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2008 Kentucky Region Schedule

May 31 KyR Drivers' School at Papa John's CS
June 1 Points Event #3 at PJCS

June 22 Points Event #4 at Ft. Knox

July 19 ???Test & Tune???? PJCS
July 20 Points Event #5 at PJCS

August 10 Points Event #6 at PJCS

September 7 Points Event #7 at PJCS

October 5 Points Event #8 at UPS

October 19 Fun Event at UPS

Online pre-registration is available on:
www.MyAutoEvents.com

Kentucky Region Drivers' School

The Kentucky Region Drivers' School will be held Saturday, May 31st and is easily the best bang for the buck that our region has to offer in terms of seat time, instruction, and experience. This year's school will be held at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on the Saturday prior to our regular June 1st Points Event #3. The cost for the school is \$75 for KYR Members and Associate Members and \$85 for non-members. Please note that this fee **includes your entry fee for the following day's points event only**. It also includes your lunch for the day on Saturday and will net you dozens of runs--solo, with instructors riding, and with instructors driving. Basically you can cram a season's worth of seat time into one day, focusing on some of the key elements that are common to a majority of autocross courses.

Please make note of the following important registration information: There will be **no online or walk-up registration for the drivers' school**. In order to register you **must mail a check made out to KYSCCA to the address listed below to reserve your spot**. Registration for this school will be capped at 40 drivers in order to keep the student to instructor ratio ideal. A running tally of those who have been registered is being updated on the KYR website.

KYSCCA
c/o Mike Spence, Treasurer
4 Oak Tree Lane
Louisville, KY 40245-5041

PLEASE Include some contact information on the check or along with it so that we can get in touch with you in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes.

Once registered, you'll need to show up the morning of the school at Papa John's (directions available at kyscca.com) no later than 9am. There will be a brief meeting with the instructors and event chairs to break the students down into groups - one more oriented towards beginners and one for those who have more than a season's worth of experience. Once we go over the format for the day, we will split up and each group will work with its instructors one-on-one for the majority of the morning. After lunch, the format will become less restricted and the students will make more solo runs and may have the opportunity to run on the other groups' course.

All students are to provide their own vehicles for the school in ready-to-run trim. No co-driven cars will be allowed but single seat cars will be allowed. We will be able to perform a tech inspection on cars of those who have not run with us in the past. Loaner helmets will be available, but students are encouraged to bring their own if they have one.

The instructors for the school will be posted on the club website in the coming weeks. You can be assured that they'll be familiar names and those that you'll often see at the top of our indexed results. This region has a wealth of experienced and fast drivers that are also skilled, patient teachers - this event is our opportunity to help each other improve, have fun, and get faster.

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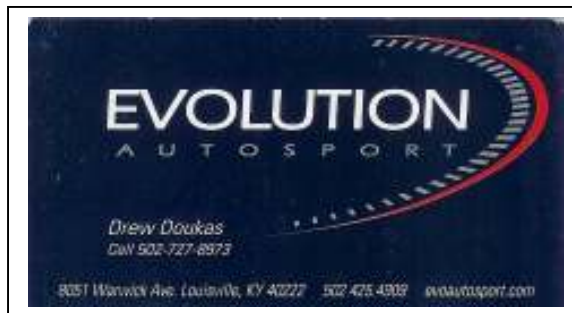
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New Street Tire Open (STO) Regional Only Class Added for 2008.....

New for the 2008 Solo season, is STO (Street Tire Open) class (formerly referred to as STFU)

- STO will have exhibition status for the entire 2008 season on a trial basis.
- There will be trophies at events but entrants are not eligible for year-end points or year-end awards in the STO class.
- The STO PAX value will be that of A-Modified (1.00).
- Eligible cars are restricted to cars which, in original production form, were eligible for a stock class.
- Tires must have a minimum 140 tread wear rating.
- All superseding SCCA safety rules will also apply (ie.--no nitrous, securely fastened battery, properly functioning brakes, etc.).

We hope that this new class will allow those who might otherwise not have a good (or competitive) fit for their street car to run with our club and compete against similarly prepped cars.

KyR cedes counties to SIR.....

At the March 27 Kentucky Region SCCA Board of Trustees meeting, a number of counties in western Kentucky were ceded to Southern Indiana Region in order to form a Western Kentucky Chapter of SIR. Fifteen SCCA members from the Paducah area, led by Richard Hall, wished to form a chapter of SCCA in order to host events. It was felt that the distance from the center of Kentucky Region (Louisville) was too great to be able to accommodate events in the Paducah or Western Kentucky area. Since Southern Indiana Region already included Daviess & Henderson counties, it made sense to cede that territory to SIR so that they could also include other westernmost counties in their activities. The territory ceded includes the counties of Christian, Muhlenberg, Todd, Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Calloway, Marshall, Graves, McCracken, Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman and Fulton, which is the portion of western Kentucky that extends eastward to a point just west of Bowling Green.

(The following reprint is taken from SCCA's *Inside Line*)

Territory shift accommodates members

Kentucky and Southern Indiana Region leaders came together early this month and agreed to major territory changes in order to accommodate SCCA activity in a new area.

When approached by a group of SCCA enthusiasts asking to hold events in Paducah, Kentucky, the Southern Indiana Region was advised the proposed SCCA Chapter for Paducah would have to be a Kentucky Region affiliate under the current boundaries of both Regions. However Kentucky Region could cede the western portion of the state, including Paducah, to SIR via a formal request to the KR BoD.

Results of e-mails between REs Paul Dornburg (SIR) and Geoff Hale (KR), and the forward thinking of both Regions' boards resulted in Kentucky Region agreeing to cede the western tip of the state to SIR, thereby opening the door for the formation of SIR's chapter in Paducah.

The chapter formation process has begun and soon there should be a new hot bed of SCCA Solo activity in Western Kentucky.

Congratulations to both Region's Membership and their leaders in coming together, not only for the good of their own Regions but to serve SCCA Members in the best way possible, regardless of boundaries.

!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!!!

Noise restrictions will be imposed for events held at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium!!!!!! Beginning with the KyR Drivers' School and Points Event #3 (May 31/June 1) sound limits will be imposed. In an effort to reduce the noise affecting the residents in the Wilder Park neighborhood, the Board of Trustees of KyR voted to set limits of 95 dB at 100 feet. **It was also approved that "objectionable" noises approximating that value might also be restricted.** (*Editor's note— It was my understanding that the "objectionable" noises would be at the discretion of a minimum of 3 officials, probably the RE, perhaps the event chairman, and perhaps additional Board members or event officials.*)

BlueGrass Motorsports Park info.....

We've been informed that construction has begun on the road course at BlueGrass Motorsports Park in Sparta, KY. (www.drivebluegrass.com) If anyone is interested in info and/or a possible tour, contact KyR member Ray Dalton (ray.dalton at insightbb.com).

<u>2008 Event Schedule</u>	
Great American Solo Series (GASS)	
May 10-11	Wurtsmith Airport Oscoda, MI (hosted by Saginaw Valley Region)
May 31-June 1	OSU Stadium Columbus, OH (hosted by Ohio Valley Region)
July 12-13	Wurtsmith Airport Oscoda, MI (hosted by Detroit Region)
Great Lakes Divisional Championship	
Aug. 9-10	Grissom Aeroplex Peru, IN
Great Lakes Division ProSolo Event	
July 5-6	Toledo Airport Toledo, OH
CenDiv/Great Lakes Area National Tour	
June 28-29	Grissom Aeroplex Peru, IN
July 19-20	Miller Park Milwaukee, WI
Solo National Championships	
Sept. 16-19	Heartland Park, Topeka, KS

The next Board of Trustees meeting is May 29 at 7 PM at Unique Automotive, 3918 Bardstown Road.

The next General Membership meeting is June 5 at 7 PM at the Lotsa Pasta Café on Lexington Road in St. Matthews.

Minutes for the KyR General Membership meeting March 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at the Lotsa Pasta Café.

Attendees: Geoff Hale, Mike Spence, Phil Wells, Jamey McDaniel, Bruce Domeck, John

Hicks, Jim Moore, Stu Coomer, Richard Rose, Ira DeVaughn, Neil Rohan, Jamey Aebersold, Dave Meyer, Ray Dalton, Jeff Gordon, John Gottbrath, Monica Lea.

The minutes of the February membership meeting were read by Secretary Phil Wells. The motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jamey McDaniel and 2nd by Mike Spence. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Mike Spence gave a financial report.

Old Business: The resignation submitted by Rich Hughes as Ass't RE and Activities Director was accepted and Chris Granger has been appointed Ass't RE by RE Geoff Hale. The Activities Director position has not been filled at this time.

Schedule: The June 22 date at Ft. Knox has been confirmed. The June 1 date had been confirmed at the Jeffersonville Sportsdrome but upon inspection was found to be currently unsuitable for our use. If it is resurfaced, we'll try again sometime in the future. June 1 is not possible at UPS so Geoff will try to get PJCS. Jeff Gordon has been authorized to contact Bill Musselwhite at Bowman Field for a possible event there. There was an update on the SE Christian Labor Day event but nothing has been confirmed there yet.

The Annual Tech day has been postponed to March 15 (same times apply).

The Board has approved trophies at all events in 2008.

The 2007 KyR tax returns have been completed & mailed---thanks to Chris Granger.

New Business: More event chairmen are needed. Jeff Gordon has volunteered to chair one event---possibly at Bowman. Is there interest in a course design school and/or a computer timing & scoring session? Contact Geoff Hale for info if you're interested.

There was a discussion of the soon-to-be BlueGrass Motorsports Park in Sparta, Ky. (www.drivebluegrass.com)

The motion to adjourn was made by Jim Moore and 2nd by Phil Wells. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this March 6, 2008 by Secretary Phil Wells.

RE-laps

Three events, 316 participants, 1580 timed runs, all without incident. Seems to me like the 2008 KYR autocross season is off to a great start! Thanks to the many folks who have made it happen so smoothly. A special thanks to our UPS liaison Mike Timmons, who made it happen.

After an unusually long lay off, we switch gears and move on to Papa Johns on May 31st for the drivers school. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your skills and get lots of seat time.

On a serious note, we have a noise issue at Papa Johns. We will be monitoring sound levels during the event. Sound pressure levels over 95db at 100 feet, and cars presenting annoying, irritating noise will be asked to stop running. We are certainly not picking on anyone or any car, but trying to save this site for future use. If we get complaints, our Papa Johns season could end on June 1st. None of us want this to happen!

Please join us at our next membership meeting at Lotsa Pasta. We will try to keep the business part to a minimum, and the social part a maximum!

Geoff Hale
Regional Executive KYR SCCA

The following is a letter received April 16 from Area 4 Director Larry Dent:

Bombing my contacts list with this but I do not have time to do individual e-mails.

At 10 AM this morning Linda fell head first down the stairs and hit hard at the bottom on a 30 gallon crock with tree we keep in a corner at the bottom.

She suffered what the surgeon called a hangmans broken neck. She broke her neck at the 2nd cervical vertebrae. I was right there and kept her from moving, EMS was on the scene in 20 minutes and stabilized and transported.

At 5:00 this evening she came out of surgery, the surgeon saying all went well. She will be in Parkview for a few days. She now has a halo which will remain in place for 3 months. At that time they will remove it and see if the bones knit. If so, home free. If not we will discuss what other options are available.

The doctors say she was extremely lucky not to sever the spinal cord. She has full movement and feeling everywhere, so in spite of the break and a slightly displaced 2nd vertebrae she has been fortunate so far.

I will be canceling all race weekends up to the Sprints, doc says she can make that if she feels like it.

I will make the May face to face and should be good for the N.W. Historics.

I will keep you up to date on future developments.

Larry Dent

(Larry, the thoughts, prayers, and best wishes from all in Kentucky Region & SCCA go out to Linda and you as she begins what we hope is a complete recovery.---Ed.)

Odds & Ends.....

Just recently saw a picture that was taken after the last event-----Ira DeVaughn with a frown on his face and a PURSE under his arm. Nicole was right alongside, smiling from ear to ear!! From an old agreement, this is the price to be paid when you lose to your daughter. Look out next event----Ira will be blistering the course!

We welcome Steve Smith and daughter Stephanie to the ranks of C-Mod as Steve recently purchased the Mondiale formula ford that was previously owned by Chuck Buysse. It previously competed in Kentucky Region as Chuck and Drew Doukas co-drove the car in a couple of KyR events over the last few years.

The "David Baughman Team" consisting of drivers Dave Baughman and Bruce Domeck finished 4th overall (out of 42 entries) in a 2 hour enduro at an SVRA event at Roebing Road race course in Savannah, Georgia on April 11. The team had qualified ninth. The silver and orange Swift Sports 2000 ran like clockwork from start to finish. KyR members Bruce Faucett and Phil Wells served in their pit crew.

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