

July's Club Race Produced Great Racing Despite A Low Turn-out

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Carl Debo Prepares For Close Racing

July 26 turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day in contrast to the the cloudy skies and rain that marked the previous race. The turnout was low with only a dozen or so cars participating overall. Worker turnout was also low with some regulars understandably absent owing to Shaunna Proctor's wedding the night before (Congratulations Shaunna and Tim). A failure of the timing equipment meant we had to resort to manual timing and scoring. After borrowing several watches with timers at lunch, things went pretty smoothly in the makeshift Timing & Scoring section for the afternoon's sessions. (The small turnout helped as did the fact we didn't have AJ Foyt around to throw any tantrums - or punches).

Of the four cars running in Solo I, only 3 were able to make timed runs. Unfortunately, **Les Vallerano** had motor problems in practice with his March and had to miss the timed runs. It sure was nice to see an Indy car taking laps at HRP. I hope we see

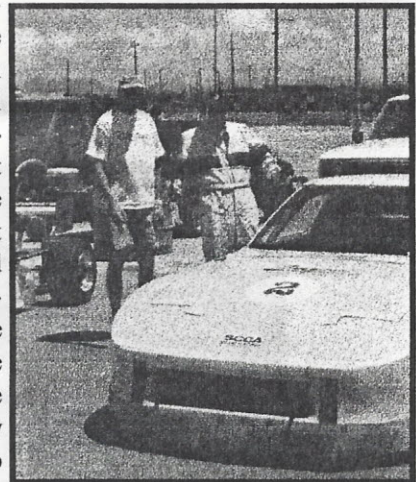


Ron Mishima's Solo I Prepared Porsche 911

more of him there in the future. **Ron Mishima** had the fastest run with all 3 cars within about 1/2 second of each other. It looked like our leader **Lindsey Akamu** was go-

ing to be second until **Chris Messer's** last run when he edged out Lindsey for second place. Chris had been having brake problems all day with continual reports streaming into Race Control about his glowing and flaming brakes every time he went out. I gotta tell you, I saw what was left of his front brakes afterwards and I was incredulous. His front pads were completely gone and one of his caliper pistons had worn a hole all the way through his brake pad backing plate and was pressing on the rotor! Needless to say, his rotors were cabbage. Maybe you think that's what he gets for using old pads? Well Chris says that they were brand new! We can expect to see Chris with some beefier brakes next time!

The closed-wheel car race was going down smoothly until **Bob Westmoreland** veered off at the end of the straight and hit the tire wall and cyclone fence behind it. There were some tense moments until the Emergency crew pronounced Bob ok and racing resumed. **Scott Schulte** once again cruised to



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an easy victory while **Dave Goto** managed to stay just ahead of **Shigeomi Hirabayashi** for second. In fourth place was **Carl Debo** whose car seemed to run well all day but was just outgunned by the other cars.

The day's finale finally came with the open-wheel race. There were only four cars starting as **Steven Lee** had withdrawn after failing to get his car to start. It was an exciting start as **Bob Sato** charged

