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Editors Note:

Last month we included a survey in our Huila issue. If you still have it and have not mailed it in, please do so. This is a club run by the members for the participants and we value any feedback you have. Please remember we are all volunteers, so please keep it positive. <G>

Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for you to sharpen you driving skills and I'm looking forward to 2001! -CS



Richard Crabbe gets his 240SX side-ways as a corner worker runs to pick up cones.

Our last autocross for 2000 was a hot one. The sun was out, and the racing was close. We had a total of 88 drivers skip their last minute Christmas shopping to participate on Sunday. Last month we had the arrival of a bunch of containers in the middle of the pit area, and this month they were joined with a portable building! We now understand that this is off-limits for us. Let's respect this and keep away from these containers and building.



Shane Oliberos has his Nissan 300ZX into a 4-wheel drift...not the fastest way around but very fun to watch.

Fun Runs

eral short straights connected by a series of hairpin turns. One section with double 90 degree, right hand turns seemed to be especially hard for some of the rear wheel drive cars to negotiate. There were a lot of spins here. The corner workers were kept pretty busy picking up cones on this large course. Keith Greer once again set the pace with the fastest time of the day in his Red Devil F440. His best run

Our December course was relatively open with sev-



Stacy Balbirona in "mid-spin".

of 50.067 narrowly beat Stephen Oliberos' Datsun 510's best run of 51.985. Curtis Lee was right behind these two with a 52.242. Rounding out the top five for the day were Garrett Chew (52.851) and Amy Lee (54.477).

Within the individual classes, there were some close and interesting battles. STS is home to the Subarus and on street tires Earl Huang was the quickest. His best run was a very fast 56.019, good for 10th quickest overall, and over 1.5 seconds faster than the next closest STS car! In Street Touring, Gavin

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By Lindsey Akamu

We have been getting a lot of feedback regarding the fun runs. The primary intent of having fun runs at the end of the day was to allow the drivers a chance to get more practice runs and improve their driving skills. We allowed passengers with the intent that it would be an instructor or another driver to help the car owner drive better.

As it stands now, fun runs are interpreted as a time to act crazy on the track. We have cars with four or more passengers and we have cars that are trying to power slide through all the turns. This is not the intent of having fun runs. Everyone participating in the fun runs has to pay. It is not fair if the car ahead of you knocks down all the cones and you don't have a clean track to run on. Also, if the cones need to be set back up, it slows the whole field and the wait is even longer.

First off, we will only allow one passenger, no exceptions. You do not need a back seat driver to tell you what to do. The fun runs will be open only to drivers and their cars that have participated earlier in the day. Cars or drivers not participating in the regular run event will not be allowed. We may designate a special

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Solo II Talk

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Lee and Tim Wolf ended up pretty close in times but accomplished it at opposite ends of their runs. Tim's fastest time was his first, and Gavin did not set his fastest till his last.

In FSP, Keith Binning finished at the top of the heap with a best run of 58.572. Elliot Woo hustled his "Quick Brick" Volvo 740 to second in class with a 61.982. ESP holds the bulk of our Camaro contingent and experienced racer John Pinero finished first in class and 33rd overall with a 58.895



Sy Kodama got his first taste of autocrossing in H Stock. His Civic posted a best time of 68.525.

and just squeezed by Neal Arakaki's best time of 59.330. Don't forget there are also Camaro's racing in the SS and FS, and Richard Takaba's F Stock finished one place (overall) behind Pinero's in 34th place!

DSP was our largest class on Sunday with 12 racers. Cliff Goto took top honors with a best time of 56.194 recorded on his second run. Barry Lai is getting his 240SX up to speed and came in second in class on his last run (only .067 behind Cliff).



Troy Tada drove his bright Orange Civic to third in DM right behind the Lindemann's Volkswagen GTI. His best was 62.466.

In CSP it's usually Ken Van Orman's BMW M3 and Dean Kawasaki's Toyota Corolla GT-S battling it out for top honors. This month Russell Yamaguchi joined the fray with his (newly) sticky-tire-shod Miata. After all the rubber dust settled, Dean emerged on top with a 55.266 (8th overall), Russell was next with 56.079 (11th overall) and Ken rounded our the top three with a 57.402 (17th overall).



Travis Odo brought out a nicely prepared 200SX and placed it right in the middle of a very competitive DSP. His best time of 62.410 was set in his last run.

BSP belongs to Curtis Lee. A quick review of the year-todate points standings shows that out of the 7 events he's attended, he's finished first and scored 10 points in every event. A perfect finishing record! December would be no different, Curtis survived a last run charge by Garrett Chew to hold on for the top position in BSP by about 6 tenths of a second.

B Stock had a tight battle between Panos Prevedouros in his Miata and George Atkins in his BMW Z3. Panos would prevail, but only barely. George came oh-so-close on his last run and finished only .158 seconds behind.

A Stock veteran Collyer Young has only brought his Porsche 911 to 4 events this year, so it must be a bit disappointing to come out and find another Honda S2000 racing. I survived Sunday without a major spin in my S2000 and managed to hold off the rest of the A stock crowd, but its getting tighter. Newcomer Joshua Lipe is getting to know his car better, and his times are reflecting his growing confidence. He put down his fastest time of 58.242 in his 3rd run and slipped past Collyer by .042 for second in class.

We had 11 Novices attend their first autocross and they included: Denny Cabal, Ryan Tano, Sy Kodama, Travis Odo, Ernie Desa, Pavel Chechin, Brad Takahashi, Brent Yang,



Pavel Chechin and his Mercury Cougar run with the Corolla GT-S.' They are tough to beat, but he steadily improved each time out to post his fastest time in his 4th run, 65.167. There is more to come.

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Solo II Talk

Daniel Kitada, Jason Kitada, and Jason Tokunaga. Welcome, I hope you had fun and will return again.

It's wonderful to see how close the racing is in the different classes. It really shows how well the rules governing Solo II group all the different types of cars together. I hope you all had a great holiday season and are looking forward to another year of great racing!



Brent Yang did well for his first time out, improving as he went through his runs, and saving the best for his last run. His 72.678 was five seconds better than his first run.

Fun Runs

parking area for spectators, so they do not get in the way of the participants.

As for the out of control cars and the cones they knock over, there are several options. We could make the fun runs a fifth heat. All drivers wanting to do fun runs would have a special drivers meeting before starting the fun runs. At that time we would divide the group into two, the first half would do three or so runs and the second half would be the workers. After the allotted time, the two groups would switch. As a requirement, we would collect everyone's drivers license, so the second workers group would not run away after they do their runs. This would also insure that we have enough workers to clean up.

We could have all cars stage and split the group in half and then go through the two run groups. No cars will be allowed to leave the staging area until both groups have completed their runs and work assignments. This is another way we could insure that everyone that ran in the fun run also worked. With regular corner workers, there will be enough help on the track to maintain it. I'm sure that if you knock over a lot of cones, the corner workers are going to let you know about it.

If we had more volunteers to staff the fun runs, we might not have to make any changes. But this is up to you. And it needs to be done every month.



Shea Mirafuentes brought his Miata home only a few "ticks" behind CS winner Wera Panow.

Our top Novice for December was Jason Tokunaga driving a Subaru Impreza in STS. He was guaranteed plenty of cars to compare his times with! Jason did well, starting out with a 64.942, got side-tracked with a DNF in the second run, then finished strong with a 62.652 and 61.202. This would place him 48th overall and 29th in PAX (see page 6 for more information on PAX times). Good job Jason, you've got some pretty tough competition out there!

Huila Classifieds

D-Stock Autocrosser for sale:

93 Sentra SER, White, AC, 5-spd, CD, limited-slip differential, Fat front sway bar, extra rims with R1s and repair manual. Great condition, except for high mileage . Contact Robin at 261-7456; robin u@adtech-inc.com



CCA	Solo II Res	ults for De	ecember 1	0, 2000										Page 4	4
	Name	Make	Model	Run1	С	Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PA
S	Class Average	60.113													
Joyce	Murray	Mazda	RX7	62.551	1	61.486		61.592	1	59.167		59.167	37	49.109	3
Jon M	latsushige	Chevy	Camaro SS	61.516		61.058		61.351		75.883	2	61.058	45	50.678	5
S	Class Average	58.741													
Colin	Sato	Honda	S2000	59.950	1	57.494		57.958		62.081	2	57.494	19	46.858	1
Joshu	a Lipe	Honda	S2000	60.622		60.060		58.242		58.376		58.242	26	47.467	2
Collye	er Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	58.706		58.820		58.284		58.506		58.284	27	47.501	2
Franc	een Sato	Honda	S2000	63.012		64.562	1	60.946		62.013		60.946	44	49.671	3
BS	Class Average	61.068													
	Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	59.416		57.997		71.711		58.054		57.997	23	47.094	2
-	e Atkins	BMW	Z3	59.250		58.328		59.833	1			58.155	25	47.222	2
	Newton	Mazda	Miata	60.754		60.879		59.402		58.726		58.726	31	47.686	2
	Dubuel	Mazda	Miata	DNF	1.0-1.0-	DNF		69.402		64.512		64.512	70	52.384	6
Dallas	Butler	Mazda	Miata	73.589	2	DNF		68.910		65.950		65.950	77	53.551	7
S	Class Average			04.450		00.070		04.000		70.040			- 4	10 750	
	Panow	Mazda	Miata	64.156		62.976		61.889		72.346		61.889	51	49.759	4
Snea	Micafuentes	Mazda	Miata	62.267		72.020		62.300		62.410		62.267	53	50.063	4
S	Class Average	67.887													
	e Weinberger	Plymouth	Laser RS	71.367	2	67.915	1			63.972		63.882	69	50.211	4
Denny	/ Cabal	Nissan	240SX	DNF		79.085		73.808		71.891		71.891	84	56.506	8
s	Class Average	61.915													
Richa	rd Takaba	Chevy	Camaro	60.727		59.586		61.089		58.943		58.943	34	47.567	2
Rober	t Barrand	Chevy	Camaro	62.020		61.169		60.677		60.696		60.677	42	48.966	3
Ryan	Tano	Chevy	Camaro	DNF		68.351		66.316		66.126		66.126	78	53.364	6
SS	Class Average	58.624						50 1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.							
	Norimoto	Acura	Integra Typ	64.770	1			58.314		57.964		57.964	22	45.734	1
Edwa	rd Kemper III	BMW	325SI	59.646		60.260		59.284		60.358		59.284	38	46.775	1
IS	Class Average	64.160													
Gabe	Hanohano	Ford	Focus ZX3	63.666		62.505		61.507		61.277		61.277	49	47.857	2
Rober	t Casteel	Honda	Civic	66.213		64.126		63.804		62.679		62.679	62	48.952	3
Sy Ko	dama	Honda	Civic	69.253		80.860		71.158		68.525		68.525	82	53.518	7
	Class Average :	57.957													
	es Huang	Dodge	Viper	61.248		59.333		57.957		58.103		57.957	21	49.379	3
Charle	Close Austrace	EE 600													
Charle BSP	Class Average :		2407	52.868		52.241		58.883		52 532		52 241	3	44 248	
Charle BSP Curtis	Lee	Datsun	240Z	52.868 53.375		52.241 52.903		58.883 108.250	3	52.532 52.851		52.241	3	44.248	
Charle BSP Curtis	Lee It Chew		240Z 240Z 240Z	52.868 53.375 58.557		52.241 52.903 55.133		58.883 108.250 56.976		52.532 52.851 54.477		52.241 52.851 54.477	3 4 5	44.248 44.765 46.142	1

SCCA Solo	II Results	for Decer	nber 1	J , 2	000									Pag
Name	Make	Model	Run1	С	Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
P Class Average	193.684													
ean Kawasaki	Toyota	Corolla	55.720		58.537	2	64.556	1	55.266		55.266	8	46.645	16
ussell Yamaguchi	Mazda	Miata	58.850		56.887		60.715	2	56.079		56.079	11	47.331	22
en Van Orman	BMW	M3	59.094		57.930		57.402		58.078		57.402	17	48.447	32
ndrew Park	Honda	CRX	64.015		62.585		71.622	4	61.112		61.112	47	51.579	60
/illiam McGill	Mazda	Miata	64.582		62.970		62.415		64.394	1	62.415	57	52.678	64
avid Koseki	Mazda	Miata	66.455		66.889		64.515		64.563		64.515	71	54.451	74
onathan Pasoquen	Honda	Civic	DNW		DNW		DNW		DNW		999.000	87	843.156	87
Class Average	60.517													
ifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	56.208		56.194		56.906		56.436		56.194	13	46.023	12
arry Lai	Nissan	240SX	61.466	1	57.405		57.211		56.261		56.261	14	46.078	13
ugene Van Orman	Volkswage	Jetta GLX	59.939	1	57.362		72.773	4	59.689	1	57.362	16	46.979	19
icky Tom	Honda	Prelude	59.779		59.752		59.517		58.825		58.825	32	48.178	30
awrence Hoggan	Acura	Integra	62.617		61.323		61.070		60.687		60.687	43	49.703	41
aden Lee	Nissan	240SX	61.108		70.229	2	63.226	2	63.855		61.108	46	50.047	43
ary Kitagawa	Honda	Prelude SI	63.498		62.795		61.749		61.669		61.669	50	50.507	48
avis Odo	Nissan	200SX	70.496		68.397		66.830		62.410		62.410	56	51.114	54
ll Taylor	Mazda	323 GTX	66.669		62.771		62.467		63.287	1	62.467	59	51,160	55
chael Durrett	Saturn	SL2	62.938		63.503	1	64.003	1	62.704		62.704	63	51.355	57
ndrew Allwood	Nissan	240SX	66.567		63.692		62.801		72.201		62.801	65	51.434	58
chard Crabbe	Nissan	240SX	66.154	1	68.099		DNF		63.713		63.713	68	52.181	62
P Class Average	62.690													
hn Pinero	Chevy	Camaro	60.428		59.066		58.895		62.793	2	58.895	33	48.412	31
eal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	60.675		59.330		69.182	1	59.462		59.330	39	48.769	34
oss Hamada	Toyota	Tacoma	76.481	1	64.339		63.763		62.378		62.378	55	51.275	56
cott Pires	Pontiac	Grand Prix	64.049		62.671		62.899		64.493	1	62.671	61	51.516	59
hris Kam	Chevy	Camaro	75.148	1	64.816		64.606		64.665		64.606	73	53.106	66
mie Desa	Chevy	Camaro	83.909		74.254		68.259		68.622		68.259	81	56.109	77
P Class Average	65.223													
eith Binning	Toyota	Corolla	59.996		59.474		60.199		58.572		58.572	30	47.853	27
liot Loo	Volvo	740 Turbo	86.199	4	61.982		DNF		65.938	1	61.982	52	50.639	51
or Rillamas Jr.	Toyota	Corolla	70.762	1	65.720		64.065		63.617		63.617	67	51.975	61
oyce Fujimoto	Toyota	Corolla	66.155		66.124		66.493	1	64.758		64.758	75	52.907	65
avel Chechin	Mercury	Cougar	71.326		68.457		66.615		65.167		65.167	76	53.241	67
ad Takahashi	Toyota	Corolla	70.003		70.878		69.786		69.809		69.786	83	57.015	82
ent Yang	Geo	Prizm	77.739		74.520		76.679		72.678		72.678	85	59.378	84
Class Average	66.312													
nane Oliberos	Nissan	300ZX	70.511	2	80.358	1	66.312	2	74.612	1	66.312	79	57.957	83
Class Average	59.007													
alford Tome	Ford	Mustang	60.257		60.744		59.007		59.032		59.007	35	50.569	50
Class Average			F0 000		F0 F00		50 76 1		F4 005					
ephen Oliberos	Datsun	510	53.826		53.588		52.721		51.985		51.985	2	45.383	7
Ken Peters	Acura	Integra LS	DNW		DNW		DNW		DNW		999.000	87	872.127	88

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		Make	Model	Run1	C	Run2	C	Run3	C	Run4	C	Best	0A	PAXTime	PAX	
	Class Average :	66.788														
Ross P	errins	Datsun	240Z	58.260		59.622		57.485		DNF		57.485	18	48.517	33	
Paul De	tton	Datsun	240Z	68.275		64.101		63.044		62.287		62.287	54	50.079	45	
Daniel H	Kitada	Datsun	240Z	72.580		70.809		67.954		DNS		67.954	80	59.392	85	
lason K	litada	Datsun	240Z	DNF		DNF		DNF		79.427		79.427	86	64.892	86	N
M	Class Average :	59.075														
Charles	Lindemann	Volkswage	GTI	58.743	1	55.784		55.364		55.199		55.199	6	49.679	40	
William	Lindemann	Volkswage	GTI	56.478		56.633		56.115		56.684		56.115	12	50.504	47	
Froy Ta	da	Honda	Civic	63.591		62.466		62.848		64.004		62.466	58	56.219	78	
Jack Ev	ans	Porsche	912	65.138		64.207		62.518		63.248		62.518	60	56.266	79	
м	Class Average :	59.499														
larvey	Okamura	Datsun	240Z	57.358		56.716		55.780		59.277	2	55.780	9	50.648	52	
Nesley		Toyota	MR2	59.021		59.885		59.792		59.420		59.021	36	53.591	72	
Ron Mis	shima	Toyota	MR2	68.476		60.250		59.957		59.654		59.654	40	54.166	73	
Stacy B	albirona	Nissan	240SX	68.117	1	60.365		61.451		60.251		60.251	41	54.708	75	
indsey	Akamu	Toyota	MR2	63.907		65.451	1	62.790		64.434		62.790	64	57.013	81	
M	Class Average :	50.067														
Keith G		Red Devil	F440	51.794		50.351		67.128	4	50.067		50.067	1	45.261	6	
TS	Class Average :	59.212														
Earl Hu	ang	Subaru	Impreza	56.732		56.542		56.329		56.019		56.019	10	43.863	1	
/ernon	Pires	Subaru	Impreza	58.064		57.734		58.397		57.727		57.727	20	45.200	5	
Ryen W	/atanabe	Subaru	Impreza	61.205	1	58.410		59.608		58.090		58.090	24	45.484	8	
loseph	Battista	Subaru	Impreza	59.048		58.385		58.512		58.435		58.385	28	45.715	9	
Kalani k	litamura	Subaru	Impreza	59.799		58.520		61.317	1	59.157		58.520	29	45.821	11	
Jason T	okunaga	Subaru	Impreza	64.942	1	DNF		62.652		61.202		61.202	48	47.921	29	Ν
Craig W	latanabe	Honda	Accord	69.121		65.607		69.255	1	64.540		64.540	72	50.535	49	
TR	Class Average :	56.081														
Gavin L	ee	Acura	Integra	55.568		55.481		56.193		55.261		55.261	7	44.761	3	
Fim Wo	df	Subaru	Impreza	56.901		58.285		61.343	2	57.162		56.901	15	46.090	14	
м	Class Average :	64 701														
	Barrozo	Nissan	240SX	64.933		68.163	2	64.701		82.410		64,701	74	54,737	76	
		Nissan	24007	01.000		00.100	-	01.101		02.110		04.701	/4	04.707	10	
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The PAX Index is an autocross handicapping system designed to allow comparison between the various SCCA Solo II classes. The PAX numbers represent times that should be run by cars developed to the limit of the rules <u>and</u> driven by national caliber drivers. The PAX Index is updated each year to account for rule changes and is based on major events, including the SCCA Solo II Nationals, where there are plenty of fully prepared cars in the hands of top quality drivers.

To use the Index, multiply a given time by the class index number to get an indexed time. For example, if a CS car runs a time of 43.500, its indexed time is 34.887 (43.500 x .802). If on the same course, an ASP car runs a time of 41.000, its indexed time is 34.932 (41.000 x .852). In this case, the CS competitor performed the best.

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SCCA Hawaii General Membership Meeting January 17th

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.

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2001 Racing Schedule

February 24th (Saturday) -Solo 1/ Regional April 29th

- Drivers School

July 1st -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.



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Coming Soon, the all-new Acura RSX



The last new Integra debuted in late '93 for the 1994 model year. This summer we will unveil the allnew replacement for the Integra called the RSX. Final specifications are still pending, but we know it will have all-new, 2.0 liter engines utilizing Acura's newest technology: i-VTEC. There will be two engine choices with the top model making over 210 horsepower and driving the front wheels through a 6-speed manual transmission. For more information, contact me, Colin Sato at 255-1255 or e-mail at colin@satoauto.com.