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Arizona Region SCCA



The Third Annual December Vintage Classic

December 5th and 6th, 2009
Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Arizona



THE THIRD ANNUAL AZ SCCA VINTAGE CLASSIC SERIES

FIRST OF FOUR EVENTS: DECEMBER 5-6 AT PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

Russo and Steele Collector Automobile Auctions—specialists in European Sports, American Muscle, Hot Rods and Customs—presents the Arizona Region SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) Third Annual December Vintage Classic this Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6, at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale.

PIR is a great setting for this exciting closed wheel vintage road racing, with great competition, greater cars and the greatest competitors. There will be Over 2.0L and Under 2.0L Classes, with final separation determined by car count.

Much as with professional racing, amateur racing has deeply felt the current financial strain. Many drivers in amateur racing fund their activities out of their paychecks—and with no job, no racing. Arizona has the “good problem” of having three competing amateur racing groups: ASA, NASA and SCCA. In addition, almost every car marque you can think of has an active Phoenix metro club. The SCCA sometimes still suffers from an old label of “the secret car club of America,” in spite of a long

and storied history. The SCCA was formed in 1944, and the Arizona Region of SCCA dates back to 1957.

After thoughtful consideration of its future, several years ago the local organization began working on a linkage with vintage racing. There are also competing groups in vintage racing here—VARA, SVRA and HSR—west—but the group felt that the Phoenix area was “over-carred” yet under-represented in club racing.

All the drivers, with few exceptions, had a great time at the organization’s formative races, but the group struggled to find the right mix. They decided they were collectively seeking two things: a 3- to 4-race season and two classes (over and under 2.0 liters). By luck, Drew Alcazar and some of his friends came to an Arizona SCCA vintage race at PIR in March of this year.

In the wake of that visit, good fortune developed for the local SCCA, as they were approached by Russo and Steele Auctions—owned by Alcazar and his wife Josephine—to partner with them. Their shared goal was to provide a local venue for vintage racers and a

place for buyers of old race and high performance cars to get driving instruction, a place to run their cars on the track in a non-racing environment, and a place for “gentleman racers” to compete and socialize.

The goals are being met, as the Arizona Region of SCCA has a 4-race season coming up: December 4-5 2009 at PIR, February 13-14 2010 at Firebird International Raceway, March 20-21 back at PIR (their 10th annual charity race for Phoenix Children’s Hospital) and May 8-9 back at Firebird. For insurance reasons, they had not aggressively sought out spectators, except at the charity race, but the interest in vintage cars has made them rethink that option. Spectators are welcome at all the races this season—for free—except at the charity race, where an entry fee goes to the Children’s Hospital.

The local SCCA and its partners have big plans to expand their vintage relationship and race series, so stay tuned for more details. For more information about the SCCA and the Vintage Classic series, contact:

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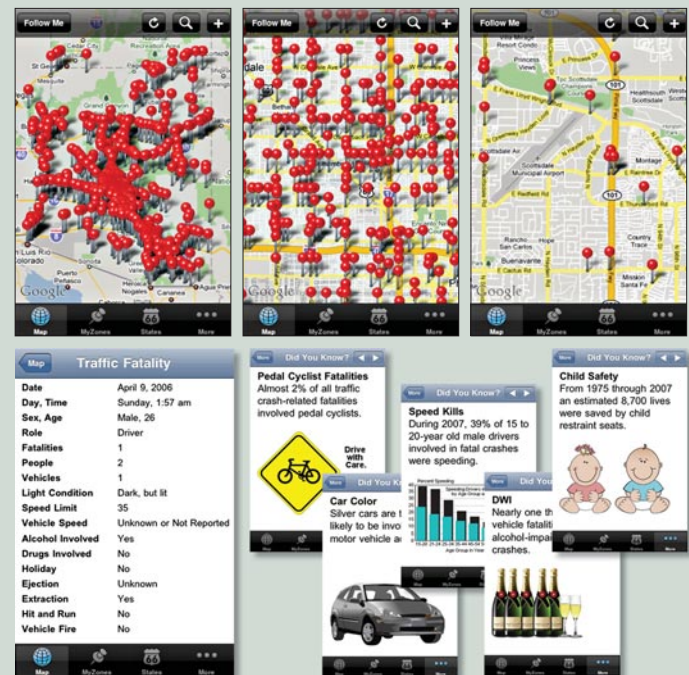


DangerZones™ iPhone app

WITH 200,000 VEHICLE COLLISION AND FATALITY LOCATIONS, DangerZones HAS DETAILS OF YOUR DAILY MINEFIELD

DangerZones pinpoints over 200,000 vehicle fatality locations across the US, delivering an eye-opening and potentially life-changing experience by showing prior vehicle collisions and fatality locations in your area and for travels nationwide. Five years of vehicle fatality data, well-displayed statistics and graphics

help you better understand everyday risks, federal and state laws, the worst days and times to be on the road, and more. The app clearly shows how risk increases in urban areas where the combination of heavy traffic and speed can be especially dangerous.



Samples show DangerPoints in Arizona statewide, an area west of downtown Phoenix, and Scottsdale Airpark. Each point has incident statistics, and “Did You Know” has stats and tips.

DangerZones rates over 4.5 stars out of 5 in App Store customer ratings. Users say: “This app is great! The amount of information is amazing. Its follow-me feature allows you to see DangerZones near you while walking down the street, in a car, on a bicycle.”

“I personally know the info is correct (at least for my town) ‘cause my hubby is a medic and worked some of those fatalities.”

“Every parent of young drivers and the teens should have this app. High school and driver’s ed classes should link to this app.”

“Despite being somewhat morbid, this app shows just how serious car safety is. Would definitely buy this again!”

“This app really opens your eyes. Frankly, it’s worth a lot more than I paid for it.”

“Can’t believe how much information is presented so quickly and effectively. Really like the ‘Did You Know’ safety facts section and slick graphics. This one’s a keeper.”

“Way less expensive than your collision deductible. Reviewed my vicinity and was reminded of a few things, plus learned a few things, straight away. The pin animation is a very elegant implementation. Nicely executed, all around.”

OUR TEST: We downloaded the app, keyed it to our location via the iPhone’s built-in GPS and immediately recognized accidents from the past few years. Very sobering. This app is more informative than interactive, but if you had to walk across a minefield, you’d like to have a map at hand. Same thing here, once you think about it.

PURCHASE/INFO: \$1.99 at iTunes App Store. Info: ExploreDangerZones.com. ■



ASafeDrive™ iPhone app

INTENDED TO HELP KEEP SPEED LEGAL

ASafeDrive is intended to keep you from speeding, using GPS to measure your rate of travel, as well as your location, to compare actual speed to that of a speed limit database (in LA only, so far). The readout changes from green to red if you speed (in LA, anyway), and you can add vibrate or sound alerts. More speed limit data will be added, with Chicago, Dallas, New York and San Francisco already in the works (no mention of Phoenix).

OUR TEST: We downloaded and installed the app. Curiously, after half an hour or so, it was up to 21mph just sitting on the desk. We went for a drive, using digital cruise con-



ASafeDrive intends to show your current speed and (in LA so far) the posted speed limit. Our tests showed big discrepancies most of the time, and somehow a posted speed limit.

rol settings and readout. Within the first few blocks, it had returned to zero (while in motion), read 11mph while driving 21mph, 14mph while going 10, and still 14 when driving 25. Being GPS-based, we guessed it requires some distance for accuracy, so we headed to the freeway. On a feeder road at 45, it read just 4mph. We dropped to 40, and it went up to 25. At a red light, it went to zero, but then back up to 24mph while still sitting at the light. On the freeway ramp, it read 51mph at 30mph actual, then 28mph reading at 55 actual. We tried the freeways west/east/north- and south-bound, and the iPhone in a flat or upright position. With cruise control at 65, we read 65mph for a bit, our only (brief) accurate stretch. Exiting, it read 66 as we slowed to a stop. Eastbound, it read zero up the ramp and on the freeway at 65mph.

(The GPS readout either misidentified many roads or sometimes simply said “Phoenix.” At one point, it suddenly jumped to 108mph (cruise still at 65), in red. Red? We thought we had no speed limit data here. Then it was still 108 but changed to green. (Reviewing screen grabs at the office, we found that it had indeed picked up a mystery reference speed limit, briefly, somehow. That limit? 65. Our speed? 65. The readout? 108, red.)

Odd results continued: at another red light, we read 22mph, then 65, sitting still. Then driving 50 it read 22, driving 47 read 36, and so on. We inquired with the company about the discrepancies, sending notes and screen grabs, but received no response.

PURCHASE/INFO: \$0.99 (beta) at iTunes App Store. Note: despite being a paid app, there is an endless string of advertising displayed. Info: www.asafedrive.com. ■