

COMPETITION AT ALOHA STADIUM SOLO II HEATS UP

A total of 69 cars competed in the third event of the VW of America (Hawaii) 1983/1984 Solo II Championship Series. Peter Chung laid out a course with tempting straights leading one into cones in a manner that had to be driven to be believed--it was really a fun track to run...and spin off of. The competition within the classes and for O/A honors was intense. The June event again saw the yellow rabbit take FTD with Keith Yamanaka at the wheel. Keith was hotly pursued by Jaije Wong just 0.52 sec behind. Wanting to make the best of a good thing, Vravit Mani drove the same rabbit, sans race tires, to a 1st in CSP and 6th O/A. Also making VW of America happy was Nathan Shintani in his Scirocco, driving to a 1st in D/M and 3rd overall. Nathan was followed by Gerard Simoes who drove my 911 Turbo to a 1st in E/M and 4th overall.

In other action, Ray Suhl saw his domination of F/S be threatened by newcomer Dave Sobckak in his new Z28 just 0.33 sec behind the Mustang--could be an interesting battle. Gerald Atkins did his usual smooth job of driving, run his Spitfire in the 48 sec/lap range, but had no competition in his class.

The A/S class saw its usual gaggle of 911 Porsches, with Bob Lyons taking the class, but hotly pursued by Jim Moo and Charles Wise, with but 0.72 sec/2 laps separating the three. Charley just purchased the 911S the week before and this was his first autocross. You can bet he'll be out in July. Another person with a newly purchased Porsche who had a good day was Marshall Wolfe, who swept C/S in his Porsche 914.

The "Turbo Class", E/M, saw some non-turbo 911s enter at this event, those of Rene Allen and Steve Kitterman. My engine troubles of May were alleviated by a complete "blue-print" job to the 2.7L turbo by European Motor Werkes, which turned the car into a cat of a different breed.

The next event in the Series will be held on July 10, an event which will in all likelihood see the instigation of a novice class trophy. I'll be gone to Pittsburgh for 6 months. Have a great year and I'll see you at the January, 1984, event.

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