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Winter Addition—2016

Announcements

- **2016 KYSCCA Banquet**

The 2016 awards banquet will be on Saturday, February 4th, 2017 at Kingfish Restaurant on the River (KY Side) 3021 River Rd, Louisville, KY 40207. Registration will be through MSR like last year and will be posted once available.

- **Board Meetings**

The board meetings are always held on the last Wednesday of every month. Our next board meeting is December 28th, the location still to be announced. Always check our Facebook page or kyscca.com for the most up to date locations and for last minute location changes.

- **Membership Meetings**

Our membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7^{PM}. Polls are routinely done in the Facebook KYSCCA group to decide where the membership meeting will be. The most up to date listing for the membership meetings will be found there.

- **Content**

The content of this newsletter is generated by volunteers! Please submit your proposed articles and pictures directly to Trevor Christy at Trevor.Christy10@gmail.com.

- **More Information**

For more information visit kyscca.com and check out our Facebook group! New information is constantly being updated there for our members.

- **Have an interesting project?**

If you have a project car you're working on this winter (let's be honest, we all do) and would willing to be featured and discuss the project car, please let me know! Send any info to

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Points Event Two

Points Event Two had a great showing with 105 drivers total for the day and 6 runs. CAM-C was the biggest class with 11 drivers. Brian Shelly found a big chunk of time on his last run, winning the class by 1.3 seconds. Tom Coyle squeezed out the win in STS over the Browns in their tough to beat civic. SSP was an exciting class to watch as Chris Evans tried to take out a pair of Corvettes in his Porsche 911. James Elliot came out the victor with the overall FTD run for the day. Street Modified was a close battle won by just .150 with Jeff Smith top in his questionable EVO X. The closest battle of the day was between the co-driving duo of Joey Gumer and Scott Kimball in their club sport Miata. Scott had the lead for most of the runs, but Joey put it all together and edged out the win by just 0.016 seconds!

All in all it was a great day of racing with the KYSCCA!

- *Stephen Lee*



2016-17 KYSCCA Event Schedule

01/04/2017
Membership Meeting
Location TBA

01/25/2017
Board Meeting
Location TBA

02/02/2017
Membership Meeting
Location TBA

02/22/2017
Board Meeting
Location TBA

SCCA Nationals

Every year hundreds of autocrossers make the trek to the middle of America for the SCCA National Championships held in Lincoln, NE. 2016 saw a record number of entries with over 1300 racers showing up, and our very own KY Region had a record number of attendees with 9 members in attendance. Nathan Steinke, Raymon Dsouza, Adam Norton, Bruce Faucett, Scott Wright, Dave Melton, Stephen Lee, Shawn Lambert, and myself were representing KYR along with some neighboring region members often seen at KYR events; Cindy Duncan, George and Dee Schweikle, Justin and Laura Harbour from CKR, and Tatsuo Noda from Southern Indiana Region.

Nationals weekend started with two events, the Pro Solo Finale and the CAM Invitational. In the Pro Solo Finale, KYR was represented by Adam Norton and Stephen Lee duking it out ES. A quick primer for those that are not familiar with the Pro format, each driver gets 4 back to back runs on Saturday Morning, 2 on the left course and 2 on the right course, 4 more runs on Saturday afternoon, and 4 more on Sunday. The winning time is the best time from the left plus the best time from the right out of any of your 3 heats. The weather was cold, and damp, on Saturday morning but with rain threatening all weekend it was key to get good runs in when you could. Adam had trouble with red lights Saturday morning, but Stephen was able to get clean runs in. Saturday afternoon with still threatening weather, mixed sprinkles, and cool weather going faster was difficult. Sunday brought more threat of rain, but the ES class was able to get their runs in. Adam and Stephen both improved on Sunday with Stephen getting the 3rd and final trophy spot and Adam landing in 5th place. Stephen also received a 3rd place trophy for the Pro Solo yearlong points series.

At the same time as the Pro Solo action, there was also the CAM invitational happening on the other side of the airpark. The CAM invitational was an invite only, Match Tour style, event that had the top cars from the 3 previous CAM events held across the US. Participating in this event were KYR members Brian Mason in CAMC, and Shawn Lambert and myself in CAM-S. Just like in the Pro, weather was at play for the CAM event. For the Match Tour style, the event is run with 3 runs in the morning and 3 runs in the afternoon on Saturday. It was tight competition all day with Shawn finishing 2nd by only 0.3 seconds and I came in 4th after being bumped from 3rd on the last run by the always fast Junior Johnson. The next day was the Challenge Shootouts where Shawn made it to the final CAM-S pairing but lost out by 0.002 seconds! Brian also made it to the shootout final round and just barely lost out to the eventual CAMC winner.

After a relaxing day off on Monday, the SCCA Nationals kicked off Tuesday Morning. Nationals consists of two courses (East and West) with different styles, but both very long. The West course was wide open, with very tricky visuals and a few very tight pinch points but an awesome full throttle, hang on, finish. The East Course had a more defined line, but had several very high speed sections that challenged drivers to be as precise as they could while banging rev limiters.

Tuesday morning kicked off with Shawn, Ray, and myself on the West Course and Dave, Nathan, Tatsuo on the East Course. The CAMS competition was very tight until the last run when Shawn put over half a second on the rest of the class. I was in con trouble so I fell to 13th after day one. The weather was nasty on Wednesday, it rained hard on heat 1 and 2, and in CAM-S we were racing in drying conditions. Everyone got significantly faster run after run and I was able to move from 13th up to 5th and in the trophies. Shawn, throwing down a blazing fast 3rd run, took the CAM-S National Championship back to KYR!

Over in CS, which was the largest class in SCCA Nationals history with 86 competitors, the competition was insane with some of the top drivers in the country duking it out for one of the 23 trophy spots. Dave Melton, in his first Nationals, had a strong showing finishing in 30th place, Nathan in 51st.

In STX, also starting on the West course, Ray was in a tough battle. The second largest class of the event with 72 cars was chock full of former national champions and trophy winners. After day 1, Ray was in striking distance (*Continued on page 4*)

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(Continued from page 3) of the trophies and, dodging the rain, was able to get into the trophies on Sunday in 18th place.

Thursday brought about the second half of the event with Adam and Stephen starting on the East course in ES and Scott on the West in HS (which with PAX, actually started on Monday). The rain was even more in play for the Thursday/Friday crew. Adam and Stephen dodged the showers in a very tough, and very large ES class. There were 54 cars racing for 15 trophies. After a hard fought battle and a lot of back and forth Adam eeked out 10th place and avoided being Stephen Lee'd again as Stephen finished in 11th. Scott was also in a very tough HS class with 29 drivers. After a hard fought two days he finished in the last trophy spot, 8th place. A great showing for his first Nationals.

All said and done KYR brought home 6 National Trophies to the region and one National Championship. It was a great effort and we hope more people make the journey with us next year.

-Eric Brown

Points Event Five

For an outsider looking in, people who autocross may seem quite odd. Standing out 100+ degree weather, watching cars slice and skid through the thick Kentucky summer, anxiously awaiting their turn to test not only the cars that they've been building and tuning all season—some for many seasons now— but to test themselves and their skills as a driver. This was all on full display this



summer at the fantastically beautiful park that is National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park. The course design was excellent and made for a very competitive day at NCM. We are very fortunate to be able to have a site like this for autocross, and look forward to many more days spent testing both ourselves and the machines we spent countless hours building.

- Trevor Christy

KYSCCA Board Meeting Minutes

October 2016

- General
 - 243 members, Down 2
 - Newsletter
 - Standardize dates for sub missions
 - Standardize date for re lease
 - Advertise for add space on trailer
 - NCM Add cost
 - RE column?
 - LS FEST 9/9-9/11
 - Went well
 - Owe TR about \$1k
 - Nationals
 - Reimbursement
 - 8 of 11 trophies
 - Trophies at banquet?
 - Article for newsletter?
 - 9/18 NMC PE8
 - Zimerlee chair?
 - Border War division count?
 - TR member count?
 - 9/15 ballot deadline
 - All unopposed
 - 9/28 BM
 - Election meeting, count votes
 - 10/6 MM
- El nopal?
 - Zimerlee membership chair
 - Mem chair heads mm meeting?
 - 10/8-9 PE 9 and 10
 - Shawn Course
 - Eric Chair
 - Trailer
 - Secure E track
 - Move wall out and widen shelves (offseason)
 - Drawer for printer
 - Finish electrical wiring
 - Tint windows?
 - Measure for cart mods
 - GPS?
 - Insurance?
 - Rolling chairs?
 - Winter storage?
 - Old trailer
 - Interest from Busby
 - Equipment
 - Cone trailers (modify)
 - Grid cart (modify)
 - Order new display before next season
 - Order 150 more cones
 - Convention
 - Who is going?
 - How many to send?
- Website
 - Nathan
 - Brian
 - Eric
 - Rich
 - Updated spreadsheet

KYSCCA Board Meeting Minutes

November 2016

- General
- 210 members, Down 33!
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- Standardize dates for submissions
- Standardize date for release
- Advertise for add space on trailer
- NCM Add cost
- RE column?
- Nationals
- Reimbursement
- 8 of 11 trophies
- Trophies at banquet?
- Article for newsletter?
- 12/28 BM
- Skip?
- 1/5 MM
- Look for BG location
- 1/25 BM
- Location?
- 2/2 MM
- Skip for 2/2 Banquet
- Convention
- Eric, Stephen. Josh, Shawn
- Banquet?
- 2/4?
- Menu?
- Identify officers and chairs
- Congratulate national trophy winners
- Video?
- Slideshow?
- Trophies, eric
- Trailer
- Secure E track
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- Eric
- Rich
- Updated spreadsheet
- Square with TR?
- Rent Due tomorrow!