

The Phoenix race weekend is finally over and what a busy weekend it was!



On Friday when we arrived out there it was raining so we didn't unload anything, including the cars. That meant for a busy morning on Saturday.

The race schedule for Saturday had been changed from 3:30pm to 4:00 so I wasn't going to be able to race due to myself and my Mom and Dad flying back to Ontario for the SCCA Awards Banquet. But I still went out and qualified on the pole and got in some important track time due to it being my first time on this track.

The Awards dinner was a great event. I received 2 trophies for winning the championships in both the Pro-7 and SP classes. I also won the Driver of the Year award which was presented to me by Tommy Kendall and Andy Porterfield. That was for the job I did during the last season and also for the potential of my future. It was an awesome feeling. And to cap the night, the team won the Best Pit Crew award. That was an unexpected prize but very welcome and a huge gift to the team.

On Sunday morning we got the 6.25 am flight back to Phoenix and arrived back at the track with just enough time to have a few minutes with the crew and then it was time to suit up and get in the car. More seat time to be had.

Practice went well and so did the qualifying session. I qualified on the pole once again. At least this time, I would be able to get out and race too.

At the start of the race we were two wide all the way through turn one and I ended up slotting into second place for about 5 laps when I took over the lead. I stayed there until the finish and took the chequered flag.

Keith's weekend was just as busy. He flew out to Phoenix on Friday afternoon and met us at the track. He needed to take his car through Tech since we weren't able to get his annual in California so it made for a long evening, especially as it was raining and pretty cold. Saturday morning started out cold and damp but the skies cleared and the conditions got warmer.

Keith went out and with the cool track it made for a slow, hard run with some difficulty learning the track. During the qualifying, he picked up the pace and qualified seventh, which is where he finished in the race.

On Sunday he improved on his time but qualified eighth. He was running better during the race and keeping up with the pack, but spun about half way through the race which allowed Bryan to lap him with one lap to go. He finished in eighth position and is gaining more confidence every time he gets in the car. All in all, Keith had a good weekend. With more seat time he will keep improving.

Over all the weekend was an excellent one with some great fun racing and some really good surprises.

Look forward to doing it again.

Cheers!

