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Editors Note:

Like many of you, I awakened to see the World Trade Center towers first smoking and reeling from the two airplane strikes, then crumble in a fashion that recalled those controlled demolitions we've seen on the Discovery Channel. Only this was not some kind of TV documentary or "reality" TV show. This was real, and many lives were lost. When the final tally is complete, we will surely find more innocent people died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania than were lost at Pearl Harbor. This is staggering,

I recall reading that after the attack on Pearl Harbor almost 60 years ago, Admiral Yamamoto, the mastermind behind the raid, was being congratulated by one of his lieutenants for the stunning victory and he said, **"I fear we have awakened a sleeping giant and have instilled in him a terrible resolve"**. The terrorists who committed Tuesday's act of war should be thinking the same thing.— C.S.

We are sorry for the delay in publishing the newsletter but we have been waiting for some news to print. With no Solo II or Regional Race results to include there is not much left to fill up the pages. I am sure you all know that with the increased security due to the September 11th tragedy we have again lost our Solo II site. In the past, military installations have been the most reliable source of open land to be used for Solo II events but that is over for the foreseeable future. As of the date I am writing this there is still no replacement, although several alternatives are being worked on, including Aloha Stadium which was used back in the 1980s. As soon as we have a location and a date for our next Solo II we will get the word out. If anyone knows of a site that could possibly be used for Solo II please let Curtis Lee, Colin Sato or me know about it. Speaking of Solo II, for those of you who are SCCA members and get Sports Car, be sure to check out the Fastrack appendix in the October issue. There is a new listing for the stock classes for next year and there are a lot of changes.

We did have the wheel to wheel race, Solo I and track lapping sessions back in early September, although I was not there to see it. A number of the usual workers were not present so special thanks to all the workers who did turn out to help make it a successful event. I hope the workers who were out for the first time enjoyed it enough to come back. Both drivers and workers are needed before an event can be held. Again, take a look at the October issue of Sports Car. It has an article on the joys of being a race worker and what kinds of skills are needed. One of the advantages of getting licensed as a SCCA race worker is the opportunity to work at other tracks. Gerald Luke, Robert Blickly and I were on the mainland in early

September where we worked the Molson Indy Grand Prix in Vancouver and the following weekend the American Le Mans Series race at Laguna Seca. We had the best seats in the house for a total of 11 professional races over a six-day period. The only problem occurred when Gerald and I were scheduled to return to Hawaii from San Francisco on September 11th. We both got out three days later.

We do have the last Regional Race of the year coming up at HRP on November 4th. It will also include Solo I and track lapping sessions. If you are interested in running the track lapping session call Art Sonen, 734-3226, for the details. If you want to get involved as a track worker be at the racing school building about 8 AM, otherwise just come out during the day to watch. There will also be a Driving School on Saturday November 17th for those interested in getting their SCCA Race Competition License. Anyone interested in this should contact Ed Kemper, 524-0330.

I Need your e-mail address!

This is important, we are attempting to notify all the participants on our mailing list as we get more information on our Solo II race schedule. Unfortunately it is not possible to put out a newsletter on really short notice. We currently mail over 350 newsletters, but I only have about 95 e-mail addresses!

Please help us keep in contact, put this newsletter down right now, go to the computer and send me a short note with your first and last name in the message title. My e-mail address is colin@satoauto.com. Thank you for your help with this, we'll all benefit from the improved communication. — C.S.