Pylon Press SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA -PHOENIX AZ SOLO REGION



A nice day greeted us for the opening of the spring series at AMP on January 16, 2022! The weather was ideal, and drivers were eager to get back to a new solo series. The times were fast all day, culminating with some close racing in Group D when the Sportsman Class got to the skid pad. Scott Phillips came away with the best PAX score of 1000 for the day in his CS Mazda Yata. Jeff Wong captured the TTD with a 43.88 in a SSP Corvette. Over in CAM-T the top three spots were shared by Michael Hills, Cameron Schotz and Lance Hamilton. They all had 47 second scores, with Lance Hamilton the taking top spot with a fast 47.308. Also, hats off to novice driver Josh Fenton who ran away with the best Novice group time in his 2005 Honda S2000 with a smoking time of 46.930.

The day ended on a rather scary note when the trunk of the Mustang of **Ethan Rose** caught on fire and was ablaze in the pits. Fast thinking on the part of **Jared Tyburec** saved the car from serious damage or a gas tank explosion by running for a fire extinguisher and putting the trunk fire out quickly. CC THE REAL ENEMY OF SAFETY IS NOT NON-COMPLIANCE, RATHER NON-THINKING.

Fast Thinking Saved the Day



ar of the Month

JACK & JIM MOREFIELD

Jack & Jim Morefield brought their beloved and venerable 1954 MB TF model out to the autox and had a blast team driving it. This classic sports car is powered by the original stock 1250cc motor that puts out a whopping 46hp! The car was purchased in 2021 from a local owner who had owned it since 1962; the car was partially restored when they got it. Jack reports the biggest surprise in the restoration process was the discovery of that the car had no brakes! That problem was carefully remedied and was soon fit for an autox outing. With a best lap time in the 70 second range, when put into perspective, the car is a super performer. Consider that a C7 Corvette Z06 has approximately 14 times more hp, @650 hp, huge tires and nanny controls ... and yet only goes around the course about 25 seconds faster. This MG shines as a autox vintage star. The brothers shared that they will perhaps be back another day to auto cross with one of their other current restoration projects including a 1966 Rambler convertible retro mod and a 94 Buick Estate Wagon that features a rear facing seat. You guys lend a terrific historic variety to the local PASR solo scene and exemplify the notion that auto crossing can be fun yet low key using novel and rare rides. Hope to see you soon.

WHOEVER SAID "LIFE IS NOT A RACE!" HAD NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED TO SCCA SOLO RACING!

Cars don't wear out... they become classics! WHY CAN'T THAT LOGIC BE APPLIED TO PEOPLE?





PLAN TO RACE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022

> IN THE END, IT'S NOT THE YEARS IN YOUR LIFE THAT COUNT. IT'S ABOUT MAKING EVERY DAY COUNT.

> > THE DAYS YOU RACE COUNT DOUBLE!

Aubry Herrell resides in Flagstaff, Arizona where she is a member of the **40 Roll Racing Team**. She studies Secondary English Education at Northern Arizona University and is currently completing her student teaching at Mt. Elden Middle School. When she is not studying or putting the pedal to the metal, she enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking, and anything related to the outdoors.

Intrigued by the modified car scene as a teenager, Aubry began talking to local enthusiasts and learning about performance cars. There was an instant click and she started performing maintenance on her cars, then repairing them, then modifying them. She believes that anybody can be a "do-it-yourselfer" and that motorsports are to be enjoyed by everybody. Nowadays, she enjoys assisting with 40Roll's operations, which include arranging local car meets and events, and helping her friends in the garage.

She has participated in a handful of autocross events in her 1998 Honda Prelude Type SH, which she has built with her co-driver Ramsey Crenshaw. The Prelude has been fitted with simple performance and reliability mods along with a dazzling set of XXR wheels; she states that there's a lot more to come in the near future. Aubry has always wanted to race, and AZ Solo events give her the opportunity to drive fast, have fun, and fuel her competitive side. One of her favorite parts of attending these events is the opportunity to talk cars with awesome, kind people. That, and the dream of eventually placing first in her class. Aubry hopes to begin participating in track days and expand her racing career in her beloved Honda. Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



I continuously go further and further learning about my own limitations, my body limitation, psychological limitations. It's a way of life for me.

FORMULA ONE DRIVER WHO WON 41 GRANDS PRIX RACES

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GRACEFUL PERSON. I WAS A SLOPPY SKIER, A SLOPPY TENNIS PLAYER, A SLOPPY FOOTBALL PLAYER AND A SLOPPY DANCER! THE ONLY THING I FOUND GRACE IN WAS RACING A CAR."

"I'M NOT A VERY

aut Newman

Jonathan & Heather Herold

Jonathan Herold is no stranger to lending a hand in helping run the PASR solo events. He has served as chief driving instructor and now is committing to training to serve as part of the Solo Safety Steward Program. A native of Arizona, he joined SCCA in 2015. His solo ride is a **2004** Honda **S2000**.

olunteer of the North

Jonathan and his wife Heather presently live in Flagstaff where he is employed in the auto service industry. The couple are parents to 3-month-old baby named James, two short haired cats and two dogs named Skit and Bailey. He enjoys a variety of motorsports activities including drags, drifting and road trips.

His race car driving heroes are he named **Ayrton Senna** and **Paul Newman**, among others. When asked if he had any suggestions as to how the local PASR events could be improved he offered this observation: *"Those new to the sport could perhaps offer more help in caulking the cones and hustling out to work assignments to keep the event moving along so more runs could be added to the event."*

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

People knew Paul Newman as a legendary Hollywood actor, however he was also a pretty good professional racer, winning big races at an age when many people are afraid to drive at all. In 2007, he strapped himself into a GT-1 class Chevrolet Corvette, a 700-horsepower beast of a car, for his last race at the Watkins Glen International racing circuit. He crossed the finishing line in fourth place. The number on his car, 82, symbolized his age.

The actor continued to race throughout the 1980s, winning two SCCA titles and competing in a variety of races during those years.

So, if you think you're too old for racing, that you have to start young, have masses of talent and train fulltime to achieve anything meaningful, you should remember Paul Newman and think again. Maybe you won't win LeMans or Daytona, yet you can still become good!

Your safety is our #1 priority.

Solo Safety Stewards are licensed by SCCA



What the heck is a SSS that is mentioned at the driver's meeting?

SSS, short for Solo Safety Steward, is a licensed SCCA individual and fellow entrant who oversees all safety aspects of the event including: Pre-event course map review Securing event insurance Event day course approval Ensuring workers and spectators are in safe positions Assuring the grid is secure Supporting drivers who might be driving at the edge of their skill, or that of their car's capability, are not in harm's way.

Having a SSS on duty is an absolute SCCA requirement to hold the event; their sole work assignment for the entire day is safety.

Please remember that on the very rare occasion a SSS needs to "chat" with you, their intent is only to make sure you understand why your or your passengers actions placed someone at risk. They want everyone to enjoy the day and return home safe.

Article by Kim Kemper, Assistant Regional Solo Executive & Chief Safety Steward

STAY HYDRATED AT ALL SOLO EVENTS

WATER C CHANGES EVERYTHING





Of this list of 14 top car and truck sellers, **pick out the six models** that are top ten in sales both in the USA and in the worldwide markets?

Chevy Silverado Honda Accord Honda Civic Honda CR-V Honda HR-V Ford F-150 Jeep Grand Cherokee Nissan Sentra Ram Pick-up Toyota Camry Toyota Corolla Toyota Rav 4 Toyota Highlander

(The six top sellers in both the USA and the world are: Chevy Silverado, Ford F150, Honda Civic, Honda CR-V, Toyota Camry Toyota Rav4)

Credit to data sources: Autoexpress.co.uk and Forbes.com

Have you joined the new Phoenix AZ Solo Region?



What's your membership Region status? You have a choice! Please consider joining the new **Phoenix AZ Solo Region (**PASR)! Signing up is easy! Just call the National SCCA office at 1-800-770-2055 or email them at membership@scca.com Include your member number and ask for your membership to be changed to the new local PASR region. Your entry fee will then be 100% available for local purposes, such as improved timing lights, safety equipment, etc. Please call or send an email today! Join the over 100 drivers who have already done so! Support your local solo club.



Announcing three different two-day events are coming to PASR: March 12 & 13, 2022 "Test & Tune" November 19 & 20, 2022 "Americana Event" January 15 & 16, 2023 "Autox on the AMP Race Track"

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