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Solo II Talk

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Editors Note:

It's been a while since we last raced, and I've got to say that I'm pretty anxious for our next event. Just remember, our new helmet rules take effect at our next event. This means Snell 90 or better. This is a National SCCA rule and we are required to comply.

Another reminder about our race dates: they are subject to change more than usual due to our agreement with the National Guard, check the schedules in the back or e-mail me if you have any questions.— CS



Robin Uyeshiro brought his Celica GT-S home in the middle of a competitive G Stock.

We had our June race on the second Sunday of the month. Good thing, as the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. But then, Father's understand that gas is a good thing.

Welcome to our June novice racers, Chuck Patterson (BS), Emmanuel Lazo and Shawn Yee (DSP), Keli'i



Our new Solo II Talk contributor Gary Kitagawa is getting a lot out of his Prelude finishing third in DSP.

Franco (EP), Mike Sakamoto (ES), George Lindemann (ESP), Troy Morioka (FSP) and Chris Ranes (SM). George won ESP!! Thanks for joining us, and we look forward to seeing you in July!

With lessons learned from May's two-lap format, the designer's of June's race had a faster course in mind. They succeeded, with this month's fastest time of the day over 28 seconds faster than last month.



Kelly Lee is working his Audi A4 around a fast sweeping turn and his times earned him second in G Stock.

The fastest time of the day belonged to Stephen Oliberos, who clocked a 40.000. Stephen edged out Curtis Lee by only 0.059. Rounding out the top five was Robert Igarashi in third (40.487), Keith Greer in fourth (40.857) with Colin Sato (40.878) in fifth.

In PAX times, Reid Morimoto completed a three peat by once again taking the top spot. Colin Sato took sec-

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Notes from the Regional Executive

By Ed Hollman

I am sure everyone is aware of the tragedy that occurred in June when a driver went off the freeway and died. Whether he was street racing or just driving too fast doesn't matter. If you know of anyone who is doing this highly dangerous activity, encourage them to come out to the Solo II or the track lapping sessions where their need for speed can be exercised in a safe environment. We are still working on getting a larger area for the Solo II but the 2 laps per run at the smaller Solo II track have been working pretty well. Besides giving longer track time it also changed the feel of a normal Solo II to more of a road race where you see the same corners again right away and can improve on them. You can get even more of that same experience, except at a higher speed and for a longer time, at the track lapping sessions at Hawaii Raceway Park after the end of the wheel to wheel races. We had 10 drivers on July 1st and they all seemed to have had a good time. Both their smoothness and their speed improved as time went by.

There were some problems at the track lapping session in April with cement breaking up and several pukas in the middle of Turn 1 creating a safety issue. That was fixed for this session. Art Sonen mentioned it to Mike Oakland who mangers HRP and he had it filled in. Many thanks to Mike for his prompt help. Now

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ond, followed by Earl Huang, Kalani Kitamura and Joseph Battista, respectively.

Timing problems continued to plague all heats. However, it appears that heat has been the culprit. Once corrected, cars were blazing around the course. Unlike last month, only one car missed the "on-ramp" and no one really missed the "off-ramp".

A few of the regular drivers were missed, including Dean Kawasaki - though Jason Dovgan might not agree. Also missing, were the MR2-keteers, Lindsey Akamu, Wes Aihara and Ron Mishima.



George Lindemann joined Charlie and Bill and took the Top Novice honors in the process with his Camaro.

In the individual classes, Curtis Lee took top honors in BSP, with Garrett Chew in second. Daughter Lee beat out Mom Lee by a mere 0.34 seconds for third. Jason Dovgan won CSP, and Cliff Goto won the largest group, DSP, with a time of 42.024.

Congratulations to Ricky Tom who got married last month. This month, Ricky took second in DSP running on new race compound tires. These new tires helped him beat DSP's third place finisher, Gary Kitagawa, by 1.86 seconds.

In DM, Charles Lindeman beat his Father with John Vallero taking third. Reid Morimoto took honors in GS while Jon Matsu-shige smoked his way to first place in SM. In a very competitive



Shane Oliberos is feeding in lots of "opposite lock" to get his 300ZX around a tight turn.

STS class, Earl Huang drove his Audi TT to a win over Kalani Kitamura by 0.23 seconds. Kalani beat out Joseph Battista for second by 0.17 seconds.

Many Mahalos to all of the volunteers who helped out in this race. We need good volunteers to help so that we can grow our numbers and have even more fun! Remember, that with your help, our courses and events will only get better.



Novice Chuck Paterson brought his Mazda Miata to run through the cones with us. Hope you had fun and we'll see you again in July!

A reminder to all drivers that July's race will be held on the 29th. Be sure to mark your calendars. "Let's be careful out there."

Notes from the R.E.

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we need to fill in the new puka in the stripped area at the start of the Off Camber turn. Maybe you all are driving too fast and just sucking up the track surface.

Finally, the July 1st wheel to wheel race went off close to the schedule, thanks to the cooperation of both the drivers and the workers. Once we improve on the organizing of the track lapping sessions we will be able to break for beer sooner. A final thanks goes to those drivers who stayed after the races to help as instructors for the track lapping sessions. Some day some of those new drivers may be along side of you during the wheel to wheel races.

Déjà Vu All Over Again: July Regional Race

By Ed Kemper

The July 1st regional race and Solo 1 competition did not see any new players, but did have at least one driver shift to the Formula Ford division. Wes Aihara bought Tom Burke's car and has temporarily shelved the Honda CRX. Ron Mishima made it back to Solo 1 after a long rebuilding process on his Porsche 911. The truly exciting news is that there are five racers who want to take our next driver's school so that they can jump into wheel to wheel racing. The date for the school will be announced shortly.



The formula race had the usual cast of characters with the new addition of Wes. Unfortunately, Tom Ito was sick the day of the race and had to withdraw. The closed wheel event was limited to 3 entries because of various maladies that had stricken a number of racers. With Ron Mishima back there were 3 Solo 1 competitors. At the end of the day, a good 12 track day entries appeared and enjoyed themselves.

Qualifying was waived by the door bangers since they had figured out the order anyway. But the formula guys wanted the qualifying time and took it. Dave Goto was the fastest by the slimmest of margins with a 57.558. Steve Timpson was 2/10ths of a second back, followed by Stephen Hirsuna with 58.3, then Alan Zane in the low 59 range, followed by Wes Aihara with a flat one minute. For various reasons, neither Bill Clutter nor Bob Sato (in a 2000cc Ford) chose to qualify.

The sports car and sedan race was familiar. Scott Schulte (Porsche 911) had the pole, Lee Guertler (240z) was second in line after having to go off the track to change his oil pan. Jim Kellar (VW Rabbit GT-3) was third.



At the green flag, Guertler took off and got by Schulte in turn one. But not for long. Schulte got by him before the end of the first lap. After that the order stayed the same with some excitement with Guertler spinning at turn one at the end of the straight.

The Formula Ford race also had its déjà vu aspects. First and second place was a nose to tail affair between Goto and Timpson for the entire race. Timpson got by about halfway through the race at turn one. But not to many laps later Goto went by him when some traffic got in the way. The end result was a Goto first over Timpson by three quarters of a second, much like the last race.

Meanwhile further back, Bill Clutter was in the third spot, but spun just before the sweeper and Hirsuna got by only to be repassed on lap eight. On the next lap Alan Zane had to pit and was out of the race. Likewise on the 12th lap Clutter was down and out at turn one.

At the start Bob Sato was doing one of his patented jump



ahead from last place routines only to have mechanical problems, which let him only complete 17 laps. Our new Formula driver, Wes, simply drove a clean race and finished fourth.

With Ron Mishima's Porsche 911 back after some engine modifications, it was expected he would be better than before in Solo 1. Although he thought that the engine was not up to its full potential, he nevertheless took the fastest lap with a 1.01.622. The remaining two drivers finished much as they did in the last event. Chris Messer, in his Camaro, turned in a 1.02 and our recently retired Commander-in-Chief, Lindsay Akamu ripped off a 1.04 in his Porsche.

With more track day racers showing up and a great deal more interest in the wheel to wheel program hopefully, the next race on September 2nd will not necessarily be déjà vu all over again.

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
AS Class Average : 44.759										
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	40.890	42.794	41.203	40.878	40.878	5	33.397	2
Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	43.280	42.764	42.522	41.919	41.919	11	34.248	8
Franceen Sato	Honda	S2000	46.178	45.408	43.742	43.505	43.505	22	35.544	19
Eugene Van Orman	BMW	M3	44.893	49.252	43.883	43.915	43.883	27	35.852	24
Andy Barnes	BMW	Z3	46.659	45.599	45.192	44.908	44.908	31	36.690	26
Jayson Guzman	BMW	M3	49.722	1 49.462	1 52.016	2 47.002	47.002	51	38.401	47
David Chin	Audi	TT	56.791	52.645	52.611	51.216	51.216	72	41.843	69
BS Class Average : 47.327										
George Atkins	BMW	Z3	43.782	44.155	43.928	43.840	43.782	25	35.595	21
Chuck Patterson	Mazda	Miata	55.238	52.315	50.872	51.609	50.872	70	41.359	66 N
CS Class Average : 45.918										
Shea Mica Fuentes	Mazda	Miata	50.429	1 46.932	46.284	45.918	45.918	46	36.918	29
ES Class Average : 48.841										
Jessie Weinberger	Plymouth	Laser RS	52.905	54.969	1 49.326	48.591	48.591	62	38.193	45
Mike Sakamoto	Nissan	240SX	53.466	1 49.409	49.020	48.729	48.729	63	38.301	46 N
Rossmann Benitez	Nissan	240SX	51.066	1 51.646	1 50.061	49.203	49.203	66	38.674	53
GS Class Average : 46.192										
Reid Morimoto	Acura	Type R	43.506	42.071	43.886	1 42.114	42.071	14	33.194	1
Kelly Lee	Audi	A4	49.126	1 44.989	46.404	1 44.553	44.553	29	35.152	14
Tyrone Montayre	Audi	TT	52.181	2 46.102	46.063	45.079	45.079	32	35.567	20
Robin Uyeshiro	Toyota	Celica GTS	49.257	46.546	45.397	45.589	45.397	38	35.818	23
Zinc Lin	Audi	A4	50.629	50.428	47.938	49.167	47.938	58	37.823	41
Regino Patague	Ford	Probe	49.864	49.893	50.091	48.369	48.369	60	38.163	44
Jacob Stewart	Eagle	Talon	DNF	50.929	52.311	1 49.938	49.938	68	39.401	58
HS Class Average : 523.245										
Tim Wolf	Honda	Accord	48.094	47.527	47.490	47.880	47.490	56	37.090	32
Gabe Hanohano	Ford	Focus ZX3	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	999.000	76	780.219	76
ASP Class Average : 43.940										
Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	45.171	46.014	DNF	43.940	43.940	28	37.437	37
BSP Class Average : 42.286										
Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	40.210	40.059	41.339	46.134	3 40.059	2	33.930	6
Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z	42.009	42.031	41.817	41.160	41.160	7	34.863	11
Jennifer Lee	Datsun	240Z	41.920	42.988	42.377	42.194	41.920	12	35.506	18
Amy Lee	Datsun	240Z	43.556	43.739	42.261	42.591	42.261	15	35.795	22
Jeff Young	Datsun	280ZX	48.199	1 46.029	46.047	46.883	1 46.029	47	38.987	55
CSP Class Average : 46.383										
Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	42.215	43.334	1 41.495	42.382	41.495	8	35.022	13
Russell Yamaguchi	Mazda	Miata	45.447	46.273	43.491	43.786	43.491	21	36.706	27
Robert Casteel	Honda	Civic	56.382	1 48.749	1 45.806	46.714	45.806	44	38.660	52
Scott Pires	Mazda	RX-7	47.794	49.153	46.402	47.278	46.402	49	39.163	57
Nelson Chung	Audi	TTQ	DNF	48.668	47.122	47.282	47.122	53	39.771	60
Sy Kodama	Honda	Civic	48.438	48.768	49.594	50.090	48.438	61	40.882	62
Eric Chang	Honda	Civic	53.854	1 50.399	49.366	48.791	48.791	64	41.180	64
Shawn Chun	Mazda	Miata	49.828	51.659	49.523	50.228	49.523	67	41.797	68

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DSP Class Average : 47.354										
Clifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	42.442	42.127	42.024	42.481	42.024	13	34.418	10
Ricky Tom	Honda	Prelude	44.252	43.604	43.237	43.874	43.237	19	35.411	17
Gary Kitagawa	Honda	Prelude SI	46.399	45.701	45.552	45.095	45.095	33	36.933	30
Earl Izawa	VW	Scirocco	46.667	45.624	45.853	48.073	45.624	41	37.366	36
Andy Park	Honda	Prelude	47.318	47.440	45.780	46.387	45.780	43	37.494	38
Emmanuel Lazo	Honda	Prelude	48.608	48.036	48.797	46.295	46.295	48	37.916	42 N
Marcus Suzuki	VW	Jetta GLI	DNF	48.130	47.177	47.022	47.022	52	38.511	48
Chris Chase	Honda	Prelude	48.687	47.666	47.185	47.154	47.154	54	38.619	51
Shawn Yee	Nissan	240SX	58.568	55.633	55.785	88.738	55.633	74	45.563	74 N
Nick Nakashima	Nissan	240SX	55.680	56.519	57.729	1 61.206 1	55.680	75	45.602	75
ESP Class Average : 46.195										
George Lindemann	Chevy	Camaro	47.774	47.115	45.128	46.190 1	45.128	34	37.095	33 N
Scott Presson	Pontiac	Grand Prix	45.893	46.871	46.247	46.736	45.893	45	37.724	40
Neal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	47.564	55.865 1	49.233 1	47.643	47.564	57	39.098	56
FSP Class Average : 49.141										
Robert Hechtmen	VW	Golf	48.609	47.705	47.921	47.291	47.291	55	38.542	50
Troy Morioka	Honda	Accord	59.499	54.761	53.889	50.992	50.992	71	41.558	67 N
BP Class Average : 46.881										
Ken Matsumoto	Nissan	300ZX TT	47.846	46.768	45.630	45.551	45.551	39	39.720	59
Shane Oliberos	Nissan	300ZX	48.211	54.691	53.996	76.939	48.211	59	42.040	70
CP Class Average : 43.540										
Elliot Woo	Ford	Mustang	44.639	44.087	43.540	43.617	43.540	23	37.270	35
EP Class Average : 47.395										
Stephen Oliberos	Datsun	510	DNF	40.076	40.000	40.654	40.000	1	34.920	12
Charles Christian	Ford	Mustang	73.130 2	50.838	50.558	50.104	50.104	69	43.741	72
Keli'i Franco	Ford	Mustang	57.685	53.061	52.080	53.021	52.080	73	45.466	73 N
DM Class Average : 44.550										
Charles Lindemann	Chevy	Corvette	42.430	42.495	42.088	41.896	41.896	9	37.706	39
William Lindemann	Chevy	Corvette	DNF	43.793	43.098	43.071	43.071	17	38.764	54
John Vallero	Acura	Integra	46.797	45.769	45.210	46.064	45.210	37	40.689	61
Jack Evans	VW	Karmann	47.631	46.539	45.612	47.176 1	45.612	40	41.051	63
Neil Harding	Beck	Spyder	65.030	48.525	47.339	46.962	46.962	50	42.266	71
EM Class Average : 40.713										
Robert Igarashi	VW	Sonic GTI	50.007 2	47.217 3	40.788	40.487	40.487	3	36.722	28
Harvey Okamura	Datsun	240Z	43.190	40.969	41.397	40.940	40.940	6	37.133	34
FM Class Average : 40.857										
Keith Greer	Red Devil	F440	46.870	59.065 5	40.857	41.102	40.857	4	36.935	31
STS Class Average : 43.651										
Earl Huang	Audi	TT	43.902	42.891	51.145 4	43.017	42.891	16	33.541	3
Kalani Kitamura	Subaru	Impreza	44.847	44.890	43.122	47.618	43.122	18	33.721	4
Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	46.166	44.330	43.290	43.474	43.290	20	33.853	5
Vernon Pires	Subaru	Impreza	44.369	46.096 1	43.604	45.536 1	43.604	24	34.098	7
Francis Lining	Subaru	Impreza	44.823	46.816 1	45.816 1	43.806	43.806	26	34.256	9
David Contreras	Subaru	Impreza	48.216	45.915	45.194	45.236	45.194	36	35.342	16

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX	
STR Class Average : 44.577											
Jason Tokunaga	Subaru	Impreza	47.222	49.585	3	44.577	44.600	44.577	30	36.063	25
SM Class Average : 45.471											
Jon Matsushige	Chevy	Camaro SS	43.191	42.709	41.913	42.128	41.913	10	35.291	15	
Rick Nakama	Nissan	240SX	45.907	45.137	45.440	46.119	45.137	35	38.005	43	
Martin Barrozo	Nissan	240SX	46.378	47.056	45.751	DNF	45.751	42	38.522	49	
Chris Ranes	Nissan	240SX	52.009	50.011	49.084	55.042	49.084	65	41.329	65 N	
FTD: 40.000			Overall Average : 58.158			Standard Deviation : 108.690					

N - Novice	PAXTime - PAX Adjusted Time
OA - Ranking based on Best time	PAX - Ranking based on PAXed Time
DNF - Did Not Finish Run	DNS - Did not Start
DNW -Did Not Work (No times will be recorded)	

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 and 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.

Results From Regional Race And Solo 1

Sports Car Club of America, Hawaii Region, July 1, 2001
 Hawaii Raceway Park
 Track Length 1.320 Miles

Open Wheel

Place	Driver	Car Make
1.	Dave Goto	Formula Ford
2.	Steve Timpson	Formula Ford
3.	Stephen Hirasuna	Formula Ford
4.	Wes Aihara	Formula Ford
5.	Bob Sato	Formula Ford 2000
6.	Bill Clutter	Formula Ford
7.	Alan Zane	Formula Ford

Closed Wheel

1.	Scott Schulte	Porsche 911
2.	Lee Guertler	Datsun 240z
3.	James S. Kellar	VW Rabbit

Solo 1, Single Fastest Lap of 4

1.	Ron Mishima	Porsche 911	1.01.622
2.	Chris Messer	Chevy Camaro	1.02.099
3.	Lindsey Akamu	Porsche Carrera	1.04.470

Best Lap

Solo II Heat Schedule for July 29th, 2001

- 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 Novices 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, CSP, ESP and FSP**
 - Heat 4 Drivers and Workers Meeting
 - Heat 4: D Street Prepared, STS, STR, SM**
- Fun Runs: \$1.00 per run, Passengers welcome with a Helmet.
- Clean-up, Put away cones**



2001 Schedule

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 20
- June 10
- July 29**
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

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2001 Racing Schedule

- February , 24th
-Solo 1/ Regional
 - March 4th
-Solo 1/ Regional
 - April 29th
- Solo 1/ Regional
 - 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.

SCCA Hawaii General Membership Meeting August 15th

This months meeting location will be determined and announced at the next Solo II event.

Watch our local web page for details or e-mail me at colin@satoauto.com

If you're planning to attend, please contact either Colin Sato (255-1255) or Ed Hollman (488-1782) for directions.



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