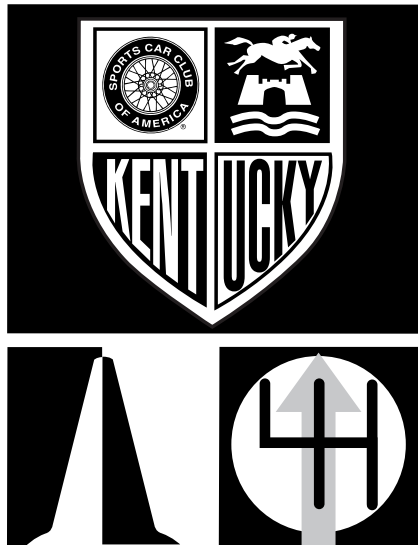


# DOWN SHIFT



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## Helmets

by Kathy Barnes, SSC Chairman (re-printed from SCCA Safety Belt)

Most Regions have loaner helmets for novices and passengers, and those helmets should always meet our safety standards. Many Regions issue a sticker for helmets to indicate that they have passed tech for the year. However, a couple of recent situations have made me think a little harder about how we make sure everyone has a compliant helmet at our events.

**Situation #1:** A passenger used his own helmet to ride along at a Solo event. Afterward, a grid person questioned whether the helmet had been through tech. It had not.

**New process:** At driver's meeting, everyone will be reminded that all passengers must use helmets that meet our current helmet requirements. If the Region uses stickers to indicate helmet compliance, the starter will check for those stickers on ALL helmets.



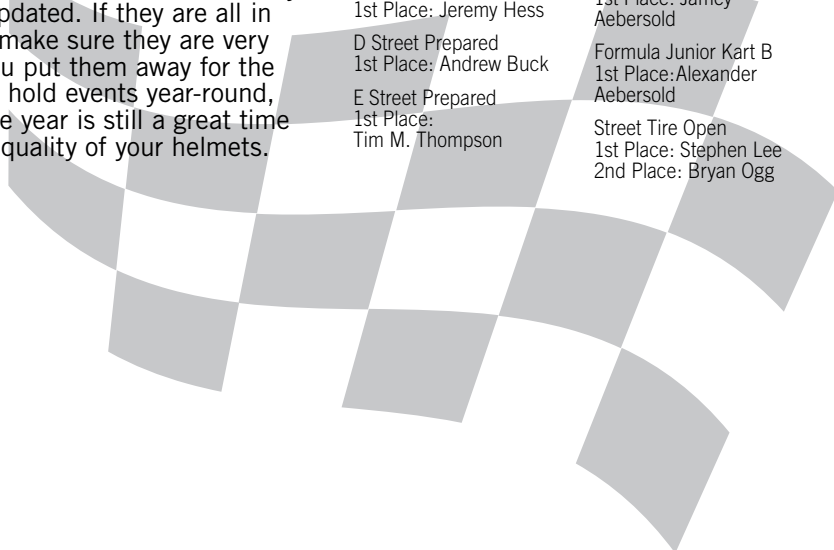
**Situation #2:** This came up at a Club Racing event. A helmet had the CLUB2011 sticker, which is used when helmets are inspected in Club Racing. During the driver's annual tech, the inspector found that the helmet was NOT Snell SA rated and, therefore, not CLUB2011 compliant.

It turned out that a Solo tech inspector had a roll of the CLUB2011 stickers and used them on helmets at a Solo event. It might have been a better idea to cut off the word "CLUB" before using them.

As the season ends for many areas, take a good look at the helmets you are using for loaners and decide if they need to be updated. If they are all in good shape, make sure they are very dry before you put them away for the winter. If you hold events year-round, the end of the year is still a great time to check the quality of your helmets.

## 2011 KYSCCA Class Awards

Super Stock 1st Place: Jim Moore	X Prepared 1st Place: Matt Coleman
A Stock 1st Place: Greg Cudnick	C Modified 1st Place: Geoff Hale
B Stock 1st Place: Dean Smith	E Modified 1st Place: Andrew Casabella
C Stock 1st Place: Lou Savino	Street Touring 1st Place: Jason Northcut 2nd Place: Chris Croak
D Stock 1st Place: Victoria Riley	Street Touring S 1st Place: Laura Harbour
E Stock 1st Place: J.H. Boyett	Street Touring R 1st Place: Chris Schork
G Stock 1st Place: David Schmitt 2nd Place: Brett Mundell	Street Touring X 1st Place: Don Morgan 2nd Place: Jamey McDaniel
H Stock 1st Place: Richard Sinnock, Jr.	Street Modified 1st Place: Brian Schork
A Street Prepared 1st Place: Dave Munsterman	F125 Shifter Kart 1st Place: Jamey Aebersold
C Street Prepared 1st Place: Jeremy Hess	Formula Junior Kart B 1st Place: Alexander Aebersold
D Street Prepared 1st Place: Andrew Buck	Street Tire Open 1st Place: Stephen Lee 2nd Place: Bryan Ogg
E Street Prepared 1st Place: Tim M. Thompson	



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## November Membership Meeting

Ky. Region SCCA  
General membership meeting  
November 3, 2011  
Bluegrass Indoor Karting.

Two members were accounted for, Richard Sinnock and Scott Wright. Some trivial subjects were discussed. The meeting was adjourned.

## Schedule of Events

12/06/11?  
Membership Meeting  
Bluegrass Indoor Karting

12/25/11  
Merry Christmas  
New race tyres would be nice!

01/21/12  
Awards Banquet  
King Fish (see pg.5)

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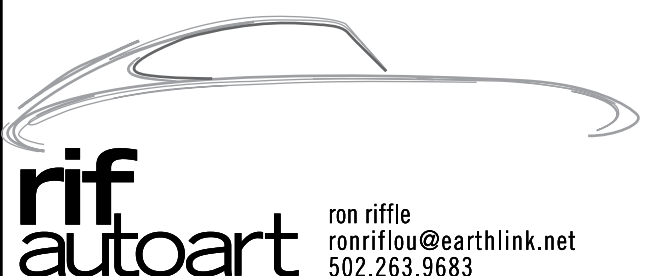
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# KY SCCA Final Results for Fun Event #3 A Solo Halloween UPS Sunday October 30, 2011 Registered Entries :64 / Times Recorded: 60

Place	No.	Name	Car Type / Color	Pax	Fast Run
Super Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	99	Jim Moore	02 Corvette Z06 Red	30.847 (4)	49.473
2	3	Sam Moore	03 Corvette Z06 Red	32.066 (14)	51.640
A Stock Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	11	Brent Dudgeon	12 Boss Mustang Red	30.580 (3)	53.704
B Stock Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	198	Nick Privette	07 Honda S2000 White	34.242 (41)	55.296
C Stock Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	35	Lou Savino	99 Mazda Miata Green	31.562 (8)	51.968
D Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	60	Robert Armstrong	11 Mazdaspeed 3 Black	34.291 (42)	53.558
2	22	Victoria Riley	87 Dodge Shelby Charger Blk	36.204 (58)	62.043
E Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	53	Tom M. T	91 MR2 Black		55.328
2T	1	Chris Croak	91 Miata Red		56.406
2	3	Karl Miller	91 Miata Red	34.758 (49)	57.180
3	13	Eric Morgan	91 Miata Red	34.711 (48)	58.301
3	119	Charlotte Rohan	92 Miata White	36.059 (55)	59.567
G Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	25	Heath Plum	07 Honda Civic Si Red	34.800 (50)	58.276
2	1	Daniel Hunt	08 Honda Civic Si Blue		58.556
H Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	15	Jason Step	07 X Runner Red		55.411
2	11	Alex Wahl	10 Mazda 3 Black	33.085 (25)	55.696
3	57	Donald O'Brian	12 Ford Focus Black	34.364 (43)	58.556
A Street Prepared Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1					
1T	71	Dave Munsterman	08 Chevrolet Corvette Silver	33.214 (27)	49.550
2	9	Todd Rumpke	06 Corvette White		50.032
3	7	Russ Coleman	06 Corvette Black		50.367
B Street Prepared Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	27	Jeremy Hess	04 Mazda Miata Silver	32.422 (18)	52.611
C Street Prepared Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	95	Andres Barreto	91 Miata Red	30.058 (1)	52.196
2	1	David Melton	92 Miata Red	31.299 (7)	56.659
E Street Prepared Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	53	Tim M. Thompson	86 Ford Mustang SVO Red	33.560 (37)	54.086
2	142	Joshua Connell	98 Mustang GT Black	36.306 (59)	57.744
F Street Prepared Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
3	17	Charles Hughes	93 Nissan NX2000 Stealth Black	45.799 (49)	56.358
X Prepared Total Entries 3 Trophies 2					
1T	5	Matt Coleman	98 Corvette Black		49.299
2	12	Al Murrell	69 Corvette red & yellow		51.399
3	189	Kyle Brewer	89 Supra Blue & Yellow	31.846 (11)	52.436
B Modified Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	16	Bruce Domeck	86 Ralt McDonalds Red & Yellow	32.117 (14)	<b>45.017*</b>

Place	No.	Name	Car Type / Color	Pax	Fast Run
C Modified Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1					
1T	27	Geoff Hale	86 Van Diemen Rf - 86 Red	31.734 (9)	46.667
2	89	Michael Spence	85 Van Dieman FF White	31.853 (12)	48.282
Street Touring Total Entries: 6 Trophies: 2					
1T	77	Doug Simcox	02 Celica GT Blue	32.473 (19)	55.014
2T	100	Richard Carbuccia	96 Saturn SL2 Black		57.153
2T	100	Richard Carbuccia II	96 Saturn SL2 Black		57.221
4	81	Jeffery Millburn	90 Maita		58.842
5	0	Sean Heavrin	90 Camaro Orange		59.865
6	69	Eric Booker	95 Honda Civic EX Green		DNF
Street Touring R Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	24	Stephen Lee	02 S2000 Silver	33.216 (28)	51.598
Street Touring X Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2					
1T	36	Jamey McDaniel	02 Subaru WRX Sedan Red	30.393 (2)	51.031
2T	16	Raymond Dzousa	Mazda Speed 3 White	31.841 (10)	51.848
6	64	Armando Manzo	08 Mazda RX-8 Grey	34.597 (47)	54.090
3	66	Barry Chase	07 Honda Civic Si Fiji Blue	32.542 (20)	54.393
Street Modified Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	10	Kirby Kernen	95 Pontiac Trans Am Green	36.071 (56)	56.101
Street Modified F Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	42	Rae Pepito	10 Mazdasped 3 Blue	36.071 (56)	54.100
Super Street Modified Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1					
1T	15	David Melton	Mach One Point Five Whiteish	33.626 (39)	51.762
Street Touring O Total Entries: 18 Trophies: 6					
1T	9	Danny Popp	06 Corvette white	35.923 (53)	47.353
2T	57	Craig Moulton	04 Mazda Miata Silver	36.163 (57)	50.604
3T	13	John Willett	02 Z06 Blue	37.906 (66)	50.958
4T	14	Scott Wright	05 RSX MM	39.254 (75)	51.101
5T	33	Shane Duncan	87 RX-7 White	39.437 (76)	51.179
6T	53	Adam Strange	11 WRX Red	38.103 (68)	51.794
7	5	James Edmunds	05 MazdaSpeed 3 Orange	38.703 (72)	51.975
8	124	Aeron Peterson	97 Mitsubishi Eclipse Grey	40.656 (78)	53.231
9	5	Andy Vittitow	96 240 SX White	39.135 (73)	53.713
10	18	Julia Aebersold	91 Toyota MR2 Turbo	39.155 (74)	53.784
11	33	Steve Gammons	91 Miata Red	39.509 (77)	55.000
12	17	Matt Moore	85 Toyota Corolla Silver	41.309 (79)	57.261
13	0	Sean Heveren	Camaro Orange	41.309 (79)	57.537
14	4	Andrew Scott	70 Datsun 240Z Black	41.309 (79)	60.749
15	7	Tiffany Tingle	04 Mazda 6 Copper	41.309 (79)	62.486
16	32	Jeff Wernert	86 Toyota Corolla GTS Blue		DNF
17	3	Brad Arlinghaus	92 Miata Red		DNF
18	6	Andrew Buck	96 Nissan 200sx Green		DNF

\* Fastest Time of the Day— 45.017 16 B Mod Bruce Domeck

**The Mach 1.5 Takes on the Grassroots Challenge** Dave Melton and his 3000 Mach 1.5 (MR2) went to the Grassroots Motorsports Challenge and finished fourth. The Event consists of a drag race, autocross and a concourse. Dave's points totaled 44.640. All entries can not exceed \$2011, including purchase price, all mods, tires, etc. Next year it will be \$2012. He also received an awarded for the Worst Attempt to Persuade Concourse Judges: "One man brake bleeder". You'll have to ask him about that award. Way to go Dave, always good to see a KY SCCA member dun good.



## RE's Corner November 2011

What a nice way to end the season. We had good attendance for an event that started with frost on the windows and Mother Nature decided to warm up her cold heart. We had a good variety of folks that showed up in their Halloween costumes and the Dancing Robot was able to win the competition and win his \$25 entry fee for the most entertaining costume. However, I did hear that the

costume did not fare so well while driving at speed in the Miata. There was some kind of aerodynamic problem involved. I also want to thank Geoff Hale for bringing out his awesome chili. That was some goooooood stuff.

Now that our season has come to an end I'll be using the winter months to start prepping the karts for next year. One of the items on my list is an engine rebuild by Swedetech. I'm hoping that Santa will be able to help out that department.

You will start to see information about our annual awards banquet in this month's Downshift. I'm planning to have a bit of fun with it this year and we'll have a good supply of door prizes. So, don't forget the date on Saturday, January 21st at Kingfish.

Cheers!

Julia Aebersold RE

# Weird Competitors Show Up for Halloween Fun Event



Rock'n Robot  
WINNER



The Stig



Don't Fear the Reaper



Fastest Dog of the Day



Want to play a game?



Giddy Up Cowgirl



Frau Helga

## Autocross Accidents

### – What Causes Them?

By Janice Rick, SSC member  
janice@soloperformance.com

### THE TOP 3!

- 1.Out of my way I am In a hurry!
- 2.Not paying attention to safety!
- 3.It won't happen to me!

I watched the Solo National event and saw a very safe event, but I also saw 3 things that kept happening and could have caused injuries. Yes, there were other things that were a safety concern, but these 3 things were played out over and over again on all days, in all heats, and in all classes. We were lucky, and the SSS's tried their best to remind everyone of safety throughout the event.

### OUT OF MY WAY I AM IN A HURRY!

- My car is broken I need to just get a small adjustment on the suspension; it will only take a minute. I don't need a jack stand, the car won't fall.
- I need a part and it is in the paddock. I need to drive very fast to get it before the next heat.
- My brother is running and we have to rush through grid with kids and dog so we don't miss his run.

### NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO SAFETY!

- Sorry you almost ran over me. I was looking at that cool car over there and wanted to let my co-driver know about it.
- Yes, I could have caused a fire. Where is that fire extinguisher?
- The junior carts are running, but I am not that close to them. I need to get this done; people are waiting for it.

### IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME!

- I only need to run over and give these keys to a worker. I can park here for minute. It won't be a problem.
- I am safe. I never get hurt. Those things happen to others, so hang on to the back of this golf cart with me. Want a beer?
- Stuff falls off cars all the time, but not usually near me. So I just want to get this quick photo with my camera phone. I will only have my eyes off the cars for second.

How many times do you think you can be this lucky? I, for one, think Safety needs to be based on a lot more than luck. Know the Safety rules; follow the Safety rules; then go home unhurt and happy!

# 2011 Kentucky Region SCCA Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Saturday, January 21st

Time: Doors and Cash Bar open at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

Location: Kingfish, 3021 River Road, Louisville, KY 40207

Cost: \$20 per person, \$15 for spouse or additional person, kids under 10 are free

Payment: Checks can be mailed to Mike Spence, 4 Oak Tree Ln, Louisville, KY 40245-5041

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# Danny Popp Wins 2011 Optima Ultimate Street Car Invitational In Corvette

Insanely Tight Battle with Mark Stielow  
By Brian Lohnes Posted 11/05/11

Noted racer Danny Popp has won the 2011 Optima Ultimate Street Car Invitational after a down to the wire battle with Mark Stielow. In a virtual dead heat on points after all the events were tallied, race organizers were faced with having to go to their "tie-breaker" rule which was the fastest road course lap. In that category Danny Popp had the advantage, so he was awarded the trophy and his Corvette is crowned as the Optima Ultimate Street Car for 2011.

One of the true heroes in this whole story will be fellow Corvette competitor Peter Callaway who saved the day for Popp by giving him the master cylinder off of his car so Popp could compete in the braking portion of the event. Without that act of true sportsmanship and the ensuing thrash that was completed in an insanely tight window, Popp would have been eliminated.

Popp is known as a killer driver and he obviously put all of his skills to work today, beating the likes of Mary Pozzi, the aforementioned Mark Stielow, Kyle and Stacy Tucker, Bret Voelkel and others. His 2006 Z06 Corvette



bested what will probably stand as the toughest field of Pro Touring cars in the world, up to this point.

*As a side note, Danny Popp is from the Cincinnati Region and has come to our events to kick butt several times, including the recent Halloween Fun Event.—editor*



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