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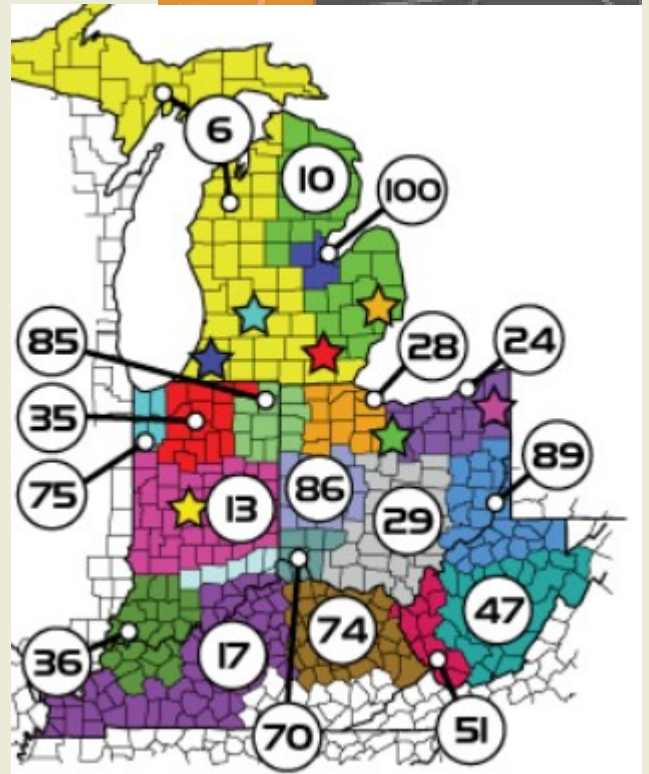
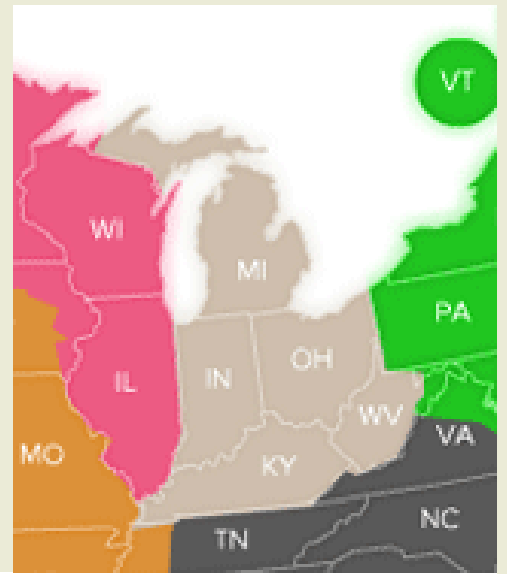
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## About our membership:

To the right is a picture of what the Great Lakes Region includes. Below is specifically KYSCCA Region #17. Approximately 45% of our membership lives in Louisville but as you can see our region is geographically very large. We are so grateful to our members that have been traveling more than an hour one way to attend our events all this time and are glad to now have a Solo Event Site that is closer to our members in the southern part of the region. With 10 points events in 2015 folks who are closest to NCM will only have to travel twice to Louisville to meet their required 6 Points Events to compete for an end of year trophy.



### Attention Valued Members,

KYSCCA is looking for 2015 Sponsors! On page 3 of the Downshift you will find the Sponsorship Form. With a 200+ Membership & 100+ Driver AutoX Events our club has many opportunities for exposure to the right businesses for as little as \$50.00. Traditionally, car dealers, tire stores and other automotive industries look to sponsor clubs like ours but I challenge you to think outside the box this year. We all prefer to shop with people we know who share a common interest that have a valuable product or service. If you are a member of our club and would like us to shop with you, this is your chance! The race sites in our region are expensive in the world of AutoX. Sponsorship money helps us improve our events and keep cost as low as possible for members. Because tax deductible racing is even more fun!

~Annie Steinke, KYSCCA Membership Director/Secretary

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Solo Schedule  
of Events!**

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The Officers &  
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for

**2015**

Jamey McDaniel	2015	Regional Executive
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**KYSCCA 2015 Sponsorship Form** (Subject to change after January 31, 2015)

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Sponsorships for the KYSCCA 2015 Season are limited and are awarded on first committed basis. Additional benefits to both parties may be applicable. Make your sponsorship commitment by email to: [kyscca@gmail.com](mailto:kyscca@gmail.com)

You will be notified of the status of your sponsorship acceptance 5 business days after of our receipt of your approved sponsorship proposal and check payable to KYSCCA.

It's March 15<sup>th</sup> and you're pulling up to the starting line at NCM for your final run in the first KYSCCA Autocross of the season. You're thinking about how you need to get in tighter on the apex cone in turn four and take the slalom a little bit faster. You've played the perfect run out in your head a dozen times, and you know you're going to make it happen. Then you think to yourself, "I wonder all of those expenses from moving to Bowling Green to be closer to the track... I mean my new job, are tax deductible?" Next thing you know, you've completely ruined your last run and get to go home without a trophy.

Nobody wants to worry about their taxes at all, much less when they're trying to focus on the important things in life like motorsports or spending time with family. This is why it may be a good idea to call a professional as your tax situation grows more complicated. A tax professional will have answers to all of your tax questions and will most likely save you a great deal of time, effort, and worry each tax season. In addition to tax help, if your tax professional is a Certified Public Accountant, he or she can also give you valuable assistance in managing your personal finances or starting/managing your own business.

Don't wait until the last minute to call a Tax Professional. The earlier you get started, the more time you have to make decisions that could affect your tax bill. And to answer the question above regarding moving: the answer is... Maybe.

-Wes Penn, CPA



### 2015 Solo Changes by Tech Chief Tony Morrow:

The start to the autocross season is just around the corner. The SCCA made some large changes for 2015 so its time to pull out the rule book and make sure all those mods you made during the winter haven't bumped you out of a desired class. Here are a few rule changes that I think everyone should be aware of.

**All the Street-R classes (except SSR) are gone.** They were only meant to be around for one year so competitors could finish using up their race compound tires. Super Street will keep an "R" class because the SCCA recognizes these vehicles either have limited options when it comes to competitive street tires or need the extra grip due to their high horsepower.

**"Street" tire minimum tread wear is now 200 UTQG.** The SCCA said this was coming way back in 2013 with the announcement of the new "Street" rules. In 2014 competitors could keep running 140 UTQG tires, use them up, and by 200 UTQG. For 2015 you must be running 200 UTQG tread wear tires to be eligible for any Street, Street Touring, or Street Prepared class. Anything lower and you automatically get bumped to a Street Modified class.

**Street Touring Compact (STC) has been combined into Street Tire Sport (STS).** Three years after the split of Street Touring (ST) into Street Touring FWD (STF) and Street Touring Compact (STC) the SCCA has decided to eliminate STC and combine it with STS.

**G Prepared has been eliminated and cars have been distributed between DP & EP.** The SCCA simply said the class was no longer filling its original goal.

**Classic American Muscle (CAM) has new rules.** For 2015, C4 and newer Corvettes as well as Vipers are explicitly excluded from CAM classes. The class has also been broken up into three sub classes with CAM-T (Traditional) for vehicles manufactured from 1954 to 1972, CAM-C (Contemporary) for vehicles from 1973 to today, and CAM-S (Sports) for lightweight, two seater cars.

**Street Tire Open will require 200 UTQG tires.** This was decided at January's board meeting. Rules for STO have been updated and posted on the KYSCCA website. Here are the specifics.

The vehicle must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in section 3.1 of the SCCA® National Solo® Rule Book.

The vehicle must meet the safety requirements outlined section 3.3 of the SCCA® National Solo® Rule Book.

The vehicle must have tires that meet the rules outlined in section 13.3 of the SCCA® National Solo® Rule Book.

The vehicle cannot be an "open wheeled" car. IT MUST HAVE FENDERS.

I am happy to inform you that we are taking the first steps in the next level of motorsport activities with the SCCA. It all started with Solo where you gained valuable experience and knowledge about high performance driving. Now you can take that and apply it to road courses. So, how do we get you there?

#### 4 Event Levels:

Performance Driving Experience, PDX, Club Trials, Track Trials, Club Racing

-PDX provides an instructional environment for drivers who simply want to improve their driving skills and increase their enjoyment of driving their street vehicle. We provide class and hands on instruction one-on-one with a qualified instructor.

-Club Trials adds advanced driving techniques, competition rules and timing elements. There will be a higher driver to instructor ratio. Instructors will critique and be a valuable resource for drivers as they develop their skills throughout the day.

-Track Trials is where unprepared cars get sidelined and the course gets faster. Car classes are put together and you are in the chase of the fastest time. This is not wheel-to-wheel racing and you are restricted to fewer laps in contrast to the previous levels. Solo type of competition on the road course!

-Finally you enter into Club Racing. This is full blown wheel-to-wheel racing.

#### First Steps:

-We are currently gathering information, putting together a track committee and getting a game plan together to host these types of events.

-This is where you can get involved today. To put on these events we need qualified and licensed Chiefs in specialty positions. This will take time and a sincere commitment by volunteers. We will be receiving help from other regions to help train and enable us to participate in their events as Chief Apprentices. They will also augment our region on staffing future events.

-So if you are interested in Flagging/Communications, Safety, Inspections, Grid and Start control, these are specialties you can get licensed for. This will involve traveling to events and spending entire weekends of volunteering at track events. We will post information and scheduling the new Track Committee meetings.

Again, it's an exciting time for our region. You can be a part of it as being a participant or as an important team member to host these events.—Thank you, Armando Manzo

Thank you to all 100+ Members, Friends and Family who attended our awards banquet this January at the JTown Community Center. In true KYSCCA Style we had hiccups, we overcame them, we smiled, worked together and enjoyed the night completely. We learned a lot with our first banquet at an event space instead of a hotel or restaurant and can't wait to do it even better at the end of this season. Please keep an eye out in the Downshift and on the Web for more information when we get closer to the end of the season. It takes a village and we are always looking for more help. ~Annie Steinke



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**Call to action! We need your help! The KYSCCA is currently seeking the following roles from our membership:**

- Downshift Writers & Photo Submissions
- Social Media Promoters & Event Banner Designers
- T-Shirt Design Concepts (one-color designs)
- Introductions to potential Solo Racing Sites in the REGION

It takes a village! If you have ideas, questions or want to get more involved; step one is attending a membership meeting. Please visit our social media, website or page 3 of this issue for our current schedule of events.



### Happy January Birthdays

#### KYSCCA Members:

William Eddie Davis  
William H Engle Sr.  
Dennis C DeWitt  
Dennis James Hansen  
Dick Schmitt  
Thomas Chris Krohn  
Donald Gambel  
Stacey Schmitt  
Jason Odle  
Jason Story  
James Trenton Palmer  
Adam Best Norton  
Evan Boles  
Kevin Owens  
Christopher Polk Buntin  
Quinton Howell  
Jake Bension  
Alexander Michael Aebersold

### Happy February Birthdays

#### KYSCCA Members:

John Schuld  
Bruce Domeck  
Charles K Hughes  
Tom Tomlinson  
Mark L Highbaugh Sr.  
Julia W.Aebersold  
George Frazier Jr.  
Jessica Preston  
Timothy Babb  
Jeffrey M King  
Nathan Lawrence Hagan  
Ryan Frew  
Katie Boxx  
James Bramer  
Joseph Day  
Henry Strull  
Austyn Tindle

KYSCCA @Carl Casper 2015 was a fantastic success. Low turnout due to the weather notwithstanding. We be a perfect mix of cars for the venue. Andrew Scott's Buick attracted a huge amount of attention, which was expected given the nature of the show. Brian Downs' RX-7 consistently raised eyebrows and Bruce Domeck's Lola was a hands down favorite of children.

The use of a video display showing race footage was also a big draw. Many times we had crowds of nearly a dozen people just standing there watching the video. We got lots of questions, passed out a ton of cards and pamphlets, too.

We hope to attend Carl Casper next year as well. If the weather cooperates we have great opportunity to introduce our club to brand new enthusiasts.

If you are interested in helping out next year just let us know. We will be asking for help here in the downshift as well as on the website and via social media.

Thank you to Andrew Scott for being our On-Site Coordinator and for event review above.

## THE TALENTED FORMULA FORD CLASS of 2014 Think they look harmless – Let me tell you a little about them

Dave Baughman – Corner Exit Expert and TOP OF THE 2014 CLASS

Do not let the suspenders look fool you – there is nothing laid back about this racer, rather the skills of a whiskey runner. His ability to accelerate away exiting a corner will leave you thinking – where the heck did he go, I was just right behind him. This racer knows no bounds. He will remove his motor and ship it half way across the country to gain a couple horsepower to keep you behind him – whatever it takes - no sympathy.

Top Graduate of the 2014 Class –  
1<sup>st</sup> in Monoposto Club Formula Ford 2014  
2014 SVRA National Champion Club Ford

Phil Wells – Spinning Doctor

This racer will probably tell you he is semi-retired from racingBull- he has only switched to a new racing venue. He knows no limits - to excel at his new endeavor he recently had both of his knees rebuilt. Lord knows what kind of high tech assemblies he had installed. This speed demon enjoys slicing the air on unsuspecting back roads aboard a two wheeled multi-spoked, carbon rimmed, carbon framed, high tech machine that he constructed himself from scratch. Protect yourself when cruising southern Indiana on a peaceful weekend, he is known to terrorize of all places SANTA CLAUS, IN.

Bruce Domeck – The Master Technician This racer will volunteer to rebuild your entire motor or damaged chassis between races without even a whimper of complaint. He loves to get his hands dirty fixing mechanical things. He can spot a loose bolt or wire aboard your machine from a mile away. BUT BEWARE When the green flag drops he gets extremely racey and will leave you for dead as he slices and dices his way through the pack never to be seen again until you return to the pits. He has told me after a race that he was begging for me to catch up and race with him (C'mon Mike) – do not count on him backing off to give you a chance. 2013 Club Ford SVRA National Championship winner at COTA 2014 SVRA Club Ford National Championship at COTA – Second Place

Jim Moore – Late Brake Calculator Just try and beat him to a corner. He has no fear of over shooting a corner. I once raced him side by side into a tight corner, I was puckering as I looked his way to check out his intentions, he was calculating the latest possible brake marker. I could wait no longer to brake, Jim got me again. Jim switched cars mid-season greatly improving his lap times. Unfortunately he was plagued with fuel delivery gremlins during several races. Watch out for late braking Jim in 2015.

2014 Club Ford National Championship at COTA – Third Place

Geoff Hale – Humanitarian This racer will do anything for anybody. He is multi-talented. Need something or need help – just ask he will come running. He owns a dozen lawnmowers just so he can mow everyone's grass on his street. He keeps a pickup truck with keys aboard in front of his house offered for use by any neighbor in need of a hauler. This policy does have it's shortcomings, once it was borrowed by a couple of sticky fingered thief's to pick up televisions. His road racing career only lasted two races while showing great potential. He then quickly sold his car. What could have he accomplished – just wait until the next time he races. BUT - try to beat him on an autocross course. His strategy is always to lay down a first quick lap and then swear he cannot and will not do any better. Watch out – as you slowly come back to his time - he will sneak back up and lay down a time that is unreachable.

Cliff Von Hoene – Engineer This racer has a mind like a trap. That's right watch out or he will trap you. His engineering skills allow him to plot a race course unlike any other racer. His racing concentration is so focused he can take a hit without knowing of an aggressor. Unfortunately Cliff messed up his motor early in the season at Indy and missed the remainder of the year. We will all be watching Cliff in 2015 to see what he can accomplish.

The best I could do in 2014 was watch for parts falling off of their cars. I graduated at the back of the class- Mike Spence



## 2015 KYSCCA SOLO & MEMBER SCHEDULE:

2/05 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING @BIK

3/05 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING @BIK

\*3/14 SCCA Starting Line School NCM

\*3/15 KYSCCA Cob web shaker NCM

4/02 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

4/26 KYSCCA PE#1 KFEC

5/07 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

5/17 FE#2 KFEC

5/23 Drivers school/TnT KFEC

5/24 KYSCCA PE#2 KFEC

6/04 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6/28 KYSCCA PE#3 KFEC

7/02 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7/12 KYSCCA PE#4 KFEC

\*7/26 KYSCCA PE#5 NCM

8/06 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

\*8/16 KYSCCA PE#6 NCM

9/03 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9/20 KYSCCA PE#7 KFEC

10/01 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

10/11 KYSCCA PE#8 KFEC

\*10/17 KYSCCA PE#9 GLD Event NCM

\*10/18 KYSCCA PE#10 GLD Event NCM

11/12 KYSCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Subject to change based on site availability and unmentioned TBD events! Stay tuned!!!*