

OUR CHAMPS!!!

Besides the regular event, March saw the 1983-1984 runoffs. After 4 heats in the morning and trophy presentation, the runoffs were held. The A stock group started, followed by A prepared, etc. As expected, A stock was going to be a battle between ED HIGA and JIM MOO (with CHARLES WYSE and GUY TAKAGUCHI as spoilers). ED HIGA turned some excellent times in regular heats, and he was not to be beaten for the championship. Although CHARLIE WYSE beat JIM MOO in the regular event, when it came time for the runoff, both JIM and GUY TAKAGUCHI got by him. Charlie, unfortunately, was hampered because he was driving someone else's car.

A prepared was thought to be a real tight race, but bad luck appeared and changed everything. In the regular Solo, CURTIS LEE had taken first with the two best times over MARK KANESHIRO. But Mark had turned the single fastest time of the two. In runoff, the single fastest time is what counted. Lady Luck was not with Mark. On his third regular run, Mark had a flat. Curtis loaned Mark one of his racing tires so he could compete in the runoff, but as you can see by the times, it simply did not work. Curtis was easily the champ.

C stock shaped up to be a real Datsun-Porsche fight. Through most of the season, the Datsun drivers had consistently taken first in this class. But MILT TSUDA (Porsche 914) was always there in the running. Well, persistence pays. Milt not only took the class, but was first in the regular event. DAVID KANAHELE in his 240Z and STEVE SERIKAKU rounded out the winners in the C stock runoff.

C street prepared throughout the season had largely been a fight between DOUG WHITTINGHAM (BMW) and TOM COUGHLIN (Triumph). So it was for the championship. Doug came out on top with some very consistent low times. KEN SUGAI (Scirocco) almost beat Tom for second place, and DENNIS TOMASU almost beat Ken. In all, a close contest for second, third, and fourth.

Although three drivers had qualified for the D stock runoff, only two competed. BYRON HANSEN, the points leader, had to leave early. JIM KREYTAK (GTi) and ROBERT REMINGTON (Scirocco) battled neck and neck until Jim's very last run. Jim took the gold with a time of 54.04 against Bob's first time of 56.66.

D prepared saw KEITH YAMANAKA on top in his VW. Keith had real troubles in the regular Solo II (finishing fifth). But he was able to get his act together and put away DEXTER LUM (VW) and STEPHAN MA (Toyota).