

Thanks to all of our volunteers, KRP Clean-Up was a success!

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The KRP Clean-up days were a fantastic success and a great chance for the initiated to help "Build The Track". All of us with the KRP Project Team would like to sincerely thank each and every volunteer that took the time to help us this weekend. Your dedication and support truly humbles us, and gives us a huge reason to continue pushing this project to completion. It is because of motorsports enthusiasts like you, that we have worked so hard and diligently. In only a few short days, a ton of progress was made in preparing the facility for it's eventual use as a motorsports park.

The weekend started off with the arrival of our setup crew at around 8AM...bright and early on a beautiful Saturday morning. The tent was raised, tables and chairs were setup, and the equipment was brought out in anticipation of getting the work started. Immediately after 9AM, a good number of volunteers showed up, ready and willing to work. Once we had introduced ourselves and had an brief explanation of our goals for the day...we set off into three separate groups. 1 volunteer group went to work cleaning up the hundreds of concrete barricades on-site...removing old illumination tape, safety lights, and placards. The next group setoff to clean the front of the park, armed with wheedwhackers and a chainsaw. The next group set about cleaning Bunker 1 of the dense growth of in-grown shrubs and weeds. Each group worked hard and committed themselves to their task for the entire morning until lunch. After lunch, they continued on and were able to clean and clear the barricades as well as finish mowing down the vegetation in front of the park. We were also able to powerspray the old and flaking paint off of Bunker 1, and together, were able to re-paint the entirety...it now stands in a beautiful, fresh coat of white. At the end of the day, a definite impact had been made. It was definetly positive and productive...as the sun set, we closed up shop and headed home to rest.

The second day got off to a slow start due to our aching bodies and the urge to sleep in a few more minutes, but it was quickly up to par. The second day brought forth even more volunteers than the previous day, and we set upon painting the remaining barricades and bunkers. Each barricade had to be power-sprayed to remove years of road dirt and grime...this took quite a bit of time and effort so we split the team up and attacked the outside perimeter fencing. We were able to clear the entire fenceline makai of the park of the many in-grown trees and shrubs. This is in preparation for providing a future place for parking spectator vehicles. In addition, Bunker 2 was completly stripped and repainted a fantastic white...the bunkers really standout as beautiful landmarks for the facility. If possible, we'd like to use them for observation points for the park. Finally, once enough barricades were cleaned, the entire volunteer work force hit the nitrous and got to work. By the end of the day, all of the barricades lining the south perimeter were painted and our team, although sore and tired, all celebrated happily. Viewing the park from the dirt mound provided a great perspective on what we have accomplished in only a short

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few days, and with that....we all headed home to a much deserved night of rest and relaxation.

Developers George & Jeanette Grace, Jr. provided a literal smorgasboard of hamburgers, hot dogs, home-made chili & rice, fried chicken, cold drinks, and lots of assorted munchies for the volunteer crew on both days of the clean-up...no volunteer was want for food or drink, and it really gave us all a chance to sit, relax, and talk about various topics and the future of the raceway park. It was certainly exciting, especially for the volunteers who had never seen the facility. Alot of questions were asked and answered to the best of our ability, and a good time was had by all.

Again, we'd like to say thank you to all of the volunteers. Myself, I'd like to thank the developers as well as their crew of professionals that have dedicated tons of man-hours for the past several weeks. Even after working all day at their own jobs, they still took time to come in and move barricades, cut the grass, and have really had a dramatic effect on how KRP stands today. For those of you that were unable to join us...we will have future volunteer days where you can be a part of this very special effort to bring racing back to Oahu. You'll be able to taste and see, as all of us have, the promise and potential this land holds for us. Until next time, please enjoy the following gallery of photos. We'll have a short video up sometime this week, that will spread even more light on the accomplishments we've made these past two days. And remember, go to www.kalaeloaracewaypark.com for all updates and progress reports!