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Solo II Talk

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Editors Note

With this issue of Huila, I have officially taken over the editing duties from Scot Schulte. Over the last few months I've gotten to know many of the Solo 2 competitors, but with the number of people attending the events lately, there are plenty of new faces every month. It seems like just yesterday Franceen (my wife) and I were the "new faces." Your kindness and willingness to help out and share information made quite an impression on us and encouraged us to

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65 was the magic number for November's race. That was the number of participants, 12 of which were novices. Hopefully there will be as many, if not more, racers at December's event. All the Solo II events will be at the new site until further notice. Cool, huh?

When my family and I arrived at the site, the van and trailer weren't there yet. It turns out that there was a battery problem and we couldn't get the van started. When it did



Curtis Lee in the 240 Z, 1st place BSP

Lindsey Akamu and Pete Fagan drove it down to the site. As it rolled in, I noticed that the trailer looked different. It was! Lindsey Akamu, Wesley Aihara, Ron Mishima, and a few others spent the past month refurbishing the trailer. With the help of Chevron, Kaimuki Ace Hardware, and other unnamed companies, the trailer was re-carpeted, repainted, given a new axle, a few locks, and a couple of new wheels. Now the trailer looks brand-spankin' new with "Solo II Hawaii Region" painted on the back with a nice looking checkered flag waving in the wind. Much mahalo goes out to the people who helped in this project.

Our track designers came up with a smooth flowing course that was good for most, if not all cars. It began with a sharp left leading to a set of lane changes that came to a sharp right. Next, a directed slalom flowed into a generally fast set of sweeping turns that ended with a 5-cone slalom. Immediately following was another fast set of open turns guiding the driver to the last slalom. This was a fast 3-

cone slalom being that after this, all one had to do was break the beam. Since there was no stop box, the driver had to slow down by his/herself.

Now, I know we always say that no one could be killed out at the races but sometimes there are accidents. Wait a minute... does a cone count as a person? Hee Hee! In any case, Curtis Lee literally killed a cone on his first run right by the timing light. His response was, "It was either the cone or the timing light!"

It's time to recognize all those dear novices who are so essential to our club. **Martin Barrozo, Kenny Cabal, James Chen, Kalani Kitamura, Ramon Lumapas, Ernie Mandaro, Michael Martinez, Aaron Muramoto, Michael Parker, Panos Prevedovros, Brett Pruitt, and Jessie Raywine** got to play with their cars and see how far it is to the limit! 5 of these novices were in CSP which had 18 drivers! Cliff Goto driving his CSP Dodge Neon went home with a first place win! Wow, what can I say! Cliff pulled off an awesome time of 62.892, almost a second ahead of the next driver. "It was the tires," says Cliff. Whatever it was, it worked! Congratulations! Winning the GS Subaru Battle was Arian Yee with a 67.611, nearly 2 seconds ahead of the next driver. Taking home fastest time of the day and PAX time was Stephen Oliberos in



Cliff Goto's Dodge Neon, 1st Place CSP

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Solo II Talk

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I volunteered to edit the newsletter because I already write and compose a two page newsletter for my clients at Acura so I figured, "what the heck, how much more work can it be to do another?" (I guess everyone on the SCCA list will start getting my Acura newsletters now)

I welcome any and all suggestions. If you feel something needs to be included in our newsletter, please submit it to me and I'll see what I can do.

With the holidays upon us, I'd like to encourage everyone to drive safely, watch out for the "other guy," but most of all, celebrate the season with family and those close to you.

Thanks again for this opportunity and I'll see you at the track!

Colin Sato
Huila Editor

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his red, white, and blue EP Datsun 510. Stephen pulled off a 59.176 raw and a 51.601 PAX.

Whew, that wraps up November's event. Thanks to all who helped with setup, cleanup, fun-runs, and registration. That's you Keala and Kayla! I hope everyone had a yummy Thanksgiving and I'll see you at the races!



Brian Kashiwamura's Swift, 1st place DSP

Notes from the Regional Executive

By Linsey Akamu

First off I want to wish everyone the Happiest of Holidays. There are several topics I would like you to be aware of. Please note our upcoming schedule of events for 2000. The dates are set so plan your other activities around them. We have the Solo II events scheduled for the second Sunday of every month, with a couple of exceptions. The Solo II events will take place at our new site, off the main runway at Barbers Point. We also have wheel to wheel racing and Solo I every other month at Hawaii Raceway Park.

The Z Club has asked to have an autocross driver training school on February 6th. Since they may not have enough members to fill all the open spots, we are opening the event to SCCA members who want to practice and improve on their autocross times. More information will be announced, as it becomes available.

We will again be participating in the Aloha State Games next year. They decided to have it every other year that's why there was none for this year. Our commissioner for this event is Russell Yamaguchi. As the event gets closer we will announce the details.

The Hydrofest event went extremely well according to the promoters of the event. They have mentioned that they would like to have the boat racing and auto racing combined into a major event. In order to do this, they may have to move the boat racing over by us. Let's hope we become the stars of the show.

The last item I want to discuss is our classification for the cars in autocross. I've been hearing whispers on the classes some of the cars are running in and should not be. The SCCA has a handbook outlining all the classes and the modifications that are acceptable. The Tech inspectors are not the ones to assign the cars to classes. They can advise you on the class your car falls in and if any modifications you performed changes the class you are in. The club operates on a honor system in classifying the cars. If you have any modifications to your car, you should check to see if it affects your classification. We are looking at setting up a Street Touring category for cars that are hard to classify. It may be a "catch all" class that allows certain modifications to a wide variety of cars. If we implement this class it will be at the start of our new season in April.

	Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
SS	Class Average : 64.475										
	Peter Kay	Toyota	Supra Turb	66.362	65.625	63.714	65.209	63.714	8	52.883	8
	Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX-7	68.225	1 65.236	66.048	DNF	65.236	18	54.146	17
AS	Class Average : 65.003										
	Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	66.500	65.623	64.595	63.960	63.960	10	54.430	19
	Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	69.790	1 66.046	66.970	1 67.954	1 66.046	24	56.205	29
BS	Class Average : 69.430										
	Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	67.415	66.571	65.461	64.815	64.815	13	52.565	6
	Panos Prevedovros	Mazda	Miata	DNF	74.816	71.363	69.939	69.939	39	56.721	33 N
	Edward Kemper III	BMW	325is	74.423	72.382	69.995	70.242	69.995	41	56.766	34
	Ray R. Smith	BMW	328i	79.246	75.466	72.973	DNS	72.973	51	59.181	49
CS	Class Average : 66.024										
	Jennifer Lee	Datsun	240Z	67.559	66.006	66.090	65.469	65.469	20	52.506	4
	Amy Lee	Datsun	240Z	73.742	67.877	66.579	67.522	66.579	27	53.396	13
ES	Class Average : 74.502										
	Ernie Mandaro	Honda	Civic DX	DNF	75.585	74.195	74.719	74.195	52	58.317	41 N
	Jessie Weinberger	Plymouth	Laser RS	81.291	77.415	75.295	74.546	74.546	54	58.593	45
	Ian Perry	Honda	Civic DX	81.149	77.976	76.274	74.765	74.765	55	58.765	47
FS	Class Average : 65.088										
	John Pinero	Chevy	Camaro	67.466	65.847	64.836	64.916	64.836	14	52.323	3
	James Rumler	Chevy	Camaro	69.720	67.888	65.340	73.974	65.340	19	52.729	7
GS	Class Average : 71.729										
	Arian Yee	Subaru	Impreza	72.585	1 68.590	67.611	69.919	1 67.611	31	53.277	12
	Tim Wolf	Subaru	Impreza	76.774	72.446	70.718	69.403	69.403	36	54.690	21
	Francis Lining	Subaru	Impreza	70.847	71.531	1 71.071	1 69.543	69.543	38	54.800	23
	William Cook	Subaru	Impreza	76.108	71.600	71.933	71.194	71.194	45	56.101	27
	Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	74.741	73.436	72.729	71.675	71.675	47	56.480	31
	Weston Leslie	Subaru	Impreza	DNF	72.899	72.158	75.343	72.158	48	56.861	35
	Kalani Kitamura	Subaru	Impreza	79.304	DNF	75.912	74.237	74.237	53	58.499	44 N
	Franceen Sato	Acura	Integra GSi	DNF	79.888	78.013	DNF	78.013	63	61.474	57
HS	Class Average : 77.989										
	Kenny Cabal	Honda	Civic	91.306	79.388	77.977	77.849	1 77.849	62	61.111	54 N
	Michael Parker	Mercury	Sable	85.265	2 81.755	1 78.774	78.129	78.129	64	61.331	56 N
ASP	Class Average : 64.890										
	Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	65.889	65.314	64.890	65.685	64.890	16	55.286	24
BSP	Class Average : 63.645										
	Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	63.776	1 62.126	61.209	61.001	61.001	2	51.607	2
	Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z	90.085	63.030	62.068	62.307	62.068	4	52.510	5
	Mark Murrav	Datsun	280Z	70.096	68.061	68.765	67.867	67.867	33	57.415	37

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CSP Class Average : 72.193										
Clifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	64.234	63.429	63.174	62.892	62.892	5	53.081	9
Dean Kawasaki	Toyota	Corolla	64.132	66.734	2 64.768	1 63.001	63.001	7	53.173	10
Earl Huang	Subaru	Impreza	67.267	1 68.151	1 65.469	64.615	64.615	11	54.535	20
Eugene Van Orman	Volkswage	Jetta GLX	69.541	1 66.685	64.868	67.956	1 64.868	15	54.749	22
Gavin Lee	Acura	Integra	71.287	69.204	66.696	66.953	66.696	28	56.291	30
Keith Nakasato	Honda	Civic	69.661	68.417	69.826	67.718	67.718	32	57.154	36
Richard Crabbe	Nissan	200SX SE-	70.146	69.894	68.354	68.534	68.354	35	57.691	38
Melanie Boudar	Mazda	Miata	74.876	72.605	69.813	69.479	69.479	37	58.640	46
Russell Yamaguchi	Subaru	Impreza	DNF	70.722	73.407	2 69.971	69.971	40	59.056	48
Stacy Balbirona	Nissan	240SX	73.310	72.224	71.034	88.007	1 71.034	44	59.953	50
Martin Barrozo	Acura	Integra	74.963	75.558	72.163	72.183	72.163	49	60.906	53 N
Michael Martinez	Nissan	NX-2000	DNF	74.753	1 77.281	2 72.505	72.505	50	61.194	55 N
Nevin Chung	Acura	Integra	74.839	DNF	DNF	DNF	74.839	56	63.164	59
Aaron Muramoto	Honda	Civic Si	76.044	1 DNF	77.821	77.894	3 76.044	57	64.181	60 N
Ramon Lumapas	Acura	Integra	80.530	76.387	76.825	77.134	76.387	58	64.471	61 N
Danny Balbirona	Mazda	RX-7	80.818	79.105	78.409	77.101	77.101	59	65.073	62
Brian Yoshikawa	Mazda	RX-7	DNF	78.792	78.290	77.453	77.453	60	65.370	63
Jessie Raywine	Toyota	Corolla	82.922	79.900	77.782	85.072	77.782	61	65.648	64 N
James Chen	Honda	Civic Si	DNF	98.762	DNF	DNF	98.762	65	83.355	65 N
DSP Class Average : 69.531										
Brian Kashiwamura	Suzuki	Swift	72.683	68.357	68.202	1 68.253	68.202	34	55.926	26
James Thompson	Austin	Mini Coope	73.937	73.416	73.293	70.861	70.861	42	58.106	40
ESP Class Average : 66.661										
Gary Tamura	Chevy	Camaro	66.786	64.774	66.651	DNF	64.774	12	53.244	11
Ryan Seto	Chevrolet	Camaro	66.434	67.403	1 65.119	66.989	1 65.119	17	53.528	14
Leon Seto	Chevrolet	Camaro	68.420	65.689	68.160	1 65.799	65.689	22	53.996	16
J.P. Gayan	Chevrolet	Camaro Z2	74.688	66.286	66.463	65.996	65.996	23	54.249	18
Elliot Woo	Ford	Mustang G	DNF	67.841	67.360	DNF	67.360	30	55.370	25
Scott Presson	Pontiac	Grand Prix	76.553	72.792	71.028	74.163	1 71.028	43	58.385	43
BP Class Average : 66.776										
Ken Matsumoto	Nissan	300ZX TT	69.164	68.818	1 67.971	66.776	66.776	29	58.362	42
CP Class Average : 65.520										
Halford Tome	Ford	Mustang	67.824	66.501	65.684	65.520	65.520	21	56.151	28
EP Class Average : 64.157										
Stephen Oliberos	Datsun	510	60.845	60.444	59.482	59.176	59.176	1	51.601	1
Shane Oliberos	Datsun	510	66.161	62.269	61.776	64.349	1 61.776	3	53.869	15
Brett Pruitt	VW	GTI	75.327	77.015	72.936	71.518	71.518	46	62.364	58 N
DM Class Average : 62.908										
Charles Lindemann	Volkswage	GTI	64.081	64.211	62.908	64.149	62.908	6	56.617	32
EM Class Average : 65.360										
Barry Lai	Honda	Civic DX	65.269	66.923	1 64.091	63.823	63.823	9	58.015	39
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	71.346	2 68.115	68.704	66.111	66.111	25	60.095	51
Cory Tomoyasu	Honda	CRX Si	68.809	67.756	66.527	66.147	66.147	26	60.128	52
FTD: 59.176			Overall Average : 69.269			Standard Deviation : 6.039				

**'00 Schedule****December 12**

January 9

February 13

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

Solo II Heat Schedule for December 12th 1999

8:00 Track Set-up
 10:00 Race / Work Registration, Tech Inspection, Track Walk
 10:45 Track closed, Heat 1 Drivers and Workers Meeting
 11:00 Start Heat 1

Heat 1: A, B, C Street Prepared

Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 2: D, E Street Prepared, Prepared, Modified

Lunch Break, Awards Presentation, Track Walk

Heat 3 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 3: A, B, C Stock, Super Stock

Heat 4 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 4: D, E, F, G, H Stock

Fun Runs: \$1.00 per run, Passengers ok with a Helmet.

Clean-up, Put away cones**'00 Racing Schedule****December 5**

-Regional Race

January 5

-Regional Race

February 6

-Regional Race

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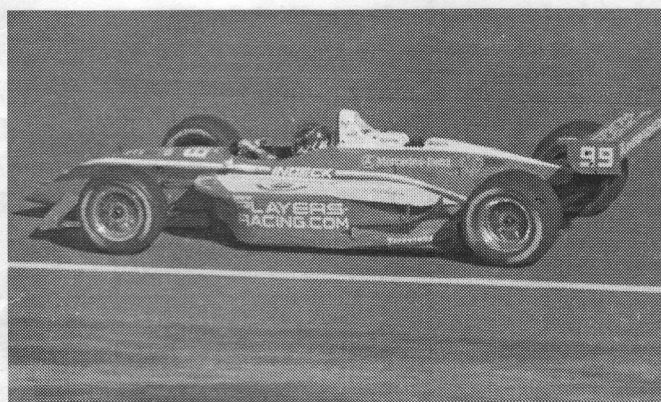
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SCCA Hawaii General Membership Meeting December 15

On the first Wednesday after Solo II, there is a general membership meeting at Stereo's Plus (formerly Art's Electronics) at 420 Ward Ave. Our meetings start at 7:00 (unless otherwise noted), if you have any questions, please call 593-8884.

Huila welcomes all responsible comments, suggestions, editorials, and advertising. We have a deadline for publishing so please contact the editor for details. We reserve the right to edit all submissions as needed. All submissions should be e-mailed or on disk, we're not re-typing anything! Anything else must be camera ready.

Godspeed Greg Moore



During the last race of the FedEx Championship Series, Greg Moore died from injuries sustained in a crash. He was 24. He was the youngest driver to ever win a CART race and as his friend Dario Franchitti said, "he would have been a champion many, many times over"

At a memorial service for his son, Greg's father Ric said, "I don't know if there is a heaven. But if there is, Greg is up there, on pole."