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2008 Kentucky Region Schedule

March 8 Annual Tech/Trailer Clean Out
10 AM to 2 PM at Unique Automotive
3918 Bardstown Road.

March 30 Cobweb Shaker at UPS

Note: The rest of the 2008 schedule will be posted as soon as the dates & locations are confirmed.

Awards Banquet Issue.....

First of all, special thanks go to Adam Blake for taking the pictures at the awards banquet. Also a big "Thank You" to BlueGrass Motorsports, Evolution Autosport, & Ron Riffle for the many wonderful door prizes they donated.

The Denver Cornett Memorial Sportsmanship Award

The 2007 recipient of this award is **Geoff Hale**. His generosity in allowing others to use his Van Diemen when their cars were disabled, along with his encouragement of would-be C Mod converts to take practice runs in his car, were among the many reasons he was chosen. Geoff's willingness to show up early and stay late at nearly every event this past season was also considered. Everyone who knows Geoff appreciates that he is always ready and willing to help the club and its members in any way that he can.



The Ambassador Award.....

This year's award winner is **Rich Hughes**. Rich represented Kentucky Region well as he traveled to five of the eight GASS Series events and also was the DSP Champion in that series. He was named GASS "Rookie of the Year" as well.



"Bucket O'Bolts" Award.....

This year's recipient of the infamous "Bucket O' Bolts" award goes to someone who autocrosses and also road races; but it was in the racing venue that he cinched the award. During Saturday practice at a vintage event at Mid-Ohio race course, he lost an engine. Undaunted, he proceeded to install his spare engine in order to compete in the Sunday race. Since he had been unable to qualify due to the time required to install the spare engine, he was started at the back of the pack. As the green flag flew, he charged forward and even passed a few cars before a cloud of smoke and a loud noise signaled the death knell for the second engine of the weekend. This left **David Baughman** unrivaled in the race for the 2007 Bucket O'Bolts Award!



The Dorothy Killebrew Award.....

This year's recipient is **Julia Aebersold**. Not only is she a strong competitor in our autocross series but she was also instrumental in the establishment of the Kentucky Region Jr. Kart Program when she became a licensed Youth Steward.



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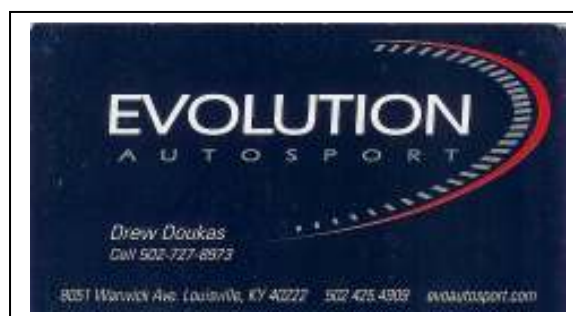
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Racer Award.....

Since none of the KyR racers turned in any points this year, there was not a Racer Award given. However, **Dr. Ron Harris** was acknowledged as the Great Lakes Division DSR Champion in 2007. **Bill Cooper** was also acknowledged as the Formula V Champion for 2007 in the GLD.

Driver of the Year Award.....

Driving his white Trans Am Pontiac, Kentucky Region associate member/Cincinnati Region member **Dave Kutney** won the coveted Kentucky Region Driver of the Year Award for 2007.

Rookie of the Year Award....

The individual who has shown outstanding performance in his first full year of competition is the winner of the Rookie of the Year Award. This year's recipient is **Jonathan Kuehl**.

Conehead Award.....

Points keeper Rich Hughes poured through all the year-end points results and found one person who would have won his class instead of finishing second if it hadn't been for cone carnage. That person, the Conehead Award winner, is **Matt Pangburn**.

Additional Award Winners.....



Adam Norton receives his F125 Championship trophy from **Activities Chairman Erik Mohn**. Adam drove well enough to also trophy in SM2.

Jason Marshall drove his Mini Cooper to a title in G Stock in 2007 over a strong field that included past champions Ira DeVaughn and Charles Rush.



David Melton posted a perfect 500 score en route to the E Mod championship. Dave is also a perennial contender in the Grassroots Motorsports magazine challenge.



Andrew Buck shows off the spoils of victory after dominating the DSP class in his Nissan 200 SX. Helmet bags embroidered with the KYSCCA crest were given along with the trophy for class winners.



Mike Patterson drove his Miata to a championship in the highly competitive STS2 class over 10 other competitors.

2008 Board of Trustee member **Jamey McDaniel** was another that posted a perfect 500 score on his way to a victory in STX.



Andrew Armstrong took advantage of Matt Pangburn's woes (See Conehead Award) as he won the STU title by a mere 1.8 points in the closest title chase of the 2007 season.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, February 28 at 7 PM at Unique Automotive, 3918 Bardstown Road.

Awards Banquet (Cont'd).....



“ground crew” in sand removal at events at PJCS.

Jamey Aebersold drove his “blueberry” Supra to the SM2 title. Thanks also to Jamey for help throughout the year in prepping the site at Ft. Knox, striping Lot C at PJCS, and heading the

Al Murrell celebrated his birthday in style with a win in the new-for-2007 class, X Prepared. He’s still driving that bright yellow Corvette to titles.



Gary Niles receives his trophy for finishing 2nd in SS for the 2007 season. Thanks to Gary also for prepping the site for events at Ft. Knox and helping with the

striping at Papa John’s Lot C. While Gary is an associate member of KyR, he is always ready to lend a helping hand for KyR events. We appreciate your contributions, Gary!

Important!!!! Year End Points Rules for the 2008 Season. Please Read!!!!

There are some significant changes for 2008 so please be aware of the rules. It’s your responsibility as a competitor to know them!

2008 Kentucky Region SCCA Year-end Points Eligibility Rules

To be eligible for year-end awards, a person must be a member of the SCCA AND a member or associate member of the Kentucky Region at the time points are accrued. No points will be awarded to a person who is not a member of the SCCA AND a member or associate member of the Kentucky Region at the

time of the points event. Kentucky Region members and associate members accrue points by competing in points events as designated by the Region. "Weekend Memberships" do NOT accrue points toward a year-end award. A Kentucky Region membership roster will be present at all events to determine membership. However, presentation of a currently valid SCCA card at registration will expedite registration.

Associate memberships in the Kentucky Region will be for the calendar year only. They will be effective from the date of payment until December 31 of that calendar year. No points will be awarded to a person for results of events prior to the date of payment. The associate membership fee will follow the local dues schedule (currently \$10) but will not be pro-rated during the year.

A Kentucky Region member or associate member must compete in one class for a minimum of four (4) events to be eligible for a year-end award.

The best five (5) results by a Kentucky Region member or associate member will count toward the year-end awards.

The number of awards in a class will be determined by the number eligible in that class. That number will be equivalent to the ratio given to a class at an event. By way of example and not limitation, there may be one (1) trophy per three (3) or fraction of three (3) entries. Such ratios shall be determined within the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Region.

Points earned for each event are calculated as follows:

Points = 100 - [900 x (entrant’s time - class winning time) / class winning time]
A minimum of twenty (20) points will be awarded to a competing participant when he or she has initiated at least one timed run.

These rules will be published on the Kentucky Region website

(www.kyscca.com) and in DownShift prior to the competition season. They will also be addressed at drivers' meetings early in the season. However, it is the responsibility of the competing individual to know the eligibility rules.

A Change at the Top.....

As many of you may know by now, RE-elect Erik Mohn is relocating to Germany and therefore resigned the office of RE effective January 10, 2008. The KyR Board of Trustees nominated & approved Geoff Hale as his successor for the 2008 year. Erik has been a prominent member of Kentucky Region for several years so we will eagerly await his return. In the meantime, Erik has volunteered to be the KyR webmaster via the internet so he'll only be as far away as our computers. We'll miss his presence at events for awhile, though. All of us wish Erik & Laura the best on their new venture and look forward to hearing about their adventures in Europe.

Annual Tech.....

Our annual tech/trailer clean out day is Saturday, March 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Unique Automotive, 3918 Bardstown Road. To be eligible for an annual tech sticker you must be a member or associate member of Kentucky Region and must have a 2008 Solo Rule Book. The 2008 Solo Rule Books are in and will be on sale at the site for \$22. Helmet certifications that will be acceptable for 2008 SCCA Solo Events will be: SA95, M95, K98, SA2000, M2000, SA/K2005, or M2005 from the Snell Memorial Foundation and the SFI numbers 31.1A, 31.2A, 41.1A, and 41.2A from the SFI Foundation. Additionally, check your helmet for structural damage such as cracks or deterioration of impact-absorbing materials under the inner lining.

The next general membership meeting will be on Thursday, March 6 at 7 PM at the Lotsa Pasta Café, 3717 Lexington Road in St. Matthews. (just west of the old Vogue theater, next to CVS)

Great Lakes Division Spring Seminar

The GLD Spring Training Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 8 at the Clarion Hotel & Suites, 2340 South Reynolds Road, Toledo, Ohio. For a schedule of sessions, go to www.greatlakes-scca.org.

RE-laps

For you folks that attended the Awards Banquet, some of this will be old news---Due to an employment upgrade, Mr. Erik Mohn, our elected Regional Executive has vacated this position for a move to Germany, and I have been appointed to fill his term. This is a wonderful opportunity for Laura & Erik. We will miss Erik's leadership and Laura's smile. Erik will continue to be "on staff" by serving as our webmaster.

I look forward to another full season of fellowship and, oh yeah, autocrossing.

The schedule is coming along and will be published as soon as all of the dates and sites are confirmed. We will have a drivers' school put on by our club. This is a great opportunity for instruction by our local "pros" along with a full season of seat time in one day. Also, the "Mirrorkhana" is on the schedule again this year.

My main goal this year is to get more of our younger members involved in our club. We have a very strong and experienced (over 120 years of SCCA membership) board of trustees in place. The flip side of that is.....the average age of these folks is 53; now is the time to train the next generation to keep our club healthy for years to come.

I am currently looking for event chairs. This is a great way to become involved and learn the process of staging an autocross event. There is always plenty of help to assist the event chair.

Please feel free to contact me anytime by e-mail (Down2L@aol.com) or phone (502)494-5329

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