their love of racing.

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The registration booth was

Solo II Talk by Jennifer Lee

The end of another season has come, but a brand new start

has arrived. March's event was an excellent close to the 1999-2000 Solo II season bringing both old and new faces

back to the track. Most people knew the day would be

non-stop and were prepared to devote their entire day to

continuously flooded with entrants and spectators, a sign

photos by Lisa Arakawa

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The Castle 240Z slightly sideways :-)

Collyer Young drove his 911 to 1st in AS

that this event was going to be a full house. It proved to be just that when there were almost 50 people in the first two heats alone.

Before continuing. I must remind everyone that ALL drivers must sign up and complete their work assignment. Sign up is at the registration booth and check in is at the (Continued on page 2)

Editors Note:

This month's newsletter is the fullest one I've ever done! We have Wheel to Wheel, Runoffs, and a huge Solo II field of 85 drivers!

We have updated our local SCCA Webpage and will be posting the results within a few days of the Sunday race. Thanks go to Charles Huang and Panos Prevedouros for their help with this project. The address is: www.hawaiis. com/scca/, there you'll find a link to the results.

Finally this issue has pictures contributed from both our regular photographer Lisa Arakawa (thanks for the wheel to wheel pics!) and Ross Perrins from Castle High School.

Coming Home...

By Ed Kemper

SCCA Returns to Hawaii Raceway Park

SCCA 's last regional race was on the short course on a concrete airstrip on Ford Island at the Hydrofest in October of last year. The regional racecar drivers were eager to return to home base---Hawaii Raceway Park for the opening event of the new century.

Although somewhat rainy in some parts of Oahu for the February 27th race, the near desert like condition at HRP assured the drivers of dry conditions with occasional dusty wind gusts.

Most of the regular racers were in attendance, but there were some notably absences and some new additions. Gone, but not forgotten, for various reasons were regulars Steve Timpson, Tom Ito, Tom Burke, Bill Clutter, Ron Mishima and Bob Sato. But in there place were novice drivers Keith Williams in a Spec racer, Chris Messer driving David Goto's RX-7 (Goto was now driving his semi new Formula Ford). Wes Aihira driving at least in

> the beginning his former Solo 1 car, a scrappy Honda CRX. Our Maui brethren, the father and son team of George Brown and Keoki Brown, choose not to bring their Legend cars from the Valley Isle and instead leap into the vacant Formula Fords of Timpson and Burke.

The end result of all this were lots of

drivers trying new machines in the wheel to wheel races. Unfortunately Solo 1 having lost Wes Aihira to the regional was down to just 2 cars after 2 other drivers had to drop out because of various problems. To add insult to injury poor Les Vallarano's Chevy powered March Indy only got a couple of laps in the first practice when he realized the engine was making some potentially expense and bad sounding noises. Rather than chance it he glided into the pits and called it a day. This left our commander in chief of the Hawaii region our sole (no pun

Results

Solo 1 (single fastest lap of 4)

Lindsay Akamu Porsche 911 1:03.326

Les Vallarano March 84C DNS

Closed Wheel Race (20 minutes)

Scott Schulte Porsche 911 Lee Guertler Datsun 240z Mazda RX-7 Chris Messer Tom Bryant Spec Racer Keith Williams Spec Racer Wes Aihara Spec Racer Ed Kemper Ford Mustang

Open Wheel (25 minutes)

David Goto Formula Ford Keoki Brown Formula Ford George Brown Formula Ford Stephen Hirasuna Formula Ford

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Solo II Talk

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trailer, or as it was recently said, race control. Make sure you sign up for work in any heat except the one you race in! Don't forget to fill in the work assignment portion on your heat sheet. This will help document your work assignment. Please be sure to check in or you may not be accounted for. Anyone who does not complete his or her work assignment will not be given an official time. On the results, the driver will receive a DNW, did not work

March's track was very even with equal amounts of technical elements and speed sections. Both the beginning and the end had



Jack Evens driving an.. uhm..colorful Ghia.

stairsteps in order to simplify the task of reversing the track for runoffs. Following the first set of stairsteps were two sweeping U-turns that lead to some kinks and a widening 5-cone slalom. Many people experimented with this slalom entering from both sides trying to determine which way was faster. One way entered smooth and exited hard while the opposite way entered hard and exited smoothly. Next came another U-turn that flowed into a short directional slalom that then brought the driver to a tough right-hand turn. Drivers needed to beware of taking this turn to wide because immediately after was another directed slalom. Coming into the finish were the second set of stairsteps to complete the run.

After the first two heats ran, Keith Greer had the lead with a blitzing time of 59.741 in his FM Red Devil F440. With the addition of heats 3 and 4, Curtis Lee took second fastest being a tenth behind Keith. The battle in CSP, with 31 drivers, resulted with Ken Van Orman on top with Dean Kawasaki close behind.

Earl Huang took first place between the Imprezas with a time of 64.931. BS had a number of competitors with the addition of the



Cory Tomoyasu in his CRX



George Atkins in a Z3 ran well, placing mid pack in a very full B Stock class.

BMW club. 12 drivers competed in BS, 7 of them were members of the BMW club. 2 other members raced in AS and CSP. There were 13 novices of the 85 participants, 5 from the BMW club, at March's event. Kudos go out to George Atkins, Kenrick Chan, Kevin Chan, Royce Fujimoto, Herman Hoi, Egmar Klemmer, Lawton Lam, Ronald Ma, John Newton, Ikaika Olaguera, Eddy Searfoss, Craig Shinsato, and Forrest Wang for doing such a good job out on the track. Remember when we were all novices? I do! Boy was it nerve racking!

When the fourth heat ended, it was time to reverse the course for runoffs! The racers were given fifteen minutes to walk the track and then grid their cars. In runoffs the drivers have only three runs as opposed to the regular four runs. Only the top five qualifiers can compete in runoffs and the three get trophies. Only



The BMW Owners Club brought 7 cars!

one class had over five qualifiers, CSP, as usual! Like I said before, Ken Van Orman came out on top in the regular event, but Cliff Goto got the gold in the runoffs. Of the 34 qualifiers in runoffs, Curtis Lee in his BSP Datsun 240Z took the fastest time of 58.894. Congratulations everyone!

Now that the 2000-2001 season is upon us, the new class called Street Touring (ST) is now in effect. If you have any questions, see Lindsey Akamu. Pictures from previous events are available for 50¢ per photo. The photo album is at the trailer. It looks like the new season will be a very eventful one with our number of participants increasing every month. Let's make it a good one and I'll see you at the races!

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S	Class Average : 67.	006				2111								
			RX-7	72.781		68.195		67.006		67.	006	24	55.615	19
AS	Class Average : 64.													
Colin		londa	S2000	72.751	3	66.240	1	63.362		63.	362	9	53.921	12
Collye		Porsche	911 Carrera	68.765		67.146		64.651			651	14	55.018	18
	Class Average : CC	007												
38	Class Average : 66.			67.004		66 607		67.440		00	007		54.004	
Jason	Dovgan N	Nazda	Miata	67.804		66.627		67.448		66.	627	22	54.034	14
CS	Class Average: 63.	632												
Jennif	fer Lee [Datsun	240Z	65.853		63.534		62.723		62.	723	6	50.304	2
Amy L	_ee [Datsun	240Z	65.763		66.564	1	64.540		64.	540	13	51.761	4
S	Class Average: 64.	047												
John !	Pinero (Chevy	Camaro	70.065	3	65.388	1	63.632		63.	632	10	51.351	3
James	s Rumler (Chevy	Camaro	DNF		64.462		64.473		64.	462	12	52.021	5
GS	Class Average: 73	.070												
		Acura	Integra GSI	73.748		74.645		73.070		73	.070	34	57.579	23
	Class Average : 63.		gra ooi							, 3	.0,0	51	0010	
			DY 7	64.964		63.304		69.636	1	62	304	0	53.935	12
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BSP	Class Average: 60.	.376												
Curtis		Datsun	240Z	60.065		59.107		58.894		58	.894	1	49.824	1
		Datsun	240Z	62.780		62.412		61.857			.857	3	52.331	6
	Class Average : 64.			047:5		00.155		00 757						
		Dodge	Neon R/T	64.748		62.193		62.722	•		.193	5	52.491	7
		BMW	M3	63.799		63.120		66.066	2		.120	7	53.273	9
Earl F		Subaru	Impreza	66.842	1	64.848		64.770			.770	15	54.666	15
		Toyota	Corolla	67.011	1	DNF		65.106	1		.106	17	54.949	17
Euger	ne Van Orman \	/olkswage	Jetta GLX	73.180	2	67.306		67.602		67.	.306	26	56.806	21
DSP	Class Average: 65.	129												
Brian	Kashiwamura §	Suzuki	Swift	DNF		65.129		65.852		65.	129	18	53.406	10
ESD.	Class Average : 65.	251												
Ryan			Comore	66.329		64.814		63.858		60	050	4.4	52.404	0
Leon		Chevrolet	Camaro Camaro	66.644		67.088	1	68.910	2		.858	11 23	52.491 54.781	8 16
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Scott		Datsun	240Z	70.697	4	67.855		67.660	1		.660	27	58.932	25
			240Z	68.396 73.327		69.741	1	68.754	1		396	29	59.573	28
		Vissan	240SX	73.574		71.210 75.412	1	69.715 70.576			715	31	60.722	31
Havis	iviciviariei L	Datsun	240Z	13.374	,	13.412		10.576		70.	.576	32	61.472	32
3P	Class Average: 67	.947												
	flatsumoto i	Nissan	300ZXTT	70.427		67.947		DNF		67	.947	28	59.386	27
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			Mustan	67.266		68.182	1	67.777		67	200	25	57 647	24
	u rune 1	Ford	Mustang	07.200		00.102	'	07.777		6/	.266	25	57.647	24
EP	Class Average: 65	.800												
Steph	en Oliberos I	Datsun	510	69.275	1	66.745		65.800		65	.800	19	57.378	22
MC	Class Average: 70	601												
			GTI	69.093		DNF		DNS		60	002	20	62 194	32
		/olkswage /olkswage		DNF		75.498		72.109			.093	30	62.184 64.898	33 34
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	Class Average : 64			02 000		64 000		04.000					50.055	00
		Honda	CRX	63.692		61.898		61.883			.883	4	56.252	20
		Datsun	240Z	66.728	0	75.431	1	64.929			.929	16	59.020	26
		Honda	CRX	70.334	2	66.818		65.879			.879	20	59.884	29
Barry	Lai }	Honda	Civic DX	67.389		66.201		DNF		66	.201	21	60.177	30
M	Class Average: 59	.647												
	Greer F	Red Devil	E440	61.679		62.845		59.647		E0	.647	2	53.921	11

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Jack Evans

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Name	Make	Model	Run1	C Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX	
EM Class Avera	ge: 65.760													
Wesley Aihara	Honda	CRX	67.137	66.940	1	63.345		65.138	1	63.345	6	57.581	32	
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	66.779	68.505		68.081	1	65.776		65.776	23	59.790	54	
Cory Tomoyasu	Honda	CRX	68.334	67.984		66.869		67.748		66.869	28	60.784	64	
Barry Lai	Honda	Civic DX	DNF	DNF		71.796	2	67.052		67.052	31	60.950	66	
FM Class Avera	ge: 59.741													
Keith Greer	Red Devil	F440	DNF	59.741		DNS		DNS		59.741	1	54.006	9	
FTD: 59.74	41	Overall A	verage :	113.158		Star	ıda	rd Devi	iatio	n: 196.	916			
2 nd Run – No points or standings														
Yi-Wen Ting	BMW Z3	71.540	70	0.599		DNF		7	72.1	40				
DNF = Did Not Finish				DNS = Did Not Start						DNW = Did Not Work				

Coming Home

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Wes Aihara...before!

intended) Solo 1 racer. To say the least he won first place turning a very creditable 1:03.326 as his single best lap.

Practice for the races had its usual spins with Lee Guertler in his 240Z leading the way with most, followed by Ed Kemper in his Mustang. More serious, however, was a spin by Wes Aihara, whose CRX had just been approved for wheel to wheel racing. He spun at the end of the long straight before turn one when he put on the brakes at his usual braking point. Suddenly the car took a quick and uncontrollable right turn in the bushes for two loops. Wes was uninjured, but his car was not. The driver's side fender was dented and the front and rear bumper covers were ripped off. Unbothered by this little episode Wes simply jumped into an available Spec race for the race.

Qualifying for the closed wheel race resulted two distinct groups-the 2 guys up front and the rest. Scott Schulte, in his Porsche had the best qualifying time of 57.4 followed by Lee Guertler. The rest of the pack were Spec racers and some sedans driven by Tom Bryant (Spec), Keith Williams (Spec), Wes Aihara (was CRX, now Spec), Chris Messer (RX-7), and Ed Kemper (Mustang).

The start of the closed wheel race was typical -Schulte and Guertler hurtling into the lead and the bigger engined cars of Messer and



Formula Ford driven by Stephen Hirasuna

Kemper trying to power by the smaller engined Spec racers before the Specs could use their superior brakes and cornering. Since Messer was trapped on the inside of the track, Kemper pulled out around the Spec racers to make it 3 wide down the straight into turn one. Guertler briefly got by Schulte but lost his lead quickly. They ended up 1st and 2nd. Even more briefly Kemper got by the Specs and Messer but they got by him in quick succession. Messer then began to pick through the Spec racers one by one to end up in third place. Williams and Bryant duked it out for a while but Bryant finally prevailed taking 4th place.

With three new drivers racing Formula Fords no one know what to expect. In qualifying Stephen Hirasuna lead the pack with a 59.038, but David Goto was second with a 4 hundredths of a second disadvantage. The Brown Brothers as they are called (actually father and son) were next with son ahead in the qualifying session

When the flag dropped, Hirasuna and Goto took off. By the second



Chris Messer took third in his RX-7

lap,Goto tucked under Hirasuna at turn one. But while trying to catch up, Hirasuna all but stopped on the track. His accelerator cable had disconnected. Although he was able to repair it and return the track he ended up 7 laps down from the leader. The Brown Brothers finished 2nd and 3rd. But during the race, second place finisher Keoki Brown turned the fastest lap of this race. So look out for some future competition from Maui. In all a fun and safe day was had by all.

Solo II Heat Schedule for April 9, 2000

- 8:00 Track Set-up
- 9:30 Race / Work Registration, Tech Inspection, Track Walk
- 10:15 Track closed, Heat 1 Drivers and Workers Meeting
- 10:30 Start Heat 1

Heat 1: C Street Prepared

Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 2: A Prepared, BP, CP, DP, EP and all Modified

Lunch Break, Awards Presentation, Track Walk

Heat 3 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 3: Super Stock, AS, BS, CS, DS, ES, FS and GS

Heat 4 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 4: A Street Prepared, BSP, DSP, and ESP

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

Clean-up, Put away cones

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SCCA Hawaii General Membership Meeting April 12th

This month's meeting will be at **Pflueger Acura (1450 S. Beretania St.).** We will be in the conference room behind the showroom. If you enter from Beretania St. use the driveway after the showroom. Parking is available towards the end of the lot. This meeting will start at 7:00, if you have any questions regarding the meeting agenda, please call Linsey Akamu at 595-3595. For directions call Colin Sato at 255-1255.

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.

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2000 Schedule

January 9

February 13

March 12

April 9

May 21

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10



2000 Racing Schedule

February 27th -Solo 1/ Regional

May 6th

- Drivers School

May 7th

-Solo 1/ Regional

June 25th

-Solo 1/ Regional

August 26 & 27

-Solo 1/ Regional (Hydrofest)

September 24th

-Drivers School

October 29th

-Solo 1/ Regional





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