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## From the RE's Desk

Some exciting new things are coming for our Region this summer. We are planning our first ever spectator race. If our program is to grow, we can't keep it a secret. Opening the doors to the public is exciting, but, it also involves more preparation and organization. Please support our efforts in this as it is important to the future growth of racing in Hawaii. We can make this happen.

If we can get enough drivers, we will have a Solo I this summer. Everyone I talked to thinks this is a great idea, but, we do need a firm commitment from our drivers. It's up to you.

It's that time of year again, and I'll be off to the Long Beach Grand Prix as soon as we finish the runoffs. A special thanks to Paul Schwartz for organizing our crew of workers for this great race.

It looks like we'll have about ten people representing Hawaii. I'll have a full report on our adventure next month.

The March race was notable not only for the great racing, but also for the great job done by all our workers. We are really starting to work together as a team, and the results are exciting to see. Without the workers, the races couldn't happen. Thanks to every one of you. You are my heroes, and I know all the drivers share my feelings. See you at the races!

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Regional Executive  
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## Race Report

We had a most unusual experience at our March race. It rained! In the interest of safety, the race was delayed while the downpour passed. It was just as well as our ambulance was late and showed up just about the time that the sun came out. What timing! Though we started late and the field was small, the racing was fantastic.

The open wheel group was once again dominated by the Mirage cars. Tom Bryant and Gary Tamura were nose to tail for the entire race, and although the lead changed more than once, Tom was again victorious. The Spec. Ford race was equally as exciting, as the great driving of Tom Burke and Steve Hirasuna kept everyone watching. In the end, Tom was just barely able to hold off Steve's determined charge. What a great race! Steven Lee, in his last in the Merlyn, finished first in the

Formula Ford class. Steven says his new car will be ready to battle with the Mirages in June, and we'll be seeing a new driver in the Merlyn.

Scott Schulte's RS Porsche ran away from the field for an easy overall victory in the closed wheel group. Everyone was looking forward to the battle of the RX7's, but Iain Waugh's GT3 car proved to be too much for Bill Hill this time. Maybe next race, Bill. Eric Inouye emerged the victor in a hard fought battle with Dave Goto, Lee Jensen, and Mark Shigei in the Spec Racers. This was a very close race and anyone could have won.

The Sprint Race was a Spec Racer only event with Lee Jensen finishing first and Eric, who won the earlier race, in last position. Shows how closely the Spec Racers are matched. Next Race June 5.

