April 2022 – Event #4 SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA - PHOENIX AZ SOLO REGION

Final Event Synopsis
The final PASR event of the year was blessed with ideal weather and a great turnout of over 160 cars. The course was fast, fun and flowed well. Several final class battles were settled with close finishes in several groups. The event featured several new and different model cars including a 1990 Rover Mini with right side drive. As the day wore on the lap times continued to drop until the Mod cars posted times into the low forty second range with Chuck Voboril laying down an amazing 40.88 second run in his **Hadaya 89** B Mod car. Six runs were allowed on the course designed by Nick Sloan, resulting in a lot of satisfied drivers sporting big grins and some overheated tires.

Nick has announced this will be his last season as your solo course designer and will be working with his replacement. Thanks, Nick, for all the great course designs you brought to us over the years and we look forward to seeing you continue to turn in blazing fast times in the Telsa at future events.







Ned Chappell says he has enjoyed solo racing in the past, and he is really hooked on coming out often to participate in the future in his new ride - his 2021 Dodge **Challenger** with the scat pack option boosts 485 hp and 475 ft lbs. of torque. Ned's past Autox racing was in a Mazda Speed 3, however he always wanted to bring out an American Muscle Car to play with and consequently purchased the **Dodge Challenger.** Ned indicated the car is stock so far, however he hopes to add factory suspension equipment to the Dodge in the future. Ned's interest in full sized Dodge cars goes back to his childhood when his family favored the brand with big motors. He has found the local CAM group to be both fun and helpful and looks forward to the fall series and getting his wife involved in the sport.





Driver Tip

Some years ago an experienced national level driver approached me after a vintage car track race and ask me why I "coasted" so much during the race? Quite surprised, I recall asking him, "What do you mean I coast?" He replied, "Simple, you spend too much time with your foot neither pressing on the gas or on the brake, rather coasting!" This talented veteran driver of foreign decent first langrage was not English, so his next response in a loud voice, was, "GAS, Brake! Gas Brake! No Coasting!" ...and then he walked away. He was right – I later realized I was lifting off the gas and allowing my mind to assess what to do next on the track and consequently leaving time on the track with each occurrence. The same concept applies to Solo racing. So, the question is: "How much, if any, are you coasting between elements on the Solo skid pad, when you should be either on the brakes or on the gas? And if so, why?



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Ramsey Crenshaw is and has been involved in Autox for four years now. His current car is a 2014 WRX and his fiancé's ride is a Honda Prelude SH. A regular Autox attendee from Flagstaff and a charter member of the "Roll Forty Club" of Flagstaff, Ramsey works waiver at the local events on a regular basis. Over time he has elected to take that spot as a worker station position. He favors this position as it gives him a chance to support Faith Hare, Waiver Chief, who hails from Flagstaff as well, and meets and greets new folks each week at the gate. An avid snowboarder, he currently serves as the Chief Ramp operations agent for United Airlines in Flagstaff. His driving hero as a youngster was Jeff Gordon of NASA fame and he has a strong admiration for the skills of the local solo drivers with which he is presently competing. Ramsey looks forward to the months ahead now that the pandemic has faded. He expressed considerable respect and admiration for the PASR program here in Phoenix. It is the commitment and attitude of members like Ramsey that are the heart and soul of our program.





Many drivers were drawn to look at one of the coolest ride being auto crossed by **Thomas Zeilinger**. The car – an original right-hand drive 1990 Rover Mini! Tom is a most charming and engaging young fellow, somewhat new to the sport of Autox racing, yet has had some experience as a drag racer in Mustangs. He got hooked recently on Solo racing by entering into a local Good Guys auto cross event. Originally from Santa Clarita, California, Tom came to AZ to attend college at GCU and has been in Phoenix for 7 years now. He makes his living as a draftsman in the structural engineering field and resides in Ahwatukee with his dog Charlie. Tom enjoys mountain biking and working on cars. The next time Tom brings his historic and most original car out to play with us please stop by, greet him, and look at his most unusual right hand drive car. Thanks for joining us Tom and please come back often.



Which city in the world has the fastest police cruiser?

- 1. Munich, Germany
- New Braunfels, Texas
- 3. Detroit, Michigan
- Dubai in the United Arab Emirates
- 5. Boise, Montana

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Pylon Quiz Answer

It's Dubai with a fleet of speedsters that includes a Bugatti Veyron police car, capable of speeds up to 253 mph. The Texas car is a close second with a Tuner Corvette Z06 that is rated at 228 mph. Both cars make over 1000 hp.