## FROM THE RE'S DESK

Our September events went well and everyone seemed to enjoy having a new Solo II track. Unfortunately I haven't had the time to layout another new track, so next month's will be a variation of the short course. You can expect to see more new tracks in the near future and I'd like more input from the drivers on what they would like to see. Here's your chance, tell me what you want!

At our last meeting **Ed Kemper** brought us up-to-date on his trip to the South Pacific Divisional Roundtable. Ed attended the meetings on solo events and probably the most interesting discussion involved tires. In an attempt to make solo racing more fair and affordable, some regions are using tire treadwear ratings to split the stock classes. In other words, drivers running autocross tires (treadwear ratings under 140) do not complete with those running street tires. This would, of course, double the number of stock classes. We already have twenty five classes and this would bring the number to thirty four. Although there would be problems, it's an idea that we could consider for next season if there's enough interest. This would be a big change and I feel everyone's opinion should be heard. I'll try to survey all the participants at our next event, so think about it.

I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our September Solo I a success. **Angie Gibson** who helped me set up the track, **Larry Anderson** and **Ed Higa** for organizing the clean-up deserve special mention. Thanks again!

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REGIONAL RACING UPDATE

The planning meeting for wheel to wheel racing will be scheduled for mid November.

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To The General Membership For SCCA:

I am speaking as a deputy executive steward for Hawaii and the Pacific Islands, and a member and officer of the National SCCA of which the Hawaii Region is a part.

Out here in the islands, we many times forget that Hawaii Region is an important and integral part of a national organization. This gives membership certain privileges which the ordinary auto enthusiast does not normally enjoy. One of these is becoming a licensed member in a race official speciality. There are quite a number of these specialities for which the Hawaii Region can issue licenses. One of the most obvious is flagging and communications. It is these volunteer officials who make racing not only possible, but safe.

The national organization is tremendously interested in seeing us recruit and approve speciality licenses in Hawaii in the hope that the region might eventually put on regional or even national races. As an added benefit, retaining a log book or licenses in any racing specialty in Hawaii would entitle the holder to go to the mainland and have free entrance in any race in which the SCCA handles the race organization. This includes not only SCCA regional and national races, but all of SCCA pro races as well as certain IMSA and CART street races. The first one that comes to mind is of course the Long Beach Grand Prix. This has been handled by the Cal club region of SCCA since its inception.

If you're interested or know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a licensed SCCA race official, it would be a good idea to talk to Mike Lewis, the Regional Executive for the Hawaii Region. I would also be very happy to help with any insights I have on mainland participation.

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