

Solo II Talk

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Congratulations, the first time is always the hardest.

Within the individual classes, there were many battles and in several classes, the top two in class were right next to each other in the final standings. In AS this was especially true with Collyer Young's Porsche 911 laying down a best time of 60.784, edging out Colin Sato's 60.940 in the S2000 for first in class and 7th overall. BS winner Panos Prevedourous placed first in class and 6th overall in his Miata with a 60.775. In DS, novice Benjamin Duong out paced our Regional Executive Ed Hollmann for a class win in his first time out (see left). Gerald Luke stopped by and easily handled the competition in ES, winning the class with a 67.681. Reid Morimoto ran his Integra Type-R alone in GS, but his best time of 61.823 was good enough for 10th overall and

Rob Reid had a tough introduction to autocrossing with two DNE's right at the start, he would recover to post times in his last two runs.



2nd in PAX! HS had Tim Wolf driving a Ford F150 pickup against novice Bradley Boucher in a Dodge Intrepid. This unlikely battle ended up only .353 seconds apart with Tim's experience overcoming a slight "problem" with "weight transfer" to take the win in class.

ASP pitted Bill Klauberg in an Audi S4 against Richard Shimabukuro's RX-7. Despite a steady improvement each time out, Bill was unable to catch Richard and settled for second in class. BSP was again dominated by Curtis Lee. His 240Z laid down a crushing 56.396 on his last run to easily take FTD by over 3.5 seconds. This also placed him first in PAX. In CSP, Ken Van Orman piloted his M3 to first in class over Jason Dvogan's Miata. The two cars also finished 3rd and 4th overall with a 60.377 for Ken, and Jason right behind at 60.714. Over in DSP, Cliff Goto had everyone covered with his Neon. His time of 59.978 was so quick, he not only had Andy Park's Prelude beaten by over 3 seconds, he was the only driver besides Curtis Lee to break the 60 second barrier. ESP was won by Russell Yamaguchi in his Subaru WRX, he claimed 11th overall with a 62.568. Elliot Loo in the "Quick Brick" racing Volvo had a

Cory Shiraishi attended his first autocross and used a methodical approach to improve on his times with each run.



pretty close battle with Jack Evans in his Porsche 912. Elliot finally prevailed with a best of 66.915 and Jack was right behind with a 67.540. Elliot's brother Lincoln was languishing back in the 70's...what happened? Elliot Woo and Robert Igarashi were each running alone in CP and EM respectively. Elliot's Mustang ran a best of 68.183 and Robert's Sonic Motorsports GTI was good for a 63.607.

STS is supposed to stand for Street Touring, but here in Hawaii, it stands for Subaru Touring! Jason Tokunaga headed an all Subaru class with a best of 62.671. Second in class was Vernon Pires with a 63.182, followed by Dominic Acia at 63.605. The top three in class were separated by less than a second! To say the Van Ormans (Gene and Ken) were "hooked up" is an understatement! Ken's strong third overall placing in CSP was backed up by his father Gene's win in SM. Gene recorded a stellar time of 60.758, good for 5th fastest overall and almost 2 seconds clear of Rick Nakama's 240 SX.

Overall, the day was quite a success, the track produced some very close racing and it was great to see the new drivers getting their feet wet in our sport of autocrossing.

Our top novice for the day was Benjamin Duong in a Mitsubishi Eclipse. His 67.689 was good for 37th overall and 29th in PAX. Congratulations!

