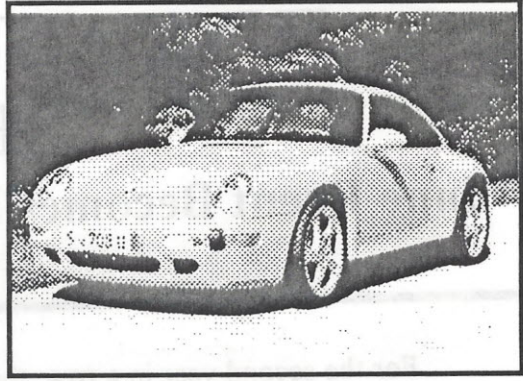


Solo II Talk

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Once again, the rain returned for another event. This time, the rain came sporadically throughout the day and most drivers were able to race a couple of runs in the dry. If you didn't already know, March was run-off month. First we held the regular event, then the run-offs. Because of the small turn out, heats 1 & 2 were combined and heats 3 & 4 were combined. Taking fastest time of the day in the regular event was Steven Lee in his Reynard with a time of 56.346. Since the track was a short course with the average of 63.972 seconds, the times between all competitors were very tight. The fastest time between the street cars were tenths and hundredths of a second apart. Dean Kawasaki came in second overall with a time of 59.125 in CSP, Gary Nakata with a time of 59.792 in Super Stock, and Curtis Lee with a time of 59.795 in ASP. The course was the type that you could speed down the straightaways, but then had to slam on the brakes to go through the boxed turns and off set gates—a well balanced track.

As for the run-off track, it was basically a reverse of the regular event course with some modifications to the start and finish. The average time for this course was 56.665 seconds. One main difference between the two races was that you only got three runs in the run-offs, compared to four in the regular race. Paul Schwartz took the fastest time of the day

in the run-offs with a time of 51.222 in BM driving Steven Lee's Reynard. The hotly contested CSP class had a close race with David Petruska coming in first with a time of 55.223 and Grant Stayberg coming in a close second with a time of 55.246. But without a doubt, all participants had fun despite the rain. As usual, there were fun-runs after the two events.

We finally got the new van we had been waiting for. Thanks to Gerald Luke for the donation, and Pete Fagan for getting it on base. Unfortunately, we will be losing one of our regular racers. David McDowell is moving to the mainland at the end of March. Good luck racing on the East Coast.

Thanks again to everyone of our racers for coming out and helping with the events. The SCCA also needs to find a CLASS II or III receiver hitch for our newly acquired van. The one we have is about to break. If any of you can donate one or find us a good deal, please contact Lindsey Akamu at 595-3595.

There is a date change for the June Solo II event. It will be held on June 15th (the 3rd Sunday) in conjunction with the Aloha State Games. Please mark your calendars. I'll see you all next month at the races!