

ANOTHER RECORD TURNOUT FOR SOLO II

For the third month in a row SCCA has experienced a record turnout for the Solo II event at Aloha Stadium. If this growth pattern continues, the Hawaii Region may have over 100 cars an event. Unfortunately, the officials are having difficulty obtaining a sufficient number of cars to run in the first groups. In April the first group consisted of two cars! It would be helpful if drivers could show up a little earlier.

A real battle for the championship points is shaping up in the A stock class. Last months winner finished fourth this month. In this class 12 drivers showed up, with Pat Lawrence taking the gold and finishing 6th overall. Steve Kitterman, Jim Moo and Ed Higa rounded out the first 4 cars.

Doug Whittingham in his BMW finished first in the popular C street prepared class, and he also finished up there in the overall times (7th). The Scirocco drivers of Dennis Tomasu and Ken Tomasu were the next two class winners.

D prepared class has traditionally produced the the fastest time of the day. April was no exception. For the first time the well used (3 drivers) yellow VW Golf (nee Rabbit) took first and second in DP, and first and second fastest time of the day. Wild man at the wheel Vravut Manit turned some exceptional times and finished first, followed by Kieth Yamanaka and Jaije Wong (Toyota). Watch for a real fight in this class for the rest of the year.

H stock, for some reason, become a very popular class in the April event, with 10 cars competing. Again, Scott Young in his BMW beat back the challenges of new comer Bill Schultz (Pontiac 2000) and Mike Ellis (Mazda).

The VW GTis showed up in force for D stock and again Byron Hansen took first place over his arch rival Robert Remington. Newcomer Jim Kreytak and Fumihiko Yamada rounded out the other top finishers. Mark Kaneshiro, last months fastest time of the day driver, beat out the other competitors in A prepared class. Also driving a Datsun David Kanahale mastered his competitors in C stock.

In the modified classes, Raleigh Ferdun whipped Steven Lee in his turbo powered Scirocco for the D modified honors. Steve Colins returned to the track for the first time in years, and he was able to get by his other turbo powered competitors to take first place in E modified.

In the next issue of the newsletter we will publish the standings in the championship series so that you see can where the hot contests appear. See you on June 12. ED KEMPER