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Solo II Talk

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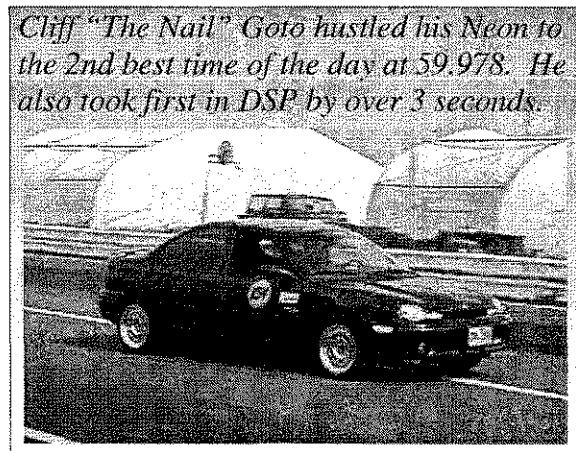
This issue marks the 25th newsletter I've produced for the SCCA. I feel it's time to turn over the reins to a new Huila editor.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over this responsibility. The requirements are pretty straight forward, you'll need a PC, a printer and a few hours a month. I will provide assistance wherever possible during the transition period. While I occasionally write articles, this is not necessarily a part of the job; most articles are contributed by different authors.

The primary responsibilities are the physical layout...in other words, making everything fits. If you feel you can help out the club by donating your time, please e-mail me at colin@satoauto.com and we can discuss it further. - C.S.

Our Autocross for February was actually run on March 3rd, and was again held on a Saturday. People must be getting accustomed to the Saturday dates since we had 63 participants competing for quick times. The weather was calm and a cool breeze was blowing and although it looked like it might rain during the third heat, it actually stayed dry all day.

The track layout could be best described as "one 65 second slalom." Let's face it, the layout of the existing road course limits the kinds of autocross tracks we can design, and our course designers have done a great job with what we have to work with. The track was run clockwise and began on the main straight. A set of offset gates prevented cars from gathering too much speed at the start, and the timing lights were set back a bit. A tight 6 cone directional



Garrett Chew drove his new Subaru WRX because his 240Z is being painted. Note the car number...



slalom. From there you entered the "Rubber Room," but before you could gather too much speed, you had to brake for an S-turn that led to another set of offset gates. You then negotiated the "Off Camber Turn" that was made tighter with the addition of a few cones. The run up to the "Guard Shack Chicane" was filled with more offset gates and once past the Chicane, you had more offset gates and a short slalom. Whew, your car had to handle the transitional changes very well if you were to succeed on this track.

We welcomed 7 novice drivers on Saturday and we'd like to thank them and hope you had a great time. Cory Shiraiishi, Irwin Young, Alex Sue, Rob Reid, Benjamin Duong, Bradley Boucher, and Avery Tsui all tried autocrossing for the first time.

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New Season: Parity at Last

by Ed Kemper

Among the Formula Fords in the open wheel SCCA racing, parity or equality in the cars has been a given, and as a result, the racing has nearly always been close. Finally, in the Hawaii's regional racing, parity in the closed wheel classes has arrived at least among certain groups of cars. In the season opener at Hawaii Raceway Park on January 27th, the sports cars and sedans had three levels of nearly equal performers.

During practice and qualifying there

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Scott Schulte, pulling away from Wes Aihara and Ron Mishima in the early stages of the race.

