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From the RE's Desk

I am taking this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in the May 16 race. Our drivers were all in top form, and all of our workers did an excellent job. We have only been racing for about a year and already we have a core of people capable of operating safe and exciting regional racing. This really is impressive and as a region

we should be proud of our program. Thank you all for making the racing happen, and I will see you in July.

M.G. Lewis
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May Regional Race

May 16 turned out to be a great day for racing at Hawaii Raceway Park (HRP). Everyone was excited about seeing a field of six Mirage cars starting in the feature race, and the drivers rose to the occasion by setting a new lap record in the class.

The morning sessions took their toll on our sedan cars, and with the reduced field, all closed wheel cars ran together in the first race of the day. Art Sonen started on the pole and easily led the entire race in his 240Z. The action in this race was on the Spec. Racers. Joyce Hsieh had the fastest qualifying time in the Spec. Racer group, and managed to hang on to first place through the early laps. Bob Westmoreland, Eric Inouye, and Tom Ito were not to be denied however, and slipped by Joyce in a pack. In a hard fought battle in the final laps, Bob was able to hold off Eric and win. This was Bob's first SCCA race, and he was overheard saying that this was a victory for the "geriatric set". Come on Bob, you're not that old! Bill Hill cruised home to a class win in his RX-7.

The opened wheel race was dominated by the six Mirage cars. Todd Hunter, closely followed by Tom Bryant and Gary Tamura, set a record pace as he pulled away from the field. Although Tom challenged for the lead, they finished the race in the same order. The biggest surprise of the day came when Bob Sato managed to pass a Mirage with his Ford. After the race, Bob said that this is only the beginning, and he hopes to pass many more when he gets his new engine. Steven Lee won the Formula Ford class with his Merlyn.

The final event of the day was a ten lap sprint race. Bob Sato ran away from the field driving Art Sonen's 240Z. Joyce Hsieh ran an excellent race, and finished as the fastest Spec. Race and second overall.

Our next event is a driver's school and regional race on July 31st and August 1st. Everyone interested in being part of this event should call M.G. Lewis, 672-8255, so that you are on the mailing list.

May 16 Race Results

Formula Mirage	
1st	Todd Hunter
2nd	Tom Bryant
3rd	Gary Tamura
4th	Mike Fox
5th	Lee Jensen
6th	John DeSoto

Spec. Racer	
1st	Bob Westmoreland
2nd	Eric Inouye
3rd	Tom Ito
4th	Joyce Hsieh

Formula Ford	
1st	Steven Lee

Spec. Ford	
1st	Bob Sato

RS	
1st	Art Sonen

ITS	
1st	Bill Hill