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udi enthusiasts in Arizona who wanted a club experience were able, until two years ago, to join Audi Club of North America's Southern California Chapter. Nothing wrong with that, really. But Brian McCauley, an Audi Brand Specialist at Penske Automotive Group's Audi North Scottsdale, hears from a lot of local Audi people. And he figured it was high time Arizona had its own chapter. He was able to stoke the fire under enough people to qualify, and two years ago—July 2008—the Arizona Chapter was born.

This has given Audi owners and fans new opportunities to get together for track events and road rallies, to qualify for specialty equipment, and to show off their cars and check out the latest new models at special events. What better time to gather the troops than Cinco de Mayo: the weather is great, everyone's feeling festive, and the quattro-cinco tie-in is the icing on the empanada.

And what better place to gather than GoodSpeed Performance, in the Scottsdale Airpark. GoodSpeed's 4,600-square-foot shop sports the sophisticated MAHA LPS-3000 AWD dynamometer. Six work bays include one for ECU reprogramming and other electrical and ECM tasks, plus two Snap-on two-post lifts and a Snap-on four-post lift with alignment capabilities. Low-slung arms accommodate even the lowest vehicles with "zero chance" of rocker panel or other damage. There is a dedicated flash lab and clean room for ECU bench-flashing and other sensitive electronics work. GoodSpeed's fabrication lab is equipped with high-quality Miller TIG, MIG and plasma cutting equipment, plus Jet press, sheer, brake, bead roller, band saws and drilling equipment. GoodSpeed Performance was joined in sponsoring the event by Audi North Scottsdale.

Avoiding the combined jam of actual Cindo de Mayo, or Mother's Day the following weekend, the 2nd Annual Quattro de Mayo was held on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Audi drivers traveled from throughout the Phoenix area, plus from Tucson and even New Mexico to attend this show'n'shine event. GoodSpeed provided the facility, the grill, their shop and dyno, while Audi North Scottsdale provided the food and impressive raffle prizes, and displayed a 2010 Audi A4 equipped with one of their StaSIS Engineering Touring packages. Other generous raffle contributors included B&B Exhaust, ACNA, STaSIS Engineering, Motul and APR. Lucky members walked away with some high-ticket items and gift certificates. Additionally, ACNA headquarters provided free one-year memberships to anyone attending who had never been a member before; this gained the Arizona Chapter 32 new members.

A raffle, a BBQ, tech tidbits by the gang at GoodSpeed ... that's enough right there, but the day also included a demonstration of GoodSpeed's MAHA dynamometer on an R8 V8. The chapter also unveiled its new club logo on a first run of official club t-shirts. About 60 cars showed up, surpassing the 47 the inaugural event drew last year. A good time was had by all, even as mid-May temps reached 96 degrees. The club is tentatively planning a new fall event.

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