

A Letter From John Shrum

Editor's Note: Last week I received the following letter from John Shrum, A long-time SCCA Hawaii Region Member. He and his wife Joyce recently moved to Nevada. Although it was addressed to the Board of Directors, I'm certain he intended it as an open letter to all of his Hawaii Region friends. John still maintains Hawaii as his region of record. I would like to advise everyone, including Joyce Shrum, that the "correct answers" to the Driver's School Entrance Exam appear elsewhere in this newsletter. John Shrum's address is: 2680 Wildhorse Lane, Minden Nevada 89423.

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Scott, Jessie, Art, Paul, M.G., Ed, Ed, and Lindsey,

I got home from work Thursday evening last week and found "Huila" in the stack of mail awaiting me. So glad to see that newsletter, and to find that all is still well with you in Hawaii region.

Joyce had my supper ready and as we sat down to eat I continued reading. Art Sonen's write up on the beginnings of the wheel to wheel racing program brought back many fine memories - thanks Art! I was in that early effort, but it seems to me like we started year before last, not five years ago. Are you sure?

I have plans to continue auto-crossing, and maybe do some wheel to wheel racing here in Nevada. Because my cars are with me, but I have been real busy with a new job and getting settled in after a long move. There is a local SCCA group in the Carson City area, but they are more involved in the off-road four wheel drive stuff. There was a solo II event in my area in June, and again in August up near Donner Pass, but I was out of town both times.

The yellow TR-6 (solo II car) I had been driving regularly to work, but it is now laid up awaiting a long overdue clutch repair. The white TR-6 (Race car) came over in a container with my son's jeep when he moved here in July, but I've had little opportunity to do more than start it up once in a while. I'm driving to and from work now in the TR-8, a car which was rarely seen on the road in Hawaii, but it too is down temporarily while I sort out a fuel pump power problem. I'm now reduced to driving Joyce's Buick.

Back to "Huila" - Owen Fariior's driver school entrance examination was interesting and challenging. Joyce read and tried to answer each of the questions, then asked me if she was correct. Who am I to know? This was written by BMW owners! At the end of the question list she looked for the answer page. When I referred her to the fine print note "...correct answers next month." - that generated a few choice words not usually heard from my better half.

Hope this note finds you all well and racing often as before. I do miss the camaraderie and good times of our Hawaii club racing, and will get back into that after the winter season has passed. Joyce and I both enjoyed the new format of the newsletter. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,
John Shrum