



# Pylon Press

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA -  
PHOENIX AZ SOLO REGION

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## Event Synopsis

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Rain greeted the PASR solo community on a dark and dreary Sunday morning. Our course walk was cold and cloudy with traces of rain hanging around. Run group A suffered the most with a cold and damp track yet still managed to get in five runs despite less-than-ideal conditions. As the day wore on the surface improved and lap times showed considerable improvement. Conditions and the design of the course rewarded a continuous motion style of driving vs. hard braking and violent throttle or steering actions. By the time group D entered the course in midafternoon the surface had dried and offered much improved lap times. Most drivers improved their times with each progressive run.

Pat, the Hot Dog Lady, served up her usual fare of delicious dogs and brats. A brief lunch break of 20 minutes allowed for five runs in which most drivers improved their times.

Top time of the day went to **Jason Bucki** and the coveted top PAX time driving his Porsche GT4.

Even with the rain, the tech crew was able to process dozens of annual tech passes. A shout out to Tech Chief Chris Steele and his crew for their positive attitudes and efficiency operating under challenging conditions.

Some competition class contests for top spots got off to a smoking start with **Aaron Skolnik, Todd Phillips and William Pribil's** times being separated by one second in the CS Open Class.

**Ben Zukowski** in HS Open and **Morgan Lee** in D Stock set the pace in their respective classes with commanding leads.

Also, the first three fastest times in FS set by **Dan Hawrylkin, James Harris and Craig Borger** were within a second of each other. Looks like some very competitive racing ahead lies ahead in the three spring series events to come!



**Jason Jarvie** and future autox enthusiast, son **John Javie**, are featured in the picture above in front of Jason's **2002 BMW M5**. Jason explained the M5 is a model he had wanted to own since training in one while at a BMW training. He purchased this car in June 2017 and has made considerable upgrades. The motor is basically stock except for long tube headers which puts out 389 hp/ 324Tq. The trans and drive train have been reinforced with Delrin, solid poly or aluminum bushing. The car incorporates a roll cage and reinforced rear subframe. Jason is a clever guy with strong fabrication, mechanical and driving skills. He brings an unusual and capable full-sized sedan to the autox scene and one day hopes to enter it in track events as well. His previous car choices to autox and track were a Ford Focus ST and a Caddy CT-S that made 640 hp on a modified motor. One of these previous cars was a bit to tame and the other a bit too wild for the skid pad, yet the M5 seems to be "just right" for the task. The future of autocross is certainly ensured when dads train up their sons to race fast and safe.



**Lance Hamilton**

**Lance Hamilton** was born in Dallas, raised in Colorado and lived in Kansas City for most of his adult years where he met and married his wife, Terri. Lance and Terrie and their two dogs have resided in AZ for the past 5 years. Lance is an outdoors guy. He enjoys hiking, live concerts, and off roading and autocross racing of course.

Lance joined SCCA in 2012 and began auto crossing with the Kansas City Region SCCA group at that time. His very sharp Monte Carlo started life as a daily driver, became a show car and has morphed over time into a full-on CAM-T racer. This man is a handy fellow doing all the performance development on his car himself at his well-equipped shop located next to his home in Peoria.

As the Chief of Registration, Lance and his capable team handle the preregistration and registration process with both efficiency and effectiveness. He has had a direct hand in many of the recent improvements in the preregistration, registration and tech process for the PASR group.

We owe Lance a debt of gratitude for all the hours he spends getting the Club members registered for events, assigning work schedules and dealing with the multitude of special requests he get from members each month. His commitment and spirit exemplifies the heart and soul of the PASR group!

Upcoming PASR events are  
Feb 11, March 4 & 5 & April 15, 2023

## ONE DAY ONLY Annual Tech Event JANUARY 7, 2023



Each year a Tech Day event is held where PASR members can get the car they will be using for auto crossing thoroughly inspected. If the vehicle passes inspection an annual sticker is issued. This saves both the drivers and staff time on the day of the race event.

This year's event was held at Lance Hamilton's home garage in Peoria. The event was a success, including a pizza lunch, weighing car corners and providing good fellowship all around.

55 cars were teched and 26 received a car corner weight service.

Another shout out of thanks goes to **Lance Hamilton** for providing this most helpful and timely service to the PASR drivers.



## PARTS DONT BREAK — WE BREAK THEM!

Carroll Smith,  
author of Engineer to Win



# ENGAGE

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# Save the Date

Jump for Joy Event

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

The "Jump for Joy Event" scheduled for Jan 16, 2023, was cancelled due to rain.

The autox track event is now rescheduled for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Pylon Quiz

Multiple Choice fun Trivia Questions

1. The first car race took place on July 22, 1894, in Paris France. What car manufacture won that first race? Audi, Mercedes Benz, Nash, Peugeot?
2. Seat belts were first made mandatory in the production of new cars in the USA in what year? 1961, 1968, 1972 1977?
3. What was the bestselling car of all time? Fiat 500, Ford F150, Toyota Corolla, VW Golf
4. Which of these is the world's oldest car manufacturer? Audi, Cord, Peugeot, Volkswagen.
5. The catalytic converters work by what process? A. Filters out carbon particles. B. Lower temp of exhaust fumes. C. Catalyzing a redox reaction; D. Splits the carbon Monoxide molecules apart converting them to H2O

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1 = Peugeot; 2 = 1968; 3 = Toyota Corolla; 4 = Peugeot; 5 = C -- Catalyzing a redox reaction;

Each year the **Tom Burke Award** is presented to Regions for exemplary efforts to activate and grow the SCCA. Formerly named the Chairman's Award prior to 1987, one award is given to the RE of a region in each of the Region Size categories from the preceding year. The award is determined by a weighted combination of membership increase and a region's effectiveness in reaching its local motorsports community.

This prestigious award was granted to the Phoenix Area Solo Region "for exemplary efforts" to activate and grow the SCCA. Congratulations to our leaders, chiefs and our entire member group for all your hard work to make this an outstanding SCCA region.

The Phoenix Arizona Solo Region of the SCCA now has 275 members. We are now considered a midsize region by SCCA National.

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

Lamborghini owner





## **Tech Tips** from Andy Hollis, a Solo National Champion & ProSolo class Champion

Autocrossing is clearly a sport of driving skill, and it has a mental aspect to it as well. A very important element of the sport is being able to quickly memorize the course. Some tips to try to help you memorize:

- Redraw the map onto a separate piece of paper.
- Walk it as many times as possible, as fast as possible.
- Stand at some point on the course (e.g., at the start) and look out at the next sections as you visualize the driving line through that section of the course over and over again.
- Close your eyes and imagine driving through the course.
- Make a video of the course during the walk-through.
- Get a camera mount and video the course on your first run to watch afterward. Try to avoid walking at the back of a crowd during the course walk-through. If you're surrounded by people, you can't see what the course will look like when you're behind the wheel.

**AND SUDDENLY I REALIZED THAT I WAS NO LONGER DRIVING THE CAR CONSCIOUSLY. I WAS DRIVING IT BY A KIND OF INSTINCT, ONLY I WAS IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION.**

*Ayrton Senna*

Brazilian racing driver who won the Formula One World Drivers' Championship in 1988, 1990, and 1991.

It's one of the things I love about motorsports is you're always learning, always having to adapt. It's not like tennis, where the rackets might change a bit yet everything else stays the same.

If you're in motorsport, the formulas are always changing. The regulations, the tyres, the power, the type of engine. It keeps you excited.



**JENSON BUTTON**