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Solo II Talk

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Editors Note:

I can't believe it's been a year since I took over the editing duties from Scott, and I'm pleased to say it's been a great experience. I hope you find these newsletters informative and enjoyable.

I'd like to wish everyone all the best for this Holiday Season and for the coming New Year. Please drive safely out there, the roads seem a bit more dangerous around the holidays, and we'd like to see back on the track in 2001— C.S.

For November we were greeted with clear skies, and a cool trade wind breeze for our autocross. Also greeting the racers was a sea of containers parked in the middle of our pit area. Naturally everyone took advantage of the local cover and attached their tarps and tents to the containers.

November's autocross was loosely billed as "Exotic Car Month" and we had a few visitors that haven't been out before. Two Dodge Vipers, one



A pair of Vipers at rest. Charles Huang started slowly, but got up to speed to post a 65.757 in his last run.

of which took a turn on the course, and a former Acura NSX owner, now driving a Ferrari, stopped by to check out excitement. Also stopping by were a husband and wife team from Texas. Brian and Tonya Whaley normally drive a Camaro but for this weekend they brought out their rented Chrysler Sebring, marking the first time (and probably last time) this convertible has ever raced at one of our autocrosses.



Novice Andy Barnes brought his BMW Z3 to sample the fun, and found himself in battling a very competitive B Stock class.

November's track promised lots of excitement; there were a total of four slaloms, two sweeping hairpin turns, and several sections that allowed the racers to gather some speed. This month's track had something for everybody.

As for the racing, we have several battles shaping up between similar cars that are spread over several classes. There has always been a large contin-



John Pinero posted a quick 60.995 to take top honors in ESP.

Track Time at HRP

By Art Sonen

At the last Regional / Solo 1 event at Hawaii Raceway Park, the Hawaii Region started its new Track Time event for street cars. Here are the scoops on future Track Time events. For \$50 (\$25 if you work the Regional race on that day) you get 15 to 20 hot laps at Hawaii Raceway Park's short track. There will be a mandatory class held at lunch time and depending on your expertise, a experienced driver will ride with you for a few laps to show you the proper line. Assuming you show sufficient skill you will be turned loose on the course. The next event is set for March 4, 2000. If you are interested call Art Sonen at 734-3226.

Other Announcements:

Starting in December every Solo II driver will receive for FREE a special SCCA Hawaii license plate frame. The frame is black with white lettering saying SCCA Hawaii at the top and Racer at the bottom with 2 SCCA trademark wheels on either side of Racer. Only one frame per driver and the Hawaii region will continue to give the frames out at the future events to drivers who have not received one.

Solo II Talk

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Novice Allistar Pitino found the going tough in STS. Still, he showed promise by bettering his times as the day went on.

gent of Datsun Z cars, and in the past year they've been joined by the "Subaru Boys" competing with each other for the "Fastest four-wheel-drive" vehicle honors. Now they've been joined by 6 to 8 drivers of Mazda Miatas, 6 or 7 Chevy Camaros (of various years), and 5 to 7 Toyota Corolla drivers. There are now lots of friendly rivalries.

In Super Stock, Joyce Murray was joined by Jon Matsushige in his Camaro SS. Although Joyce finished first in SS with a 62.734, Jon managed to improve his standing among his fellow Camaro drivers with a 65.693 and finished ahead of everyone except John Pinero. Pinero races in ESP and he piloted his Camaro to a very quick 60.955 (9th overall) to win ESP and the "Fastest F-Body" honors.



Watching the Viper on course reminded me of the proverbial "Bull in a China Shop"

Over in "Miata Land" which is actually spread over 3 classes (BS, CS, and CSP), Jason Dovgan posted a 62.150 to claim top honors in C Stock, and this month's bragging rights for quickest Miata. It was a close race however, because over in B Stock, Panos Prevedourous was just behind with a 62.580 that earned him first in his class. This month there were nine drivers in Miata's and the racing is getting closer. Stay tuned this battle is great fun to watch.

Also fun to watch are the Subaru's. This month there were 6 drivers in 2 classes. In STS, Earl Huang netted a very

quick 61.427 and a handily scored the win. Tim Wolf races in STR, and he used his DOT tires well and completed the course with a best time of 60.630. This was good enough for first place among the "Subaru Boys" and 7th overall, but it was a few "ticks" behind Gavin Lee in his Acura Integra. Gavin finished first in STR with a best time of 59.633 and this earned him 5th place overall.

Curtis Lee drove his 240Z to first place in BSP with a 55.903, and first place in PAX times. Other class winners were Clifford Goto in his Neon with a 61.334, first in



Scott Pires drove an unlikely vehicle to 2nd in FSP. His best time was his first run and he spent the rest of his runs trying to figure out how he did it. <G>

DSP, Dean Kawasaki in his Corolla with a 61.105, first in CSP and Keith Binning in another Corolla with a 63.538 to take first in FSP. Keith Greer took home the Fastest time of the day in his Red Devil F440 in F Modified with a 54.075.

This month we also welcomed 5 novices to the sport of autocrossing. Brandon Abelaye, Jenson Ambrosio, Andy Barnes, Robert Haynes and Joshua Lipe all drove well, and we hope this will encourage you to join us again.



Our top Novice for November was Joshua Lipe driving a Honda S2000 in A Stock. Josh ran four clean runs steadily improving each time out till he finished with a 65.051 and second in class. His PAX time was good for 27th overall. We hope to see more of you and your red Honda.

Solo II Points Standings

Year to Date Points from 4-01-2000 through 11-12-2000

	<u>Name</u>	<u># of Events</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u># of Events</u>	<u>Points</u>
SS	Joyce Murray	6	60	DSP	Clifford Goto	8	70
					Eugene Van Orman	6	53
AS	Colin Sato	8	79		Ricky Tom	6	29
	Jayson Guzman	6	46		Richard Crabbe	3	21
	Collyer Young	4	37		Pierre Felipe	3	19
	Franceen Sato	4	30		Andrew Allwood	4	16
BS	Panos Prevedouros	7	67		Gary Kitagawa	4	15
	George Atkins	7	62		Lawrence Hoggan	3	14
	John Newton	7	58		Nick Nakashima	5	12
	Russell Yamaguchi	3	22	ESP	John Pinero	7	70
CS	Jason Dovgan	8	80		Chris Kam	4	35
	Shea Mica Fuentes	4	36	FSP	Keith Binning	7	68
DS	Ed Hollmann	4	38		Elliot Loo	7	43
ES	Jessie Weinberger	5	39		Brian Kashiwamura	4	29
	Larry Tang	3	28		Royce Fujimoto	4	24
FS	Larson Kiyabu	8	67		Scott Pires	3	23
	Richard Takaba	6	60	BP	William Peralta	3	14
	Jon Matsushige	4	34		Jack Evans	3	14
	Robert Barrand	4	32	CP	Ken Matsumoto	4	38
	Sean Kimura	3	17		Shane Oliberos	4	29
GS	Reid Morimoto	8	80	EP	Halford Tome	8	69
	Edward Kemper III	5	44		Elliot Woo	3	27
	Ray R. Smith	5	41		Stephen Oliberos	5	40
	Ryen Watanabe	5	37	DM	Charles Lindemann	8	70
	Ryan Nakamura	3	20		William Lindemann	7	54
HS	Gabe Hanohano	4	39		Jack Evans	4	33
ASP	Richard Shimabukuro	6	48	EM	Harvey Okamura	8	64
	Kevin Ham	5	40		Ron Mishima	7	61
BSP	Curtis Lee	7	70		Wesley Aihara	6	52
	Garrett Chew	8	64		Lindsey Akamu	8	48
	Amy Lee	6	46	FM	Keith Greer	7	70
	Mark Murray	6	41	STS	Earl Huang	8	60
	Jennifer Lee	5	31		Francis Lining	5	36
	Michael Parker	3	14		Kalani Kitamura	4	35
CSP	Ken Van Orman	6	59		Vernon Pires	5	30
	Dean Kawasaki	7	57		Joseph Battista	7	28
	Andrew Park	6	30		Tim Wolf	5	26
	Shawn Chun	3	21		Arian Yee	4	21
	William McGill	3	19		Russell Yamaguchi	3	20
				STR	Gavin Lee	8	60
					Walton Ching	4	36
					Keith Nakasato	3	29
				SM	Barry Lai	4	40

Name	Make	Model	Run1	C	Run2	C	Run3	C	Run4	C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
SS Class Average : 64.214														
Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX7	67.015	1	63.344		62.736		63.200		62.736	19	52.071	24
Jon Matsushige	Chevy	Camaro SS	67.164		65.866		65.693		66.236		65.693	31	54.525	36
AS Class Average : 65.195														
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	63.798		62.591		76.470	3	74.084	1	62.591	18	51.012	18
Joshua Lipe	Honda	S2000	66.094		65.975		65.571		65.051		65.051	30	53.017	27
Jayson Guzman	BMW	M3	68.225		72.971	1	67.622		66.264		66.264	41	54.005	32
Franceen Sato	Honda	S2000	74.417	1	69.426		66.875		67.185		66.875	44	54.503	35
BS Class Average : 64.583														
Panos Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	65.308		63.389		63.386		62.580		62.580	17	50.815	16
George Atkins	BMW	Z3	87.181	1	67.496		64.483		62.886		62.886	20	51.063	19
John Newton	Mazda	Miata	66.378		74.038		71.680	3	66.068		66.068	38	53.647	30
Andy Barnes	BMW	Z3	71.166		68.991		66.797		67.055		66.797	43	54.239	33 N
CS Class Average : 67.495														
Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	65.569		69.914	1	65.346		62.150		62.150	16	49.969	11
Stan Panow	Mazda	Miata	71.841		68.968		68.354		67.652		67.652	46	54.392	34 N
Wera Panow	Mazda	Miata	80.948		69.901		79.388		77.319		69.901	59	56.200	51
Ken Loui	Mazda	Miata	72.786		75.788	1	70.275		72.296		70.275	63	56.501	55
DS Class Average : 71.075														
Ed Hollmann	Dodge	Neon	73.029		72.960		71.812		71.075		71.075	68	56.789	58
ES Class Average : 72.663														
Anson Gutierrez	Honda	Civic	72.875		70.694		82.805	1	73.599		70.694	66	55.565	42
Larry Tang	Nissan	240SX	75.744		75.434		74.633		76.270		74.633	80	58.662	72
FS Class Average : 68.737														
Richard Takaba	Chevy	Camaro	69.545		68.440		65.780		66.206		65.780	35	53.084	28
Larson Kiyabu	Chevy	Camaro	69.668		68.964		67.812		84.072		67.812	47	54.724	38
John Vallero	Chevy	Camaro	71.484		71.846		70.179		70.006		70.006	61	56.495	54
Sean Kimura	Chevy	Camaro	74.381		72.623		71.349		72.630	1	71.349	72	57.579	65
GS Class Average : 68.968														
Reid Morimoto	Acura	Integra Typ	67.565	1	64.955		63.720		62.591		62.591	18	49.384	7
Edward Kemper III	BMW	325SI	66.726		66.017		65.790		65.925		65.790	36	51.908	22
Ray R. Smith	BMW	328i	70.034		66.911		66.112		DNF		66.112	39	52.162	25
Ryen Watanabe	Subaru	Legacy			70.360		70.688	1	69.218		69.218	55	54.613	37
Ryan Nakamura	Honda	Prelude	74.185		71.342		75.941		71.147		71.147	69	56.135	49
Brian Whaley	Chrysler	Sebring	77.189	2	76.047	2	72.217	1	74.855	1	72.217	76	56.979	59
Tonya Whaley	Chrysler	Sebring			78.053		76.434		75.699		75.699	81	59.727	77
HS Class Average : 68.101														
Gabe Hanohano	Ford	Focus ZX3	70.342		68.874		68.101		68.815		68.101	50	53.187	29
ASP Class Average : 65.757														
Charles Huang	Dodge	Viper	74.149		66.506		75.102		65.757		65.757	33	56.025	48
BSP Class Average : 57.817														
Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	61.677	1	56.313		56.295		55.903		55.903	2	47.350	1
Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z	58.323		57.481		70.502	1	57.703		57.481	4	48.686	4
Amey Lee	Datsun	240Z	61.177		60.772		60.068		61.908	1	60.068	6	50.878	17

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX				
CSP Class Average : 69.384														
Dean Kawasaki	Toyota	Corolla	DNF	61.105	1	61.584	61.197	1	61.105	10	51.573	20		
Russell Yamaguchi	Mazda	Miata	66.638	63.840		63.703	70.057		63.703	23	53.765	31		
Andrew Park	Honda	CRX	69.083	67.849		69.763	1	68.334	67.849	49	57.265	62		
Robert Haynes	Honda	Civic Si	75.276	73.186		72.515		69.234	69.234	56	58.433	70		
William McGill	Mazda	Miata	72.207	70.728		73.012	1	DNF	70.728	67	59.694	75		
Shawn Naito	Honda	Civic	77.567	2	DNF	DNF	72.646		72.646	78	61.313	80		
Amy Cordeiro	Mazda	Miata	79.153	74.096		74.859		73.563	73.563	79	62.087	81		
Jensen Ambrosio	Honda	Civic	80.925	2	76.246	DNF	76.253		76.246	82	64.352	83		
DSP Class Average : 67.722														
Clifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	63.170	63.906		69.851	1	61.334	61.334	11	50.233	13		
Eugene Van Orman	Volkswage	Jetta GLX	62.359	62.048		62.841		61.606	61.606	13	50.455	14		
Ricky Tom	Honda	Prelude	67.797	65.849		65.472		64.464	64.464	27	52.796	26		
Andrew Allwood	Nissan	240SX	70.744	71.139	1	70.277		69.199	69.199	54	56.674	56		
Michael Durrett	Saturn	SL2	70.542	71.307		69.841		69.590	69.590	57	56.994	60		
Bill Taylor	Mazda	323 GTX	75.413	71.342		70.682		69.998	69.998	60	57.328	63		
Brandon Abelayo	Acura	Integra	77.505	74.476		72.320		70.574	70.574	65	57.800	66		
Braden Lee	Nissan	240SX	74.283	2	83.025	1	76.074	2	71.186	1	71.186	70	58.301	68
Nick Nakashima	Nissan	240SX	71.548	88.364		DNF	DNF		71.548	74	58.598	71		
ESP Class Average : 68.338														
John Pinero	Chevy	Camaro	62.089	61.198		60.955		65.237	2	60.955	9	50.105	12	
Mike Hanson	Chevy	Camaro	71.650	70.267		69.657		69.613	69.613	58	57.222	61		
Chris Kam	Chevy	Camaro	75.759	70.330		71.674		73.369	70.330	64	57.811	67		
Neal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	DNF	DNF		DNF		72.454	72.454	77	59.557	74		
FSP Class Average : 68.712														
Keith Binning	Toyota	Corolla	65.072	DNF		64.774		63.538	63.538	22	51.911	23		
Scott Pires	Isuzu	Truck	68.157	77.200	3	84.310		DNF	68.157	51	55.684	45		
Ronald Ma	Honda	Accord	70.013	DNF		69.052		68.369	68.369	52	55.857	47		
Tyler Morita	Honda	Accord	74.985	1	72.772		68.725		70.905	53	56.148	50		
Royce Fujimoto	Toyota	Corolla	78.473		82.241	1	79.211	1	71.421	73	58.351	69		
Elliot Loo	Volvo	740 Turbo	83.095	1	72.063		DNF		81.861	75	58.875	73		
BP Class Average : 64.855														
Shane Oliberos	Nissan	300ZX	67.457	64.855		89.749	1	67.636	64.855	29	56.683	57		
CP Class Average : 64.254														
Elliot Woo	Ford	Mustang G	68.538	1	DNF		64.128		65.558	1	64.128	25	54.958	39
Halford Tome	Ford	Mustang	65.266		67.562	1	65.427		64.379		64.379	26	55.173	40
EP Class Average : 56.675														
Stephen Oliberos	Datsun	510	61.030	1	59.063		58.181		56.675		56.675	3	49.477	8
DM Class Average : 65.996														
Charles Lindemann	Volkswage	GTI	65.728	1	62.027		61.741		61.963		61.741	14	55.567	43
Jack Evans	Porsche	912	71.789		70.326		70.251		73.229	1	70.251	62	63.226	82
EM Class Average : 64.488														
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	62.339	DNF		62.824	1	60.927	60.927	8	55.322	41		
Robert Igarashi	VW	Rabbit	62.059	63.719		63.058		65.508	1	62.059	15	56.350	53	
Wesley Aihara	Toyota	MR2	77.316	66.014		65.768		75.464	65.768	34	59.717	76		
Ron Mishima	Toyota	MR2	69.086	67.370		67.135		66.219	66.219	40	60.127	78		
Lindsey Akamu	Toyota	MR2	68.740	67.632		70.089		67.467	67.467	45	61.260	79		

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
FM Class Average : 54.075										
Keith Greer	Red Devil	F440	55.892	55.371	54.075	57.183	54.075	1	48.884	5
STS Class Average : 65.055										
Earl Huang	Subaru	Impreza	62.415	63.616	62.485	61.427	61.427	12	48.097	2
Vernon Pires	Subaru	Impreza	63.442	74.544	64.956	64.142	63.442	21	49.675	9
Kalani Kitamura	Subaru	Impreza	65.268	64.481	63.767	69.786	63.767	24	49.930	10
Arian Yee	Subaru	Impreza	66.373	64.793	65.112	64.531	64.531	28	50.528	15
Walton Ching	Subaru	Impreza R	70.673	67.493	66.262	65.934	65.934	37	51.626	21
Allstair Patino	Acura	Integra	73.412	73.753	72.547	71.226	71.226	71	55.770	46
STR Class Average : 60.132										
Gavin Lee	Acura	Integra	59.633	64.497	61.284	61.664	59.633	5	48.303	3
Tim Wolf	Subaru	Impreza	66.893	63.587	61.940	60.630	60.630	7	49.110	6
SM Class Average : 66.665										
Barry Lai	Nissan	240SX	68.037	71.036	66.511	65.699	65.699	32	55.581	44
Craig Ginoza	Honda	Civic	70.573	80.555	67.194	66.454	66.454	42	56.220	52
Martin Barrozo	Nissan	240SX	71.019	70.264	71.873	67.842	67.842	48	57.394	64
FTD: 54.075			Overall Average : 66.485			Standard Deviation : 4.548				

Z Club Test and Tune

By Curtis Lee

The Z Club of Hawaii will be hosting a Test and Tune/Driving School Day on Sunday, January 7, 2001. The Test and Tune will be available to all SCCA members who want to use this day to "Test and Tune" their car and get more seat time. The Driving School will be open to the first 30 drivers who register for the purpose of attending the Driving School.

Test and Tune drivers - An autocross track will be setup first thing in the morning and open for continuous runs an hour at a time. Drivers will be divided up into two groups. While one group is running, the other group will work the track. We will rotation groups as many times as time allow. An infrared pyrometer will be available to take tire temperatures. We will be available for consultation on how to correct undesired handling behaviors. A digital full chassis scale with ramps showing individual corner weights and percentages will be available for \$10/reading.

Driving School students - We will start out the day with classroom instruction on vehicle dynamics and proper driving techniques. Upon completion, we will walk the track as a group and explain proper driving lines, acceleration and braking zones pertinent to that particular track. Then the students will go out on the track with the option of having an instructor onboard to show the students how to apply what they have learned. Students may also want the instructor to drive their cars to gauge where improvements are needed or to get a better feel for what the car can do.

The fee to attend either function is \$30.00 per driver. Payment must be made in advance. Checks should be written to Z Club of Hawaii. Send to: Curtis Lee, 1232 Manu-Aloha Street, Kailua, HI 96734.



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Solo II Heat Schedule for December 10th, 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 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, ESP and FSP**
- 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 December 13th

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 - 2001 Schedule

December 10

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 20
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9



2001 Racing Schedule

- March 4th
- Solo 1/ Regional
- April 29th
- Drivers School
- July 2nd
- Solo 1/ Regional
- September 2nd
- Solo 1/ Regional
- November 4th
- Solo 1/ Regional

At the end of each of these events, there may be Track Time available on the short course, call for details.



race cars also have
hand-built engines



2000 was another good year for Acura's Integra Type-R. At the Solo II Nationals, five of the top ten in G Stock were Type-Rs, including the winners in both GS and GSL. In the Speedvision World Challenge T2 class, Pierre Kleinbing won his second Drivers Championship, his teammates finished 3rd and 4th, and Acura won it's third straight Manufactures Title. These racers acknowledge the Type-R is the closest thing to a racecar for the street. We are expecting 4-5 more Type-Rs for the 2001 Model year (the first two are already sold), so please call me, Colin Sato, at Pflueger Acura 255-1255 to learn more about this street car with the heart of a racer.