



Event Overview

Perfect weather greeted 140+ drivers that turned out for the third in the fall Phoenix Region Autox series. The course was fast, the times quick and the sunshine abundant. By starting early event officials were able to allow six runs per run group. A spacing of 20 seconds between cars on course, separate gates for cars entering and exiting the course, plus a minimum of DNF runs, allowed the groups to complete their 6 runs in great time. Times were fast with **Brian Peters** setting the bar high with a 44.539 seconds in B group in his very quick Tesla Model 3. His time was not topped until **Chuck Voboril** put down a 40.934 second run in his Hadava B9, B-Mod race car in D group at days end. Times were tight in the Sportsmans and CAM groups, involving some close and highly contested points contests for a spot on the podium at series end. How fortunate we are to have year around Autox racing in AZ while much of the rest of the country prepares for snow and ice.

The winner isn't the one with the fastest car – it's the one who refuses to lose! – Dale Earnhardt

Car of the Month

1966 Vintage Mustang
Owner/Driver Erik Gagon



The **1966 Vintage Mustang** owned by US Air Force Veteran **Erik Gagon** looks just like it had recently finished a Trans Americana race across Mexico! This fine example of a vintage Mustang was purchased by Eric in 2012 for the mere sum of \$1800. Talk about a good investment! The upgrades Erik has made to the car since purchasing it are extensive. The 347 stroker motor feeds a 5-speed tranny and is fueled by a Holley Sniper EFI. Steering is by EPAS, and additionally the car is equipped with Baer disk brakes, a Baer full floater 9" rear end, Viking adjustable shocks and much more. Erik is a Mustang lover who also owns a 1971 Boss 351. He plans to continue to develop his most cool '66 CAM-T "EVL BOSS" Mustang, and work on improving his driving skills. Thanks for sharing Erik! We hope to be seeing you often at the Arizona Motorsports Park often in the future!



Volunteer of the Month

Jim Baus is in a pure sense is not a volunteer. He is, however, a long-time employee of the Arizona Motorsports Park. He has served as the Facility and Operations Manager since the track opened in 2002. Jim supervises several essential track services that allow our monthly solo sessions to run smoothly and safely. Included in his many duties to keep the track running is responsibility for sound level measurement protocols, track surface maintenance, and event scheduling. All this, combined with being with track liaison , keeps him quite busy. He is indeed an essential man behind the scenes at AMP and plays an important part in support of our solo activities there. Jim is always available to help our crew out with equipment or advice when needed. When you see him driving about in his F-150 doing his duties on event days give Jim a wave and a “*How do you do?*” greeting! We appreciate all he does for the Phoenix SCCA Solo group! Let’s offer him a wave of thanks.

**GOOD CARS GET
YOU FROM POINT
A TO POINT B.
GREAT CARS...
WELL THEY JUST
GET YOU IN TO
TROUBLE.**

Awesome Author

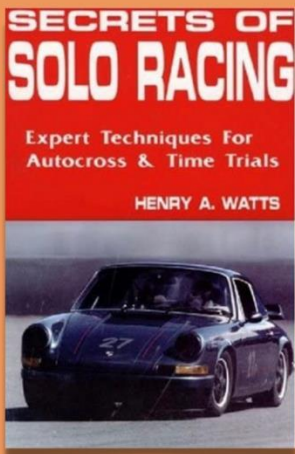


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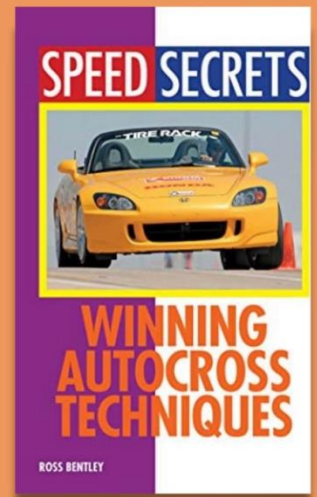
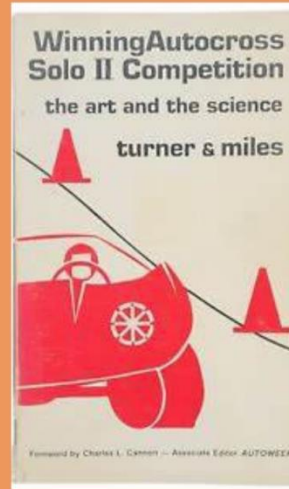
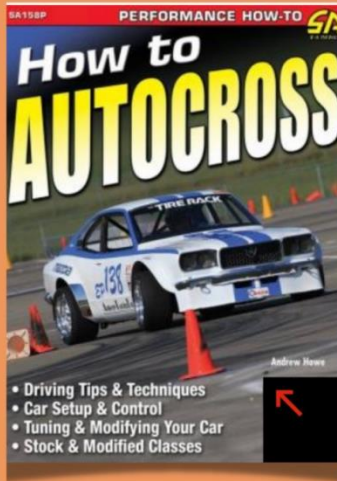
Pause,
Take a deep
breath and
appreciate your surrounding!





Recommended Reading

By Dave Young



Dave Young is a regular participant at Phoenix events, and has been around the Autocross scene for several years. He is a very knowledgeable solo driver who attributes some of his driving savvy to reading good books about how to auto cross.

His recommended bibliography on the topic is listed below:

- ***Secrets of Solo Racing*** by Henry Watts
- ***How to Autocross*** by Andrew Howe
- ***Winning Autocross Solo II Competition*** by Turner and Miles
- ***Speed Secrets: Winning Autocross Techniques*** by Ross Bentley

Some of these books are out of print yet can be found on eBay at reasonable prices. While print books are a bit “old school”, the most important concepts in Autocross racing have changed very little since the beginnings of the sport. When you find one of these classic books consider lending it to a fellow driver!

DRIVE WITH PASSION



Pylon Quiz

Researched and created by Pylon Press Editor **Brian P. Miller**

In 2002 a new, and still standing, world quarter mile drag speed record was set in Norway in a rocket propelled car. The quarter mile time was an incredible 3.22 seconds with a trap speed of 402 mph! The rocket car was named the “Vanishing Point” and the drivers last name was Miller.

Match the correct Miller names to their correct titles below to find this famous driver’s first name.

Warren Miller
Brian Miller
Arthur Miller
Sammy Miller
Glen Miller

Band Leader
Film producer
Drag racer
Newsletter Publisher
Playwright

Answer to matching question : It was “**Slamming Sammy Miller**” who set the world’s fastest quarter mile time in a rocket propelled car. His famous 3.22 second ¼ mile record drag run can be viewed on YouTube.

