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Event Synopsis



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A light rain had blessed the autocross skid pad the previous night, yet as the sun rose the skies were clearing and the rain had passed by the time drivers started arriving at 6:30 am. The registration was maxed out with a total of 199 drivers and guests in attendance for an enjoyable day of solo racing. The Bill Pribil course design was both fast and fun to navigate. The driver's line was easy to follow with well-placed pointer cones showing the way through the sharper turns. The course provided a nice rhythmic flow, some speed sections, and a particularly challenging and tight finish. Due to a minimum of red flag stops, drivers were allocated five runs. Over in the ever-fast SPM class the battle for top PAX and SPM class TTD was closely fought between the EVX Tesla's of **Jeff Wong** and **Bruce Hanson** against the Porsche GT3 team drivers **Jason Bucki** and **Jay Bulducci**. All four drivers registered blazing times in the forty-one second category with Jeff squeaking out the best PAX and a TTD of 41.162 over Jason by a margin of three-one thousands of a second. These guys are fun to watch! CAM-T racing was also well contested and once again resulted in some tight PAX scores. **Juan Leal Jr.**, **Daniel Hipskind** and **John Tindle** posted times within less than 1/2 second of one another with Hipskind taking the best PAX of the group with a 943. In CST **Paul Nielander** shows that older cars can still get the job done by piloting his 2006 Pontiac Solstice to a win over **Vince Le** who drives a 2022 Subaru BRZ by a scant .627 seconds. Overall, it was an enjoyable day of autocross racing with clear skies, and lots of close competition across the car classes.

Driver of the Month

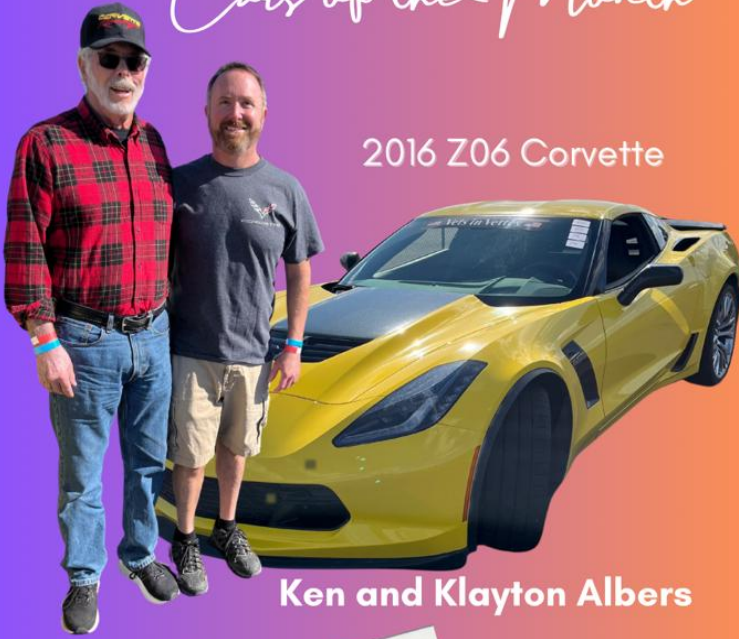
Craig Borger



Craig Borger is no stranger to autocross. He discovered autocross as a spectator at a Firebird Raceway event 20 ago and has been hooked on the motorsport ever since. Craig got serious about autocross competition in 2015 when took the plunge and purchased a set of Bridgestone RE-71R tires for his Datsun 350Z. Prior to that his only motorsport experience had been a Bondurant School birthday gift given by his wife. His goals in Autox are to be competitive locally and keep pace with the top drivers in F street class. Craig currently resides in Cave Creek, AZ and his autocross ride is a 2018 Camaro SS 11E which is stock. He makes his living as a civil engineer with Point Engineers Inc. designing roads and bridges. He recalls the overall site development of the Apex Motor Club site in Casa Grande ranking as his most noteworthy engineering achievement to date. Craig calls the PASR gatherings "the best car show in town" and ranks members as truly knowledgeable car people. Tall, quiet, and unassuming, yet a perpetual points leader in the F Stock class, he ranks as a top-notch racer who quietly represents the heart and soul of the PASR groups spirit and dedication.

Cars of the Month

2016 Z06 Corvette



Ken and Klayton Albers

Ken Albers and his son **Klayton Albers** have been racing Corvettes since Klayton was a youngster and Ken was champagning the 1969 Corvette in California events starting in 1973. Between father and son, they have owned a variety of Corvettes though the years and are currently racing both the original '69 **small block Corvette** Ken purchased in 1973, and a **2016 Corvette Z06**. The newer car is a shiny Corvette Racing Yellow, with a 7-speed manual transmission, with a 376 ci supercharged V8 engine, which makes 650 hp, 650 lbs-ft torque. He has owned this car since October 2021, replacing the car he lost in a wildfire.

Ken Albers' first new Corvette journey began in 1973 with the Pathom Green '69 small block. He started autocrossing that car in 1979 and raced it for 20 years. In 2018, he passed the '69 to his son, Klayton, who continues to autocross it with PASR, though it's currently "recovering" from an injury at a Trackcross in January. The car remains largely original and serves as both a daily driver and an autocross vehicle. When asked about both cars, Klayton's shared that the '69 Corvette is his favorite by far. He grew up in that car—sleeping in the back as a kid, learning to autocross before he could see over the dashboard, and even taking it to his Senior Prom. He took ownership in 2018 and hopes to pass on this passion to his children, celebrating the car's 100th birthday just as they celebrated the car's 50th. Despite enjoying newer cars with advanced technology Klayton claims nothing compares to the raw experience of racing an old car.



'69 small block Corvette

enjoy
every
moment

2025 PASR Fall Series Schedule



- May 10, 2025 Test Event
- September 20, 2025 — #1 Points Event
- October 4, 2025 Driver's School
- October 5, 2025 — #2 Points Event
- October 19, 2025 — #3 Points Event
- December 6, 2025 — #4 Points Event





Michael Terrey

PYLON QUIZ

Hypercar performance such as the five cars listed in this quiz can seem surreal when their respective performance data is reviewed. Rate the five hypercars listed below as to their ranking in a zero to 150mph contest.

Tesla Model S Plaid

Lucid Air Sapphire

Koenigsegg Jesko Attack

Bugatti Chiron Supersport

McMurtry Speirling

According to testing by *Car and Driver*, the answers would be in reverse order to the above list with the Tesla accelerating to 150 mph in 9.4 seconds, the Lucid Air at 8.9 seconds, the Koenigsegg at 8.5 seconds, the Bugatti at 8.0 seconds and the winner being the British designed McMurtry Speirling at an astonishing 5.5 seconds 0-150 mph time. The McMurtry is a single seat racecar that weighs in at 1200 kg, puts out 1000 hp from an electric power plant and travels from 0 to 60 in 1.55 seconds.

As a point of reference, a C8 Corvette Z06 takes 16.3 seconds to reach 150 mph. But then, its just a supercar with 670 hp!

Michael Terrey joined SCCA and started Autocross in 2008 with a 2004 Z06 Corvette and got hooked on the adrenaline rush that Autocross delivers. He upgraded his car to a 2017 Grand Sport Corvette in 2020.

This fine fellow has been chasing adventure for a long time. He enlisted in the Navy at 17, served on a Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine as an Electronics Technician, after the Navy, worked in Auto Dealership Service Management for 35 years. His current position is Education Director for Arizona Auto Dealers Association, and he also serves as a Field Manager for the ASE Education Foundation giving him the opportunity to provide support and help educate the technicians of the future.

Michael joined the Teardown crew as a volunteer for PASR this year and is looking forward to supporting the SSCA Autocross program in the future.

**“Nobody remembers
the guy who finished
second, other than
the guy who finished
second.”**

Bobby Unser

TECH TIP

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Enhancing your "racing perceptual awareness" can lead to potential improvements in your lap times.

Not long ago, while I was observing an autocross event, a driver approached the timing station to report that a cone at a turn was slightly out of its designated box. Upon reaching out to the corner workers, we confirmed that indeed, that specific cone was not in its proper place. A fellow driver nearby remarked that he, too, had occasionally noticed cones out of alignment during his runs. I was struck by how these competitors, navigating through a maze of cones at high speeds, could spot such fine details. This sparked my curiosity about ways to enhance our perceptual abilities on the track.

In my exploration, I discovered a valuable video by renowned solo champion and author **Ross Bentley**, who shares insights on improving mindfulness while racing. He proposes two effective strategies to enhance our overall awareness. The first is to drive through the autocross course at a controlled speed, focusing not on lap times rather on absorbing as much peripheral visual, tactile, and auditory information as possible. The second method involves applying the same technique during your daily commute, traveling at a safe and legal speed, while actively observing the surroundings that you might have previously overlooked.

The underlying principle is to train ourselves to become more perceptive. By consciously taking in more details—whether we're racing through an autocross course or navigating our daily routes—we can make better-informed decisions regarding braking points, apexes, and optimal car positioning. This improved environmental awareness not only helps us enhance our lap times it also equips us to recognize potential hazards, such as red flags or a course workers' safety, much earlier as we drive at speed.

Embracing these practices can improve our racing experience, sharpening our skills and enriching our understanding of the dynamics at play on the track. Let's commit to developing our perceptual awareness—both for our performance and for event safety.

Ross Bentley's SPEED SECRETS

Here are a few insightful quotes from **Ross Bentley**, the renowned solo racing champion and author, that reflect his wisdom and approach to racing:

1. "The more you can focus on the process of driving rather than the outcome, the better your performance will be."
2. "Racing is not just about speed; it's about making the right decisions at the right time."
3. "Your mind can be your greatest asset or your biggest enemy. Train it to be an ally on the track."
4. "Perception is everything in racing. The better you can read the nuances of the course, the faster you'll go."

