



# Dylon Press



Arizona Sportcar Club of America – Solo Division

Solo Event #4 Fall 2020

## December Event Synopsis



## Volunteer of the Month

# Thank YOU, (very much)

The weather could not have been nicer; a cool December morning, followed by temperatures in the high 60's by noon. The morning group set the bar high with times by the husband-and-wife team of **Jeff and Nicole Wong** posting times of 39.7 and 41.1 seconds in their **ESP Camaro**. The course flowed smoothly and allowed for two cars at a time to be on the track, with times under 50 seconds being common. The fast pace allowed 5 runs per driver, which was appreciated by all!

**Derek Bellamy** has served faithfully as the SCCA Solo group Steering Committee Finance Chairman for the past several years. Derek is stepping down from the position of Treasurer to pursue other ventures starting with the New Year. We all owe a debt of gratitude to this guy for his dedication to keeping the solo groups budget balanced, keeping the bills paid and our club in the black over the past several years. Thanks! Best Wishes! We hope to see you at future solo events enjoying an occasional spin around the cones.

The Phoenix Autocross community seems to be getting the Covid-9 format of split ½ days down better with each ensuing event. For the most part, our drivers are very respectful of the need to mask up and maintain recommended social distancing. **Thanks to all for your efforts to conduct safe Autocross events.**



**MY MASK PROTECTS YOU, AND  
YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME.**

## Family Racing Team



The husband wife team of **Steve and Debbie Eymann** both drove well at the December 22, 2020 event. It is great to see family driving teams participating at the events. We welcome Steve as the incoming club Treasurer, a position he has previously held. *Thanks for stepping up Steve!*

THANK YOU

Volunteers

## Eymann's New Ride - 2020 C8



Blessings to the Eymann's as they start the new year with a new car – A 2020 C8, with Z51 Performance package. The new C8 Corvette is said to have 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque.

*Wishing everyone health, wealth, and happiness in the New Year ahead.*

# Cars of the Month

This month two cars are featured as **Car of the Month**. The mother and son team of **Janet and Jared Tuburec** drive two super looking rides. Jared, an electrical engineering student at Embry Riddle University in Prescott, rolls on in a sharp **2011 Mustang GT** that was purchased with some help from his mom in 2016. His Mom, Janet, autocrosses her daily driver, a **2013 Mini Cooper**. This is a nice family story, mother and son enjoying Autox events together. Thanks for sharing your unusual and charming story with us Tubruecs! Please come back often

Mother and Son team



Fast Family Fun!



## Pylon Quiz

Match the following cars with their correct stopping distances from 60 mph to 0 mph; Choices: 87, 90, 92, 94 and 95 ft. (Note, two cars have the same #)

- Corvette C7 Grand Sport
- Dodge Viper ACR
- Honda NSX
- Mustang GT
- Nissan GT-R
- Porsche GT3 RS



## Answers to the Pylon Quiz

Dodge Viper #1 @87ft, Corvette #2 @ 90ft, Porsche #3@ 92ft, Nissan and Mustang #4 @ 94ft, and Honda NSX #5 @95ft

**Dennis Riehle** flashes a big smile after posting a terrific lap time of 41.644 in his **1970 ESP Camaro**. Nice driving Dennis especially considering your car is 50 years old and posting times that rival the most modern supercars at the event.



*Driver of the Month*

The Flagstaff contingent escaped the chilly mountain weather and enjoyed a fun day of Autocross activities at the December event. This bunch brings a lot of spirit and youthful energy to our events. Glad to see you out in force once again “Roll Forty”



*Team Roll Forty Flagstaff*

# Driver Tip of the Month



Submitted by Brian Miller, Editor Pylon Press

## A RACING CAR IS AN ANIMAL WITH A THOUSAND ADJUSTMENTS

MARIO ANDRETTI

**Smooth is fast!** Auto cross drivers are always on the lookout for ways to take a few tenths of a second off their lap times. In last month's *Pylon Press* we discussed a technique to sharpen your braking skills while driving in daily traffic. This month let's look at the negative effects of excessive steering wheel movement during high g-load short radius turns on the auto cross course.

1. The more a driver makes multiple adjustment to the steering input the more it upsets the contact patch of the tire, thus slowing your cars time through the turn. The trick is to *maintain a motionless steering input* on the cars steering wheel throughout the turn.
2. As we find the correct line though a turn, most Autocross course designs will give the driver an opportunity to maintain "a set" and hold on the steering wheel though one or more constant radius turns. (Of course, slaloms and sharp off set gates demanding rapid direction changes are the exceptions.)
3. The skill of *minimal steering wheel input* can be practiced in your daily driver. The key here is to apply it in low-speed situations safely in traffic in a fashion that possess no danger to yourself or cars around you. Left handers, traffic circles, and parking lots all offer low speed and safe opportunities for practice while holding the steering wheel at a constant position as you complete your turn. You will find that with practice you will be able to do complete turns with increasingly minimal adjustments to the steering input.
4. **Smooth is fast**, and not over correcting the steering wheel excessively in Autox events is smooth! Give it a try and always practice such skill sets in traffic safely.

### What to bring with you to the track to be well prepared!

1. Your drivers license
2. SCCA or club membership card
2. Copy of the current SCCA Solo II Rule Book
3. Helmet
4. Driving shoes
5. Numbers and class Tire pressure gauge
6. Portable Jack
7. Torque Wrench
8. Tools in case you need to repair something
9. Portable air tank or compressor
10. Chalk or white shoe polish to mark your tires
11. Windex and paper towels
12. Work gloves
13. Racer tape (duct tape)
14. Clean Towels
15. Sunglasses
16. Sunscreen
17. Folding chair
18. Thermos of water or other non alcoholic beverage
19. Gatorade
20. Cooler with lunch and/or snacks
21. Business cards for your new friends!