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Autocross In June Will Be Part of 1996 Aloha State Games

The SCCA Hawaii Region in conjunction with the Aloha State Games will be sponsoring *Autocross* for the 1996 Aloha State Games on June 9, 1996 at the Barber's Point Naval Air Station.

For those who are not familiar with the State Games, there are approximately 50 sporting events that are sponsored by the Aloha Charities in June of each year, with special awards given to the winners of all the games. There are also other special prizes and entertainment associated with the event.

The autocross event will be held on Sunday, June 9, 1996, at the Barber's Point Naval Air Station. All applicable SCCA safety rules, classifications, and inspections will be applied.

There are, however, a couple of major differences.

First, drivers should preregister for the event, and the cost is \$20.00. Every driver will receive an Aloha State Games T-shirt. If you do not preregister, the cost will be \$30.00, and you will not receive a T-shirt. Also, novices will be grouped together. Finally, winning ribbons will be given at the end of the day in each class that has participants for the top three places. T-shirt pick up will be Friday, June 7, 1996, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Honolulu City Hall area. There will be entertainment and a parade of athletes. The application is in this newsletter. More applications are available at 7-11 stores throughout the state.

The DEADLINE is 20 MAY 1996 !

This Aloha State Games' Story had a very happy ending

by Dave Reardon (TEAM SPORTS column in the Star-Bulletin)

There wasn't much for Michael Story to do with his degree in sports management in his small hometown of Vernon, British Columbia.

It was three years ago, and he had just finished up at Washington State University. Story decided to start job hunting. Since his girlfriend lived in Hawaii, the Aloha Bowl office was one of the first places to which he made a follow-up call after sending his resume to various sports businesses.

He didn't exactly get a job with the Aloha Bowl, but his timing couldn't have been better.

"They had just picked up the Aloha Stage Games at the last minute," Story said. "And the day I called was the day they had looked at my resume. It was the quickest, shortest and best job interview of my life."

Story then helped Aloha Bowl officials Lenny and Marcia Klompus and their small existing staff hustle to put together the Games in 90 days.

Today, Story, 25, is the directory of the Aloha State Games - with nearly 8,000 participants each year, it is perhaps the largest per capita state games in the nation. Story says it offers the most sports, with 49. New York is second with 44.

Story says one of the more difficult aspects of his job is deciding which sports to keep, add and delete each year.

"We listen to everything that people bring forth," he said. "Sometimes we take something out, and then we'll get a big demand to bring it back."

He said that's what happened with ballroom dancing. Another factor in bring it back is that it is an exhibition sport at the Olympics this year in Atlanta.

Story is very excited about a new sport that's about as far away from ballroom dancing as you can get - autocross.

"I think it's the neatest sport we're bringing in this year," Story said. "The reason being, anyone who wants to do it, within reason, can race. You can bring your own car. It doesn't have to be a fancy race car. It can be a pickup truck. Anyone who wants to race around a track can do it, as long as they meet basic safety standards."

The autocross event will be June 9 at Barber's Point.

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