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Solo II Talk

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Editors Note:

We will be holding elections for the Regional Executive and Board of Directors in December. If you are interested in supporting the club in an administrative manner, please submit your name. We would need to know a little about yourself and your desire to help the Hawaii Region. This information will be published in the newsletter, so the members can choose the right candidate. We request all interested parties submit their intentions by November 30th to the newsletter editor. - CS



Richard Takaba managed to stay one second ahead of Jon Matsushige all day. Here Richard takes the green flag to start a run.

For our October autocross we were fortunate to have great weather, brand new timing lights, and a new timing system to help manage our event. Although we did have a few glitches, the end result was a much better day. There were fewer missed runs, and because the new lights are strong enough to work in direct sunlight up to 50 feet apart, we were able to position them farther apart to avoid



Panos Prevedouros won the "Battle of the B Stock Miatas" but finished second in class to George Adkins' BMW Z3

any kind of accident should a driver run wide at the finish.

Throughout most of 2000, we have enjoyed a series of extraordinarily large courses by autocross standards. This is made possible by the tremendous size of our location. When I browse the Web to see autocross results in other regions and other clubs I'm always surprised to see 35 second runs, sometimes 40 or 45 seconds. Our club has been laying out tracks that average 60 to 70 seconds for



Newcomer Chris Otwell brought an unlikely autocross car, an Infiniti Q45!

each run. While I do enjoy the longer tracks, there is something to be said for the "short but sweet" tracks of old. For October our neat little track consisted of a wonderful combination of tight slaloms, medium speed sweeping turns, and some very technical sections.

As the first group started their runs through the track we realized this was going to be a very quick

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A Winner at Last: Bob Sato Finishes First

By Ed Kemper

The final SCCA regional race at HRP for the season on the last Sunday of October saw the hard luck racer of the last millennium win his first one in 4 years. Bob Sato has had about every imaginable part break on his modified Formula Ford over the last half decade. There was never any question he was fast, the real issue was whether he would finish. And for many, many races he did not. As a result Bob became gun shy-- he would not practice and sometimes would not even attempt to qualify, all in hopes of the finishing the race.

The October race was not different. No practice at all and only 5 laps of qualifying and then only at a limited speed. Thus the stage was set for the classic Sato charge from the back of the pack, only to have the car break some critical part.

The Formula Ford field was particularly strong at this race. Bill Clutter, former owner of the Skip Barber School, was back. David Goto just picked up a new Van Diemen Ford and was surely going to be a contender. Steve Timpson, the winner of the last couple of Formula Ford races, was certainly not to be

Solo II Talk

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Stephen Oliberos ran a very quick 49.595 to take second overall and the only "closed wheel" car under 50 seconds.

course. Most of the stock cars were able to keep their best times under 60 seconds and the Street prepared and modified would be even faster! The competition in B stock was very close with six Miatas and one BMW Z3 vying for fastest times. It shaped up into quite a battle between Panos Prevedourous' Miata and George Adkins' Z3. Panos ran his fastest time in his second run and George was unable to top that till his very last run to take top honors in B stock with a 55.373. F stock was similar to B stock with seven Camaros ganging up on one lonely Mustang. In the end, Richard Takaba's Camaro would win the class with a best time of 56.436. Jon Matsushige (Camaro) was just a second behind Richard all afternoon to finish second in class.



Always exciting, John Vallero negotiates the course with a lot of tire smoke!

There were a total of ten drivers in Datsun 240Zs (spread over several classes), and not surprisingly Curtis Lee was the quickest among them with a third run of 50.641. CSP and DSP were business as usual for Ken Van Orman and Cliff Goto who both won their respective classes. In FSP there are now 5 drivers in Toyota Corollas, and Keith Binning came out on top with a 54.626. It sure is fun to watch those older rear-wheel-drive Toyotas drift through the corners, though Dean Kawasaki sets the standard for Corollas with a 51.931, and his car never slides!

STS has been Subaru City for most of this year, but for some reason we only had four Imprezas in STS this month and only one in STR. But STR was where the quickest Subaru came from. Earl Huang may have been the fastest STS car with his 55.266, but Tim Wolf was almost 3 seconds clear of Earl with a Subaru fastest time of 52.513. With all the competition among the Subarus, it's easy to forget that Gavin Lee still eclipsed all of them to win STS with his Acura Integra.



William Peralta's Corolla GT-S had an eventful day, but judging from the other Corollas participating, there is a lot of potential.

We had another 12 novices for October and I hope you all had a great time. I remember how hard it was when I first started. It looks like a "sea of cones" out there, but don't worry stick with it and it gets easier. **Keoni La'a, Bill Taylor, Anson Gutierrez, Mike Hanson, Daigo Yamasaki, Amy Cordeiro, Robert Haynes, Chris Otwell, Tyler Morita, Clayton Tom, Flor Rillamas Jr. and Troy Tada.**

There are lots of changes in our Solo II program, with new people taking on new responsibilities and I'd like to thank everyone who helps to make our races such a success.



Curtis Lee takes 1st in BSP with a 50.641

Our top Novice for November was Daigo Yamasaki driving a Subaru Impreza in G Stock. For his first time autocrossing, Daigo managed to PAX 42nd despite 3 cones in his third run. Like an experienced racer, he pulled off his best time in his last run finishing his day with a 61.461. Good job, keep it coming.

A Winner at Last: Bob Sato Finishes First

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Alan Zane ran competitively again, but like the rest of the field he could not match Sato's pace.

counted out. Newcomer Alan Zane finished very strongly in the last race and therefore was also a contender. Unfortunately, Stephan Hirasuna broke his rear suspension during practice and he was out for the day and the race.

Qualifying had Clutter first, followed by Timpson, Goto, Zane and Sato taking up the rear. But as to Sato, as the saying goes, not for long. At the green flag, Sato with the 2000cc Ford engine (the rest having 1600 cc Ford engines) took off and passed everyone at the end of the straight before the first turn. Before long he stretched out a decent lead over Clutter, waiting for the "bad luck hammer" to drop. It did not. Sato won with Clutter in second.

The real racing was between Timpson and Goto and it was a typical nose to tail race for the 21 minute event. On lap four Goto was going to make either a brilliant or vastly stupid pass just before the reverse camber turn. Timpson gave Goto an ever so slight opening and Goto pulled next to him going into the tight and very narrow turn. In a word he got by the smallest of margins. The rest of the race was Timpson trying to get by without any success. Zane had a clean run and finished 5th.

The closed wheel race was a good deal less exciting. The three top qualifiers finished in the order of qualifying --- Scott Schulte (Porsche 911), Wes Aihara (CRX) and Ed Kemper (Mustang). The only real drama was the approaching rain the first few laps. Both Wes and Ed were hoping for rain since they were not on slicks and more importantly they had working windshield wipers. But it was not to be. Other than a few drops on the windshield there was no rain to be had.

Solo 1 only had two potential starters Lindsey Akamu (Porsche 911) and Tom Eschvert (Sports S 2000). Tom had terminal braking problems and had to withdraw. Lindsey turned a terrific 1:02.798 for his single fastest lap.

After the races, the course was shortened for some lapping by street cars. For fifty bucks or for free for the corner workers and drivers could race the course for 10 to 20 laps. The next race should have even more short track testers.

Results From Sports Car Club Of America

Hawaii Raceway Park

Sunday August 27, 2000

Track Length 1.320 Miles

Open Wheel Formula (25 minutes)

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bob Sato | Formula Ford 2000 |
| 2. Bill Clutter | Formula Ford 1600 |
| 3. Dave Goto | Formula Ford 1600 |
| 4. Steve Timson | Formula Ford 1600 |
| 5. Alan Zane | Formula Ford 1600 |

Solo I (single fastest lap of 4 laps)

Lindsey Akamu Porsche Carrera 01:02.798

Closed Wheel Race (20 minutes)

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|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Scott Schulte | Porsche 911 |
| 2. Wes Aihara | Honda CRX |
| 3. Ed Kemper | Ford Mustang |



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	Name	Make	Model	Run1	C	Run2	C	Run3	C	Run4	C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
SS	Class Average : 55.352														
	Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX7	71.995	3	56.600		57.017		55.352		55.352	23	45.942	27
AS	Class Average : 56.230														
	Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	56.964		56.370		DNF		55.076		55.076	21	44.887	18
	Jayson Guzman	BMW	M3	58.981		57.905		57.383		58.245		57.383	39	46.767	32
BS	Class Average : 59.031														
	George Atkins	BMW	Z3	58.822		56.735		56.071		55.373		55.373	24	44.963	20
	Panos Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	56.587		56.147		56.994	1	59.766	1	56.147	31	45.591	25
	John Newton	Mazda	Miata	62.769		57.043		56.706		57.983	1	56.706	35	46.045	28
	Russell Yamaguchi	Mazda	Miata	58.803		58.200		61.118		57.375		57.375	38	46.589	30
	Wera Panow	Mazda	Miata	65.282		61.343		62.208		61.674		61.343	61	49.811	59
	David Koseki	Mazda	Miata	64.555		62.770		63.521		65.304	1	62.770	69	50.969	67
	Keoni La'a	Mazda	Miata	65.839		63.852		68.533		63.504		63.504	73	51.565	69 N
CS	Class Average : 56.962														
	Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	63.152	1	59.694	1	54.542	0	54.312		54.312	16	43.667	10
	Shea Mica Fuentes	Mazda	Miata	62.769		60.623		61.584		59.613		59.613	48	47.929	38
ES	Class Average : 62.329														
	Bill Taylor	Mazda	323	67.953		63.311		63.593		61.823		61.823	64	48.593	45 N
	Anson Gutierrez	Honda	Civic	DNF		68.381		64.443		62.835		62.835	71	49.388	55 N
FS	Class Average : 177.269														
	Richard Takaba	Chevy	Camaro	58.973		57.942		57.153		56.436		56.436	33	45.544	24
	Jon Matsushige	Chevy	Camaro	59.487		59.016		58.403		57.663		57.663	40	46.534	29
	Brently Hume	Ford	Mustang	62.955		61.362		60.907		59.648		59.648	49	48.136	39
	John Vallero	Chevy	Camaro	62.890		60.666		62.608		60.265		60.265	53	48.634	46
	Mike Hanson	Chevy	Camaro	61.944		62.517	1	66.123	3	60.477		60.477	57	48.805	48 N
	Larson Kiyabu	Chevy	Camaro	63.905		62.560		63.908	1	61.833		61.833	65	49.899	60
	Sean Kimura	Chevy	Camaro	65.176		66.581		63.682		62.832		62.832	70	50.705	64
	Robert Barrand	Chevy	Camaro	DNW		DNW		DNW		DNW		999.000	82	806.193	82
GS	Class Average : 59.280														
	Reid Morimoto	Acura	Integra Typ	57.585		55.855		60.706	1	55.049		55.049	20	43.434	8
	Edward Kemper III	BMW	325is	58.559		58.419		58.987		57.708		57.708	41	45.532	23
	Daigo Yamasaki	Subaru	Impreza	63.594		61.476		68.294	3	61.461		61.461	62	48.493	42 N
	Ryan Nakamura	Honda	Prelude	69.381		65.304		62.903		63.171		62.903	72	49.630	57
HS	Class Average : 61.898														
	Gabe Hanohano	Ford	Focus ZX3	64.343		63.185		62.228		61.898	1	61.898	66	48.342	41
ASP	Class Average : 55.992														
	Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	55.992		DNS		DNS		DNS		55.992	29	47.705	37
BSP	Class Average : 53.258														
	Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	51.312		50.878		50.641		51.068		50.641	3	42.893	2
	Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z	52.202		51.981		51.654		51.199		51.199	4	43.366	5
	Amy Lee	Datsun	240Z	54.534		54.533		53.856		53.251		53.251	11	45.104	21
	Mark Murray	Datsun	240Z	53.918		68.055	2	54.521		54.010		53.918	14	45.669	26
	Michael Parker	Datsun	280Z	59.400		58.539		57.282		66.524	1	57.282	37	48.518	43

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
CSP Class Average : 292.607										
Ken Van Orman	BMW	M3	51.931	56.639	1 52.425	52.642	51.931	5	43.830	12
Dean Kawasaki	Toyota	Corolla	54.737	52.780	52.553	52.685	52.553	8	44.355	14
Francis Lining	Honda	Del Sol	57.403	59.690	1 56.320	58.619	56.320	32	47.534	36
Aaron Muramoto	Honda	Civic Si	60.554	60.579	58.867	58.712	58.712	43	49.553	56
Andrew Park	Honda	CRX	66.031	1 60.280	60.189	59.262	59.262	46	50.017	61
Amy Cordeiro	Mazda	Miata	67.017	67.891	65.449	64.077	64.077	74	54.081	77 N
Robert Haynes	Honda	Civic Si	DNW	DNW	DNW	DNW	999.000	82	843.156	83 N
Tommie Bahnemann	Acura	Integra	DNW	DNW	DNW	DNW	999.000	82	843.156	83
DSP Class Average : 59.748										
Clifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	53.189	57.210	1 53.197	61.126	2 53.189	10	43.562	9
Eugene Van Orman	Volkswage	Jetta GLX	55.655	55.444	59.995	1 55.558	55.444	27	45.409	22
Ricky Tom	Honda	Prelude	60.423	1 60.933	1 58.807	57.049	57.049	36	46.723	31
Gary Kitagawa	Honda	Prelude Si	61.680	59.771	60.913	58.912	58.912	44	48.249	40
Andrew Allwood	Nissan	240SX	DNF	68.024	2 61.180	77.669	2 61.180	60	50.106	62
Michael Durrett	Saturn	SL2	63.546	64.420	63.550	61.548	61.548	63	50.408	63
Shawn Naito	Acura	Integra	70.398	DNF	71.035	1 61.967	61.967	67	50.751	65
Braden Lee	Nissan	240SX	70.886	1 74.241	1 70.205	2 62.730	62.730	68	51.376	68
Nick Nakashima	Nissan	240SX	69.880	1 83.569	2 68.063	65.711	65.711	79	53.817	75
ESP Class Average : 63.139										
Neal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	62.253	62.314	59.166	60.103	59.166	45	48.634	47
Chris Kam	Chevy	Camaro	73.793	69.520	3 DNF	64.322	1 64.322	76	52.873	73
Chris Otwell	Infiniti	Q45	65.928	68.334	1 66.691	1 DNF	65.928	80	54.193	79 N
FSP Class Average : 61.345										
Keith Binning	Toyota	Corolla	55.577	73.537	55.688	54.626	54.626	17	44.629	15
Ross Hamada	Toyota	Tacoma	63.531	61.456	61.309	59.853	59.853	50	48.900	49
Elliot Loo	Volvo	740 Turbo	62.899	60.650	64.911	60.075	60.075	51	49.081	52
Scott Pires	Toyota	Corolla	60.348	65.142	2 68.202	1 68.747	3 60.348	54	49.304	54
Tyler Morita	Honda	Wagon	65.180	63.000	62.622	60.962	60.962	59	49.806	58 N
Clayton Tom	Toyoto	Corolla GT-	DNF	DNF	64.189	84.962	5 64.189	75	52.442	70 N
Flor Rillamas Jr.	Toyota	Corolla	67.880	69.885	2 64.755	64.568	64.568	77	52.752	72 N
William Peralta	Toyota	Corolla	74.597	108.087	1 66.135	DNS	66.135	81	54.032	76
BP Class Average : 58.247										
Shane Oliberos	Nissan	300ZX	73.757	60.840	90.932	2 58.247	58.247	42	50.908	66
CP Class Average : 54.968										
Halford Tome	Ford	Mustang	56.693	54.968	54.981	55.601	54.968	19	47.108	33
EP Class Average : 55.300										
Stephen Oliberos	Datsun	510	50.651	51.145	51.533	1 49.595	49.595	2	43.296	4
Stacy Balbirona	Nissan	240SX	58.056	57.079	61.834	2 56.117	56.117	30	48.990	51
Martin Barrozo	Nissan	240SX	60.187	61.213	1 63.050	63.431	60.187	52	52.543	71
FP Class Average : 60.393										
Ross Perrins	Datsun	240Z	57.869	56.149	57.003	54.856	54.856	18	44.817	17
Robbie Carvalho	Datsun	240Z	60.446	95.031	74.099	60.767	60.446	56	54.401	81
Paul Detton	Datsun	240Z	68.996	61.468	61.288	60.923	60.923	58	49.165	53
Dustin Contrades	Datsun	240Z	81.418	83.196	DNF	65.345	65.345	78	53.387	74

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
DM Class Average : 55.662										
Charles Lindemann	Volkswage	GTI	53.445	53.734	52.703	53.268	52.703	9	47.433	35
William Lindemann	Volkswage	GTI	55.492	53.949	53.911	54.036	53.911	12	48.520	44
Troy Tada	Honda	Civic	62.987	60.373	60.798	1 62.939	60.373	55	54.336	80 N
EM Class Average : 55.216										
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	53.498	52.147	52.707	52.329	52.147	6	47.349	34
Robert Igarashi	VW	Rabbit	DNF	55.595	56.187	1 53.925	53.925	15	48.964	50
Lindsey Akamu	Toyota	MR2	DNF	59.870	59.577	59.603	59.577	47	54.096	78
FM Class Average : 49.541										
Keith Greer	Red Devil	F440	52.464	50.172	49.541	50.959	1 49.541	1	44.785	16
STS Class Average : 55.657										
Earl Huang	Subaru	Impreza	56.087	56.857	55.441	55.266	55.266	22	43.273	3
Kalani Kitamura	Subaru	Impreza	55.775	57.157	56.209	55.386	55.386	25	43.367	6
Vernon Pires	Subaru	Impreza	56.406	55.615	55.829	55.441	55.441	26	43.410	7
Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	56.534	56.748	57.855	57.454	56.534	34	44.266	13
STR Class Average : 53.959										
Gavin Lee	Acura	Integra	53.895	53.391	53.707	52.513	52.513	7	42.536	1
Tim Wolf	Subaru	Impreza	55.974	54.559	53.913	54.093	53.913	13	43.670	11
Keith Nakasato	Honda	Civic	55.780	55.451	56.306	55.800	55.451	28	44.915	19
FTD: 49.541			Overall Average : 91.728			Standard Deviation : 174.651				

Notes From the Regional Executive

By Lindsey Akamu

Are you the type that likes to get involved? Do you have some time on your hands? SCCA is having elections for the Board of Directors and Regional Executive in December. If you are interested in contributing your ideas and maybe a little of your time, let us know. We would be happy to have your assistance in making your club a better one for yourself and your friends.

On another note, at the last event we had a little boy hurt himself because there was no adult supervision. Please, our autocross is a participant event; it is not a spectator event. I do not want young children at the event unless they can be supervised at all times. If you have to baby sit, make sure you bring someone else along to watch the kids while you run. The track area is not a playground and it can be quite dangerous with all the cars going around so please think twice before you decide to bring your kids.

The club has been slowly upgrading all of its equipment. We have a new generator, a new van, the trailer has been reconditioned and we have a new timing system. We are presently looking for a used laptop computer (inexpensive) and possibly replacing our radios. Any ideas how we may acquire them?

As always, I want to thank all the volunteers that do the little extra to make the day go smoother. If you're not one of those, how about preparing a little better so those guys can have it a little easier? Registration could run more efficiently if you register in the morning before the racing starts. Late registration puts a strain on everybody. Prepare your car for tech inspection, make sure that you clean everything out and everything is raceworthy. Get there early and spend a leisurely walk around the track.

What happened to all of our helmets? The club has provided helmets to those who were without but we seem to have less than what we started with. You are welcome to borrow a helmet if you leave your drivers license. If you need to use a helmet, use it only during your run and return after your heat. Don't borrow it at the start of the day and hold on to it for the fun runs. If you have one of our helmets, we will be glad to get it back. If you have an old helmet we would welcome the donation.

Solo II Heat Schedule for November 12th, 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: A Prepared, BP, CP, DP, EP and all Modified
 Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting
 Heat 2: Super Stock, AS, BS, CS, DS, ES, FS and GS
 Lunch Break, Awards Presentation, Track Walk
 Heat 3 Drivers and Workers Meeting
 Heat 3: A Street Prepared, BSP, DSP, ESP and FSP
 Heat 4 Drivers and Workers Meeting
 Heat 4: C Street Prepared, STS, STR, SM
 Fun Runs: \$1.00 per run, Passengers welcome with a Helmet.
 Clean-up, Put away cones



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

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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

SCCA Hawaii General Membership Meeting November 15th

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.

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