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## Drivers Start Your Engines!!!

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Well, soon anyway--for SCCA's long-awaited, upcoming spectator race. Among the participants will be Michael Andretti, Al Unser Jr., Paul Tracy--no, just kidding. I got carried away. But we do expect our best turnout of cars this year for our premier event.

About five years ago, M.G. Lewis had a dream to bring SCCA Road Racing to Hawaii. Others shared his dream. But there were many skeptics. The insurance is too hard to come by, there aren't enough cars, SCCA has too many requirements, and so on, warned the skeptics. But M.G. and the other die-hards ignored the skeptics and plugged away. At the time, there were just a handful of school race cars, and a few Solo cars that weren't anywhere close to SCCA race-legal. Added to that, were the problems of inexperienced workers, drivers, organizers, and an assortment of other things that posed almost insurmountable obstacles. As the announced date for the first Driver's School approached, things began to fall into place. And through the hard work and pioneering efforts of M.G. and others, both here and on the mainland, SCCA-Hawaii was able to successfully conduct it's first Driver's School, and later that year it's first Road Race. M.G.'s Vision had become a reality.

The subsequent years saw SCCA Hawaii's fledgling race program struggle, as M.G. and a handful of drivers and workers worked diligently to keep it going. The main nucleus of organizers and workers seemed to come from SCCA-Hawaii's Solo program, while many of the drivers came from the driving schools as new SCCA members. At one time there seemed to be two distinct factions. Today, that line has blurred. The addition of the Solo I group to the Road Race events has also helped to expand participation and bridge the gap between Solo and Wheel-To-Wheel. There is only one SCCA-Hawaii and it serves us all in a variety of events. We are all a part of it, and should be proud of our accomplishments. Let's have a great race!

### *Editor's Note:*

As Art mentions, our next race, is tentatively scheduled as a spectator race on December 1, 1996. There will be a regional event held on that day either way. But, as of the time this article was written, no firm commitment had been made as to whether it would be conducted as a spectator event--sponsorship was pending. As always, we need your help as drivers and workers. Come out and show support for your club. If you need additional information please contact one of the club officers whose names and telephone numbers are listed on the last page of this newsletter.