

SUCCESS AT THE MAY AUTOCROSS

The May Autocross at TH3 had a number of hotly contested classes. D Prepared lead the way with fourteen entries. Stephen Ma finished first in his Toyota Corolla turning in a 135.9, and also finishing third overall. Keith Yamanaka (VW Scirocco) and Doug Whittingham (BMW) finished second and third in that class. The rest of this class was filled with a number of novices and wxperienced drivers. The A Stock class was the next most populous with seven entries. Pat Lawrence (Porsche 911) just got by the usual winner Pat Torres (911). The rest of the field was close behind with some new drivers making their first appearance -Eric Kunimura (Porsche), Edward Higa (Porsche), and Michael Shim (Lotus).

C Stock saw some very fast times. Curtis Lee (Datsun 240Z) nipped newcomer Bob Woodman (240Z) for first place. Curtis had the fifth fastest time of the day and Bob had the 7th fastest. D Stock saw five cars entered. John Shrum (TR6) turned in the fastest time and a 12th position overall time. Two other Triumph drivers rounded out the first three places - Tom Coughkin (GT-6) and Stephen Oertwig (TR7). E Stock had an interesting mix of cars with the Fiat XL/9 of S.J.Sims coming in first followed by Jerry Disney (Sitfire) and Rick Davoisin (Sunbeam Alpine).

The rest of the classes had either single competitors or only two. D Modified had two different drivers for the same car - a Toyota Trueno (whatever that is!). In any case, Jaije Wong turned in the fastest time of the day driving it! In the other 2 car classes, Robert Iriye (Honda Accord) finished first in G Stock and Mani Vravut (Datsun 200SX) was first in H Stock. Among the single car classes there were two notable features. Ed Kemper driving in A prepared (Pantera) had second fastest time of the day, and our sole female driver Terri Strehl (MGB) turned in very respectable times.

The next autocross will be on July 11 at TH3. Trophies for the May event will be awarded at t noon break at the July event.

ANNUAL DRIVER'S SCHOOL

The Hawaii Region held its annual driver's school at TH3 on Sunday June 13th. As seems to be the usual case it rained in the morning off and on which interrupted the event somewhat. Fortunately, the weather cleared in the afternoon and the drivers were able to receive their 6 runs through the course.

About 20 drivers showed up. First, they went through a series of two sets of cones. The idea was for the driver to weave through the cones knocking down one cone of the pair. Later the drivers went through a series of single cones to see how close they could weave through them.

Next, the drivers were sent up to the top of the track and Mike Fujioka put them through oversteer-understeer problems. After that the drivers went through six runs on the sports car course. Notwithstanding the rain, it was a well run event.

SOLO II RULES

As a reminder the Solo II safety rules are as follows:

- You must wear closed toe shoes
- You must use a seat belt. The factory installed belt is OK.
- You must have a valid drivers license (any state)
- You must have your own car or consent to use the car you are racing. NO RENT-A-CARS
- A Helmet is required but if you dont have one, one will be provided.