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## Solo II Talk

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Whew! That's what many of the participants at the Aloha State Games said after a long day of racing, pictures and awards. The day started out kind of gloomy, but just as we began Heat 1, the skies cleared up. The track set-up crew designed a fair course for the novices that the Aloha State Games attracted. What I mean by fair is that they made the track start on the opposite side of the trailer where the ending normally is. This way, no one would have an advantage. There was a directed slalom near the middle of the course followed by some off set gates and then another slalom. Next you would enter a couple sweepers and finish with a traditional ess ending.

A channel 8 newscaster and cameraman came out to interview our racers, and try out our sport. We gave the newscaster 5 runs to ensure that she got a clean run. They also interviewed a few of the racers. **Bob Seelig**, a visitor from Oklahoma, found the autocross at our website on the internet. He joined us with his Toyota Corolla rental car and drove that thing to the max. He pulled a good time in that car considering it's not meant for racing—and on street tires. Not only did the Corolla get driven hard, but the Castle High School car was also put to the test with 6 drivers competing in it. **Iding Bautista, Boyd Brown, Loren Dusseault, Jessie Gomes, Kevin Ham and Ross Perrins** all raced their Datsun 240Z in FP. However; the gold for the FP class went to **Shane Oliberos** driving his Datsun 280Z while Kevin Ham took the Silver and Ross Perrins with the Bronze. As I previously mentioned, the Aloha State Games brought out some new competitors. They were **Charlie Clifton, Gary Samson and Peter Tran**. Hopefully they will continue to come out consistently.

The highly contested CSP class had 15 drivers. **Ken VanOrman** drove his BMW M3 to win the gold by 6/100 of a second over **David Petruska**, who returned from a long absence to take home the silver in his Mazda Miata. **Grant Stayberg** took the Bronze in his Mazda RX7. The F-Stock class also had a large group of racers. **John Pinero** narrowly edged out **Carville Webb** to take the gold and **David Heard** came in 3rd to take the Bronze.

Taking fastest time of the day was **Paul Schwartz** driving Steven Lee's Reynard FF2000 with a time of 59.986. Speaking of **Steven Lee**, we would like to congratulate him on winning the grand prize of the Aloha State Games which is a round trip to New York for two to attend the World Games. The autocross awards were given to the top 3 places in each class despite the number of competitors in a class.

After all the awards were handed out, all the cars and drivers who competed in the Aloha State Games were gathered up to take a 360 degree picture. This picture is taken with a special camera that rotates 360 degrees on a special mount. It was neat to watch the camera at work, but smiling for the picture was difficult because the sun was glaring at you the whole time.

Thanks go out to all the racers, spectators, volunteers and workers who helped make the Aloha State Games possible. We had 69 racers competing in 26 different classes in June. That's more than usual! Let's spread the word about autocrossing so that we will have more people out on the track next month when our featured club will be the **Camaro Club**. Don't forget about the SCCA's fund-raisers selling juice, soda, chips and more. Thanks again to everyone and I'll see you at the races!