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From the RE's Desk

Picture a challenging road course winding for over two miles through the rolling wooded countryside with all of the trees at the peak of their autumn colors, and you have Mid-Ohio Raceway, the site of the 1994 SCCA Championship Runoffs. The weather was perfect, as over 600 of the best amateur drivers in the nation gathered for a week of exciting race competition. This was the first time this event was held at Mid-Ohio, and every one of the 500+ SCCA volunteers who staffed the race put forth that little extra effort necessary to make sure this year was extra special. The smooth and efficient operation was apparent from the warm welcome at registration to the final awards banquet. Even the drivers seemed to catch the spirit, and although the competition was intense, the protest were few.

As the Steward of the Meet, I didn't get to see as many races as I wanted to, but those I did see were great. Of particular interest to me was the GT5 race with all those Mini Coopers and three drivers from our division. Although first place went to a Datsun,

Bill Gilcrease, a Mini driver from our division, managed to take second place with a daring pass in the last corner on the last lap. Way to go Bill! Hawaii didn't have any drivers competing this year, but there were several drivers from our division. Some who did well were Rob Walker with a 5th in HP and an 8th in GT5, Steve Kelso with a 2nd in SSGT, Michael Lewis with a 4th in GTI, and Bob Endicott with a 4th in SSA.

Pete Wimberly and I were the only Hawaii region members at the event. Some others from our division who were there and may sound familiar were Marge and Phil Binks, Jim McCashin, Jack Brabban, Nelda Snow, John Dillon, and Fred and Maryanne Slick.

This event was club racing at its best and it was an honor to be part of it. Maybe next year it will include some of our Hawaii drivers. Wouldn't it be great to have a national champion from Hawaii?

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The Halloween Race

Over twenty drivers and an even larger group of workers and officials spent a large part of their Halloween weekend at the races. Close and exciting competition was the rule of the day, with the best battles in each class occurring for the 2nd place position.

Our first race group of the day included all of the closed wheel cars. This race was dominated by Iain Waugh in his RX7. Tom Bryant managed to hang on to Iain for a few laps early in the race which put so much space between himself and the rest of the Spec Racers that he easily won the class. Eric Inouye, Howard Ruth, and Lee Jensen, all in Spec Racers, put on the best show of the day, swapping positions throughout the entire race. They were still running nose to tail at the end with Eric leading the pack to finish 2nd in the class. What a great race!

Gary Tamura, in a Mirage, led the open wheel race from start to finish, but the biggest story of the day was the battle for second. Mirage driver Chris Messer and Steven Lee in his new Formula Continental pulled away from the pack early, and raced hard until the very end. Chris has been spending lots of time practicing and it showed as he edged out Steven to finish 2nd overall. This is the first time that Steven has been able to run with and even beat some of the Mirages with his new car. He gives much of the credit to his "brand new" set of used tires. I bet he'll have a "brand new" set of new tires next time. Tom Ito was the victor in the Formula Ford class, but once again the best battle was for 2nd place with Steve Hirasuna finishing just ahead of Bill Clutter.

Judging from the smiles on everyone's faces at the end of day, this event was a big success. The next Regional Race is December 18. See you there!