

## Willow Springs SS 12 Hour: Grable, Cook and Carradine

**S**HOWROOM STOCK endurance racing made its first foray onto the West Coast last month, with a 12-hour midnight-to-noon event at Willow Spring Sept. 13. Dick Guldstrand sponsored the race and the 1985 Corvette prototype he prepped for Ron Grable, Jim Cook and Bobby Carradine won it, finishing a comfortable nine laps ahead of the SSGT class winning Porsche 944 of Rick Hurst and Bob Strange.

Guldstrand's fortunes weren't all good, though. The week before the race, pop singer Christopher Cross misjudged the fast sweeper that leads onto the straight and rolled Guldstrand's third car, a prototype IROC model Camaro, into a ball at 100mph, breaking both ankle and hand. During the race Guldstrand's '85 Vette led the SSGT times by a

comfortable margin until a coil broke and a broken hood release turned a quick fix into a 30-minute ordeal — and an eventual 13th-place finish in the slim 22-car field.

Most of those entries were concentrated in the SSGT class, where the Hurst/Strange 944 completed a sweep of the four enduros that the SCCA lists for its endurance championship. Second in class behind the title-winning Porsche was the Camaro Z28 of John Casey, Max Jones and Ted Dann, followed by the Mazda RX-7 GSL-SE driven by David Sikes, ex-F5000 and Can-Am driver Gregg Young, and showroom stock whiz Kim Baker (subbing for regular driver, Steve Potter, who was on "paternity leave.")

Mitsubishi was assured the SSA title when the Starion Turbo of Dave Wolin, Ron Cortez

and Mike Rutherford finished fourth overall and first in class, completing a four-race sweep. □

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### SCCA Willow Springs Showroom Stock Enduro Rosamond, Calif., Sept. 22-23, 1984 RESULTS (404 laps, 1010 miles)

1. Cook/Grable/Carradine (Chevy Corvette), 404; 2. Hurst/Strange/Brockman (Porsche 944), 393; 3. Casey Jr./Jones, Dann (Chevy Camaro), 391; 4. Wolin/Rutherford/Cortez (Mitsubishi Starion), 386; 5. Ruzs/Honsowetz/Barnhold (Nissan 300ZX), 356; 6. Sikes/Raker/Young (Mazda RX-7), 381; 7. Bobata/Mitchell/Ballantine (Toyota Supra), 381; 8. Cress/Landon/Short (Honda CRX), 379; 9. Cooper/Hayner (Chevy Camaro), 379; 10. Titus/Polack/Kline (Mazda RX-7), 377.

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