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Coming Events

Feb 24	Board Meeting
Feb 27	CSCC Fun Run (Walesboro, IN)
Mar 3	Member Meeting
Mar 5	KYR Annual Tech Day
Mar 6	Cincy SCCA Fun Run
Mar 13	Cincy SCCA Points Event #1
Mar 20	KYR Cobweb Shaker (UPS)
Mar 31	Board Meeting

A complete calendar of events is listed on page 4 or
online at kyscca.com

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News from the R.E.

by Jamey McDaniel

Kansas City there I went!

I attended the SCCA National Convention that was held in Kansas City the last weekend of January. This was the inaugural year for the Hall of Fame induction where ten of the pioneers of the SCCA were honored. While many of us will not recognize their names, these are the people we have to thank for their contributions to the development of the sport. Check out SCCA.com under News dated 01/31/05 for more information about the ceremony. The rest of the convention I attended seminars on things such as safety junior carting program and working the entry gate. It was a very informative trip as it gave me the chance to meet people from regions across the nation and get some insight into the workings of other clubs.

The start of the 2005 season is fast approaching. I encourage everyone to start checking KYSCCA.com for the schedule of events. Annual Tech Day will be here before we know it, March 5th to be exact. I would like to encourage everyone to Annual Tech their cars this year if at all possible. It will make event day easier on you and the tech guys. All you need is a rulebook and a SCCA membership card and the rest is painless so look into it.

If you are interested in getting more involved this year, please let myself or Erik Mohn know. We are in need of people to assist in numerous roles this year so feel free to contact us and we will find something

that fits your talents.

Evolution School is May 13 - 15 this year. Chris Granger will be chairing this event that brings in nationally recognized Solo II talent to instruct



you in your own car. I have completed Phase I and Phase II and I highly recommend this school. Not only was it a fun day but I learned skills I did not even know I needed to know. These guys are phenomenal drivers and nice guys to boot. I would recommend this school to all drivers.

Once again this year Bluegrass Motorsport will be the title sponsor for the Bluegrass Motorsport Solo II Challenge which is our points series. As they have for the past several years they have contributed a significant amount of money to pay for trophies for the season. Ken Towery Motorsports after being a great supporter last year will once again be giving us the use of the compressor. They also will be having a version of the tire contingency and we hope to be announcing details in the next few weeks. Please support these sponsors whenever you are in need of their services.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the season, I hope to see you all at the Cobweb Shaker.

New Entry Level Club Racing Replaces Solo 1

The SCCA Club Racing Department has announced a new way for SCCA members and sports car enthusiasts to compete and experience the thrill of road racing with the formation of the Performance Driving Experience (PDE), part of its new Time Trials program. The PDE, the first of four levels of Time Trials activities (which range from instructional to all-out, top-speed events at venues from closed tracks to paved, non-track roads), offers a chance to improve driving skills while giving curious rookie enthusiasts a taste of competitive motorsports action.

SCCA Club Racing officials believe the new program will help introduce SCCA Club Racing, and motorsports in general, to people who might not have been on the Club's radar before. The new format

provides competitive flexibility for motorsports enthusiasts by allowing both street cars and race-prepared vehicles to participate, depending on the program level.

For more information on these events and a breakdown of the four levels offered (listed below), check out www.scca.com.

New track-oriented programs offered by the SCCA
Performance Driving Experience (PDE)
Club Trials
Track Trials
Hill Climbs

2005 Solo Schedule

NOTE: TENTATIVE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mar 5	KYR Annual Tech Day
Mar 6	Cincy SCCA Test & Tune
Mar 13	Cincy SCCA Points Event #1
Mar 20	KYR Cobweb Shaker
Apr 2-3	Cincy Evolution School
Apr 9-10	Atlanta National Tour
Apr 16-17	Atlanta ProSolo
Apr 23	KYR Test&Tune (Special Event)
Apr 24	KYR Points Event #1
Apr 24	Cincy SCCA Points Event #2
May 1	Cincy SCCA Points Event #3
May 13-15	KYR Evolution School
May 22	KYR Points Event #2
May 22	Cincy SCCA Points Event #4
Jun 11-12	Toledo National Tour
Jun 19	Cincy SCCA Fun Run
Jun 26	KYR Points Event #3
Jul 2-3	Peru National Tour
Jul 9	KYR Drivers' School
Jul 10	KYR Points Event #4
Jul 17	Cincy SCCA Points Event #5
Jul 24	KYR Points Event #5
Aug 7	Cincy SCCA Points Event #6
Aug 28	KYR Points Event #6
Sep 10-11	Topeka ProSolo
Sep 13-16	Solo2 National Championship
Sep 18	Cincy SCCA Points Event #7
Sep 25	Cincy SCCA Points Event #8
Sep 25	KYR Points Event #7
Oct 1-2	CENDIV - Cincy
Oct 9	KYR Points Event #8
Oct 16	KYR Fun Run
Oct 30	KYR Fun Run

All dates are tentative and locations have not yet been confirmed. List will be updated in future issues to include CKR and other regional events



Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2005 Membership Meeting
Call to Order 7:05 PM
Reading of Jan. Minutes by Erik Mohn
Motion by George Frazier to accept the minutes
2nd by Eric Brown
Treasurer report by Dean Smith
We have money
Old Business
Discussion with Dean Smith about cost of event sites so we can set pricing
- Deferred to next month
Discussion of Annual Tech for solo participants
- To be held March 5 at Winning Formula/ Unique Automotive
Discussion of possible Tech day in Lexington for Road Race persons
- To be held mid-March at Sheen's Racing in Lexington
Discussion of how we will determine eligibility for year end trophies in the 2005 season
- Motion by Phil Wells that points will only be accumulated from the start of membership or associate membership. A receipt book will be kept at registration to facilitate the tracking of paid associate members.
- 2nd by Dave Jenkins
- Unanimous vote
Report on the Kansas City National Convention
- Jamey attended classes that included discussion of Formula Jr. class and registration organization.
- Racing and sanction fee remain at \$8.25 per car.
- There will be no official rule changes in regards to full face helmets in 2005.

New Business
Evolution school is approaching quickly
- suggestions of chairperson,
- validate cost (same as 2004 or raising costs)
- we need to then get the details posted on our website and if the local boards will link to it that would be great.
- George Frazier named chair person.
- Cost is set at \$225.
- Info will be available this weekend.
- There is a limit of 10-13 cars per class.
- George will be looking into getting Phase 4 offered for Sunday.

Discussion of a form/sheet for chiefs of the various aspects of the solo event.
- Jamey McDaniel to chair first event.
- From now on chair will be selected month prior to the event to make sure the details are taken care prior to race day.
- This includes: Trailer transport, port-o-pots, safety stewards, etc.

New Business from the Floor
KY Cougar Club would like to come out and race as a group at Ft. Knox.
- The group will be required to work before running.
Mike Winebrenner was a big fan of the Halloween event and requests that the 10/30 event have the same theme.

Adjourn

2005 Evolution Driving School Info

EVOLUTION PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL

The time is almost upon us for Kentucky Region's Evolution Driving School. Evolution is the country's premiere autocross driving school, with programs designed to improve the driving skills of 16 year old novices to multi-time SCCASolo II National Champions. It is the most intense, most indepth autocross instruction available and it's being brought home you in the Kentucky Region. If the following questions have ever gone through your head, Evolution is right for you...

- How can I improve and be more competitive?
- Is it the car or driver?
- What makes the "top" drivers fast?
- Where can I learn the limits of my car?

This year, the Kentucky Region will be hosting Evolution over a three day period, offering Phase One, Phase Two, and Phase Four instruction to our students. Each phase takes one day to complete and it is recommended that students begin with Phase One their first year and consider the other phases either that same weekend or the following year. A brief description of the phases is as follows...

Phase One - Skill Building

The "original" Evolution program as developed by the McKamey Autocross School. This first step in the Evolution is where all students start, regardless of experience. Daylong course builds on students existing skills, while introducing new ideas to improve one's times. Students both ride and drive with Evolution trained national caliber drivers to learn where they are fast and where they need to improve. Small student teacher ratio of 6:1 insures quality instruction time. Computerized timing provides segment times, which can be compared throughout the day. Combined with race proven skills, concepts, and techniques this course will improve the performance of all drivers on both road and track. Even experienced driver's benefit from the Phase 1 course as a refresher for those things they've forgotten over the years or perhaps never learned. No matter what type of car you drive the Phase 1 skills will improve your overall driving abilities.

Phase Two - The Mental Edge

Building upon the skills learned in Phase 1, Phase

2 takes the driver into new areas of mental race preparation, allowing the Phase 1 skills to be applied as second nature. Various driving exercises are conducted throughout the day to improve the driver's visual and mental imaging of the course, resulting in quicker lap times. This course has worked "magic" in reinforcing the importance of Phase 1 skills and transferring those skills to every autocross course you may encounter. The Phase 2 track design is not the same as used in Phase 1 and generally has higher speed sections. Note: Phase 2 students must first have completed the Phase 1 program. As in Phase 1, students must provide a two-seat vehicle for the day.

Phase Four - Challenge School

Have you taken Phases 1 and 2? Have you got some seat time under your belt and reached a place where shaving time on course seems to be impossible? The Challenge school is for you! The Challenge school forces students to combine everything they have previously learned but on a longer, quicker, national style, real world autocross course, complete with quick slaloms and hard shut downs.

Our goal is to drive home the Phase 1 & 2 concepts and make sure you still are using them while increasing the length of time on course. This school has different meaning for every person that takes it.

Okay, where and how much?

The school will be held at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium off of Floyd Street and Central Ave in Downtown Louisville, KY near the University of Louisville. A map will soon be provided below. Cost for each phase of the school will be **\$225**, which includes over 30 autocross runs during the duration of the day, one-on-one time with the instructors in your car, insurance coverage for the event, and lunch during the day.

How do I sign up?

It's easy! Just contact Chris Granger at christophergranger@hotmail.com or 502-386-2559 to verify your slots, then send payment to:

KYR SCCA
c/o Chris Granger
7204 Wyndefair Ct
Prospect, Ky 40059

Checks should be made out to "KYR SCCA"

An up-to-date listing of available slots and members attending will be viewable at kyscca.com

Going Pro... a First Timer's View of ProSolo

by Eric Brown

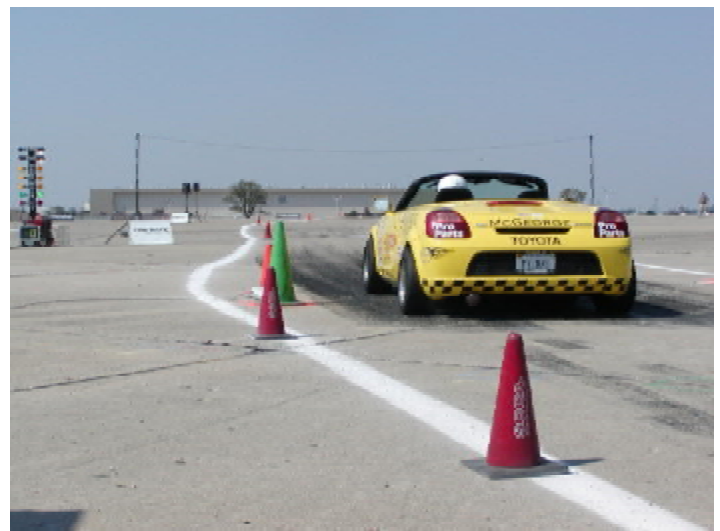
Pro Solo is another form of national level autocross that - while not as popular as Solo2 - is just as, if not more, fun. Pro Solo is a form of autocross where two cars compete at a time on identical mirrored courses with a drag tree start. The clock starts when the tree lights green, so all aspects of drag racing (reaction time, 60-foot, etc...) factor into your total scored time. Similar to Solo2 competition, 2 second penalties are incurred for a hitting cone, but DNF's are earned for red-lighting (in addition to off course excursions). The classing structure is the same as Solo 2 with indexes to group the smaller classes together depending on attendance numbers. Each class runs together in a heat with all 4 runs back to back, alternating courses. You have two heats on Saturday and one on Sunday for a total of 12 runs, 6 on each course with your best time from each course being combined for your total time. The winners of each class, and a few from random draw, are then entered into the final challenge. The challenge is structured as a single elimination bracket competition. Classes are pitted against each other with a delay built into the start light to allow for PAX difference. For example, a CS car would get a slight head start on the course if racing a SM car so that the time when they cross the finish line already has the PAX built into it. Then the winners are awarded trophies, cash prizes, tires, and contingency money and prizes.

In February of last year I was able to attend the Atlanta Pro Solo with a few other Kentucky Region members. Brian Morales, Rich Hughes, Andrew Scott, and I all made the trip down to get a taste of the competition. We left a sunny Louisville early Friday and arrived at a damp, wet, and cloudy Atlanta later that night. The trip took a bit longer than planned due to some car issues on the way down. Friday was a day for tech inspection, registration, and practice launches on the drag lights if you wanted, for a fee of course. The site, Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, was great as it had a lot of space and a very nice large asphalt parking lot. The rain Friday night gave way to... you guessed it... still more rain as we arrived at the site Saturday morning. Perhaps deluge would be a better way to describe the opening of the heavens over Atlanta that day. The competition at

Pro Solo is great. They draw a smaller crowd than your typical Solo2 National Tour and everyone we met was friendly and welcoming to the new faces. All the big national names were there; Bob Tunnell, Mike Johnson, Danny Popp, et al.

The Saturday runs seemed to go very fast. The continual runs, back to back, make things seem hectic at first, but you quickly get used to it. The rain certainly didn't help matters, as both courses had a nice river going through them. Saturday concluded, and after working, everyone was very, very drenched. That evening a large group of the competitors from all over met at a local Italian restaurant for dinner and to share stories. Sunday morning we awoke to... you guessed it again... more rain. Harder rain. Colder rain. All of Sunday's heats were finished by lunch time. Sadly, none of the KYR members made it to the final Challenge and we packed up and readied for our trip home. The Challenge was a great thing to watch. I must admit the head to head action is definitely more intense than Solo 2 and is great to watch.

I would highly recommend anyone who has not tried a Pro to check one out. The Atlanta Pro this year has been moved to April 15-17 which will hopefully lead to better weather. I know myself, as well as a few other KYR members will definitely be in attendance. Also of note and in decent driving distance is the Toledo Pro Solo on August 6-7. I hope to see more of you join us for heads up ProSolo action this year.



Driver Tim Aro lines up for a run at the 2004 ProSolo Finale

National News

SCCA Sanctions Primedia Hard Drive Events

Primedia Inc., the leading targeted media company, today announced the launch of a new automotive lifestyle event series,  Hard Drive. Poised to be the premier car culture event in 2005, Hard Drive (www.harddrivelive.com) combines the most popular motor sport trends from around the world with key car culture/lifestyle elements in a fast-pace, engaging environment. Hard Drive leverages the formidable automotive expertise of Primedia, with key competition elements coming from Sports Car Club of America.

“Hard Drive represents the next evolution of dynamic driving events,” said Howard Lim, Primedia’s senior vice president. “We are combining the hottest automotive trends with the expertise of Primedia’s titles to create an experience that will change the standard for automotive events.”

Hard Drive is a multi-dimensional, interactive driving and lifestyle event that also features officially sanctioned racing and show car competitions, a gaming pavilion, live music, DJs, model contests, a vendor midway and more. A main attraction of Hard Drive will be performance car test drives. These “ride ‘n drives” will give attendees the chance to put new and future models of manufacturers’ vehicles to the test on autocross tracks, including models such as the Dodge SRT 4, VW GTI and Jetta A5, among others.

“Hard Drive goes far beyond cool cars and pretty girls – we put people in the driver’s seat. By letting guys race their own cars in professionally run competitions, test drive the newest vehicles and then watch the world’s best drifters, Hard Drive appeals to the passion of performance driving.” said Lou Mohn, President of Primedia’s Consumer Automotive Group.

Main featured attractions slated for each Hard Drive event include:

- World Drift Championships Series – features the top international and American professional drifters in the only true drifting championship in the U.S.;
- Performance Test Drives – attendees can try out the latest stock and tuned vehicles;
- Auto-Cross/Time Attack – SCCA sanctioned.

Open to all, timed auto-cross events pit driver against driver on two identical tracks with multiple classes, multiple runs, top prize money and a national championship at stake;

- Zero-Zero – SCCA sanctioned 1/4 mile track open to all comers with multiple classes, multiple runs, top prize money and a national championship at stake;

- Car Show – NCCA (National Custom Car Association) sanctioned. Displays of the best built, modified and prepared vehicles in multiple classes with top prize money for winners;

- Dyno Challenge – Dyno Dynamics sanctioned. Contestants let the cars do the talking, as the latest in Dyno technology shows what car has the top running specs;

- Audio Challenge – IASCA (International Auto Sound Challenge Association) sanctioned. Entrants put their audio system to the test;

- Gran Turismo 4 Gaming Pavilion and Gran Turismo 4 Challenge for “Top Dog” Honors – contestants compete in five automotive events and in GT 4 real driving simulator competition to be named the ultimate tuner;

- Model Competition – bikini competition to search for and crown the Hard Drive Diva;

- Exhibitor and Vendor Midway – for attendees to see and buy the latest performance products designed to make their ride go fast and look and sound great;

- Live Music.

All competitions will award prize money with the National Championship Finals scheduled for Los Angeles on October 7-8, 2005.

2005 Hard Drive Event Schedule

- Los Angeles - California Speedway Mar 11-12
- Phoenix - Cricket Pavilion Apr 15-16
- San Francisco - Alameda Point May 13-14
- Dallas - Texas Motor Speedway May 27-28
- Atlanta - Atlanta Motor Speedway Jun 10-11
- Boston - Gillette Stadium Jul 8-9
- New Jersey - Englishtown Raceway Jul 22-23
- Detroit - To Be Announced Aug 5-6
- Miami - Homestead Miami Speedway Aug 19-20
- Los Angeles California Speedway Oct 7-8

Racers' Classifieds

<p>2003 Mazdaspeed Protege - Just turned 10,000 miles. Show-room condition. No mods. Recently installed Kenwood stereo with Sirius + 1yr subscription. 7 yr / 100,000 mile warranty. Price reduced to \$14,250.00 502-533-0655 (Mark)</p>	<p>S2 Project - will trade for Jet/Ski/Boat. S2 also Vintage Legal. Engine has two sessions on it Hewland front end. Revolution wheels. Left pod opened up for fuel cell. Three log books since 1978. Tech last May. With body molds. \$5400 OBO trade.. Located in Cleveland. Also have Lola 440 CF project. rmallard@insightbb.com Ron 859-384-2854</p>	<p>Two (2) BMW 2002's - 1976 BMW 2002. 2.0L 4cyl. 5 spd. (318 Getrag) 1971 BMW 2002. 4cyl 2.0l Turbocharged Fuel Injected. More details at kyscca.com 1976 - \$3800 - delivered 1971 - \$3500 - delivered Both - \$6000 delivered Contact through e-mail kaosbob26@yahoo.com, or you can reach me at the following numbers Home - 502-241-0630 Cell - 502-664-5913</p>	<p>Street Mod 95 Acura Integra GSR - 1995 Frost White Acura Integra GSR with built 2L VTEC motor w/ 11.8:1 CR Weisco pistons (CRV block, GSR head) Header Tech header, RS*R cat-back exhaust, Koni Yellows, Ground Controls, OEM ITR rear swaybar (22mm). ~2k miles on the motor. Price reduced to \$7500. brian.morales@gmail.com Brian 502-296-2492</p>	<p>Contour SVT Wheels Fits Cougar and Focus as well. All straight, none bent. Some scuffs on the finish. Currently has 205/55/16 Azenis mounted on them. 4x108/4x4.25, 45mm offset. \$100 for the wheels only \$150 for wheels and tires pensivezev@aol.com</p>
<p>225/45/17 Victoracers - Bought these in June from Ken Towery locally, had only 5 autocross events run on them. \$318 for all 4. dan@jeuch.com 502 261-9007</p>		<p><i>If you would like to list an advertisement in DownShift, post it online at kyscca.com in the For Sale Forums, or send an email to erik.mohn@insightbb.com. If you have no computer access, send a brief description by mail to the return address on this issue.</i></p>		

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