

Auto Sport Association (NASA). This is a sanctioning body, similar to the SCCA, that is trying to establish a racing presence in Hawaii. They offer a range of activities from driver's schools through professional racing. I think it is great that they have an interest in Hawaii, and in promoting motorsports in Hawaii. However, I think that we, as a group (the SCCA) need to take an objective, concerned look at what NASA's presence could potentially do for (or to) us. We are all for the furtherment of racing. In fact I have volunteered to instruct at one of the NASA's schools. But, with the limited resources available to most of us, as drivers, we run the danger of spreading our budget too thin. If for example, the SCCA was to sanction six events next year, and NASA was to sanction six events next year, it would be great if all of our members were able to participate in all twelve events--a great gain for our club members and our sport. If however, we were only able to participate in six total events (for whatever reason, time, finances, etc...), and we split our loyalty entering three races held by each sanctioning body, this would represent no gain for our sport, and a devastating loss for our club. We potentially run the risk of killing the SCCA programs in Hawaii. A lot of people have worked very hard for a number of years to build what we have. The SCCA has a long history. It would be a shame to gamble this history on a yet unknown, such as NASA. This is just my opinion, but is something to consider.

Finally, what I consider to be the most important issue facing the SCCA in the near future is the replacement of our past Regional Executive (R.E.), Chief steward, regional events coordinator, do gooder, and all around good guy, M.G. Lewis. You may have noticed the diminishing presence of M.G. this past year. His duties as Regional Executive have been competently taken over by Lindsey Akamu. But M.G.'s outstanding commitment to the club produced results that stretched far beyond the duties of the R.E.. M.G. was responsible for the coordination of almost all phases of every activity the club held over the past several years. Combined with increased business commitments on the mainland, and what I would imagine would have to be a feeling of 'burn-out' M.G. has been less available to help us this year; and has indicated that the time he will be able to commit in the near future is limited. This leaves our club with a huge void in a number of different areas. We, as the membership, need to stand in support of Lindsey, and the other board members to help with whatever duties we can. It has been voiced in the past that people are too busy to coordinate or over see entire events, but would be very willing to do specific jobs if asked to. Believe me, if you ask Lindsey, he will be able to assign you a task. We may not have actually realized how much M.G. contributed to the club, but now with his lessening presence, all of us need to take up the slack--or we might hang ourselves with the extra rope.

