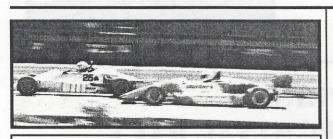
## Californian Wins September's Club Race By: Ed Kemper **Photos By:**

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Close Wheel-To-Wheel Action

At the Sports Car Club of America's Regional Race at Hawaii Raceway Park on Sunday September 27th Californian Larry Mason finished first in the open wheel formula race with a 4 second lead over Mark Shigei. Both drivers were driving 140 mph Formula Mirages. In the somewhat slower but still competitive Formula Fords, Steve Timpson and Bill Clutter literally swapped third and fourth place half a dozen times in the 26 minute race.

On the last lap Timpson was able to pull pass Clutter and hold on to the position and beat him by 2 tenths of a second. The 3 other drivers of Formula Fords had their own mini race within a race with some spirited passing. Ultimately Tom Burke prevailed over Steve Hirasuna with Mike Fox dropping out mid race. The only Formula 2000 car driven by Steven Lee was competitive initially but suffered engine problems which put him out on the 12th lap.



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The closed wheel race nearly started with a bang. The spec racers driven by Shigeomi Hirabayashi and Bob Westmoreland had qualified first and second. But at the drop of the green flag, Dave Goto, piloting a RX-7 and Ed Kemper in a Mustang, attempted to jump the front two by pulling out around them on the long straight to beat them to the 180 degree first turn. Goto succeeded and Kemper failed. Slowly but surely the Spec Racer drivers pulled up on Dave Goto and passed him.

Hirabayashi and Westmoreland then played tag team with little separating them from the rest of the race until a spin in the reverse camber turn by another car forced Westmoreland to slow.

The Solo I race saw familiar drivers with new equipment. Farid Herschend, who normally drives a Renault R-5, brought a race



Lee Guertler's Vette

prepared Ferrari Dino with a special V-8. Lee Guertler, who normally races a Datsun 240z in wheel to wheel racing, thought he would try his supercharged black Corvette. After blowing up more than a few engines, Wesley Aihara abandoned his supercharged Honda engine in his CRX for a multivalve engine.

But the old standbys the Porsche 911s of Ron Mishima and Lindsay Akamu were (Continued on page 6)