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## From the RE's Desk

I would like to start by thanking everyone involved in the October 31st race at Hawaii Raceway Park. What a great way to spend Halloween! Our drivers provided close exciting racing, and all of our workers did an excellent job. Each time we continue to get better at operating races, and everyone should feel proud of our progress.

Unfortunately, we do have a problem. Although the number of SCCA drivers has continued to grow, the number of entries are down. We cannot cover expenses with only fifteen cars. There are no "deep pockets" backing the SCCA program. This is club racing. Each race is operated on a

break even basis, and everyone is a volunteer. We have proven that SCCA racing is possible in Hawaii, but we need more participation to continue. If we cannot pay the bills then we cannot race. It is that simple. We have almost forty drivers in Hawaii, and that should be enough to support the program. Racing can grow and prosper here. Together we can make it work. It is up to you.

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## Race Report

October 31 was a great day for racing at Hawaii Raceway Park. Track conditions were excellent, and even the ambulance arrived on time. What better way to spend Halloween than a day at the races.

### R A C E 1

The first race group of the day featured the sedan cars. **Scott Schulte** once again dominated the field with his RS Porsche. The only serious challenge to Scott came from **Bob Sato** driving Art Sonen's 240Z. Unfortunately, Bob did not have time to get the car fully sorted out, and he was forced to retire early with mechanical problems. The most exciting racing was for second place between **Bill Hill** in his Mazda RX7 and **Bill Gibson** in his GT3 Datsun. The superior handling of the Datsun was just enough to make up for the horsepower advantage of the Mazda. The battle continued until Bill Hill spun in corner two giving Bill Gibson the advantage and a second place overall finish.

### R A C E 2

**Lee Jensen** added another Spec Racer victory to his already impressive record. Lee pulled away to

an early lead, and closely pursued by **Eric Inouye**, **Dave Goto**, and **Nick Nuccio**. These three drivers were engaged in a very close battle for second throughout most of the race. In the end, Eric was able to take advantage of the off track excursions of Nick and Dave to secure an easy second place finish.

### R A C E 3

**Gary Tamura** drove an excellent race, and led from the start to finish in his Formula Mirage. The surprise of the day came when **Bob Sato** in his new FC car managed to pass two of the Mirage cars at the start of the race. However, Bob's car suffered mechanical problems as the race progressed, and **Tom Bryant** and **Todd Hunter** in the Mirage cars were able to slip by. Maybe next time Bob! Todd and Tom ran a very close race until Tom was forced to retire with a mechanical problem. Once again, **Steven Lee's** Merlyn FF ran flawlessly, giving him a first in class and third overall.

