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Editors Note:

As some of you pointed out, the class run schedules got repeated from two months ago. This month I've tried to place the classes in a different slot than the last two months.

Unfortunately as we return to the correct rotation, some of you will be going back to the positions from last month. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Just a reminder, we are guests in our current location, please try to observe the posted speed limits when you drive around the base AND in the pits!



Ben Chu in his Ferrari 328.

Anybody still tired from May's autocross? You should be because there were 92 drivers who raced until 6:30pm, which is not including fun runs! With around 23 drivers per heat, we fell about an hour and a half behind schedule not to mention the gate guard not showing up until 8:30 AM. But the long and exhausting day brought about a lot of interesting activities.

Now that there are more competitors at the events,



Bill Bartenstein in a beautifully modded Corvette convertible

the SCCA must become stricter on rules and regulations. Don't worry, they're not drastic! From now on please have your driver's license and, if applicable, your SCCA membership card or military ID ready when registering. If you don't have a current driver's license, I think its safe to say that you can't race, let alone drive home! Also, a schedule of events has been put up at the registration booth. It seems as though the work assignment process is going very well! But



James Rumler, different Camaro, same tire smokin' fun!

remember that you don't work or at least have someone work for you, a DNW will replace all your official times.

I've always known autocrossing to be a much safer type of racing than rally or Solo I, but May's track had me doubting myself. It seems our track

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Televised Gremlins: The Story of the May Regional Race By Ed Kemper

With TV crews from the cable community channel (Olelo) and commercial TV (KGMB-NBC) present for the May 7th regional at Hawaii Raceway Park driver attendance was up. But as it turned out, ultimately the number of actual finishers was down.

The closed wheeled cars felt the brunt of the mechanical gremlins both during practice and the race. The opened wheeled cars, which were all Formula Fords as it turned out, suffered somewhat from the same unlucky trend, but not to the same extent.

A couple of new faces and/or race cars arrived with high expectations, but Mr. Murphy (of Murphy's law fame) paid a visit. Farid Herschend, who raced in Solo 1 before in his Renault turbo, purchased the somewhat bend and broken Formula Ford of Chuck Garner. Unfortunately, the cars rebuilding process continued until 11:30 p.m. the night before the race. The car never ran properly and Farid was not able to race.

Likewise, new Solo 1 driver Thomas Echternach, from Maui, showed up in the Brown Brothers' (actually father and son) S 2000 racer. The last time it raced at HRP it went off the road and fiberglass went flying. Tom borrowed the rebuilt version for Solo 1. After a number of lead/ follow exercises Tom was catching on fast. But much like Farid lady luck would not be with him. The transmission lost third and fourth gears,

Solo II Talk

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designers were just a little too creative with the track and decided to put a cross over towards the end of it.

Normally cross overs are at the beginning of the course giving the announcers better judgement of when to send the next car. Unfortunately, the cross over had been placed so that the cars needed to be sent at exactly the right time in order for them to go through it without hitting each other, but with the different speeds of all the drivers, that wasn't going to happen. We learned this the hard way. In the first heat we almost had 3 head on collisions. Luckily all the drivers were aware of their surroundings, which



John Newton & Panos' Miata are running closer & closer every month. Panos, check your mirrors!

prevented any possible accidents. This problem forced us to have only 2 cars on the track at once, making the day even longer than it already was going to be.

There were 14 novices among the 92 racers. Gavyn Abe, Tommie Bahnemann, Troy Jay, Gary Kitagawa, Dean Kodama, Greg Moad, Andrew Park, Nelson Passos, Larry Tang, Ricky Tom, John Vallero, and Rochelle Vallero had the experience of driving our "dangerous" course. Other novices were Kathy Welker and James Zeidler from the Hawaii Corvette Association, our featured club of the month. Michael Gallo, Jim Welker, James Zeidler, Mike Zeidler, and long time racers Billie and William Bartenstein all took their cherry Corvettes out for a spin.

The man taking fastest time of the day was Keith Greer in his Red Devil F440 pulling a time of 65.876. Next in line was Curtis Lee and his Datsun 240Z with a 68.546. Winning the battle of the STS Imprezas was Francis Lining. He edged out Earl Huang by .9 tenths.

Other cars and drivers that did well in their classes were Joyce Murry in her RX-7 taking first in SS, edging Greg



Paul Schwartz races his Le Grand to 4th overall.

Garceau (whom we haven't seen in a while) and three of the 'Vettes form the Corvette Association. Reid Morimoto's Integra Type-R out handled the other five cars in G Stock, and consistently fast Dean Kawasaki and



This 'Vette shows us some "power on" oversteer.

Clifford Goto finished first in CSP and DSP respectively.

On a more eccentric note, Scott Pires came out with his Isuzu Trooper to plow the field. He usually drives Castle High School's Datsun 240Z but since it has brake problems, he improvised with the Isuzu. That was an interesting sight! Speaking of interesting sights, when was the last time you saw our RE Lindsey Akamu towards the bottom the time charts? Well, this month he was driving a borrowed Mustang instead of his 911 which was sidelined with a broken transaxle.

May's event took a lot of work and effort. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered his or her time to help set up and break down the track. Perhaps we could make 100 next month! The day will go smoother and faster because of what we learned this month! Spread the word and I'll see you at the races!



Shane Nishimoto ran 2nd in G Stock. Only 1 second behind the class winning Type-R

The highest placing Novice for May's Autocross was **Dean Kodama** in a G Stock Subaru Impreza. Dean's PAX Index score placed him 51st out of 92 drivers. Great Job Dean!

The PAX index is an autocrossing handicapping system designed to allow comparison between various SCCA Solo II classes.

Gremlins cont.

By Ed Kemper

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and Tom was not able to get any timed runs.

TV COVERAGE

In the morning practice sessions, the Olelo TV crew got some good coverage. Other than a spin or two and some slight mechanical problems, the initial, morning practices were relatively uneventful. The afternoon sessions, however, went downhill. Not that there was any connection, but when the Oleo crew left and the KGMB TV crew arrived things began to come apart. The KGMB reporter focused on Dr. Lee Guertler in his Datsun. Sort of what does a cardiologist do in his off hours---play golf, no he races cars. All went will until the qualifying session when Guertler's Datsun suffered a u-joint failure at the beginning of return road straight.

FORMULA FORD RACE

Qualifying for the Formula race went off with out a hitch with the exception Farid having to drop out. The race, however, was a race within a race. Up front Dave Goto and Steve Timpson represented the front pack and Tom Burke, Tom Ito and Steve Hirasuna making up the second group. Within each pack there was some serious racing. From the get go Timpson and Goto passed each other more times than lead changes in a NASCAR race. Many times at the reverse camber turn Goto was literally within inches of Timpson. As everybody could sense the critical pass was going to be on the last lap at the end of the straight. Timpson was in the lead and Goto pulled to the left to try to out brake Timpson and cut off Timpson's turn. It did not work. Goto went in to deep and Timpson was able to simply go deeper into the corner and drive around the Goto to win by .680 seconds at checker.



Two of the Formula Fords running through the Guard Shack chicane.

Behind these two, Burke, Ito and Hirasuna were regularly passing each other at various locations on the track. "Hard luck" Hirasuna went off course on the 11th lap on the back straight and his car suffered some suspension damage, which ended his race. Ultimately, Burke finished third with Ito right on his tail a mere .640 seconds behind.

DOOR SLAMMER RACE

With Dr. Guertler out, that left only 4 cars in the closed wheel race. Perennial first place qualifier Scott Schulte in his 911 was



The Formula Ford pits as the drivers get ready for their heats.

on the pole with newly married Tom Bryant next to him in Dave Goto's Mazda RX -7. Behind those two were Wes Aihara (CRX) and Ed Kemper (Mustang).

After the flag flew, and as expected, Schulte took off, until the first gremlin appeared. On the 5th lap a 50 cent fuse to the electrical fuel pump blow stranding Scott at the beginning of the return straight for the rest of the race.

Meanwhile Bryant and Aihara were having a good race with Aihara beginning to catch the Hawaii International Racing School instructor. But gremlin number two struck, but not with those two but with Kemper's Mustang. Second and third gears were making expensive noises and the Ford began to slow. With that Bryant with Ahira caught up to Kemper quickly at the chicane. Bryant got by but Aihara got blocked long enough that he could not catch up easily. But he still finished only a second behind. Kemper retired on the 13th lap.

TIGHT SOLO 1 RACE

With novice Tom Echternach out, that left 3 of the experienced Solo 1 drivers to duke it out. Barely a second separated the cars in their best single lap of 4 timed laps. Ron Mishima was his usual smooth self taking first place in his Porsche 911 with a 1:02.541. Veteran classic car racer John Grosseto showed up for this race (after missing the last one) to finish second in his Caterham with a 1:03.514. Finishing third was Hawaii Region's RE Lindsey Akamu a tenth of second behind with a 1:03.613.

Even with all of these mechanical nightmares it was still good to have so much TV coverage. The TV crews will be invited back, but the gremlins won't be for the up coming June 25th race at Hawaii Raceway Park.

SCCA Solo II Re		viay 21, 2	-000										Page 4	
Name	Make	Model	Run1	С	Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
SS Class Average :	87.242													
Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX-7	79.866	1	78.077		78.118		80.284	2	78.077	34	64.804	32
Greg Garceau	Chevy	Corvette	80.637		83.975	2	80.385		80.256		80.256	45	66.612	46
Jim Welker	Chevy	Corvette	DNF		91.663		87.008		84.695		84.695	62	70.297	67
Michael Gallo	Chevy	Corvette	DNF		89.307		86.497	1	85.711		85.711	66	71.140	72
Kathy Welker	Chevy	Corvette	DNF		DNF		137.452		07.470		107.470	89	89.200	89
AS Class Average :	196.606													
Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	75.610		75.712		78.574	1	74.809		74.809	17	60.969	9
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	77.696		91.690		75.837		75.953		75.837	21	61.807	13
Egmar Klemmer	Porsche	968	82.131		80.934		78.301		78.397		78.301	35	63.815	31
Benjamin Chu	Ferrari	328	84.376		82.152		80.433		80.976		80.433	47	65.553	39
Joyce Hsieh	BMW	M3	89.563		88.479		85.012		92.734		85.012	63	69.285	65
Mike Zeidler	Chevy	Corvette	102.357		93.553		90.735		88.729		88.729	81	72.314	78
James Zeidler	Chevy	Corvette	106.595		97.341		92.170		90.727		90.727	84	73.943	80
Nelson Passos	Porsche	944 Turbo	DNF		DNF		DNS		DNS		999.000	90	814.185	90
BS Class Average :														
Panos Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	79.547		79.038		79.038		77.989		77.989	33	63.327	29
John Newton	Mazda	Miata	81.653		80.580		81.238		80.546		80.546	48	65.403	37
George Atkins	BMW	Z3	87.535		83.458		81.265		82.845	1	81.265	52	65.987	44
CS Class Average :														
			83.021		76.475		75.756		75.409		75.409	20	60.629	7
Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	00.021		70.470		70.700		70.400		13.409	20	00.029	
ES Class Average:	89 908													
Jessie Weinberger	Plymouth	Laser RS	89.927		DNF		88.516		86.582		86.582	71	68.053	59
Larry Tang	Nissan	240SX	101.693	1	94.236		94.988		88.333		88.333	80	69.430	66
Kenrick Leong	Toyota	Corolla GT:	DNF		93.629		90.277		DNF		90.277	83	70.958	71
Tommie Bahnemann	Acura	Integra	106.317		103.117	2			94.441		94.441	87	74.231	82
FS Class Average:		mogra									•			
		Camara 70	90.133		89.703		85.849		84.337		04 227	60	68.060	60
Neal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	DNF		88.942		87.228		85.628		84.337 85.628	60 65	69.102	64
Larson Kiyabu	Chevy	Camaro	DIVI		00.542		01.220		05.020		03.020	00	09.102	04
GS Class Average :	81.734													
Reid Morimoto	Acura	Integra Typ	79.612		82.210		80.311		79.693		79.612	39	62.814	24
Shane Nishimoto	Acura	Integra GS	83.720		80.159		86.288	2	80.355		80.159	44	63.245	28
Ray R. Smith	BMW	328i	83.527		81.839		80.838		82.562	1	80.838	50	63.781	30
Ryen Watanabe	Subaru	Impreza	85.386		85.767		84.220		82.997		82.997	57	65.485	38
Dean Kodama	Subaru	Impreza RS	91.634		85.062		89.774	1	90.281	2	85.062	64	67.114	51
ASP Class Average :	73.212													
Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	DNS		74.622	1	72.580		DNS		72.580	5	61.838	14
Kevin Ham	Porsche	Carerra	74.181		74.507		91.651	2	73.843		73.843	8	62.914	26
BSP Class Average :	73 708													
Curtis Lee		2407	69.968		69.509		68.547		68.546		60 E40	0	58.058	
	Datsun	240Z	72.320		71.403		70.364		72.422		68.546	2		1
Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z						1			70.364	3	59.598	3
Jennifer Lee	Datsun	240Z	75.875	4	75.124		76.415	1	73.921		73.921	9	62.611	22
Amy Lee	Datsun	240Z	77.890		75.388 DNE		74.524		DNF		74.524	14	63.122	27
Billie Bartenstein	Chevy	Corvette	79.962	1	DNF		76.759		77.125	_	76.759	27	65.015	33
William Bartenstein	Chevy	Corvette	80.113		78.884		78.675		82.049	2	78.675	36	66.638	47

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EM Class Averag	e: 76.967													
Ron Mishima	Porsche	911	72.647		74.841	1	84.735	1	DNS		72.647	6	65.963	42
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	77.480		74.727		74.650		73.734		73.734	7	66.950	49
Lindsey Akamu		Cobra	86.733		86.030		86.232		84.521		84.521	61	76.745	86
FM Class Averag	e: 65.876													
Keith Greer		F440	71.977		68.253		68.094		65.876		65.876	1	59.552	2
STS Class Averag	e: 79.915													
Francis Lining	Subaru	Impreza	86.017		77.324		76.324		78.612		76.324	24	59.762	4
Earl Huang	Subaru	Impreza	84.022	2	79.853	1	77.239		80.898	2	77.239	28	60.478	5
Russell Yamaguchi	Subaru	Impreza	77.919		79.218		78.965		78.670	1	77.919	31	61.011	10
William Cook	Subaru	Impreza	81.771	1	79.719		77.927		79.273	1	77.927	32	61.017	11
Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	81.602		80.734		80.750		79.589		79.589	38	62.318	18
Tim Wolf	Subaru	Impreza	80.593		79.729		80.923		DNS		79.729	41	62.428	19
Pierre Felipe	Nissan	Sentra	83.482		88.248	2	82.853		79.917		79.917	43	62.575	21
Franceen Sato	Acura	Integra GSI	88.476	1	84.576		84.260		85.098	1	84.260	59	65.976	43
Robbie Carvalho	Subaru	Impreza	89.648		87.481		90.095	2	86.329		86.329	70	67.596	54
STR Class Averag	je: 77.149													
Gavin Lee	Acura	Integra	76.591		76.043		75.178		74.669		74.669	16	60.482	6
Keith Nakasato	Honda	Civic	84.704	2	78.452		76.564		76.423		76.423	25	61.903	15
Walton Ching	Subaru	Impreza RS	84.507		82.058		80.356		81.330		80.356	46	65.088	34
SM Class Average	je: 77.547													
Barry Lai	Honda	Civic DX	76.235		77.683		75.114		74.352		74.352	13	62.902	25
Cory Tomoyasu	Honda	CRX	77.693		81.709	1	DNF		77.596		77.596	29	65.646	40
Richard Crabbe	Nissan	240SX	87.322		80.975		84.416	1	80.694		80.694	49	68.267	61
FTD: 65.87	6	Overall A	verage	: 1	10.995		Sta	nda	rd Dev	iatio	n: 163.	165		

Regional and Solo I Results

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Open Wheel Formula	"Door S	Slammers"	Solo 1					
1. Steve Timpson2. Dave Goto3. Tom Burke4. Thomas Ito5. Stephen Hirasuna6. Farid Herschend	 Tom Bryant Wes Aihara Ed Kemper Scott Schulte Lee Guertler 		Solo 1 drivers compete for the fastest time out of 4 timed runs. 1. Ron Mishima Porsche 911 1.02.541 2. John Grosseto Lotus Seven 1.03.514 3. Lindsey Akamu Porsche Carrera 1:03.613					

Notes From the Regional Executive

Just a reminder that our June event is part of the Aloha State Games. Registration is part of the Aloha State Games, though we will be registering drivers at the gate. There is no late fee and you will get a T-shirt. If you register at the gate you will receive a notice regarding the T-shirt pick up. The Aloha State Games follows the Olympic Games format and awards Gold, Silver and Bronze to the top three finishers in each class. It was mentioned that they may award the lower finishers, but I can't confirm that.

There were no Aloha State Games in 1999. The previous promoters decided they did not want to do it anymore and they couldn't get someone in time to take over. This year it is under new management and plan to do it every year again. Because they missed last year, attendance is down or everyone is late in signing up. Let's make this a great turnout and support the Aloha State Games. Even though you don't finish in the top three at least you can say that you participated in the 2000 Aloha State Games.

PUNISH 'EM MOTORSPORTS

If you've been out to one of the last two autocrosses or wheel to wheel race, you might have noticed the guys filming the event. Punish 'Em Motorsports is a motorsports news magazine on 'Olelo, Channel 52. They want to cover all the motorsports activities in the state and are the first to do so. Because the are just starting, they need our support in spreading the word that there is this new show on TV. If the can convince 'Olelo they have a worthwhile program, they will be scheduled regularly instead of filling open time slots. There ultimate goal is to be a regular feature on Channel 16. If that happens SCCA or you might end up being a household word. The next time you see them at our event, talk to them and let them know how you feel about their efforts in promoting our events.

Solo II Heat Schedule for June 11th, 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: Super Stock, AS, BS, CS, DS, ES, FS and GS

Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting

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

Lunch Break (45 minutes), Awards Presentation, Track Walk

Heat 3 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 3: C Street Prepared, STS, STR

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 June 14th

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 Lindsey 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.

This newsletter is non-profit, if you want to advertise here it's not expensive, just help us with the production costs!



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

September 24th

-Drivers School

October 29th

-Solo 1/ Regional



