

CHAMPIONSHIP RUN OFF

The rain delayed championship event was finally held on December 19th at Aloha Stadium. There was some doubt about whether the event would even be held when R.E. Peter Chung was trapped in an elevator for an hour on the morning of the event. As a result the equipment did not arrive until 10am. In any case, the track was set up quickly, and the event started at about 10:30.

The Championship series was run at the same time as the Solo II series. Championship drivers were given 6 timed runs. The first four counted for the regular Solo II event, and the best two times of the six counted for the Championship event.

As usual, D prepared class had the greatest number of cars (14). Peter Chung (Corolla) turned the fastest time of the day and finished first in the class. Andy Chan (Corolla) finished second, but first in the Championship. Stephen Ma (Corolla) and Doug Whittingham (BMW) rounded out the other top finishers.

A stock class had some very interesting results. This class has been hotly contested all year. Pat Torres, Jim Moo, Ed Higa and Allen Hanner all qualified for the Championship. In the regular Solo II portion of the event Ed Higa, Pat Torres and Jim Moo finished first, second and third (all Porsches); but in the Championship Jim Moo and Pat Torres swapped position with Ed Higa still first.

In D stock the Triumphs of Tom Coughlin, Mark Ratcliffe and John Shrum finished 1,2,3 in both portions of the event. In A prepared "Wild Man" John Mayer (240Z) was first with the second fastest time of the day. He bested Mark Kaneshiro (240Z) and Ed Kemper (Pantera).

In G stock our Driver of the Year Robert Iriye (Accord) was first over Robert Remington (Scirocco) and Earl Fujimoto (Rabbit) and likewise finished first in the Championship.

E modified class had four entries (RXZs) with Vincent Hadap winning over Marvin Yee and Mick Renfro. Paul De Mare was unopposed in his bid for the Em Championship Trophy.

Manit Vravat drove his Fiat X1/9 to first in E stock beating out Jerry Disney (Spitfire) and Rick DuVoisin (Sunbeam). Jerry took the Championship beating out Rick.

Curtis Lee drove his 240Z to first in C stock and finished fourth overall. Curtis also was Championship winner in his class.

The event wound up at about 4pm with the awarding of the Championship Trophies, and the announcement of upcoming events. Everybody likes the Stadium set-up but it costs \$500 a month to rent. SCCA will continue to have events there as long as we can afford it.

ED KEMPER

NEW YEAR SOLO II

The January 9th event started slowly. The SCCA had sponsored both a driver's school and a regular Solo II at the stadium. About 20 drivers were involved in the driver's school. Ed Bell conducted an extensive ground school and Mike Fujioka and Robert Iriye ran the drivers through two special courses. The driver's school ended at about 1pm. Since there were 44 cars to run through a long course, the officials took up to 13 cars at a time to run through the course.

The event also saw a lot of shifting of drivers to different classes for the 1983 season. One class, D prepared, was officially divided into 2 classes. The cars in Dp without racing tires were placed in C street prepared (Csp).

C stock champion Curtis Lee has shifted to A prepared by running with racing tires. John Mayers and Greg Lee are now in Em from Ap. Ed Kemper went from Ap to Fs. Andy Chan moved from Dp to Hs.

The track was the longest in local autocross history. No one could break 60 seconds.

Keith Yamanaka (now in VW Golf) took first in Dp. Cory Asato (Toyota) worked his way between Keith and Dexter Lum (Golf) to take second. John Rogers (510) was fourth with cones flying in all directions.

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