



# Pylon Press

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA - PHOENIX AZ SOLO REGION

November 2022 – Fall Event #3

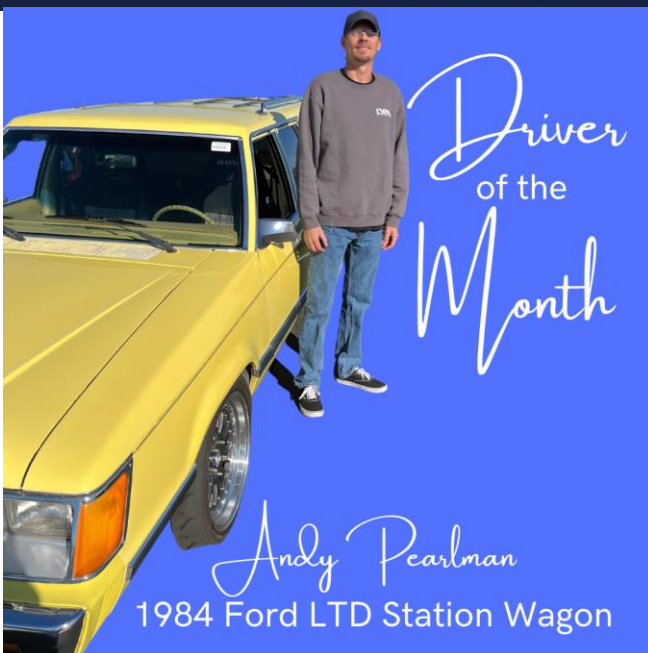
## Event Synopsis

How very fortunate we are to live in Arizona and be able to enjoy motorsports activities year around. This month we had a great weather day for Autocross #3, with a full roster of 142 hopeful drivers in attendance. The course flowed nicely with only a few DNFs and cone collisions. There were a few spins in the early runs on cold tires, yet overall, a smooth flow of cars on course allowed for four runs per group. Times in the 40 second range were typical and a very close battle for TTD ensued among cars with doors. Just as we thought a car had laid down a TTD lap, a competitor would best it!

We have some really good drivers in our regional group; if you look at the real time results on the club website you will note many of our top drivers' times are very close throughout the day, usually improving slightly with each pass. Consistency in improving run times, with only an occasional cone hit, is a sign of strong 10/10 focused driving.

The contest for top time of the day for production cars was super close. **Chis Mayfield**, in his nifty Lotus Evora, had the honors with a 36.936 second run. Drivers with times within less than a second of Mayfield's time are as follows: **Jason Bucki** (best pax index), **Doug Rowse**, **Nick Sloan**, and **Bruce Hanson**. TTD for non-street cars went to **Chuck Voboril** with a fast time of 35.250 in his D MOD open wheeled sled.

It was a fun day with a hot dog lunch, sunny skies, and great all-day fellowship. Be thankful and don't forget to show your appreciation to those who are on site before 6 AM setting up the course, doing safety inspections, and prepping the registration area, etc. All this great efficiency is an orchestrated effort. Your fellow racers, Crew Chiefs and Steering Committee members are all working behind the scenes to make your event a seamless and enjoyable experience. It's up to all 251 members of PASR to pitch in and make a contribution. It begs the question, what have you done for your club lately?



You could hear applause and shouting on the course when Andy Pearlman had just laid down the fine time of 41.941 in his daily driver – a canary yellow 1984 Ford LTD Station Wagon! To put this in perspective, his time placed him 50<sup>th</sup> overall in the fast time category of 142 total entries; his amazing time resulted in a super pax time of 34.22. Andy confessed he "likes to go fast" and has done so a drag racer for the past 25 years. He is fairly new to the autocross game and seeks to perhaps win a class trophy one day in the future. The development of his driving skills may be due to his early experience in BMX racing and lots of drag racing over the years. Andy and girlfriend Leeann, a Porsche Boxer PASR autocross gal, are residents of Peoria where they live with their two pups Sammy and Spike. Keep an eye on this fellow -- it's very likely he will just get better and better with experience as an autocross enthusiast.

Join us for the last event of the season on Sunday, December 11, 2022

Car of the  
Month



## BRAD RYAN 1967 Corvette

**Brad Ryan**, nicknamed "Spinner", is the third owner of his very cool, authentic 1967 Corvette big block coupe. Back in the day Corvette big blocks ruled the drag strips and road course events put on by SCCA and hot rod associations. They were, as it was said then, "The Big Dogs" going head-to-head with Fords Cobras and other 70's muscle cars.

Brad's Silver '67 survivor was ordered new with all the available options, except the J-56 brakes. The L36 big block feeds a four-speed close ratio tranny which vents through side exhausts. Additional features on the classic Vette includes a posi rear member, air conditioning, leather seats, rally wheels, close ratio steering, electric radiator fans and many more performance equipment features. The '67 survivor adds both class and historical value to our local events; its appearance and ground shaking exhaust sound takes us back in time to the origins of autocross.

Way cool ride Brad! Welcome back to the Autox game after a twenty-five-year layoff from your Autox days of old with the Chicago Corvette Club. Please return soon as your car is a pleasure to watch on the course under power.

WINNING ISN'T  
EVERYTHING  
**RACING IS!**

DALE EARNHARDT



**A positive  
mindset  
brings positive  
things**

— Juliana Silva



**SCCA**  
CLUB RACING

**IF EVERYTHING SEEMS  
UNDER CONTROL,  
YOU'RE NOT GOING  
FAST ENOUGH!**

*Mario Andretti*





# Tech Tip of the Month

By Brian Miller, Editor

To wrap up the Tom Brady series of Performance Tips we visit his chapter on pre-performance attitude, brain fitness and plasticity. It's a lot to summarize, so for a full review of this material you can go to his web site <http://tb12brainhq.com>.

Some of main points include:

1. Brady defines success of the mind as “knowing that you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.” To me, he is saying we humans have the potential for constant improvement.
2. Don't focus on the negative. We gain nothing by being angry or negative. Here's where positive affirmations, visualization of success and calming thoughts come into play before it's game time on the skid pad.
3. Seek wisdom by knowing the difference between those things you can and can't change. (*Where have we heard that before?*)
4. Seek the mental preparation “Zone.” If you are too calm, fire up a bit. If you are too excited to focus, do some calming things before you perform. Find your mental Zone.
5. Stay mentally pliable. Be open to new ideas, input and information!



I think sometimes in life the **biggest challenges** end up being the **best things** that happen in your life.

– Tom Brady

AZ QUOTES

THE  
**TB**  
METHOD

HOW TO DO  
WHAT YOU LOVE,  
**BETTER AND  
FOR LONGER**

**TOM BRADY**

”

**GRANT ME THE  
SERENITY  
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I  
CANNOT CHANGE...  
THE COURAGE TO  
CHANGE THE THINGS I  
CAN CHANGE,  
AND WISDOM TO KNOW  
THE DIFFERENT**

*The Serenity Prayer*

# THANK YOU

**SCCA**  
CLUB RACING

## *Volunteers of the Season*

Ever wonder why the PASR Autox events run smoothly, stay on time and experience very few hiccups in the schedule. It's not luck that drives both the efficiency and effectiveness of the Phoenix Autox program. **It's leadership!** It's the people behind the scenes that make it all happen.

We want to recognize the behind-the-scenes hard workers. Listed are the names of our Steering Committee members and invaluable Worker Chiefs.

### **Phoenix Arizona Solo Steering Committee**

Kevin Venisnik	Regional Executive
Kim Kemper	Chief Safety and Assistant Regional Executive
Tim Bergstrom	Chief of Equipment
Jason Buckie	Chief of Scoring
Steve Eymann	Treasurer
Chris Groppi	Asst Chief Safety/Awards
Lance Hamilton	Chief of Pre-registration
Faith Hare	Chief Waiver
Kei Josephson	Chief Instruction
Morgan Lee	Webmaster/Goodie Store
Mat Leon	Chief of Registration
Brian Miller	Site Liaison/Pylon Press Editor
Chris Steele	Chief Tech
Nick Sloan	Chief of Course
Matt Underhill	Chief of Workers

How can **you** help make each PASR event a success?

1. You can tell one of the Worker Chiefs or Steering Committee members thanks for their service!
2. Be prepared at the waiver station to show your mug shot without delay.
3. Get your car to grid in plenty of time.
4. **BE ON TIME TO WORK** your assigned duties at the event.
5. Be a good sport displaying enthusiasm and patience.

# Pylon Quiz

Which of the following faulty Autocross driving techniques will cost you the most lost time driving through slalom features on the Autocross course:

1. Braking hard between cones to avoid hitting the next cone in the slalom.
2. Leaving too much distance between the car and the slalom cones.
3. Focusing your vision on the next cone in line to turn on vs. the one after the immediate one before you.
4. Turning early beside the cone vs. leaving it off the rear wheel.
5. Overdriving the slalom with excessive speed and upsetting the car.



## WATCH FOR SLALOM TIME ZOMBIES



All the above are 'Slalom Time Zombies.' It has been said that "you can't gain time in the slalom – only lose it". All the above faulty driving practices will cost you time on the track. Consider having an experienced buddy ride along with you to ward off possible Slalom Zombies!

## Thank You for Your Past Service

For several seasons **Nick Sloan** has served as our Autocross Course Designer ensuring great course designs that have been fast, fun and safe. While Nick will continue to participate as a driver at the PASR events, he is going to pass his design responsibilities on to **Bill Pribil**. Please take time to thank Nick for his service at the last drive of the season.

**Remember the  
happiest people  
are not those  
getting more,  
rather those  
giving more.**

H. Jackson Brown Jr.  
author of

*Life's Little Instruction Book*