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## Solo II Talk

By Colin Sato

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### Editors Note:

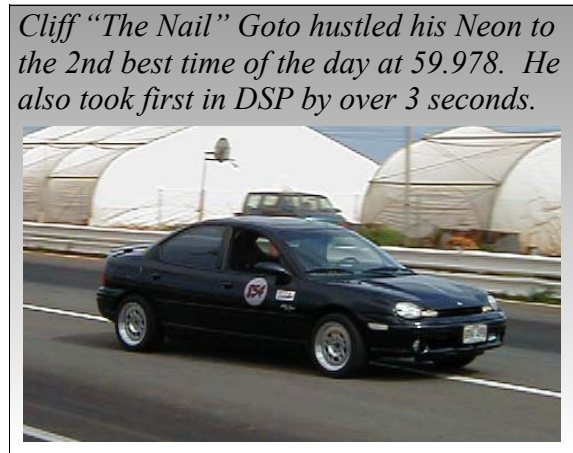
This issue marks the 25th newsletter I've produced for the SCCA. I feel it's time to turn over the reins to a new Huila editor.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over this responsibility. The requirements are pretty straight forward, you'll need a PC, a printer and a few hours a month. I will provide assistance wherever possible during the transition period. While I occasionally write articles, this is not necessarily a part of the job; most articles are contributed by different authors.

The primary responsibilities are the physical layout...in other words, making everything fits. If you feel you can help out the club by donating your time, please e-mail me at colin@satoauto.com and we can discuss it further. - C.S.

Our Autocross for February was actually run on March 3rd, and was again held on a Saturday. People must be getting accustomed to the Saturday dates since we had 63 participants competing for quick times. The weather was calm and a cool breeze was blowing and although it looked like it might rain during the third heat, it actually stayed dry all day.

The track layout could be best described as "one 65 second slalom." Let's face it, the layout of the existing road course limits the kinds of autocross tracks we can design, and our course designers have done a great job with what we have to work with. The track was run clockwise and began on the main straight. A set of offset gates prevented cars from gathering too much speed at the start, and the timing lights were set back a bit. A tight 6 cone directional



*Garrett Chew drove his new Subaru WRX because his 240Z is being painted. Note the car number...*



slalom. From there you entered the "Rubber Room," but before you could gather too much speed, you had to brake for an S-turn that led to another set of offset gates. You then negotiated the "Off Camber Turn" that was made tighter with the addition of a few cones. The run up to the "Guard Shack Chicane" was filled with more offset gates and once past the Chicane, you had more offset gates and a short slalom. Whew, your car had to handle the transitional changes very well if you were to succeed on this track.

We welcomed 7 novice drivers on Saturday and we'd like to thank them and hope you had a great time. Cory Shiraishi, Irwin Young, Alex Sue, Rob Reid, Benjamin Duong, Bradley Boucher, and Avery Tsui all tried autocrossing for the first time.

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## New Season: Parity at Last

by Ed Kemper

Among the Formula Fords in the open wheel SCCA racing, parity or equality in the cars has been a given, and as a result, the racing has nearly always been close. Finally, in the Hawaii's regional racing, parity in the closed wheel classes has arrived at least among certain groups of cars. In the season opener at Hawaii Raceway Park on January 27th, the sports cars and sedans had three levels of nearly equal performers.

During practice and qualifying there

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*Scott Schulte, pulling away from Wes Aihara and Ron Mishima in the early stages of the race.*



## Solo II Talk

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Congratulations, the first time is always the hardest.

Within the individual classes, there were many battles and in several classes, the top two in class were right next to each other in the final standings. In AS this was especially true with Collyer Young's Porsche 911 laying down a best time of 60.784, edging out Colin Sato's 60.940 in the S2000 for first in class and 7th overall. BS winner Panos Prevedourous placed first in class and 6th overall in his Miata with a 60.775. In DS, novice Benjamin Duong out paced our Regional Executive Ed Hollmann for a class win in his first time out (see left). Gerald Luke stopped by and easily handled the competition in ES, winning the class with a 67.681. Reid Morimoto ran his Integra Type-R alone in GS, but his best time of 61.823 was good enough for 10th overall and

*Rob Reid had a tough introduction to autocrossing with two DNFs right at the start, he would recover to post times in his last two runs.*



2nd in PAX! HS had Tim Wolf driving a Ford F150 pickup against novice Bradley Boucher in a Dodge Intrepid. This unlikely battle ended up only .353 seconds apart with Tim's experience overcoming a slight "problem" with "weight transfer" to take the win in class.

ASP pitted Bill Klauberg in an Audi S4 against Richard Shimabukuro's RX-7. Despite a steady improvement each time out, Bill was unable to catch Richard and settled for second in class. BSP was again dominated by Curtis Lee. His 240Z laid down a crushing 56.396 on his last run to easily take FTD by over 3.5 seconds. This also placed him first in PAX. In CSP, Ken Van Orman piloted his M3 to first in class over Jason Dovgan's Miata. The two cars also finished 3rd and 4th overall with a 60.377 for Ken, and Jason right behind at 60.714. Over in DSP, Cliff Goto had everyone covered with his Neon. His time of 59.978 was so quick, he not only had Andy Park's Prelude beaten by over 3 seconds, he was the only driver besides Curtis Lee to break the 60 second barrier. ESP was won by Russell Yamaguchi in his Subaru WRX, he claimed 11th overall with a 62.568. Elliot Loo in the "Quick Brick" racing Volvo had a

*Cory Shiraishi attended his first autocross and used a methodical approach to improve on his times with each run.*



pretty close battle with Jack Evans in his Porsche 912. Elliot finally prevailed with a best of 66.915 and Jack was right behind with a 67.540. Elliot's brother Lincoln was languishing back in the 70's...what happened? Elliot Woo and Robert Igarashi were each running alone in CP and EM respectively. Elliot's Mustang ran a best of 68.183 and Robert's Sonic Motorsports GTI was good for a 63.607.

STS is supposed to stand for Street Touring, but here in Hawaii, it stands for Subaru Touring! Jason Tokunaga headed an all Subaru class with a best of 62.671. Second in class was Vernon Pires with a 63.182, followed by Dominic Acia at 63.605. The top three in class were separated by less than a second! To say the Van Ormans (Gene and Ken) were "hooked up" is an understatement! Ken's strong third overall placing in CSP was backed up by his father Gene's win in SM. Gene recorded a stellar time of 60.758, good for 5th fastest overall and almost 2 seconds clear of Rick Nakama's 240 SX.

Overall, the day was quite a success, the track produced some very close racing and it was great to see the new drivers getting their feet wet in our sport of autocrossing.

*Our top novice for the day was Benjamin Duong in a Mitsubishi Eclipse. His 67.689 was good for 37th overall and 29th in PAX. Congratulations!*



## Reversal Of Fortunes: Hawaii's November Regional

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*Steve Timpson and Dave Goto put on quite a show, here Timpson runs wide allowing Goto to take a look on the inside.*



were the usual spins, spills and mishaps. Lee Guertler, the winner of the last year's final race, in his Datsun 240Z had a horrible start. In his fourth lap of practice, the gearshift lever broke and that was the end of his day. Next, Alan Zane in his Formula Ford went off into the bushes during practice. But fortunately, there was no harm to either the car or the driver. In another red flag incident, Ed Kemper in his Mustang did a nice, as they say at the airport, ground loop at the chicane closing the track for a short time. Qualifying saw the first three Formula Fords of Steve Timpson, Wes Aihara, and Dave Goto within a second of each other. About a second or so back were Stephen Hirasuna, Alan Zane, and newcomer Anders Nervell, who just completed last year's SCCA driver's school.

As has been the case, the first turn of lap one of the Formula race can be critical with such a tight field. As a result of the first turn jam up, Goto was able to get by both Timpson and Aihara, but within a lap or two was repossessed by Timpson also at turn one. Goto was initially able to draw up to Timpson a couple of times just before the reverse camber turn. But as the laps ran

*Aihara's CRX held down second place for about half the race, keeping Mishima at bay before settling for third due to a sour engine.*



down, Goto faded with a broken engine mount and ultimately finishing 24 seconds back. Aihara, who raced in his Formula Ford and in the sedan race in his CRX, alternated between falling back and catching up, and ultimately finished right behind Goto. Meanwhile Zane and Hirasuna fought it out for 4th and 5th place. Our newcomer, Anders Nervell, was forced out in the fourth lap with a broken carburetor sync-link.

With Guertler out early, perennial closed wheel winner Scott Schulte had no real challenger to test his new, super tall, adjustable wing on his Porsche. He easily qualified first. The next two cars qualified with less

*Timpson takes the inside line to pass Hirasuna on his way to another Formula Ford victory.*



than a second apart--- Ron Mishima in his Porsche and, double your pleasure, Wes Aihara in the Honda CRX. Likewise, the next two qualifiers were further back, but within less than a second from each other. Lindsay Akamu in his Porsche headed Ed Kemper in his Mustang.

With the green flag, Scott charged ahead to victory. The race between Mishima and Aihara, and Akamu and Kemper both were more interesting. In the case of both, by the first corner the two slower qualifiers got by their racing partners. In the case of Aihara, he was able to make it stick for about half of the race when his engine began to act up, and he had to let Mishima go by. But Aihara stuck to Mishima the entire rest of the race to finish 4 seconds behind the second place car. Akamu did not wait long to retake his position against Kemper and was able to out brake him at the end of turn one. Shortly thereafter Kemper's clutch pedal broke and that was the end of his day.

With the addition of four new drivers to the Hawaii regional racing scene and some new parity in the closed wheel class, racing at the next event on March 31 should be even better.

Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
<b>AS</b> Class Average : 65.318										
Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	62.436	DNF	61.273	60.784	60.784	7	49.661	7
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	61.113	60.940	69.410	1 61.791 1	60.940	8	49.788	9
Franceen Sato	Honda	S2000	70.847	68.120	1 66.716 1	65.016	65.016	25	53.118	22
Ray R. Smith	BMW	M Roadster	70.059	69.978	67.742	67.104	67.104	32	54.824	31
Derrick Naruse	Porsche	Carrera	73.085	1 DNF	DNF	72.747 1	72.747	55	59.434	54
<b>BS</b> Class Average : 61.855										
Panos Prevedouros	Mazda	Miata	63.999	1 62.434	61.922	60.775	60.775	6	49.410	6
George Atkins	BMW	Z3	66.748	63.731	64.176	62.935	62.935	14	51.166	13
<b>DS</b> Class Average : 69.216										
Benjamin Duong	Mitsubishi	Eclipse	DNF	67.689	DNF	DNF	67.689	36	53.880	28 N
Ed Hollmann	Dodge	Neon	76.889	DNF	72.169	70.744	70.744	49	56.312	40
<b>ES</b> Class Average : 71.575										
Gerald Luke	Saturn	Stationwagon	72.341	68.136	68.706	67.681	67.681	35	53.197	23
Richard Morn Jr.	Ford	Escort ZX2	DNF	DNF	73.376	DNF	73.376	56	57.674	47
Derek Rhoades	Ford	ZX2	76.418	74.602	76.070	73.667	73.667	58	57.902	50
<b>GS</b> Class Average : 61.823										
Reid Morimoto	Acura	Type R	64.028	63.107	62.295	61.823	61.823	10	48.778	2
<b>HS</b> Class Average : 72.468										
Tim Wolf	Ford	F150	DNF	72.985	75.944	72.292	72.292	52	56.460	41
Bradley Boucher	Dodge	Intrepid RT	82.777	78.886	72.678	72.645 1	72.645	54	56.736	42 N
<b>ASP</b> Class Average : 67.622										
Andy Barnes	BMW	Z3	70.769	68.821	68.138	67.263	67.263	33	57.308	44
Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	DNF	DNF	70.089	67.981	67.981	39	57.920	51
<b>BSP</b> Class Average : 64.278										
Curtis Lee	Datsun	240Z	58.642	1 DNF	60.380	2 56.396	56.396	1	47.767	1
Amy Lee	Datsun	240Z	64.572	1 62.369	1 61.330	61.080	61.080	9	51.735	17
Garrett Chew	Subaru	WRX	71.174	DNF	69.298	68.261	68.261	42	57.817	49
Jeff Young	Datsun	240Z	71.377	2 DNF	DNF	DNF	71.377	50	60.456	57
<b>CSP</b> Class Average : 66.586										
Ken Van Orman	BMW	M3	DNF	61.192	61.408	60.377	60.377	3	50.958	11
Jason Dovgan	Mazda	Miata	73.057	5 63.631	1 62.976	1 60.714	60.714	4	51.243	14
Derrick Wong	Acura	RSX-S	68.894	66.832	65.427	66.345 1	65.427	26	55.220	34
William McGill	Mazda	Miata	74.048	72.013	1 68.543	67.971	67.971	38	57.368	46
Bill Klauberg	Audi	S4	76.364	72.360	70.851	70.629	70.629	48	59.611	55
Avery Tsui	Mazda	Miata	83.915	74.395	75.430	1 84.409 1	74.395	59	62.789	61 N

Name	Make	Model	Run1	C	Run2	C	Run3	C	Run4	C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
<b>DSP</b> Class Average : 68.220														
Clifford Goto	Dodge	Neon R/T	63.607	1	61.581		59.978		62.113	1	59.978	2	49.122	4
Andy Park	Honda	Prelude	67.807	2	DNF		DNF		63.315		63.315	17	51.855	18
Jason Menor	Volkswage	GTI 16V	70.641	2	64.377		66.317	1	63.412		63.412	18	51.934	19
Ricky Tom	Honda	Prelude	DNF		DNF	1	DNF		64.279		64.279	24	52.645	20
Gabe Hanohano	Ford	Focus ZX3	69.010		DNF		65.489		67.124	1	65.489	27	53.635	25
Gary Kitagawa	Honda	Prelude	69.582		67.452		66.843		66.030		66.030	29	54.079	29
Rhen Yamamoto	Plymouth	Neon	71.340		68.141		67.877		70.759	2	67.877	37	55.591	36
Cory Shiraishi	Acura	Integra	85.479		80.766		75.155		73.394		73.394	57	60.110	56 N
Irwin Young	Toyota	Camry	87.985		86.460		80.336		76.640		76.640	61	62.768	60 N
Alex Sue	Acura	Integra	105.929		90.121		86.711		81.784		81.784	62	66.981	62 N
<b>ESP</b> Class Average : 65.875														
Russell Yamaguchi	Subaru	WRX	65.450		64.726		62.568		63.297		62.568	11	51.431	16
Scott Presson	Pontiac	Grand Prix	69.712		69.788		66.771		DNF		66.771	30	54.886	32
Mike Hanson	Chevy	Camaro	69.922	1	80.876	1	68.287		70.215		68.287	43	56.132	38
<b>FSP</b> Class Average : 69.567														
Elliot Loo	Volvo	740 Turbo	DNF		69.077		66.915		68.245	1	66.915	31	54.536	30
Jack Evans	Porsche	912	DNF		70.401	1	67.540		68.602	1	67.540	34	55.045	33
Troy Morioka	Honda	Accord	72.223		69.321		67.993		68.023		67.993	40	55.414	35
Robert Hechtmen	VW	Golf	73.159		70.219		69.432		68.616		68.616	44	55.922	37
Franklin Sue	Honda	Civic	83.562	1	70.815	1	70.284		70.960	1	70.284	46	57.281	43
Lincoln Loo	Volvo	740 Turbo	DNF		70.349		70.996		70.641	1	70.349	47	57.334	45
Jim D. Warren, II	Chevy	Cavalier	DNF		78.504		75.684		75.271	1	75.271	60	61.346	59
<b>CP</b> Class Average : 68.183														
Elliot Woo	Ford	Mustang	71.861	1	71.659	1	68.885		68.183		68.183	41	58.365	52
<b>EP</b> Class Average : 999.000														
Stephen Oliberos	Datsun	510	DNW		DNW		DNW		DNW		999.000	63	872.127	63
<b>EM</b> Class Average : 63.607														
Robert Igarashi	VW	Sonic GTI	DNF		63.607	2	65.161	1	DNF		63.607	20	57.692	48
<b>STS</b> Class Average : 65.210														
Jason Tokunaga	Subaru	Impreza	62.671		66.872	1	70.035	4	65.120	1	62.671	13	49.009	3
Vernon Pires	Subaru	Impreza	69.020	1	67.366	1	65.724		63.182		63.182	15	49.408	5
Dominic Acia	Subaru	Impreza	67.044		63.605		64.562		71.919	4	63.605	19	49.739	8
Joseph Battista	Subaru	Impreza	DNF		64.222		65.849		64.758		64.222	23	50.222	10
Michael Friedman	Subaru	WRX	69.070		65.639		73.776	2	71.758	2	65.639	28	51.330	15
Chad Beaulieu	Subaru	Impreza	71.943		DNF		DNF		DNF		71.943	51	56.259	39
<b>SM</b> Class Average : 65.157														
Eugene Van Orman	BMW	M3	62.412		62.910	1	61.535		60.758		60.758	5	51.158	12
Rick Nakama	Nissan	240SX	66.988		64.467		65.507	1	62.614		62.614	12	52.721	21
Neal Arakaki	Chevy	Camaro Z2	64.708		63.187		65.376	2	63.427		63.187	16	53.203	24
Jon Matsushige	Chevy	Camaro SS	65.133		63.762		63.821		64.012		63.762	21	53.688	26
Abraham Pinenaka	Nissan	240SX	69.453	1	DNF		65.711		63.826		63.826	22	53.741	27
Chris Chase	Honda	Prelude	DNF		73.215		DNF		69.331		69.331	45	58.377	53
Rob Reid	Nissan	Sentra	DNF		DNF		72.622		74.196		72.622	53	61.148	58 N

FTD: 56.396

Overall Average : 81.699

Standard Deviation : 116.596

## SCCA Solo II Hawaii Region Runoff Qualifiers

Class	Name	# of Events	Points	Class	Name	# of Events	Points
<b>AS</b>	Colin Sato	8	79	<b>DSP</b>	Clifford Goto	7	70
	Collyer Young	6	55		Gary Kitagawa	8	59
	Franceen Sato	7	50		Andy Park	7	49
	Jayson Guzman	7	49		Ricky Tom	6	44
	Eugene Van Orman	5	39		Jason Menor	5	30
<b>BS</b>	George Atkins	8	74	<b>FSP</b>	Robert Hechtmen	7	56
	Panos Prevedouros	7	69		Keith Binning	5	50
<b>DS</b>	Ed Hollmann	6	51		Troy Morioka	6	46
<b>GS</b>	Reid Morimoto	8	80		Elliot Loo	5	36
<b>HS</b>	Tim Wolf	5	48		Jack Evans	5	35
<b>ASP</b>	Richard Shimabukuro	5	49	<b>CP</b>	Elliot Woo	7	70
<b>BSP</b>	Curtis Lee	8	80	<b>DM</b>	Charles Lindemann	7	66
	Garrett Chew	8	65		William Lindemann	6	55
	Jennifer Lee	6	51	<b>EM</b>	Robert Igarashi	7	69
	Jeff Young	8	49	<b>STS</b>	Joseph Battista	7	59
	Amy Lee	6	48		Vernon Pires	6	51
<b>CSP</b>	Jason Dovgan	8	75		Earl Huang	5	46
	Dean Kawasaki	5	49		Jason Tokunaga	6	46
	Robert Casteel	6	46		Kalani Kitamura	5	37
	William McGill	6	34	<b>SM</b>	Jon Matsushige	8	70
<b>ESP</b>	Scott Presson	6	49		Rick Nakama	6	49
	Neal Arakaki	5	37		Martin Barrozo	6	44
	Mike Hanson	5	34				

## Results For the SCCA Regional

Hawaii Region - Sunday, January 27, 2002  
Hawaii Raceway Park - Track Length 1.320 Miles

Open Wheel		
Place	Driver	Car Make
1	Steve Timpson	Formula Ford
2	Dave Goto	Formula Ford
3	Wes Aihara	Formula Ford
4	Alan Zane	Formula Ford
5	Stephen Hirasuna	Formula Ford

Closed Wheel		
Place	Driver	Car Make
1	Scott Schulte	Porsche 911
2	Ron Mishima	Porsche 911
3	Wes Aihara	Honda CRX
4	Lindsey Akamu	Porsche 911
5	Ed Kemper	Ford Mustang

## Solo II Heat Schedule for March 30th, 2002

- 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,**
- Heat 2 Drivers and Workers Meeting
  - Heat 2: SM, A Prepared, BP, CP, DP, EP, & Novices**
- 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: ModifiedA Street Prepared, BSP, CSP, ESP and FSP**
- Fun Runs: \$1.00 per run, Passengers welcome with a Helmet.
- Clean-up, Put away Cones**



## 2002 Schedule

- March 2
- March 30**
- April 6
- May 25
- June 29
- July 6
- September 7
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23
- December 28

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## 2002 Racing Schedule

- January 27th
- Solo 1/ Regional
- March 31st**
- Solo 1/ Regional
- May 5th
- Solo 1/ Regional
- July 14th
- Solo 1/ Regional
- September 8th
- Solo 1/ Regional
- November 3rd
- 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 March 13th

This months meeting location will nce again be at Ed Kempers office at 7:00.

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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## The 2003 6-Speed 3.2 CL Type-S



Coming Soon!

In a couple of months, Acura will release the 2003 3.2 CL with an all new **6-speed manual transmission**. This new gearbox features **Short throws**, and **Close Ratios** allow you to make the most of the 260 horsepower VTEC V-6. To help put the power down, it will come standard with a **Limited Slip Differential** and for improved comfort and reduced noise, a new **Dual Mass Flywheel**. Please call me, Colin Sato, at Pflueger Acura 255-1255 for special offers for SCCA members and to receive additional information as it becomes available.