



## Last Event Synopsis

Hot, sunny, with lots of smiles from drivers!



## Tech tip for the Month

Ever notice the glare off the dash during a solo afternoon event in sunny AZ? Reflective glare can impact your vision on the solo course. One visual barrier that is easy to miss is the film on the inside of our windshields. **What is this mysterious film?** Don't know, doesn't matter.! What we do know is it can definitely obstruct our vision on the solo course. So, the lesson here is simple, when you clean the outside of the windshield don't forget the inside as well.

Long time enthusiast **Wiggy Greacen** brought a new ride at our last event. It is a beautiful 2014 **Porsche Cayman S**. The car features a naturally aspirated traditional flat six engine, with PDK, and a dual clutch transmission. The Cayman rides on Bridgestone RE 71's mounted on 19" wheels. Wiggy will campaign this fine automobile in A street. Watch out for this seasoned challenger in this hot division with a very competitive class appropriate ride. Good luck Wiggy!

**NOTE: Wiggy knows – An umbrella is necessary at the track too!**

### How to Clean the Inside of Your Windshield

1. Shake the bottle well. White vinegar works wonders when it comes to cutting through oil, dirt and other residue, but it needs to be effectively combined with water for maximum effect.
2. Lay towels over the dashboard to protect it from the water-and-vinegar solution, which may cause damage depending on the materials it's made out of and other factors. Better to be safe than sorry!
3. Liberally spray the solution over the entire interior of the windshield. Since you have laid down towels, you can safely douse it to the point where it is dripping down. This is the best way to ensure that every last inch is thoroughly cleaned — and that every last speck of dirt, dust, oil and other debris is washed away.
4. Wipe down the windshield with a clean, dry microfiber cloth. As the cloth gets damp and dirty, flip it over to ensure optimal results. Switch to new, dry, clean cloths as needed as well. The vinegar odor should dissipate quickly. If it bothers you, though, take the car for a spin with the windows rolled down to make it fade away more quickly.



# A Solo Champions Path to Victory

## Solo Driver Development Series

Ever wonder how you would not only get to the SCCA Solo Nationals, but win as well? Sure, you have! It's every driver's dream to be the best of the best! One of our local guys, **Brian Peters**, has agreed to a three-part interview feature to be printed in this and subsequent issues of the *Pylon Press*. The aim of the series is not to necessarily feature his achievements -- *they speak for themselves* -- rather to bring to light the process of raising to the top in the solo game. Many thanks to Brian for agreeing to share his views on the journey to the SCCA Solo Nationals.

*Brian Peters -- SCCA 2015  
Driver of Eminence Winner  
and Autocross champion many times over*



### Interview #1 -- The early years;

**Q. Brian, when did you join SCCA?**

B. I became a member in the year 2000

**Q. So, you have been an active driver during that period?**

B. Yes, mostly.

**Q. When did you enter your first auto cross?**

B. It was in 1999, I ran a RX 7 and a little later a VW Golf. Both were fun cars and I was hooked on solo early on as a challenging and fun activity.

**Q. What's your best recollection of your first couple of years in solo competition?**

B. C street in those days was stacked with talented drivers, so the points competition was always close, resulting in hard fought battles for Pax points.

**Q. What was a memorable moment from those early days.**

B. Well, during one event my wife and I could not figure out what the loud banging noise was coming from the car. We all had a good laugh and were relieved to find it was the car jack sliding around in the trunk of the car and not an expensive mechanical problem.

**Q. What was of the most benefit to you as a newcomer to the sport at that point in your solo driving career?**

B. I watched and listened to the tips and advice of better drivers. It helped a lot to overcome counterintuitive and counterproductive behavior and habits on course.

**Q. What experiences and practices helped you to elevate your game during this period?**

B. Three things come to mind that helped a lot during these early years.

1. I attended driving schools as often as I could afford to do so.

2. I would co-drive with other drivers to see their techniques.

3. I drove other drivers' cars which gave me a different perspective on best driving practices.

Next month's Pylon Press will include the second interview about Brian's middle years on his climb to championship status.

## Tip of the Month

***Ride with other drivers to see their techniques.***

# Pylon Press Quiz

The first driver to win the Indy 500 in 1911 was?

- Mario Andrei
- Bob Dodge
- Ralph DePalma
- Peter Fonda
- Henry Ford
- Ray Harroun
- Barney Oldfield
- Simon Pagenaud
- Eddy Rickenbacker
- Howdy Wilcox



The 1911 Indy winner was **Ray Herroun** in a **Marmon Wasp** with average speed of 74.59 mph!  
In comparison, in 2019 **Simon Pagenaud** won the Indy 500 with average speed of 175.79 mph!



## Fast cars are my only vice.

Michael Bay

**Michael Benjamin Bay** is an American filmmaker known for directing and producing big-budget, high-concept action films characterized by fast cutting, stylistic visuals and extensive use of special effects, including frequent depictions of explosions. The films he has produced and directed, which include Armageddon, Pearl Harbor and the Transformers film series, have grossed over US\$7.8 billion worldwide, making him one of the most commercially successful directors in history. He loves fast cars!

# \$\$\$ Fun Outrageous Financial Facts \$\$\$



This blue beauty is a 2017 Ford GT. In 2017, if you were lucky enough to be one of the 135 chosen by Ford to be worthy enough buying one, it cost you between \$550,000 and \$650,000 – which included a two-year contract where you could not resell it. The two-year window is up and the first one sold at \$ 1.7 million. It will be interesting to see what the values will be once more come to market.

**IF YOU WANT TO FEEL RICH, JUST COUNT THE THINGS YOU HAVE THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY!**

## Volunteer of the Month



My wife, **KC Miller**, has been an invaluable help to me in the production of the **Pylon Press** over the past several months. She has a knack for making the ordinary seem exciting, relevant and entertaining. Her input with formatting, picture arrangements, and editing of my narrative has been very helpful. Incidentally, KC is no stranger to auto cross as she was multiple times ASP Ladies Solo Champion in the AZ SCCA region during the 1990's. Her crowning achievement was winning the Corvette NCCC Nationals with top time of the day, in the high-speed event, at the 1995 NCCC event in Palm Springs California.

KC has long since retired from racing to love on our 7 grandchildren and run the nationally accredited private college she founded over 25 years ago – Southwest Institute of Healing Arts, in Tempe. Thanks, KC, for your most helpful behind the scenes contributions to the Pylon Press.

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