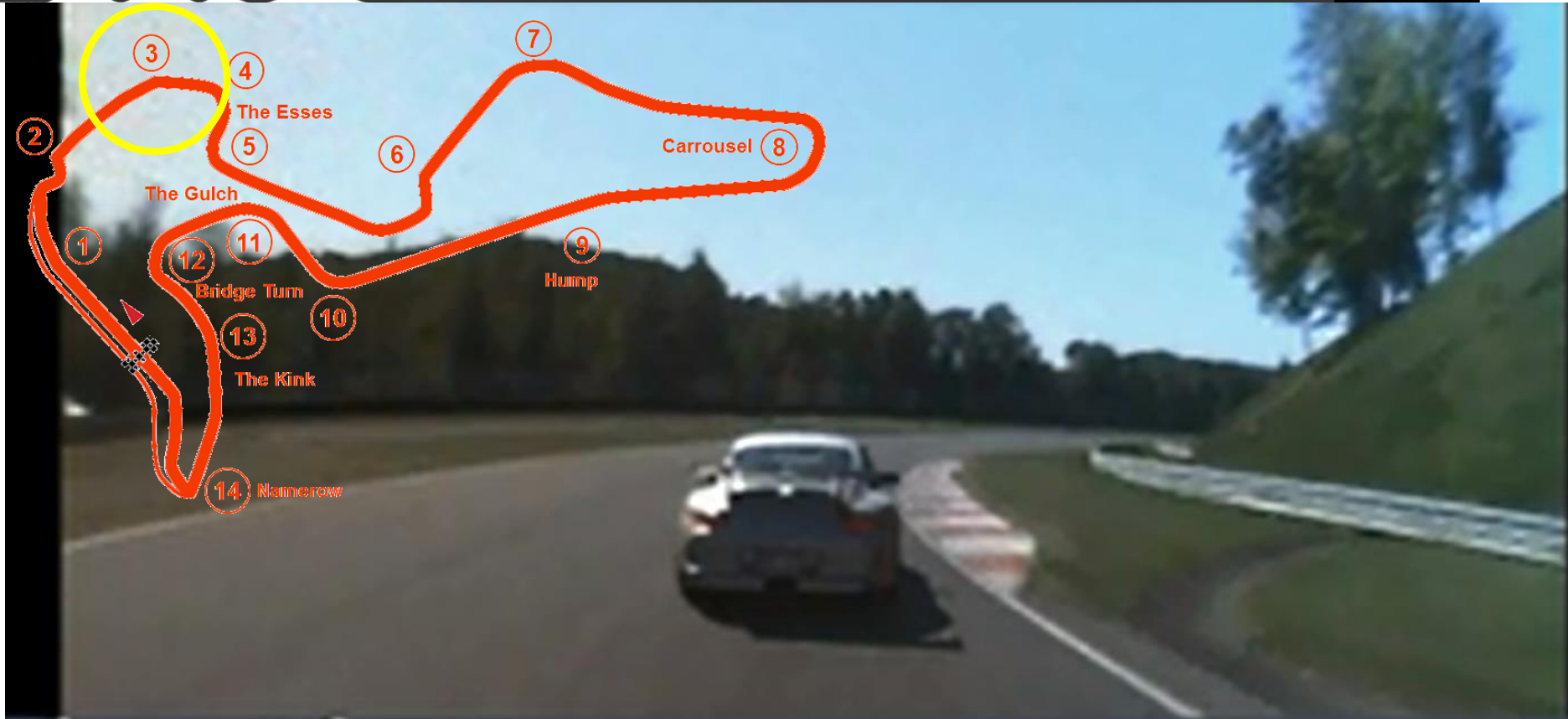


Turn #2





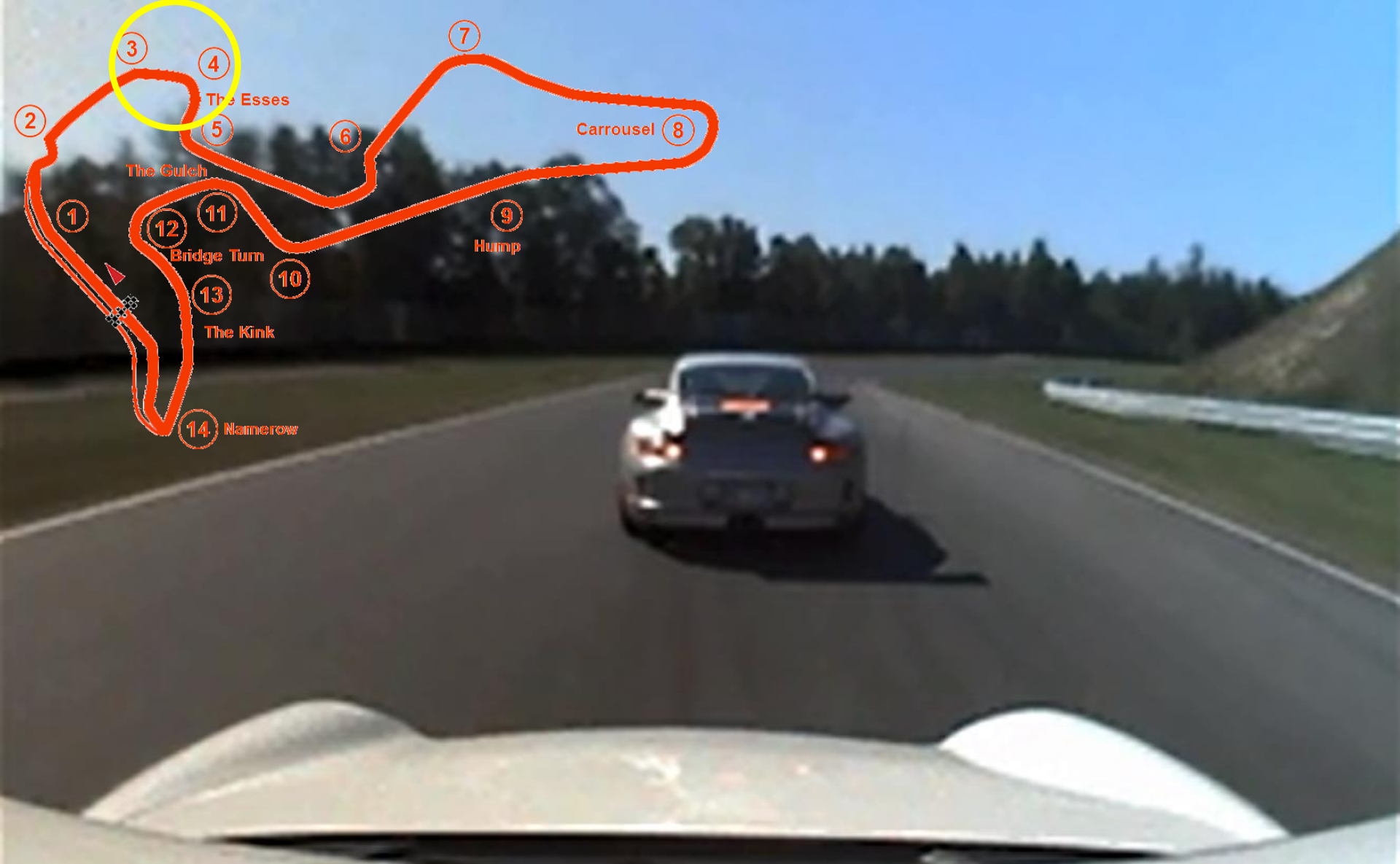
NNJR Turn 3



TURN #3
LE DIABLE



NNJR Braking for Turn 4



NNJR Turn 4



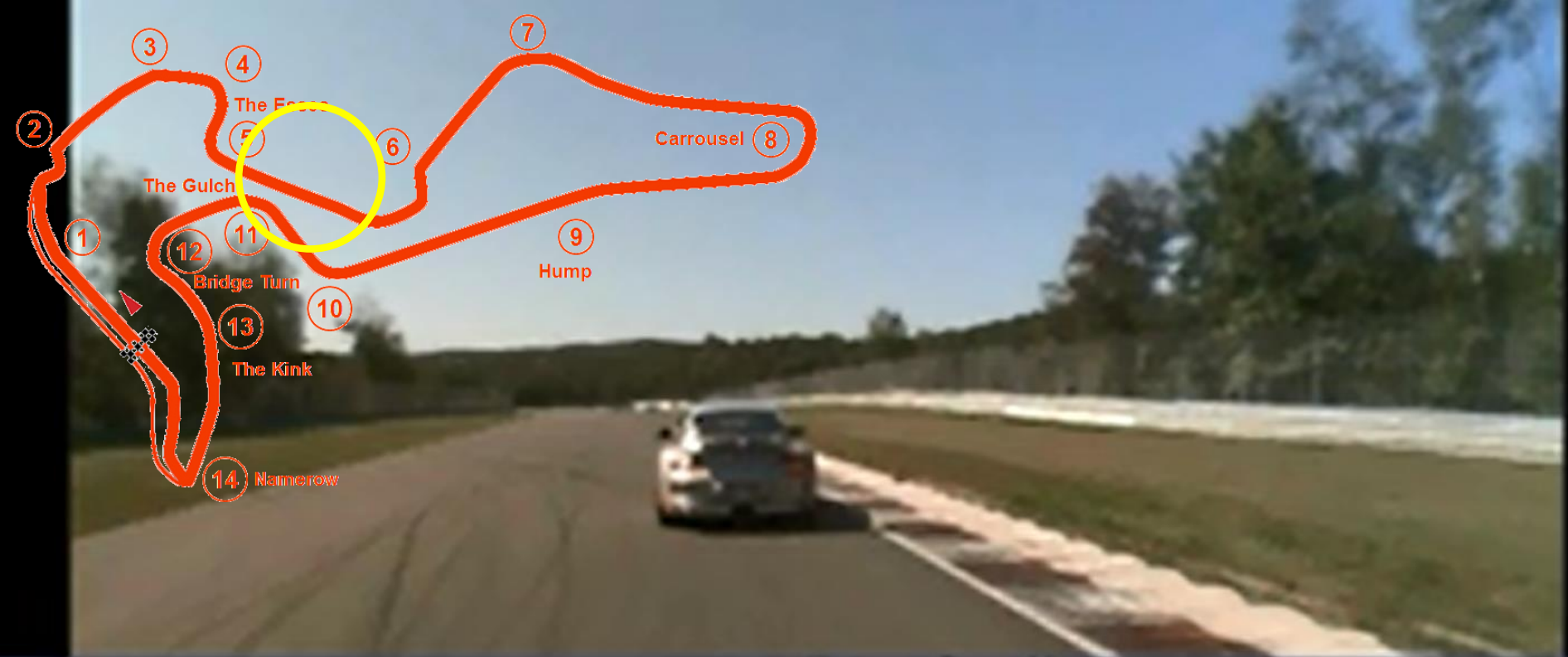
Turn #4 FIRST ESSES





Turn #5 SECOND ESSES

NNJR Pass on Left after Esses



Passing zone on the left
The arm by the window



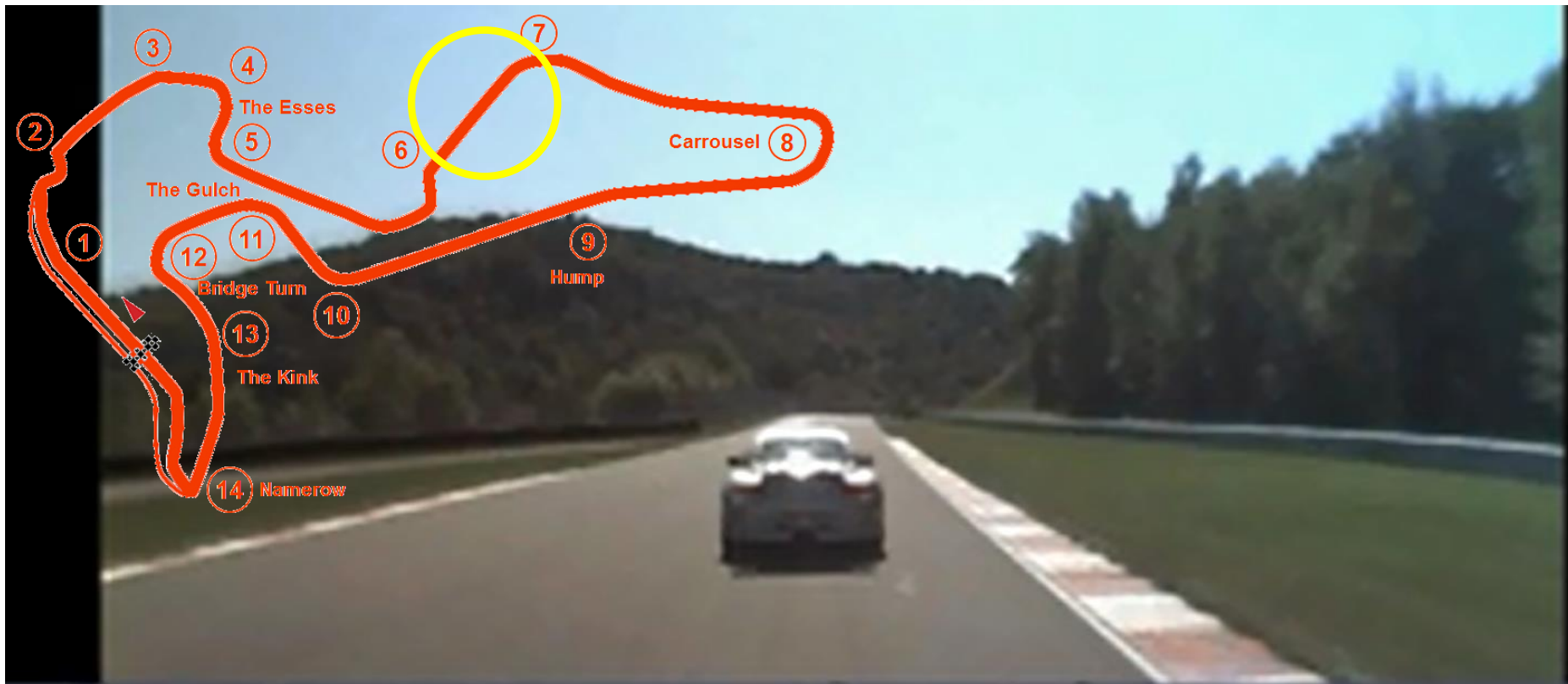
NNJR Turn 6



Turn #6

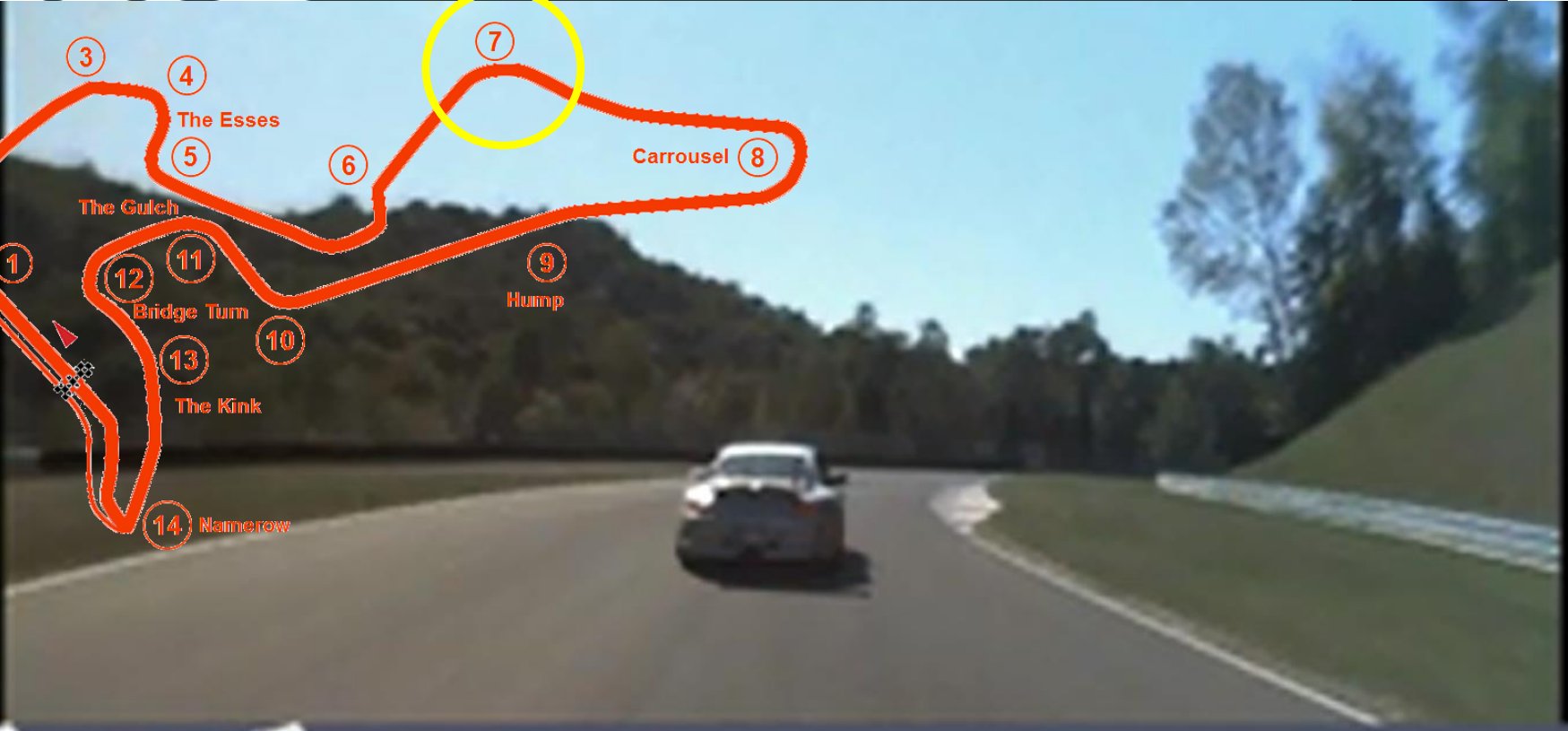
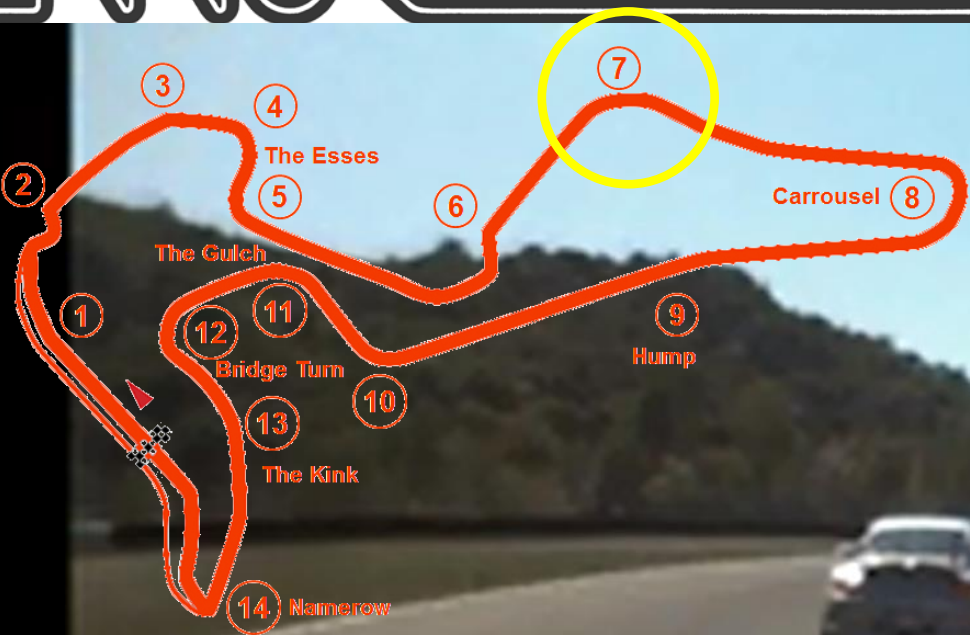


NNJR After Turn 6



Passing zone on the right
The arm over the top



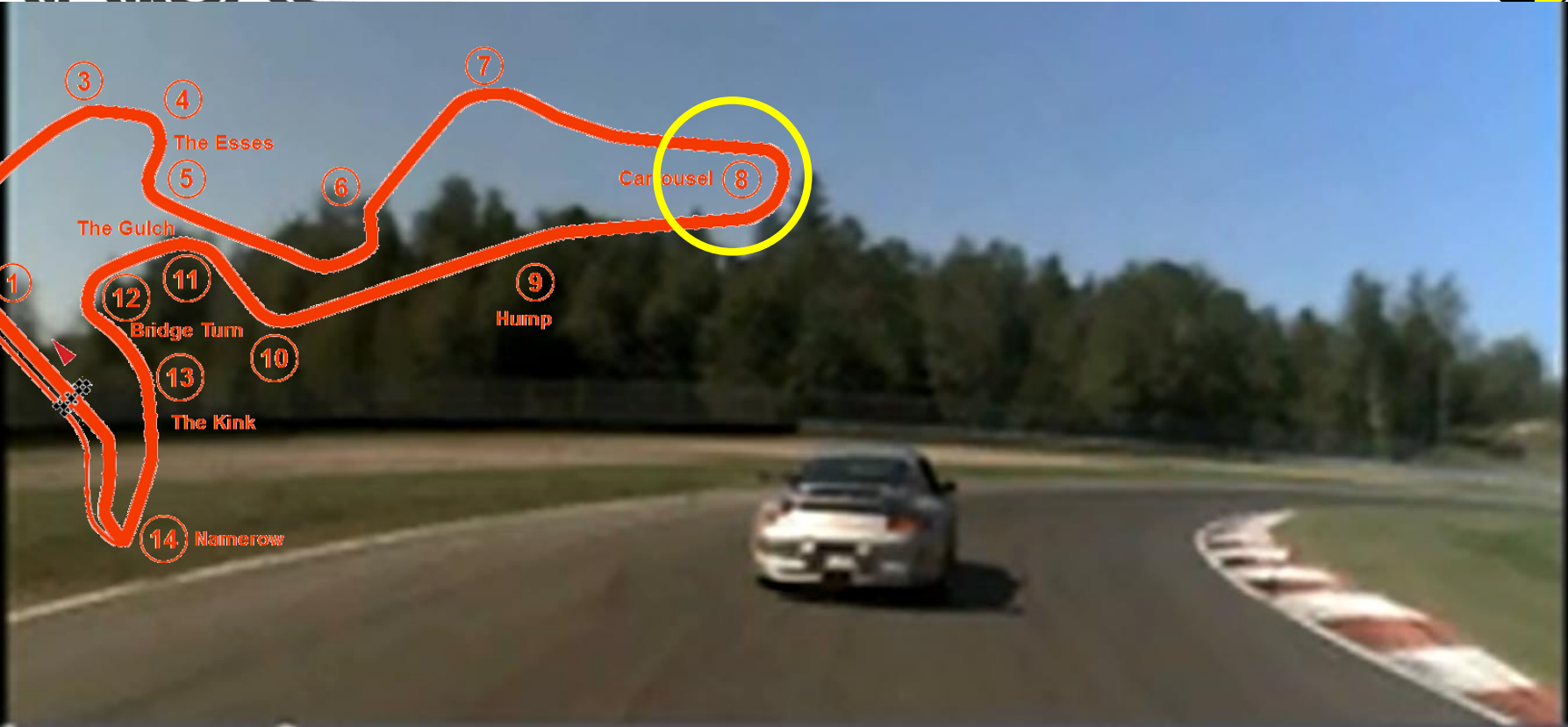


Turn #7 CHUCK CHARLTON CORNER



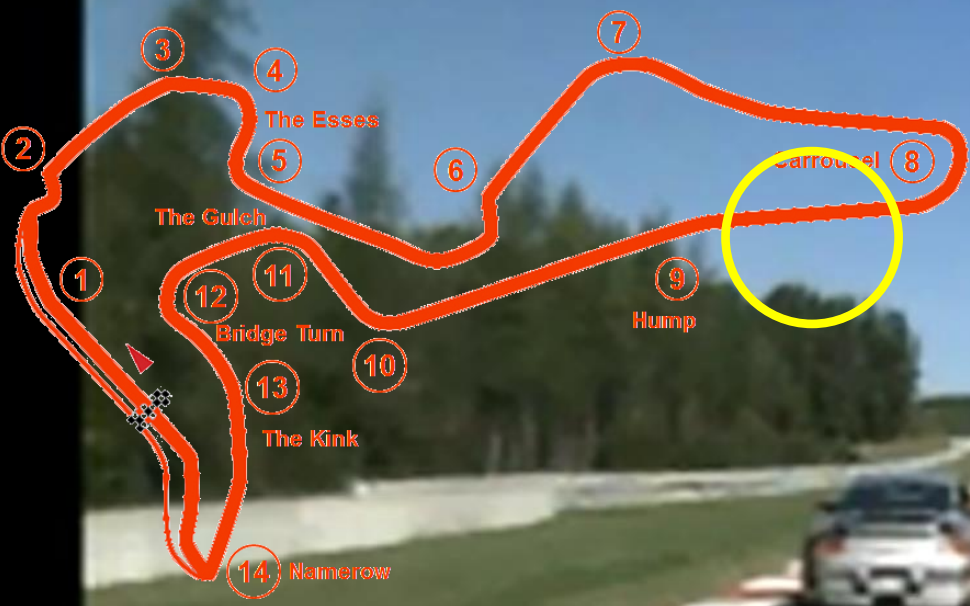


Passing zone on the right
The arm over the top



TURN #8 THE CARROUSEL

NNJR Pass on Right after Carrousel



Passing zone on the right
The arm over the top

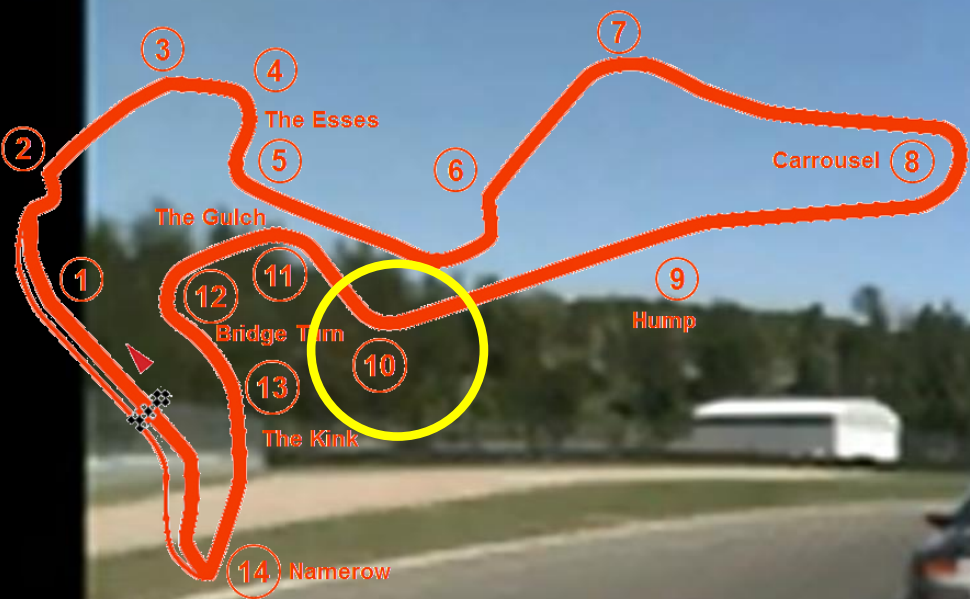




TURN #9 THE HUMP



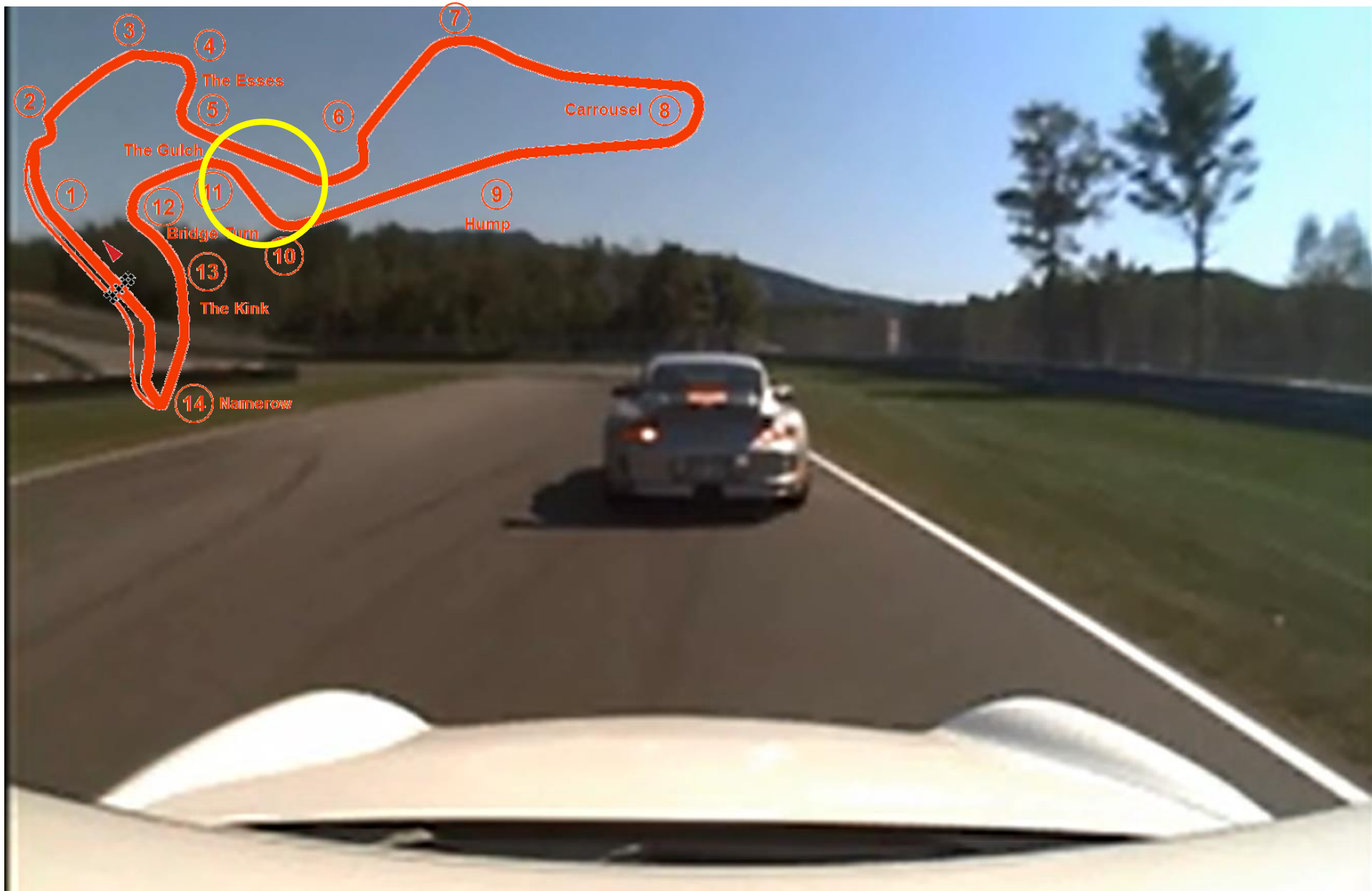
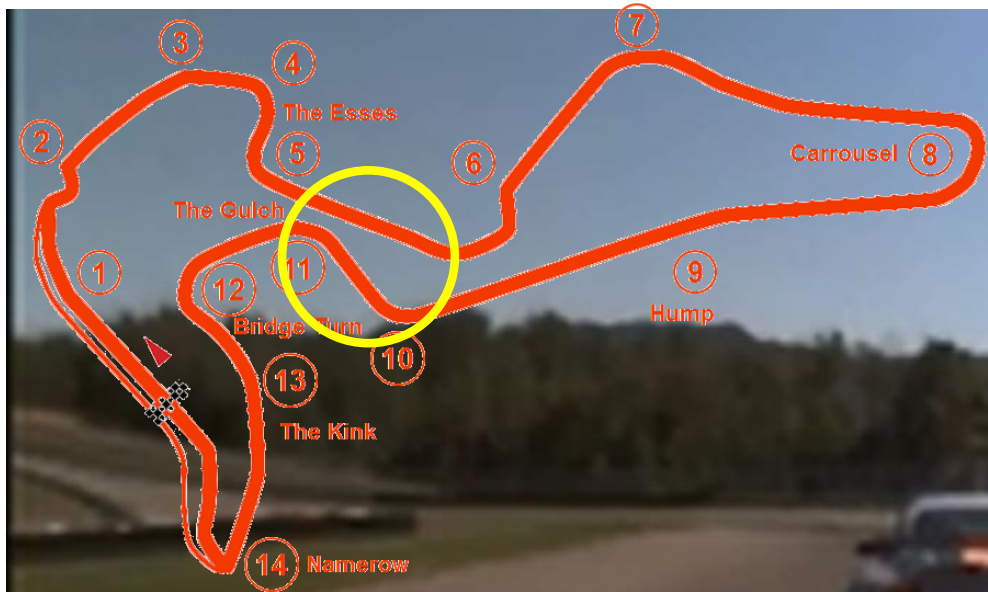
NNJR Turn 10

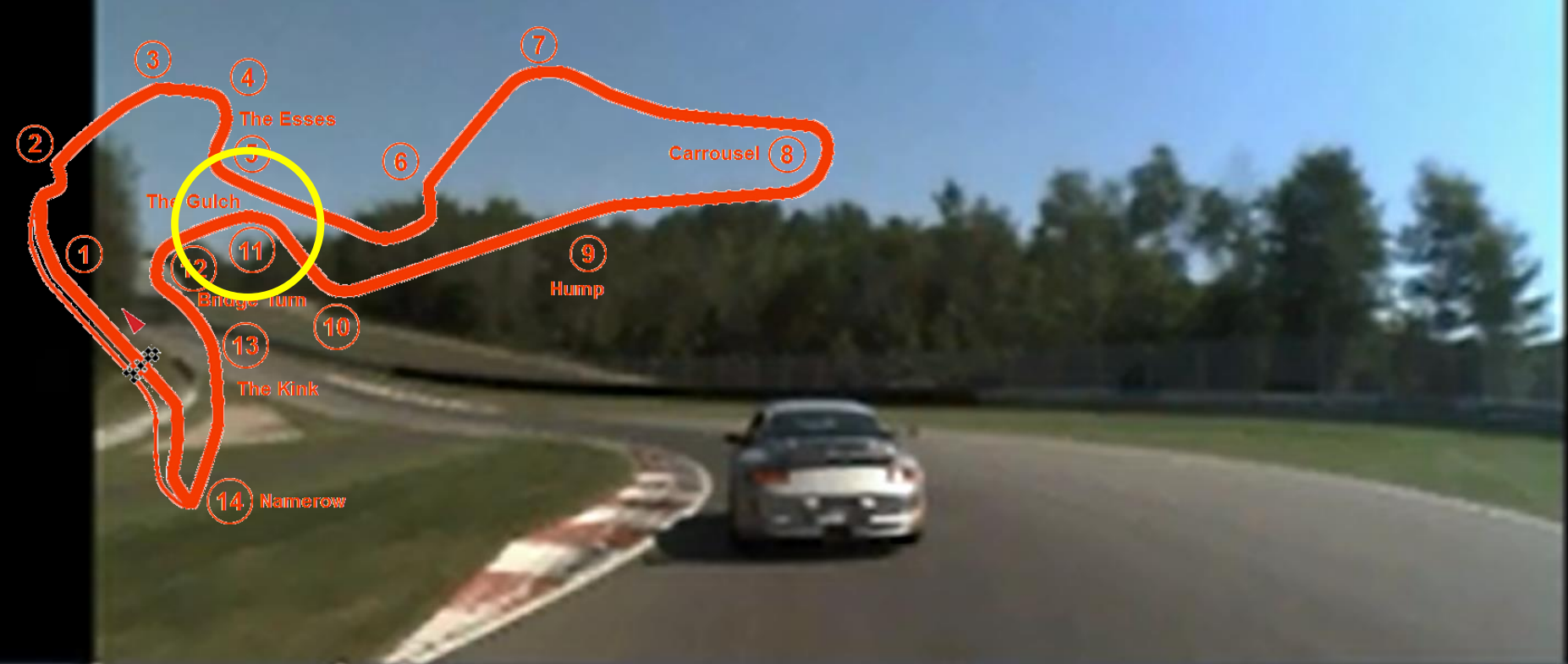


Turn #10



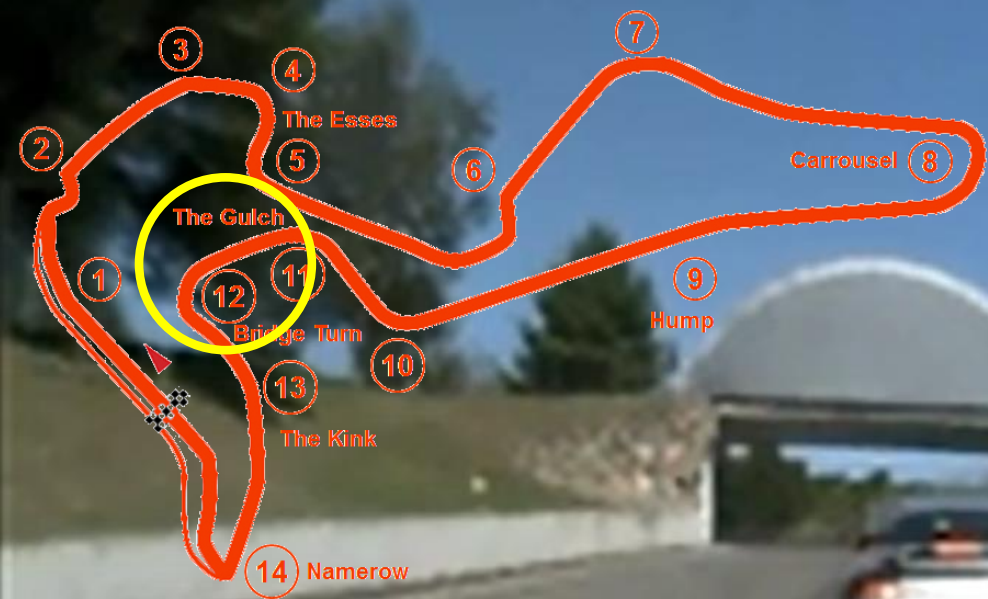
Braking for Turn 11





Turn #1 THE GULCH

NNJR Braking for Turn 12



NNJR Turn 12



Turn #12 THE BRIDGE



NNJR Turn 13 "The Kink"



Turn #13
KINK



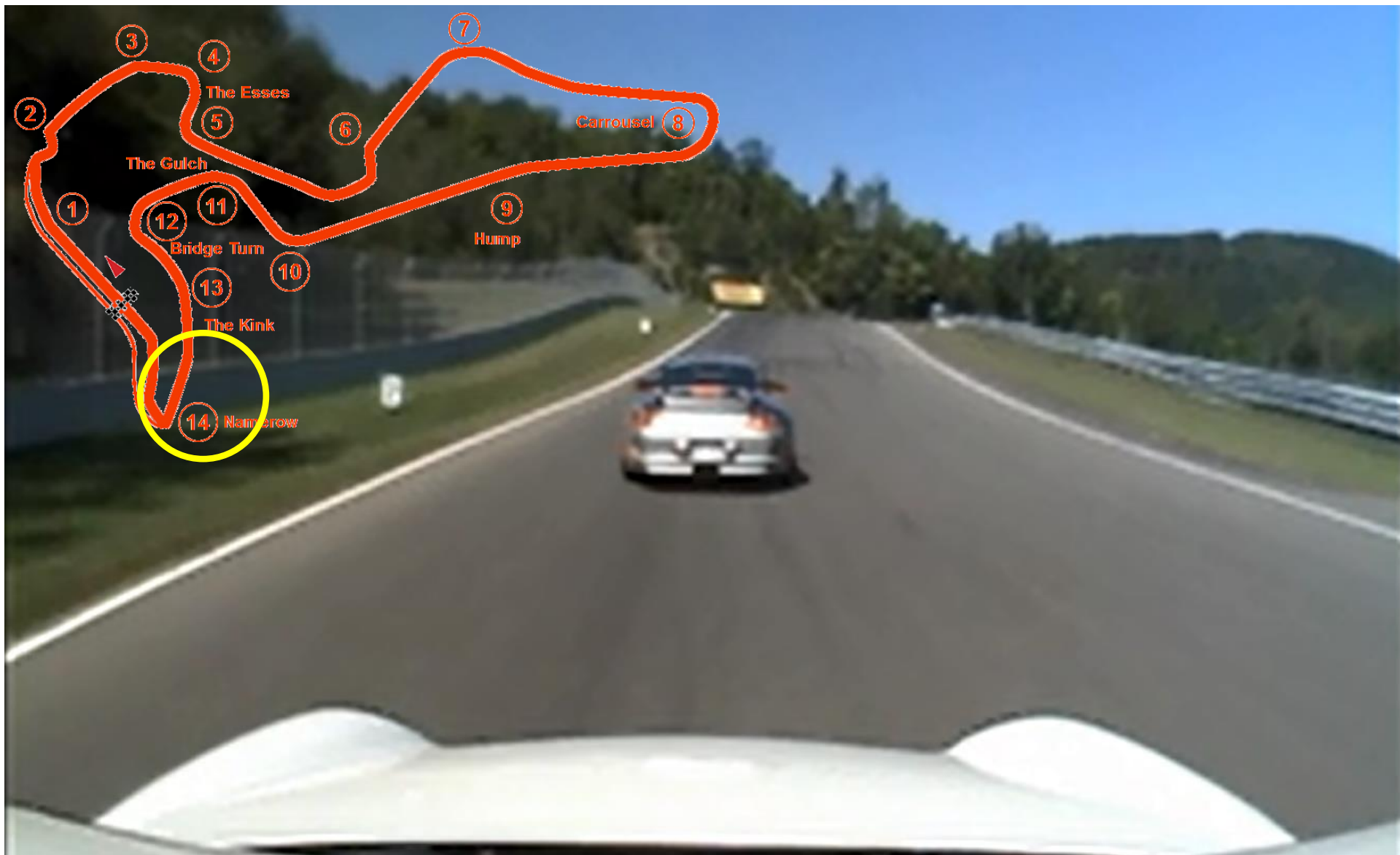
NNJR Passing on Right after Kink



Passing zone on the right
The arm over the top



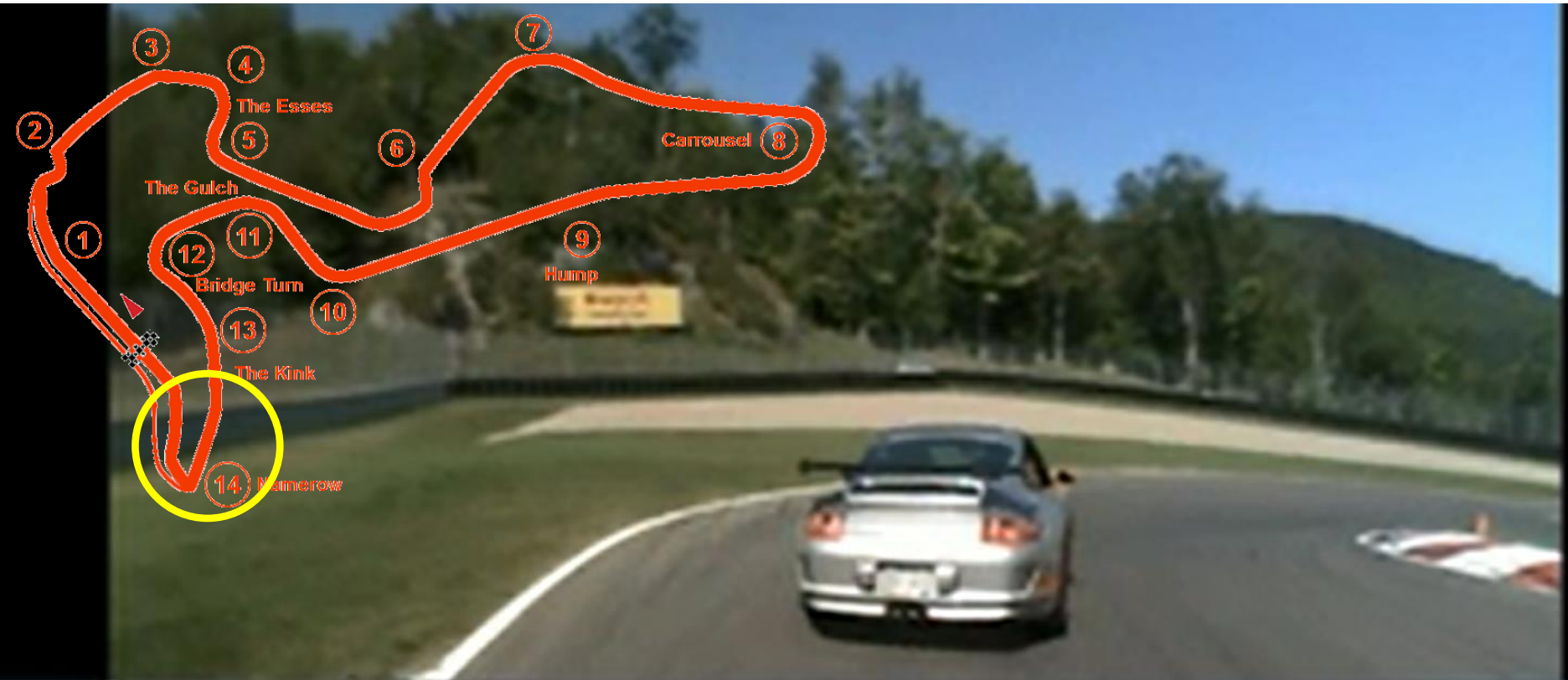
NNJR Approach & Braking for T14



NNJR Approach T14 Namerow



NNJR Turn 14: Namerow



Turn #14
NAMEROW (Pit lane entry)



NNJR Namerow: Pit Entrance on Left



NNJR Turn 15: Paddock Bend



Turn #15
PADDOCK BEND



NNJR Sources and Thank You's



- Driving Le Circuit Mt-Tremblant
 - Rennsport Region PCA
 - Bob Rouleau, Chief Instructor

