Solo II Talk by Jennifer Lee

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Editors Note:

It's been mentioned several times in this newsletter as well as our last one, but I'm going to mention it again. Jennifer Lee will be going to the mainland for college, this means we'll be looking for a new registrar to check in our drivers. If you can help out, please see Lindsey.

This also means I'll be losing one of my best contributors to this newsletter because Jennifer also writes the Solo II Talk article. If you can string a few sentences together and would be interested in helping out, please contact Lindsey or myself.



Craig Ginoza's Honda Civic competes in a VERY competitive E Modified class.

After a two and a half week "vacation" in Europe and a wedding in Hilo four days later, I thought I'd be too exhausted to enjoy myself at the autocross. Boy, was I wrong. Of all my years at the track, never once has it been boring or dull. It is probably the only thing I'm never tired of doing throughout the 17 years of my life. July's event gives plenty of reasons why...



"Fig" Newton with his new racy paint scheme. John, do you really drive around town like that?!

If registration can get pretty hectic with 3 workers, can you imagine how bad it could get with just one person?!?! I didn't have to imagine, I experienced it. With my mom house-ridden due to a sickness and my 2 main helpers absent, I was running around like a chicken without its head. Thankfully the people at the track are very kind and offered to help when they saw a line of cars



Novice Nick Nakashima had a fun time coming to grips with his Nissan's handling!

winding around the gate. Soon to follow that mad house was a fun little masquerade with the timing system.

Before I go into that story, let me paint a picture of what the track was like. The summer sun kept the raindrops away leaving behind the chalk lines from June's event. Using these lines our clever track designers made a "backwards" track. Most of the beginning and middle part of the track is almost identical to June's track, but in reverse. This meant that the course had a lot of straights

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Spills and Spins: The June Regional

By Ed Kemper

The June 25th regional race at Hawaii Raceway Park had two hallmarks-spills of oil and related spins. The number of drivers were somewhat depleted with mechanical maladies and related repairs. Scott Schulte was rebuilding his Porsche 911 engine, and Ed Kemper was trying to determine what was wrong with his Mustang's transmission. But unfortunately some drivers the Region had not seen for sometime were back.

Jim Kellar finally was able to extricate himself from his contracting business long enough to drive his GT-3 Rabbit in the wheel to wheel event. Farih Hershend was hoping to drive his Ferrari in the wheel to wheel race but tire problems prevented that. Undeterred he picked a car from his fleet--- a Renault R5T turbo for Solo 1. M. G. Lewis, Hawaii region's former Chief Steward, sold his Ford Fiestiva to Art Sosen just before the June race. Since it was not quite ready to race, Art borrowed Stephen Hirsuna's Formula Ford to run in Solo 1.

DOUBLE DUTY

After practice and qualifying there was one driver who had a chance for a daily double. David Goto quali-

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connected by some notorious turns. Here's where the timing story comes into play. At the time I was sitting in my car waiting to take my second run. All of a sudden I hear the announcer, Jason Dovgan, saying something about timing system. It turns out that one of the drivers slammed into the timing light and got it stuck under the car. The first thing that came to my mind was, "Uh oh, bust out the stop watches!" Fortunately, we were able to fix the light and put all its wires back together properly. A big mahalo to Curtis Lee for saving the day with his engineering skills.



William Peralta in action! You can see the tail get loose and take out a cone right before the light!

With 82 drivers it's no wonder that we sold out on sodas and water. Next month we will be providing more water since there seems to be more of a demand for it. Remember that all the proceeds from this fundraiser go straight to the club. The SCCA has already purchased a new generator, tent, and chalk liner this year. Maybe one day we'll buy some toilet paper for the bathrooms too!

Part of the reason why there were so many participants was due to the number of novices. We had 13 take on the track in July. Andrew Allwood, Dallas Butler, Jeremy Dowling, Mary Dubiel, Ronie Galarce, Gabe Hanohano, Neil Harding, Jeff Lee, Chris Kam, Braden Lee, Jon Matsushige, Nick Nakashima, and Tor Sunnanonta gave autocrossing a go and hopefully found it to be as fun and challenging as I do! There were many good competi-



Barry Lai switched his FWD Civic for a RWD Nissan 240SX and finished 1st in E Stock.



Gabe Hanohano in his brand new (still with temporary plates) Ford Focus at his first Autocross.

tions and drivers setting excellent examples for our new-comers to learn from. One of them was Kevin Ham is his ASP Porsche Carerra. He managed to drop 2 seconds off his third run to give him a 71.270 putting him 3rd overall and 6th PAX. As usual there was some fast driving in EM between Wes Aihara and Ron Mishima. In the end Wes sneaked by Ron by 0.1 seconds with a time of 73.657.

It seems only logical with 10 Subaru Imprezas that they have their own cheering squad. Of course they are unbiased about who wins, but there is always some good humor and jest among the crowd! Soon we will need a Nissan 240SX cheering section since 5 showed up in July. Stephen Oliberos on the other hand can't have a cheering squad since you wouldn't be able to hear them over his engine! Nevertheless he pulled off fastest time of the day in his Datsun 510 with a time of 69.986. He was the only driver to make it into the 60's.



Novice Jon Matsushige ran his Chevy well, placing mid-pack among the F Stock Camaros.

A modified car usually takes FTD but any driver in any class can take PAX. **Gavin Lee** in his STR Acura Integra proved this point by taking PAX over BSP's Curtis Lee by just 0.03 seconds. Since the PAX time has been in effect at our autocross Curtis Lee has held its title, until now. Congratulations to Gavin and his victory!

As the years pass, our club gains more and more publicity.

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fied first in the closed wheel race in a Mazda RX-7 and second in the open wheel race in a Formula Ford. As things turned out, mechanical gremlins ended Goto's chances in the Mazda. Lined up beside David was Lee Guilter in his fixed 240z (after breaking a u joint in the last race), Wes Aihara (CRX) and Jim Kellar in the VW.

After the flag was thrown, Lee pulled ahead of Goto quickly and within 4 laps Goto's RX-7 was sounding and feeling sickly and he had to pull off. However, Guilter simply did not simply pull away from Wes. In a word we had a real race between these two. To complicate matters for everyone, Guilter's Datsun began to spew oil from its exhaust pipe on the long straight. Not enough for a black flag but enough, as it turned out, to cause problems in turn one at the end of the straight. Wes would get up behind Lee in the corners but spun a couple of times and thus could not quite get into a position to pass. Guilter ended the race in first with Wes behind by 8/10s of a second behind, with Jim in his VW rounding out the racers left running.

OIL AND ASPHALT DON'T MIX

The Formula race turned out to be in a way to be a repeat --spins and slides at turn one. In this all Formula Ford race Steve
Timpson and Goto had qualified in the 58 second range and
Tom Burke, Tom Ito and Stephen Hirasura all were timed in
with a 59 second lap.

Either because of driver excitement or oil at turn one, the racers

were spinning like a top. Within a short time Ito, Goto, and Burke spun, with Burke breaking his rear suspension in the process. Meanwhile Timpson and Goto were going at each other with some passing by Goto or attempting to do so. But Mr. Oil struck at turn one at Goto a couple of times and he could not stay close to Timpson because of spins. Meanwhile, Ito had front suspension damage as a result of a spin, which put him out of contention. Hirsuna, however, motored on for a third place finish.

SOLO IS BETTER

Solo I featured 5 drivers including semi newcomer Tom Echtemach from Maui in a Royal S-2000. Tom first appeared in the May event as a novice. His transmission gave out (no oil), but with some help of the other drivers he reappeared for a full Solo run.

Turning the fastest time was our traditional winner Ron Mishima (911) with a 1: 0 1: 3 5 5. Next also in Porsche was our fearless leader Lindsay Akamu with a single fastest lap of 1:03:506. Grouped closely behind these two was Echtemach (1:04.177) and Herschand (1:04.877). The latter was fighting with turbo charger problem in his Renault. Rounding out these racers was Art Sosen who was reacquainting himself with racing. Now that SCCA events are televised (Channel 52 every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.), bigger turnouts are expected for the October event. Hopefully, some autocrossers will decide to jump up to the next step.

Notes from the Regional Executive

By Lindsey Akamu

Since implementing the strict run/work rules at the autocross, there seems to be some confusion about the responsibilities of each of the work assignments. First off, you have the choice of working in any heat other than the one you're running in. These positions get filled on a first come first served basis. If you don't want to work at the end of the day be sure to come early and register. The gatekeeper is in charge of having every person sign the waiver as they enter. If they are only coming to watch, be sure to collect the spectator fee of \$3.00. If they are planning to run, have them register at the trailer. Once racing starts registration is handled during the lunch break.

The **corner workers** are responsible for maintaining the track. There are at least three spotters on each corner. One person should be responsible for the **flag**, another with the **radio** and the third with the **fire extinguisher**. If a cone is displaced, the corner worker is to identify their corner, the car that hit the cone, and the number of cones. Safety is most important, corner workers should keep their eyes on the cars in their area at all times. Every cone is outlined and should sit squarely in the box. Penalties are levied if they knock over the cone or if the cone is completely out of the box. If it is still standing in the box, there is no penalty; but does require the worker to realign the cone.

If you sign up to work at the trailer, it could be for the announcer, timing or communications. **The announcer** will provide run times for each finishing car. The announcer is responsible for regulating the start of each car and making sure that the track is set up. **The timer** will announce the finishing time to the announcer and add any penalties to the time. There should be a recorder to write down each time as well. **The communicator** is responsible for receiving or sending information from each turn and relaying it to the announcer. It is very important to acknowledge the corners as they call in cone penalties. If you don't reply the corner has no way of knowing that the call was received.

The starter is responsible for waving the cars off at the discretion of the announcer. That person should check if the driver has a helmet on and seatbelts fastened. There are other positions that will qualify for your work assignment. Track set up, cone marking and tech inspection are some. We are looking for a new registrar. This is a position that would be permanent because of the procedures involved. If you are interested let me know.

SCCA Solo II	Results fo	or July 9,	2000										Page 4	4
Name	Make	Model	Run1	С	Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
SS Class Average :	79.455													
Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX-7	81.987		81.541		79.791		79.455		79.455	38	65.948	37
AS Class Average	84.330													
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	76.224		76.657		76.980		76.025		76.025	18	61.960	17
Jayson Guzman	BMW	M3	83.443		84.231		83.106		82.536		82.536	46	67.267	44
Joyce Hsieh	BMW	M3	83.555		83.548		83.300		94.814		83.300	49	67.890	48
Franceen Sato	Honda	S2000	86.511		DNF		84.282		83.492		83.492	51	68.046	49
David Chin	Audi	TT	DNF		127.525	1	DNF		96.295	1	96.295	75	78.480	76
BS Class Average	84.063													
Darrell Wong	Porsche	914	80.011		78.484		80.325		77.193		77.193	26	62.681	21
Panos Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	83.871		DNF		78.420		77.566		77.566	27	62.984	22
George Atkins	BMW	Z3	83.873		80.263		82.107		78.385		78.385	32	63.649	25
John Newton	Mazda	Miata	84.356		81.954		80.945		80.152		80.152	39		33
Mary Dubiel	Mazda	Miata	104.116		94.512		94.827		93.103		93.103	74	75.600	70
Dallas Butler	Mazda	Miata	109.250		97.978		DNF		DNF		97.978	77	79.558	78
OO Olean Avenue														
CS Class Average		1 di -t -	85.109	3	77.003		77.681		77.870		77.003	25	61.910	16
Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	88.335	3	DNF		85.764	1	90.980		85.764	57		53
Shea Micafuentes	Mazda	Miata	00.333		DINE		05.704	,	30.300	2	05.704	57	00.934	33
ES Class Average	: 270.706													
Barry Lai	Nissan	240SX	92.244		86.114		85.087	1	86.072		85.087	53		40
Andrew Allwood	Nissan	240SX	94.028		132.938	4	91.163	2	88.734		88.734	62		56
Ryan Unten	Nissan	240SX	101.255	1	DNF	1	91.090		89.223		89.223	65		60
Braden Lee	Nissan	240SX	DNF		DNF		DNF		91.484		91.484	70		62
Ronie Galarce	Nissan	Sentra SE	DNF		DNF		DNF		DNF		999.000	79	785.214	80
FS Class Average	: 312.918													
Richard Takaba	Chevy	Camaro	85.953		81.521		81.864		86.198		81.521	43		36
Larson Kiyabu	Chevy	Camaro	DNF		105.565		85.532		85.889		85.532	55		54
Jon Matsushige	Chevy	Camaro	87.887		85.683		85.618		85.761		85.618	56		55
Robert Barrand	Chevy	Camaro	DNW		DNW		DNW		DNW		999.000	79	806.193	81
GS Class Average	: 80.953				04.057		04.044		70 757				00.504	-
Reid Morimoto	Acura	Integra Typ	82.284	1		1	81.011	2	76.757		76.757			5
Ryen Watanabe	Subaru	Impreza	84.208		85.512		81.855		82.081		81.855	44		30
Edward Kemper III	BMW	325is	86.191		83.763		83.506		82.488		82.488			32
Ray R. Smith	BMW	328i	85.769		86.532		82.711		87.336		82.711	48	65.259	34
HS Class Average	: 89.702													
Jeff Lee	Nissan	Sentra	93.191	1	DNF		88.250		96.163		88.250			52
Gabe Hanohano	Ford	Focus	98.704		96.477	1	91.154		91.591	2	91.154	69	71.191	61
ASP Class Average	: 72.048													
Kevin Ham	Porsche	Carerra	73.194		75.491	1	73.439		71.270		71.270	3	60.722	6
Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	74.426		72.826		73.741		80.863		72.826	4	62.048	18
BSP Class Average	: 74.233													
Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	73.065	1	71.135		71.226		70.616		70.616	2	59.812	2
Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z	73.989	•	73.165		73.427		72.939		72.939			15
Jennifer Lee	Datsun	240Z	77.428		75.456		79.605	2	75.836		75.456			27
			77.920		DNF		DNF	-	DNS		77.920			38
Mark Murray	Datsun	240Z	77.920		DINE		DNF		DNS		77.920	29	05.998	38

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CSP Class Average : Ken Van Orman Dean Kawasaki Shawn Chun	BMW Toyota Mazda	M3 Corolla Miata	75.481 DNF 92.468		73.593 74.326 89.882		73.191 74.378 88.960	2	73.175 73.805 89.430 91.716		73.175 73.805 88.960	7 10 63	61.760 62.291 75.082 77.408	14 20 69 75	5.3
Andrew Park DSP Class Average:		CRX	96.075		94.929		96.368	2			91.716	71			
Clifford Goto Eugene Van Orman Richard Crabbe Ronald Ma Nick Nakashima	Nissan Honda	Neon R/T Jetta GLX 240SX Accord 240SX	76.412 80.256 81.957 88.120 DNF	2	75.849 81.602 81.996 82.592 DNF	1	81.642 79.828 91.147 83.606 104.483		77.111 78.325 80.682 82.766 92.328	2	75.849 78.325 80.682 82.592 92.328	17 31 40 47 73	62.120 64.148 66.079 67.643 75.617	19 28 39 47 71	N
ESP Class Average : John Pinero J.P. Gayan	312.969 Chevy Honda	Camaro Civic	77.494 95.369	1	75.227 89.486		74.048 89.108		72.866 89.405		72.866 89.108	5 64	59.896 73.247	3 64	· .
Chris Kam Greg Takahashi	Chevy Chevy	Camaro Monte Carl	96.177 DNW		96.380 DNW	1	90.900 DNW		00.928 DNW	2	90.900 999.000	68 79	74.720 821.178	67 82	N
FSP Class Average : Keith Binning Brian Kashiwamura Elliot Loo	88.150 Toyota Suzuki Volvo	Corolla Swift 740 Turbo	75.377 DNF 87.996		94.541 80.348 87.382		94.369 79.435 85.368		80.452 79.567 88.267		75.377 79.435 85.368	15 37 54	61.583 64.898 69.746	11 31 57	
Tor Sunnanonta Scott Pires Martin Barrozo	Toyota Isuzu Toyota	Corolla P/U Pickup	DNF DNF 94.732	1	85.797 88.094	1	122.334 88.590 93.987 103.849	3	09.049 89.977 92.978 98.858	3	85.797 88.094 89.930	58 60 66	70.096 71.973 73.473	59 63 66 68	N
William Peralta Royce Fujimoto BP Class Average:	Toyota Toyota	Corolla	100.790 120.267	•	DNF	,	DNF	,	09.320		91.883 109.320	72 78		79	
Shane Oliberos Ron Reeve	Nissan Nissan	300ZX TT 300ZX TT	81.928 84.326	1	78.038 84.008		77.883 89.373		76.889 84.816		76.889 84.008	24 52		43 65	
CP Class Average : Halford Tome	76.610 Ford	Mustang	78.531		78.917	1	77.499		76.610		76.610	20	65.655	35	
DP Class Average : Neil Harding	90.672 Beck	Spyder	107.001		97.964		96.860		90.672		90.672	67	77.343	74	N
EP Class Average : Stephen Oliberos	: 69.986 Datsun	510	72.461	1	70.413		74.163	2	69.986		69.986	1	61.098	8	~
FP Class Average : John Mayers	75.033 Porsche	911	DNF		DNF		83.658		75.033		75.033	13	67.530	46	753
Charles Lindemann William Lindemann Jack Evans	Volkswage Volkswage VW		75.380 79.885 98.920	1	75.275 77.327 90.364	1	75.968 76.404 88.639		74.900 76.260 87.227		74.900 76.260 87.227	19	68.634	45 51 77	1

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Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
EM Class Avera	ge: 76.550												
Wesley Aihara	Honda	CRX	73.711	DNF		73.657		DNF		73.657	8	66.881	41
Ron Mishima	Porsche	911	75.456	74.398		74.838		73.727		73.727	9	66.944	42
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	DNF	75.048		76.694	1	77.541	1	75.048	14	68.144	50
Lindsey Akamu	Porsche	Carrera	78.741	76.872		78.502	1	77.742		76.872	23	69.800	58
Craig Ginoza	Honda	Civic	85.294	84.273		83.444		84.176		83.444	50	75.767	72
STS Class Avera	ge: 80.971												
Earl Huang	Subaru	Impreza	78.003	79.870		77.613		76.785		76.785	22	60.123	4
Francis Lining	Subaru	Impreza	DNF	81.205	1	77.904		77.602		77.602	28	60.762	7
Kalani Kitamura	Subaru	Impreza	78.798	78.092		79.358		78.675		78.092	30	61.146	9
Vernon Pires	Subaru	Impreza	78.607	79.944		79.843		79.990		78.607	33	61.549	10
Tim Wolf	Subaru	Impreza	80.457	79.326		78.777		79.004		78.777	34	61.682	12
Arian Yee	Subaru	Impreza	DNF	79.618		78.778		78.788		78.778	35	61.683	13
William Cook	Subaru	Impreza	88.097	81.195		83.175	1	80.990		80.990	41	63.415	24
Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	83.027	81.315		82.778		83.902		81.315	42	63.670	26
Jeremy Dowling	Honda	Civic	DNF	98.057		97.794		DNS		97.794	76	76.573	73 N
STR Class Avera	ge: 76.525												
Gavin Lee	Acura	Integra	75.410	74.817		74.923		73.805		73.805	10	59.782	1
Walton Ching	Subaru	Impreza RS	86.007	80.126		79.245		79.990		79.245	36	64.188	29
SM Class Avera	ige: 74.793												
Robert Igarashi	W	Rabbit	DNF	78.622	1	74.793		75.320		74.793	11	63.275	23

Solo II Talk Cont.

It is obvious that we have become quite popular since our number of entrants has increased from about 50 to almost 100. Punish'em Motorsports helps us gain publicity by featuring our club in their TV show aired every Tuesday night on channel 52 at 8:30pm. They also feature Solo I and wheel-to-wheel events among all the other racing they



Royce Fujimoto in a clean Toyota Corolla. We now have five Corollas of this vintage competing.

show. Speaking of features, the next featured club of the month will be the Z Club of Hawaii. All members of this club will receive a discounted entry fee.

As most of you know, I'll be leaving for college in August

making next month the last time I'll race for a while. So I won't be able to write this article anymore and I've decided to make this one my last. Even though I'll probably race in the Stockton, CA region as time permits, I know it'll never be like our races. I hope everyone has enjoyed my little comments about the races and maybe even got a few laughs from it. Thank you to everyone out at the track, it's been my second home since I was born in 1982...literally. So, race hard and drive fast and volunteer to help make our SCCA Hawaii Chapter even better. Most importantly, don't forget to put the pedal to the metal!



Jennifer, Good luck with school, come back and race with when you have a chance! - CS

Solo II Heat Schedule for August 13th, 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, STS, STR, SM

Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting

Heat 2: A Street Prepared, BSP, DSP, ESP and FSP

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 Prepared, BP, CP, DP, EP and all Modified

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 August 16th

This month's meeting will be at **Pflueger Honda (777 Ala Moana Blvd).** We will be in the conference room right on Koula St. Turn off of Ala Moana onto Koula St., and as you drive towards the ocean on, there are parking spaces on the side of the Pflueger Honda building.

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.

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



coming soon... the Acura MDX



In September, Acura will unveil our all new MDX It will feature a 3.5 liter, 240 hp V-6 engine. The MDX will provide 7 passenger seating in three rows with the two rear rows able to fold flat into the floor for more cargo space! A fully automatic 4-wheel drive system and a 5 speed automatic transmission are standard. We already have deposits on our first batch, but please call me Colin Sato at hondahawaii.com 528-7200 ext. 297 or on my cellular 255-1255 for more details.