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Solo II Talk

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Editors Note:

As some of you know, our local SCCA family has recently suffered a tragic loss. Amy Lee's father was involved in a fatal auto accident last month.

The Lee's have asked me to thank everyone for their support over the last few weeks. It did not go unnoticed and it is greatly appreciated.

- CS

Robert Hechtman driving the wheels off (the ground) his VW Golf. Good for 2nd in FSP.



For the third consecutive month, the race designer's pencil was sharpened, and course times were faster than the previous month. The fastest time of the day was almost three seconds faster than June's. The course for our August runs should be even more fun!

So, kudos' to the track designers. We look forward to an even faster overall time in August! Also, many mahalo's to all the workers who helped out with Sunday's race. Your efforts are much appreciated - and needed! Please remember, if you're working on the track, you have got to stay focused on the race - please don't talk on your cell phone, and you should also be wearing closed toe shoes. This is for your own safety and for the safety of the drivers. The drivers depend upon the workers to help alert them to possible problems on the track.

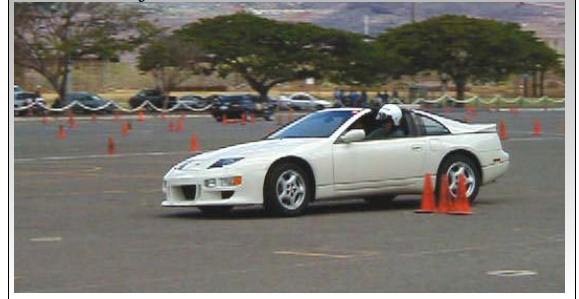
After a slight "mishap" in June, Gabe Hanohano returned to take 1st in H Stock (Ok so there only 2 cars, but a win is a



We had a total of 79 racers for July. Among these 79 were eight novice racers. Hawaii SCCA welcomes this month's novice racers: Jeremy McDermond (AS), John Palowaski (BSP), Rhen Yamamoto (DSP), Franklin Sue (DSP), Derrick Wong (GS), Michael Ng (GS), Leila Johnson (STS) and Hugh Wang (STS). Mahalo for joining us, and we look forward to seeing you in August.

July's fastest time of the day belongs to none other than Curtis Lee, with a 37.343. Right on his heels was his daughter, Jennifer, who clocked a 38.445. Rounding out the top five respectively were Panos Prevedouros (39.156), Dean Kawasaki (39.249) and John Pinero (39.480).

Anthony Nole must be glad his 300ZX has a t-top! He negotiated the cones and had a best run of 43.272 in A Stock.



Once again, Reid Morimoto took the top slot in PAX times. In case you are counting, this is the fourth consecutive month. Curtis Lee was second, with Earl Huang, Panos Prevedouros and Joseph Battista rounding out the top five.

The timing gremlins that have been a source of aggravation were not nearly as apparent for this month's race. Most of the runs were done without a problem.

Also, welcome back to Gabe Hanohano who returned after last month's introduction to a

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Solo II Talk

Novice Franklin Sue drove his 2001 Toyota Corolla around the coned in DSP. Proving once again, that you'll have fun no matter where you compete.



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curb. He fixed his car and was so eager to race and prove his dominance in HS, that he showed up to race on July 8! This month, he was able to wrest first place

Another Subie! Autocrossers brace yourself for an onslaught of Imprezas. This month there were 8, including novice Hugh Wang in STS.



in HS from the ever-capable Tim Wolf.

In individual class results, Colin Sato won AS with a 39.629; Collyer Young took second with a 39.752 and Gene Van Orman was third with a 40.681. Curtis Lee once again took BSP, with daughter Jennifer only 1.1 seconds behind. Garret Chew took third. Dean Kawasaki returned this month and took top honors in CSP with a 39.249. Jason Dovgan came in second with a 40.508 and Robert Casteel was third with a 44.065.

Cliff Goto drove his Dodge Neon R/T to a win in a hotly contested DSP with a 41.175. John Davis was a mere 0.43 seconds behind, and third place Gary Kitagawa was 0.24 seconds behind John. In another hotly contested class, ESP, Scott Presson won by 0.312 sec-

onds over Rano Keliikuli's 43.829. Rano just edged out Neal Arakaki by 0.014 seconds!

Keith Binning won FSP with a 40.653 over Robert Hechtmen and Jack Evans. Reid Morimoto drove his Acura Type R to a win in GS over Tyrone Montayre's Audi TT and Kelly Lee's A4. Jon Matsushige drove his way to a win in SM with Richard Crabbe and Ted Hightower rounding out the top three.

Panos Prevedourous put a "serious hurt" on everyone in BS with his 39.156. In fact, he "hurt" 76 drivers because his time was the 3rd fastest overall!



In the battle of the all-wheel drive class, STS, Earl Huang and his Audi TT clocked a 40.701, over Joseph Battista's 41.193. Francis Lining was third only 0.034 seconds behind.

Just a reminder, the next race is August 12! Mark your calendars!!

The Top Novice in July was Derrick Wong driving an all-new 2002 Acura RSX Type-S. His time of 45.273 earned him a 37th overall placing in PAX times. Good job and I hope you'll be back for more!



Waialae Subaru Driver Training

By Colin Sato

Nathaniel Hasegawa entering turn one and aiming for the apex of the corner.



Although this was not a regular SCCA event, we were asked to provide instruction and logistical support for this all-Subaru event. Chris Morley the General Manager at Waialae Subaru organized the event and rented the track for the day in order to provide his customers with an opportunity to flex their cars potential in a controlled environment.

As usual, the morning exercises consisted of a Slalom, Threshold Braking, Emergency Lane Change Maneuver and a Kidney Bean Skidpad. The participants were split into two groups with one going to the main straight to work on the slalom, lane change and braking. The other would explore the skidpad.

After a wonderful catered lunch courtesy of the DRIVERS Foundation (**Driving Responsibly In Vehicles for Enhanced Road Safety**). The participants were split into two groups for timed runs though the short course with a few modifications. In order to make sure the event fell within the SCCA Solo II rules, our Safety Steward needed to approve the track layout, and several chicanes were installed to slow the cars down and limit the top speeds. The track was too long to walk,

Chris Morley in the WRX wagon was the early pace-setter, ultimately finishing 4th.



so a lead-follow introduction lap allowed the participants to get a feel for the track layout. After two practice runs with instructors in the car, the first group went out to for their four times runs. Despite the urgings that this was not a competition, a trend started to emerge. Chris Morley emerged from the first round with a 53.098. As the next group started, it was obvious they had been watching the earlier runs since they were immediately quicker. Bob Nakamura ran consistent 51s and 53s finishing with a best of 50.912. This

Earl Huang in his new WRX equipped with Audi wheels and set the 3rd fastest time of the day.



would stand till the last run when Alan Vidao cracked a 50.789 on his last pass! (you can see all the times on page 6) Thus taking the Top Student honors.

If you want to join us for our regular monthly autocross the schedule is on page 7. On behalf of the SCCA, we hope that all the participants learned something about the capabilities of their machines and had some fun in the process.

The Instructors Play too!

After all the students had their fun on the track, the volunteers got their chance in the spotlight. All the course workers, cone chasers, and instructors took their cars out for a spin to show 'em, "how the pros do it." Out of approximately 35 workers, 5 of them broke into the 40's. The top times went to Arian Yee (WRX) with a 49.530, Panos Prevedouros (Mazda Miata) with a 49.366, Earl Huang (WRX), with a 48.942, Colin Sato (Honda S2000) with a 48.470, and Curtis Lee (Datsun 240Z) leading the pack with a 46.211.

The day was a success thanks to the wonderful generosity of all our volunteers. Mahalo to the SCCA, I-Club, DRIVERS Foundation, and Waialae Subaru for making this driving school possible...and lots of FUN!!!

- Jennifer Lee

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
AS Class Average : 43.186										
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	39.629	40.891	40.869	45.247 3	39.629	6	32.377	9
Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrer:	41.743	40.233	39.752	40.971	39.752	7	32.477	11
Eugene Van Orman	BMW	M3	42.677	40.681	41.090	40.922	40.681	14	33.236	15
Jayson Guzman	BMW	M3	44.737	44.189	42.576	45.674	42.576	32	34.785	30
Franceen Sato	Honda	S2000	46.476 1	42.810	43.578	42.579	42.579	33	34.787	31
Andy Barnes	BMW	Z3	44.354	43.240	44.941 1	42.856	42.856	37	35.013	32
David Chin	Audi	TT	63.580	50.067	48.476	48.361	48.361	74	39.511	74
Jeremy McDermond	Audi	S4	DNF	55.887	50.841	49.054	49.054	76	40.077	77 N
BS Class Average : 42.801										
Panos Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	40.264	39.888	39.156	39.611	39.156	3	31.834	4
George Atkins	BMW	Z3	42.702	42.457	41.981	41.287	41.287	22	33.566	17
Chuck Patterson	Mazda	Miata	50.296	48.624	48.203	47.961	47.961	72	38.992	71
CS Class Average : 43.911										
Shea Mica Fuentes	Mazda	Miata	45.323	45.408	44.420	43.911	43.911	48	35.304	35
DS Class Average : 45.434										
Ed Hollmann	Dodge	Neon	49.692	46.891	46.872	45.434	45.434	60	36.165	46
ES Class Average : 47.139										
Jessie Weinberger	Plymouth	Laser RS	47.542	46.085	46.395	46.615	46.085	62	36.223	48
Rossmann Benitez	Nissan	180SX	62.646 2	48.093	DNF	47.545 1	47.545	67	37.370	62
Terry Bowlden	Honda	Civic	DNF	50.520	49.233	47.787	47.787	70	37.561	64
GS Class Average : 44.565										
Reid Morimoto	Acura	Type R	40.487	40.448	40.001	39.868	39.868	8	31.456	1
Tyrone Montayre	Audi	TT	42.885	42.728	42.270	42.800	42.270	30	33.351	16
Kelly Lee	Audi	A4	43.789	42.766	43.011	42.854	42.766	34	33.742	21
Derrick Wong	Acura	RSX-S	49.544	46.874	45.273	45.627	45.273	59	35.720	37 N
Regino Patague	Audi	A4	DNF	46.907	47.454	50.374	46.907	65	37.010	59
Michael Ng	Honda	Prelude	54.750	51.375	50.783	50.307	50.307	78	39.692	75 N
HS Class Average : 44.420										
Gabe Hanohano	Ford	Focus ZX3	43.809	45.391	44.025	44.353	43.809	45	34.215	26
Tim Wolf	Honda	Accord	45.031	45.346	45.315	45.444	45.031	55	35.169	34
BSP Class Average : 200.365										
Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	38.161	37.666	37.343	37.584	37.343	1	31.630	2
Jennifer Lee	Datsun	240Z	40.457	38.724	38.445	43.589	38.445	2	32.563	12
Garrett Chew	Datsun	240Z	44.787	40.785	47.079	42.357 1	40.785	17	34.545	29
Jeff Young	Datsun	280ZX	45.726 1	43.987	43.300	44.074	43.300	40	36.675	54
John Palowaski	Nissan	300ZX	45.278	43.318	43.451	43.753	43.318	41	36.690	56 N
Anthony Nole	Nissan	300ZX	DNW	DNW	DNW	DNW	999.000	79	846.153	80
CSP Class Average : 43.056										
Dean Kawasaki	Toyota	Corolla	39.897	39.249	40.030	40.894	39.249	4	33.126	13
Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	40.508	40.886	41.262	40.578	40.508	12	34.189	25
Robert Casteel	Honda	Civic	44.365	44.195	44.065	44.842	44.065	50	37.191	61
Kevin Hirakawa	Honda	Civic	44.665	47.261	45.254	45.303	44.665	53	37.697	65
Nelson Chung	Audi	TT	47.146	45.493	46.516	44.708	44.708	54	37.734	66
William McGill	Mazda	Miata	DNF	45.881	45.144	45.221	45.144	58	38.102	68

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
DSP Class Average : 45.128										
Clifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	42.885	42.944	41.175	41.273	41.175	19	33.722	20
John Davis	Nissan	NX2000	DNF	42.225	41.999	41.607	41.607	25	34.076	24
Gary Kitagawa	Honda	Prelude SI	DNF	42.672	42.403	41.843	41.843	26	34.269	27
Andy Park	Honda	Prelude	48.660	1 43.446	42.870	45.667	1 42.870	38	35.111	33
Bill Taylor	Mazda	323 GTX	45.574	45.134	46.237	45.540	45.134	57	36.965	58
Rhen Yamamoto	Plymouth	Neon	48.797	49.115	47.438	48.198	47.438	66	38.852	69 N
Nick Nakashima	Nissan	240SX	55.781	2 48.987	1 60.924	1 47.665	47.665	68	39.038	72
Nathan Wong	Nissan	NX2000	52.761	DNF	48.780	48.501	48.501	75	39.722	76
Franklin Sue	Toyota	Corolla	66.819	54.014	50.918	49.922	49.922	77	40.886	79 N
ESP Class Average : 43.194										
John Pinero	Chevy	Camaro	39.964	39.782	39.480	39.643	39.480	5	32.453	10
Micah Watts	Ford	Contour	DNF	43.782	1 40.848	42.052	40.848	18	33.577	18
Richard Takaba	Chevy	Camaro	43.218	42.710	42.124	41.861	41.861	27	34.410	28
Scott Presson	Pontiac	Grand Prix	43.847	43.708	43.517	44.651	43.517	42	35.771	38
Rano Keliikuli	Toyota	Supra	DNF	DNF	43.897	43.829	43.829	46	36.027	41
Neal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	44.677	47.452	43.843	43.943	43.843	47	36.039	42
George Lindemann	Chevy	Camaro	47.752	45.788	45.330	44.321	44.321	51	36.432	51
Mike Hanson	Chevy	Camaro	DNF	45.061	45.673	45.173	45.061	56	37.040	60
Greg Matsui	Buick	Grand Natl	47.776	46.890	47.491	45.983	45.983	61	37.798	67
FSP Class Average : 44.763										
Keith Binning	Toyota	Corolla	DNF	41.779	40.653	DNF	40.653	13	33.132	14
Robert Hechtmen	VW	Golf	44.528	43.518	43.584	43.952	43.518	43	35.467	36
Jack Evans	Porsche	912	47.070	43.956	44.463	46.091	43.956	49	35.824	39
Elliot Loo	Volvo	740 Turbo	45.170	48.270	44.531	44.680	44.531	52	36.293	50
Troy Morioka	Honda	Accord	DNF	47.709	48.004	47.843	47.709	69	38.883	70
Clinton Kauhini	Toyota	Corolla	53.078	50.294	54.457	1 48.211	48.211	73	39.292	73
BP Class Average : 42.340										
Ken Matsumoto	Nissan	300ZX TT	42.340	42.926	42.405	42.527	42.340	31	36.920	57
CP Class Average : 42.158										
Elliot Woo	Ford	Mustang	42.739	42.585	44.947	42.158	42.158	29	36.087	45
EP Class Average : 46.543										
Marcus Suzuki	Nissan	240SX	48.682	47.976	47.414	46.543	46.543	63	40.632	78
DM Class Average : 40.727										
Charles Lindemann	Chevy	Corvette	41.477	41.198	40.727	40.811	40.727	16	36.654	53
EM Class Average : 39.888										
Robert Igarashi	VW	Sonic GTI	39.995	39.888	41.381	DNS	39.888	9	36.178	47
FM Class Average : 39.917										
Keith Greer	Red Devil	F440	44.234	1 DNF	39.917	40.260	39.917	11	36.085	44

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
STS Class Average : 43.003										
Earl Huang	Audi	TT	41.450	41.108	40.917	40.701	40.701	15	31.828	3
Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	41.193	41.555	41.788	41.924	41.193	20	32.213	5
Francis Lining	Subaru	Impreza	42.191	41.227	41.609	41.755	41.227	21	32.240	6
Vernon Pires	Subaru	Impreza	42.138	41.627	41.546	41.363	41.363	23	32.346	7
Kalani Kitamura	Subaru	Impreza	42.010	41.599	41.373	41.449	41.373	24	32.354	8
Walton Ching	Subaru	Impreza RS	DNF	43.559	44.182	43.585	43.559	44	34.063	23
Leila Johnson	Subaru	Impreza	49.275	49.687	52.536	46.688	46.688	64	36.510	52 N
Hugh Wang	Subaru	Impreza	DNF	48.526	47.924	50.774	47.924	71	37.477	63 N

STR Class Average : 41.953										
Jason Tokunaga	Subaru	Impreza	52.527	1 44.341	1 42.863	41.953	41.953	28	33.940	22

SM Class Average : 42.429										
Jon Matsushige	Chevy	Camaro SS	41.063	40.061	39.893	40.039	39.893	10	33.590	19
Richard Crabbe	Nissan	240SX	45.334	54.078	1 42.774	42.791	42.774	35	36.016	40
Ted Hightower	Honda	Civic	43.586	43.401	42.818	43.586	42.818	36	36.053	43
Rick Nakama	Nissan	240SX	43.102	44.107	43.155	43.679	43.102	39	36.292	49
Martin Barrozo	Nissan	240SX	43.559	44.386	45.492	45.646	1 43.559	44	36.677	55

FTD: 37.343 Overall Average : 55.432 Standard Deviation : 106.200

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 for the Subaru WRX Driver Training School, August 5th 2001

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
STS Class Average : 54.298										
Alan Viado	SUBARU	WRX	51.456	52.315	DNF	50.789	50.789	1	39.717	1
Bob Nakamura	SUBARU	WRX	53.454	1 51.376	53.019	1 50.912	50.912	2	39.813	2
Michael Friedman	SUBARU	WRX	53.709	51.967	54.822	1 53.311	51.967	3	40.638	3
Chris Morley	SUBARU	WRX	56.369	54.473	53.098	58.718	53.098	4	41.523	4
Richard Miao	SUBARU	WRX	57.177	54.406	53.136	54.372	53.136	5	41.552	5
Lester Miyashiro	SUBARU	WRX	56.582	56.975	55.464	53.975	53.975	6	42.208	6
David Nishimura	SUBARU	WRX	59.148	59.722	1 56.125	54.712	54.712	7	42.785	7
Nathaniel Hasegawa	SUBARU	WRX	58.060	2 DNF	55.747	1 60.445	55.747	8	43.594	8
Rex Mitsunaga	SUBARU	WRX	62.362	60.333	60.423	56.908	56.908	9	44.502	9
Jeff Chan	SUBARU	WRX	75.609	69.422	62.822	61.739	61.739	10	48.280	10

FTD: 50.789 Overall Average : 54.298 Standard Deviation : 3.107

Solo II Heat Schedule for August 12th, 2001

- 8:00 Track Set-up
- 8:30 Race / Work Registration, Tech Inspection, Track Walk
- 10:00 Track closed, Heat 1 Drivers and Workers Meeting
- 10:30 Start Heat 1
 - Heat 1: D Street Prepared, STS, STR, SM**
 - Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting
 - Heat 2: A Prepared, BP, CP, DP, EP, Novices & 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, CSP, ESP and FSP**
- 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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