

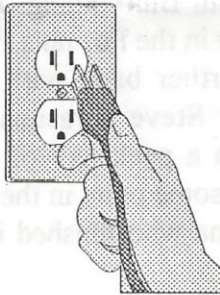
it is unlikely that SCCA National is going to bend the rules for anyone, including Hawaii. We need to be prepared. We need to re-establish our commitment. The math shows that if everyone was to participate on a regular basis we would be able to easily cover costs. We would have a successful racing program, perhaps be able to generate new interest, and stop this self-fulfilling prophecy of failure. If we can't provide a place for our members to race, there are other sanctioning bodies, and organizations who will (and, who in fact already have). It is up to you.

Secondly, our club needs your support. As I have stated before, my sole interest in the Hawaii Region SCCA is our wheel-to-wheel racing program. Frankly, the twenty or so hours I spend each and every month publishing this newsletter do not bring me great pleasure, fame, or fortune. I do it because I can. It is my

contribution to the club--above and beyond my regular participation in club events.

There are over 150 members in this club, but only several dozen who consistently contribute, rather than merely take. We all need to work together to make sure that Club Racing in the Hawaii Region survives. If you have any interest in this type of racing, you have an obligation to make an effort as a car owner, a driver, an official, a worker, a pit crew member--anything, just show consistent support. In a club we all need to take turns volunteering, is it your turn?

If these sound like hard words, they are intended to be. My attempt is to motivate. If not you, who? If not now, when? Will the date of death on our wheel-to-wheel tombstone read 1997?



ELECTRON MARATHON

For the second year, we will be helping Hawaiian Electric Co. stage their Electron Marathon. The Electron Marathon is an electric car race. Cars are built to specification by students of various high schools. This year HECO expects to have as many as sixteen entries including cars from two all-girls schools. The event will be held at Hawaii Raceway Park on Saturday, April 12, 1997, from 8:00a.m. until 12:00 noon.

We need volunteers to help with flagging and communications, race control, and timing and scoring. Spectators are welcome to watch. Please set this day aside for an exciting event.