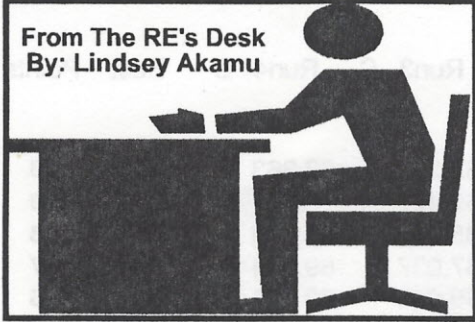


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The KGMB Sports Challenge



Through the efforts of **Ed Kemper**, the SCCA challenged the driving abilities of the newscasters from **KGMB TV** in the televised Sports Challenge. They accepted the challenge and the day was set for a Tuesday morning. In making the affair a little more even, and to promote the idea that you can come out and race your every day car, we asked **Elliot Woo** with his Ford Ranger pick up truck and **Jennifer Lee** with her 240Z to go head to head with the challengers. Jennifer just got her drivers license a month ago.

The morning of the showdown started slowly. We set up a fairly short and easy layout so our challengers from KGMB would not get lost. Unfortunately, they got lost on the way to Barbers Point and could not find the track. Since the track was set up and we had nothing to do, we allowed the SCCA crew to go out and have a few practice runs. One of the commanders from Barbers Point and **Roger Au**, who is in charge of the base closure, came out to check on the media event. Roger is also a long time SCCA member and he took a few practice runs in his Acura. It has been many years since he has autocrossed but he did okay. Since everybody was getting a good feel for the track, we knew we could beat the challengers.

Dave Vinton and **Neil Everett** finally showed up in a Toyota Corolla station wagon and an Acura Legend. This was going to be

even easier. Ed Kemper drove the station wagon with the challengers in the back seat and the photographer in the front seat. We felt sorry for the camera man because we could see the video camera being jerked up and down and swinging side to side as Ed maneuvered around the course. After a few trips around the course, they said that they had enough and they were ready to go out on their own. Dave got lost a few times and he had trouble controlling the Corolla, but Neil looked real good in driving the Legend. Finally, every one was ready for their one timed run. Jennifer, Dave, Elliot and Neil all had clean runs, but Jennifer and Elliot were clearly superior. We ended the day by giving the challengers rides in some of the other cars so that they could get a feel for the track speeds. We then presented SCCA clock-trophies to the challengers.

After one hour of filming, only two minutes of coverage appeared on the news-cast, so you can imagine what was cut out. We all had fun, especially the news crew. Maybe they'll come out and enjoy one of our regular autocrosses. Many thanks to **Curtis and Jennifer Lee, Garrett Chew, Jessie Weinberger, Steven Lee, Paul Schwartz, Wesley and Nani Aihara, Elliot Woo** and **Charlyn Honda** for helping out. (I hope I didn't miss anyone.)