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Checkered Flag.....

Early SCCA member and Kentucky Region founder Denver Cornett Jr. passed away November 19, 2006. He grew up in Louisville loving automobiles and caught the sports car "fever" in 1947. The object of his affection was the MG TC but with no dealers in Louisville, he ordered one from a dealer in Miami. When he received word that the recently formed Sports Car Club of America was to begin hosting road races through the streets of Watkins Glen in New York, he practiced his skills on the back roads of Kentucky to prepare for the race. While Denver became best known for having the first post WW II road-racing accident (at the stone bridge that is currently named for him) in practice for the first SCCA sanctioned Grand Prix at Watkins Glen in 1948, he made repairs to the car overnight and finished a respectable 7th in the main event the next day. That #7 was also the number of his SCCA competition license. He was inducted into the Walk of Fame at Watkins Glen in 1994 and honored by a granite marker placed in the sidewalk there. The family still retains possession of that venerable MG TC to this day.

Denver was Louisville's first foreign car dealer, specializing in British cars, as they were most prominent at that time. He started the Kentucky Region of the SCCA, thus becoming its first member, and was a life member of both the

regional and national organization. Kentucky Region recognizes and salutes him each year at the annual awards banquet by presenting the Denver Cornett Sportsmanship Trophy to a worthy recipient.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Sheri, and his sons, Christopher and Denver Cornett III.

(Thanks to Harold Mowrey and Ken Daugherty)

Mark Your Calendars.....

Kentucky Region 2006 Awards Banquet January 13, 2007

The annual awards banquet for Kentucky Region SCCA will be held at the KingFish restaurant at Zorn Avenue and River Road on Saturday, January 13, 2007. "Happy hour" will begin at 6 PM with a buffet dinner beginning at 7 PM. The year-end awards presentations will follow. Tickets for this year's banquet will again be \$15 each and can be purchased from Treasurer Paul Ward.

KyR Solo Safety Steward School...

On Saturday Nov. 4, Kentucky Region hosted a Solo Safety Steward School at the Porsche dealership at BlueGrass Motorsports. SSS Instructor Bill Engle Sr. presented the program to 12 students, 8 from Kentucky Region, 3 from Central Kentucky Region, and 1 from Southern Indiana Region. The KyR members participating in the program were: **Adam Blake, Jamey McDaniel, Jason Marsh, Jim Moore, David Melton, Charles Jones, Linda Jackson, and Phil Wells.** CKR



members were Gary Niles, Ben Pullen, and Mark V. Thomas. The

SIR member was Don Kelley. **Special thanks** go to **Bill Engle Sr.** for presenting the program and to **Blue Grass Motorsports** for allowing us to use their facility.

Dinner Drive to Overlook.....

On Nov. 5, Kentucky Region had a dinner drive to the Overlook in Leavenworth, IN with the following in attendance:

Geoff Hale, Jessica Swim, Mike and Carla Spence, Bruce and Sue Faucett, Bruce and Lisa Domeck, Bill Engle Sr., Cliff Von



Hoene, Charles Jones, Linda Jackson, and Phil and Shannon Wells. The beautiful setting overlooking the Ohio River provided a relaxed atmosphere and good food for a club social event. Check the schedule in

DownShift for future events like this and join us next time! You'll be glad that you did!

Minutes for the October 4, 2006 KyR General Membership Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM at Max & Erma's.

In attendance:

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| Phil Wells | Paul Ward |
| Bruce Domeck | Andrew Scott |
| James Duncan | Geoff Hale |
| Jamey McDaniel | Ken Daugherty |

Minutes of previous meeting read by Andrew Scott. Motion to accept minutes as read made by Phil Wells and seconded by James Duncan. Motion carried.

Financial report passed out by Paul Ward.

A financial report on the Sept. 17 event was made by Phil Wells. There were 90

entrants with fees totaling \$1960. However, costs totaled \$1725 (site fees of \$900, sanction/insurance fees of \$675, and Porta-John fees of \$150) giving us a net profit of \$235.

Solo safety steward school date has been set on Nov. 4 at 2 PM at Blue Grass Motorsports. Entrants are requested to park in the service lot. A motion was made by Phil Wells and 2nd by Jamey McDaniel to pay the instructor \$50 to conduct the school. Motion carried.

The announcement was made that the ballots for 2007 officers must be turned in by 8 PM tonight.

The announcement was made that the new Great Lakes Division will be hosting a Roundtable in Columbus, OH on Nov. 5.

Report by committee to rewrite year-end rules: Committee hasn't been able to meet yet.

Congratulations to Kentucky Region's trophy winners at the Solo Nationals: Cindy Duncan, 2nd in DSL and Bruce Domeck, 4th in BM.

The SCCA has a new official merchandise provider, Imperial Marketing. (www.sccacollection.com)

Report on status of PJCS for 2007 is uncertain at this time.

Year-end banquet--We wish to go back to KingFish on River Road. We'll check on available dates in January. We also plan on continuing to order trophies from the Award Center, as they've provided good service.

We have a request for cars for a Boy Scout Car Show at Kentucky Speedway on October 21. Contact Chris Granger for details.

A racecar was requested by Better Quality for an open house on Oct. 19.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Daugherty and 2nd by Jamey McDaniel. Motion carried.

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2007 Kentucky Region Event Schedule

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KingFish on River Road. See page 4
for ticket order form.



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**2006 KyR Year End
Awards Banquet**

Saturday, January 13th, 2007

**KingFish on the River (just east of Zorn Ave on River Road)
Doors open/Drinks at 6 PM -- Dinner at 7 PM**

Please join us for this year's Kentucky Region SCCA Year End Awards Banquet. This annual get-together allows us to celebrate the achievements of our region, its members and competitors. We've got an evening of great food, fun, door prizes, and long anticipated awards in store for everyone, so I hope you (and your family and friends) can join us. Please return this form along with payment for each guest by January 4, 2007 to reserve your spot.

Name _____

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$15/per Total: _____

Please send form and payment (cash or check to KyR SCCA) to:

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2006 Year End Awards

Denver Cornett Sportsmanship Award: This award is a nomination-based award for a competitor who has shown true sportsmanship over the course of the year. This person is fair, friendly, and is always willing to help out his/her fellow racers.

Bluegrass Award: This is a points-based award that combines dedication to serving the club with performance at our events. The points for the award are weighted more heavily to service than competitive placing, so nominees need not be trophy winners and non-competitors are eligible for this award. A nomination form with info on points will be provided upon request.

Ambassador Award: This points-based award is presented to an individual that has best represented the Kentucky Region to other regions, the motorsports community, and our community at large.

Conehead award: This "prestigious" award is designated for the competitor that has most consistently coned him/herself out of 1st place throughout the course of the year.

Bucket O'Bolts award: Yet another "prestigious" award--this one seeking to recognize a competitor displaying the highest degree or frequency of mechanical difficulty throughout the year.

The Racer Award: This points-based award is presented to a competitor who has represented Kentucky Region best in regional and national road races. Points are accrued throughout the year for attendance and performance at road race events. Forms for nomination and tallying of points are available upon request.

Dorothy Killebrew Award: This award was created in honor of a long-time supporter of our sport and Kentucky Region. The Dorothy Killebrew award recognizes a female who has given of her time and efforts to support and advance the club. She need not be a competitor to receive the award.

Rookie of the Year Award: This award is set aside for outstanding performance on the part of a competitor that is new to the sport. The competitor's first event need not necessarily have been this past year, but the recipient will have participated in his/her first full season of racing. Performance at events is the key measure of this award, but service to the club, attitude, and sportsmanship are also factors.

Driver of the Year Award: This points-based award is presented to the competitor that has consistently placed at the top of our indexed results throughout the points series. Points are

tabulated throughout the year. This award recognizes the very best competitor for the year based on his/her performance on course.

Nominations for any of the above (except for Driver of the Year) should be submitted ASAP to Phil Wells. Requests for points/nomination forms should also be made to Phil at (812)544-2790 or pswells@psci.net.

Important Notice.....

Due to considerable member input, the Board reconsidered the year-end points eligibility decision made at the August Board meeting and rescinded the decision made at that time.

Therefore, if a person was NOT a Kentucky Region member or associate member at the time of an event, they received no points for that event in 2006! Year-end points eligibility rules for 2007 have been formulated and approved and will be posted on the club website (www.kyscca.com) and published in DownShift in future issues.

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Merry Christmas

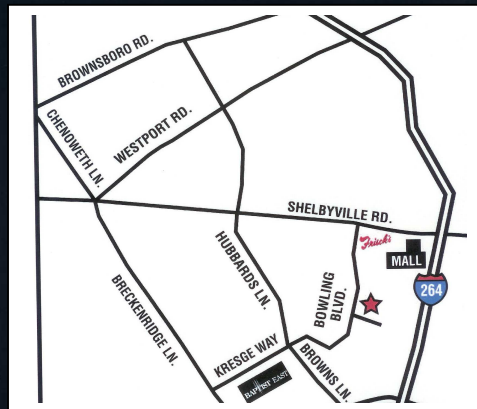
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