

## Race Report

The February Regional Race and Driver's School at Hawaii Raceway Park provided a great weekend of exciting racing. All of the students in our Saturday school graduated, and three went on to compete in our race on Sunday. The most outstanding driver of the weekend had to be Joyce Hsieh with two solid victories in the Spec Racer class. Congratulations Joyce! The hard luck award has to go to Bob Sato who was unable to finish a race in spite of having two cars entered. Maybe next time? The next race is March 20. Be there!

### R A C E 1

Racing began with the open wheel cars, and featured Bob Sato's Formula Continental and three Formula Mirage cars driven by Mike Oakland, John DeSoto, and Tom Bryant. Bob once again tried to beat the Mirage cars, and it looked like he might do it as he challenged Tom Bryant for the lead. This, however, would not be his day as he was forced to retire early in the race, giving Tom an easy overall victory. Steven Lee once again won the Formula Ford class followed by Tom Burke who won the Spec Ford class.

### R A C E 2

Race two was made up entirely of Spec Racers. The group was led by Lee Jensen, a consistent winner, and Eric Inouye who was determined to beat him. Early racing was very close, but Eric was assured a victory when Lee's suspension broke about half way through the race. Chris Messer placed second, and Jeff Clay third in this exciting race.

### R A C E 3

Race three was a mixed group of sedans and Spec Racers. Scott Schulte's Porsche pulled out to an early lead and was never really challenged for the entire race. The real battle was between Joyce Hsieh and Dave Goto in the Spec Racers. Joyce, who has been polishing her skills on the mainland, drove an excellent race and edged out Dave for the class win. Lee Baldwin and Steve Hirasuna finished third and fourth in the Spec Racers. Iain Waugh, in his first ever SCCA race, finished first in the GT3 class.

### S P R I N T R A C E

The final race of the day turned in the battle of the Spec Racer champions. Eric Inouye and Joyce Hsieh pulled away from the rest of the field early, and continued to battle for first. Though the lead changed several times, Joyce managed to win by less than a car length. Chris Messer finished an easy third after Jeff Clay got himself in trouble at turn one. This was a great race, and a fitting way to end a great weekend of racing.

### D R I V E R ' S S C H O O L

Four new drivers were added to our program on February 5. Jeff Clay, Chris Messer, and Mark Shigei drove Spec Racers, an Iain Waugh drove an RX7. Although all of the drivers did well, the big story of the day was Iain. He showed up at the school with a great looking RX7 that was completed just in time for the event. Everyone expected Iain to have problems with a new unsorted car, but, with the exception of running out of gas, the RX7 ran flawlessly. Congratulations to Iain for your driving and car preparation.

## Welcome Novices

The SCCA Hawaii Region would like to welcome January novices **Jeffery Gragg, Everett West, Ronald Borne, Scott Schuster, Gary Johnson, Dennis Shewell, Ben Malinski, Jimmy Harwell, Len Nordmann, Stephen Shewell, Micheal Andrews, Jeffery Johnson, and Mark Clark** to SCCA Solo II racing. Congratulations to **Jeffery Gragg** for being the fastest novice and placing third with his Corvette in Super Stock.

