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Solo II Talk

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Editors Note:

Happy New Year!
Welcome to our first newsletter for 2002, a full 12 pages of local racing news and results. Since our Solo II schedule is not as consistent as it has been in years past, the publication dates and size of Huila will vary greatly from month to month. Look for February's newsletter to be much smaller as a result. We will try to keep this as current as we can, thank you for your patience.—CS

On December 30, the sun was shining as Solo II returned. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Curtis Lee, Hawaii Raceway Park (HRP) was secured and 95 racers came to test their cars and driving skills.

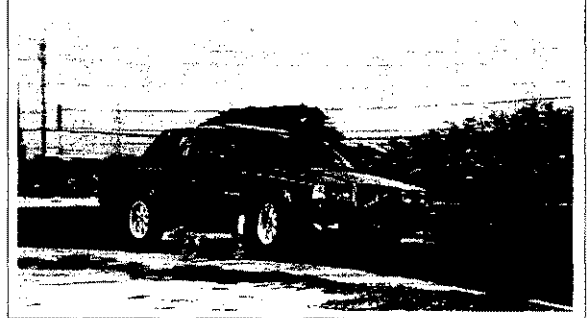
Welcome to our novice drivers: Bill Klauberg (AS), Al Naclerco (BS), Chad Goto (CSP), Tyler Kim (DM), Chris Lam (DSP), Conor Isaacs (EM), Clayton Tandal (EP), Eric Suzuki (ES), Richard Morn (ES), Derek Rhoades and Walter Plaza (FSP), Race Randle and Linne Holmberg (GS), Abraham Pine-naka (SM), Dominic Acia and Chad Beaulieu in STS. Derek had a very successful race finishing first in FSP, and Eric Suzuki earned second in ES! . We look forward to seeing you at all of the races.

Our last race was in August, and in the intervening 4 months our equipment sat idle in our "secret" storage facility. Unfortunately, it was not secret enough. When we pulled it out on Sunday morning,

Newcomer Jim Warren drove his Chevy Cavalier to a best time of 62.661 in a crowded FSP class.



In a close battle, Lincoln Boo out-duelled his brother Elliot (59.106 to 59.582) in Elliot's Volvo 740. This prompted Elliot to complain that "he beat me again ... in my own car!"



we found the generator, printer and loaner helmets had been stolen. The course designers had a difficult task making the permanent road course suitable for Autocross competition. The result was a very difficult course as evidenced by a total of 33 DNF's. The cars were tested, too, with 10 DNS's recorded.

Fastest time of the day belonged to Curtis Lee, who posted a 48.712. Daughter Jennifer was second with a 50.424. Rounding out the top five are Stephen Oliberos in third, Robert Igarashi in fourth and Colin Sato in fifth. The rest of the top ten, in order of finish, are Cliff Goto, Wes Aihara, Panos

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Reversal Of Fortunes: Hawaii's November Regional

By Ed Kemper

Traditionally the open wheel Formula Ford race has been the one to watch at SCCA's regional races at Hawaii Raceway Park. Usually, the races have been battles up front between David Goto and Steve Timpson and similar wars in the backfield between Stephen Hirasuna, Tom Ito, Wes Aihara (formerly of closed wheel fame) and relative newcomer, Alan Zane. On the other hand, the closed wheel race has had some initial action between Porsche driver Scott Schulte and Datsun 240Z pilot Lee Guertler, but inevitably Scott would pull away from Guert-

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Lee Guertler chasing Scott Schulte in the opening laps of the race. He would get by, get re-passed, and then and then have to pass again for the win.

