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2011 KYSCCA Awards Banquet

by Ron Riffle

A large gathering of the KY SCCA members, friends and family enjoyed a great evening of food, drink, Chinese birdhouse door prizes and of course awards presented to winners of the 2011 Solo season. Julia Aebersold, RE and fearless leader kicked things off with a warm welcome and a thank you to our sponsor Ken Towery Tire and Auto, represented by Kris Towery and David Wilson. It was announced that Ken Towery will continue sponsorship thru the 2012 season. *continued on page 3*



*Jim Moore
Driver of the Year
1st Place Super Stock*



*Greg Cudnik
1st Place
C Stock*



*Dean Smith
1st Place
B Stock*



*Lou Savino
1st Place
C Stock*



*Victoria Riley
1st Place
D Stock*



*David Schmitt
1st Place
G Stock*



*Brett Mundell
2nd Place
G Stock*



*Richard Sinnock
1st Place
H Stock*



*Dave Munsterman
1st Place
A Street Prepared*



*Andrew Buck
1st Place
D Street Prepared*



*Matt Coleman
1st Place
X Prepared*



*Andrew Casabella
1st Place
E Modified*

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2012

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Upcoming Events

- 02/29 Board Meeting
- 03/01 Membership Meeting
- 03/28 Board Meeting
- 04/05 Membership Meeting
- 04/14 Annual Tech & Trailer Cleanout

Membership Meetings are the last Thursday of the month at Bluegrass Indoor Karting at 7:00 pm

Board meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at Unique Automotive at 6:30 pm



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*Jason Northcut
1st Place
Street Touring*



*Chris Croak
2nd Place
Street Touring*



*Laura Harbour
1st Place
Street Touring S*



*Jamey McDaniel
2nd Place
Street Touring X*



*Brian Schork
1st Place
Street Modified*



*Jamey Aebersold
1st Place
F125 Shifter Kart*



*Alexander Aebersold
1st Place
Formula Junior Kart B*



*Stephen Lee
1st Place
Street Touring Open*



*Brian Ogg
2nd Place
Street Touring Open*



*Jim Moore
2011
Driver of the Year*



*Victoria Riley
2011
Rookie of the Year*



*Mr Cone Head
2011
Mark Pfannenschmidt*

Awards *continued from page 1*

Julia continued with a "state of club address". Our Membership grew by while the National membership declined. The KYSCCA region came in 2nd nationally (in the Small-Mid Size Region) in the drive for new members.

We will continue the effort with posters and schedules displayed at all Ken Towery Tire & Auto Centers.

Then to lighten things up a little, Julia made comments and observations of the smack talk on 502streetscene.com. The peanut gallery (old school for hecklers) began to add to the trash talk, all in good fun.

Eric Stemen's video of the 2011 season was shown, which is really a professional look at our sport and conveys the energy and excitement we all experience in a parking lot on Sunday. Excellent work, Eric. Sorry you could not hear the applause for your efforts.

Our club lost a great friend and contributor this past year, Ken Daugherty.

Julia read a heart felt epitaph. Then, to a standing ovation Betty and Andy Daugherty accepted Ken's 20 year SCCA membership pin. We will miss his presence greatly

Next, it was trophy presentations intermingled with wonderful door prizes from the Republic of China, (bird houses).

It was exciting to see such a large audience (85 registered) and shows how this club is coming big time.



Bruce Faucett enjoys a door prize from China

Special awards went to:

Jim Moore— Driver of the Year

Victoria Riley —Rookie of the Year

*Mark Pfannenschmidt—
Cone Head Award .*

Trophy winners not in attendance:

J. H. Boyett— 1st Place G Stock

*Jeremy Hess—1st Place
C Street Prepared*

Geoff Hale — 1st Place C Mod

*Mark May— 1st Place
Street Touring R*

*Don Morgan—1st Place
Street Touring X*

News from our Area 4 Director - Steve Harris

Hello Area 4 Members,

This is the second installment of the Director's Newsletter. Just because we are not racing doesn't mean we are hibernating. There is quite a bit of news so let's get to it.

The "Majors" – A New Initiative for Club Racing

This week, there was an announcement about the "Majors". This is a pilot program that will be tested in the Midwest, Rocky Mountain and Southwest Divisions in 2012. I'm not going to focus on the mechanics of the pilot program; you can read that in the Press Release. The question is "why?"

Over the years, the SCCA has allowed National Classes to proliferate to the point where many classes cannot fill a podium at a National event. To accommodate all the classes (which we must do) Groups were created that sometimes had some very unnatural pairings - FV and SRF for example - that creates a poor racing experience for all.

As an old S2 driver, I would have preferred to race with 30 other Sports 2000's rather than the FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, CSR, DSR, etc. mix of wings and things. I'm sure you feel the same about your class. In an ideal world, if every car meant a position, the racing experience would be better.

Since 70% of our National racers participate within our top 10 (by number of entries) classes, the purpose of the Majors is to serve those members with a better racing experience (more track time; better competition), while at the same time serve the 30% racing in the 19 less subscribed National classes with their own excellent experience. This will be done by separating the top 10 from the other 19 into their own race weekends and clustering competition within several Divisions. I want to make this perfectly clear – this is an all-inclusive program for all current classes. The intent is to make racing better, build larger fields and provide more track time for every competitor.

This is a pilot program for 2012 restricted to several Divisions. The success or failure of this program will determine whether it is expanded nationwide for 2013. Before you ask, the success criteria are still being developed. The Club Racing Department and many other interested parties will be watching this closely.

This is a good segue into the next topic.

Club Racing Part Two – Class Management

One of the rumors I hear is that we are only driving class reduction because of the Runoffs. That is absolutely incorrect. We

want class reduction for the reasons above – when you cannot populate a podium for a given class, it brings into question whether we are providing good competition. Our National Championship Racing program should provide top level competition; not just a win by default.

We have 29 National classes now. We know we can get to 24 without much drama. Would 18 be even better? It's hard to say. And yes, fewer classes would make a National Championship at the Runoffs more exclusive. But better racing and a better race weekend experience with more track time for our members is the goal.

The CRB will present the 2013 realignment plan to the BOD at the Convention. There will plenty of opportunity to vet the plan with our members. We must do this for the long-term health of the club.

One last thought on class realignment - we should strive to consolidate classes in such a manner that all cars remain competitive (obviously easy to say; challenging to do).

SOLO

There have been some changes in the administration in the Solo/Rally Department. Deena Rowland and Brian Harmer have been assigned new responsibilities that include support of SOLO events on a National and Regional level. You can read the details on the SCCA website.

It is going to be an exciting season in Great Lakes Division. Besides the normal hotly contested Regional and Divisional events, we will have a couple of prestigious top level events:

1. Pro Solo event in Toledo July 28th at Toledo Express Airport
2. Northern States National Tour August 4th at the Grissom Aeroplex

Volunteers are always welcome. Come on out!

Rally and Rally Cross (RallyX)

I have been appointed a BOD liaison to Rally and RallyX this year, so I have listened in on both their monthly conference calls – still learning all the terminology. While I have participated in Rally with WOR, I have yet to try RallyX. If there is anyone out there who wants to educate their Director on the nuances of RallyX from the Driver's seat, let me know. For someone like me who always got lost on the SOLO course, the idea of following tire tracks sounds pretty good. RallyX has been added to the bucket list.

Time Trial

Bob Smith from OVR has been named the

2011 GLD Time Trial Participant of the Year and is GLD's nominee for the Rich Shafer Award as National TT Participant of the Year. The award winner will be announced at the Convention and we all think Bob has an excellent shot to win it. Congrats Bob on getting this far - stay tuned.

Convention

The SCCA Convention is March 1, 2, and 3 in Las Vegas. The South Point Hotel is a very nice place – food is good, rooms are cheap, the seminars will be informative and the camaraderie is always exceptional. There are generally low airfares to Las Vegas. If you go, take an extra half day and visit the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area west of the city. It is spectacular.

Spring Training

Please don't forget our annual GLD Spring Training seminar, March 10, 2012. This year's seminar will be at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Toledo, 444 N Summit Street, Toledo, OH 43604 (formerly Crowne Plaza). This is a good opportunity to do a little bench racing with your friends, find out what is new, and sharpen your skills for the upcoming season. Registration Forms are available at the Great Lakes Division website <http://www.greatlakes-scca.org>.

BOD Planning Committee

I will be heading to the Convention a bit early (Monday night) to take part in the BOD Planning Committee meetings. I am currently preparing three Agenda items:

1. Programs to reduce cost for our Volunteers making their weekend experience better.
2. Programs for SOLO to attract more first time participants to our club via advertising and social media.
3. A Program that would provide supplemental income to SCCA that would lower costs for our other programs.

Your thoughts are always solicited. Participate and Communicate. Please let me know how I can help you.

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve

Steve Harris

Director, Area 4

Great Lakes Division

SCCA

RE's Corner

February 2012

I hope everyone enjoyed the banquet. I'm a biased opinion for I got to talk the most and poke fun at a few of our club members, but I had a great time. Our turn out was also greater than we've had in the past several years, of which I'm proud how we are bucking the national trend. Every e-mail I receive from the upper echelon is how we have to stop losing members. I'm glad to say...."been

there, reversed that". I also hope everyone enjoyed the boon of door prizes we gave away at the banquet. Many thanx go to Ken Towery, Evolution Autosport, Ron Riffle and Advance Auto. BTW, birdhouses and lanterns are banned from the events.

I hope you have enjoyed the mild winter for its time to start thinking about getting ready for the upcoming season. Listed in the Downshift this month is upcoming 2012 schedule. Our first autocross event is on April 29th at UPS.

But....keep in mind that we will have our annual tech at Unique Automotive two weeks prior on 4/14/2012.

I'll be traveling to the SCCA convention in Vegas at the end of this month. If you have questions for me to ask the national crowd, please send them to me at jaebers@hotmail.com.

—Cheers!

Julia Aebersold

RE, KYSCCA

November 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Ky. Region SCCA

Board member meeting

November 30, 2011

Unique Automotive

Regional Executive Julia Aebersold called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following were present: Julia Aebersold, Al Murrel, Rich Sinnock, Mike Spence, and Bruce Domeck. Members absent: Jamey McDaniel and Ron Riffle.

Secretary Rich Sinnock presented October meeting minutes for approval. Al Murrel motioned to accept minutes as written. Mike Spence seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Mike Spence reported that Club is in good shape. Treasurer Spence advised board that all invoices have been paid relating to last fun event. Board discussed item relating to year-end contribution to Metro United Way as per agreement with UPS for use of lot. Also, RE Aebersold advised that she will take care of purchasing and sending gift cards to both site managers (UPS and PJCS) to show appreciation for allowing access to their sites. Board discussed on how to allocate current funds available. Treasurer Spence advised that Board

should wait until all expenses relating to banquet and RE trip to national convention are processed. Once these items have been paid, then Board can decide on how to allocate remaining funds.

RE Aebersold reported that current month's membership report is not available.

Board was asked by a member if it was possible for printing of edited Board minutes (minus financial numbers) in Downshift. Board decided that edited minutes should be provided to Ron for publishing so that members will stay informed about Club business in the event that regular membership meeting minutes are not presented. Membership meeting minutes are sometimes not available due to poor attendance.

Old Business:

Banquet: Location will be at King Fish on River Road. The trophy list has been finalized and sent to Jamey for submission to trophy maker. Some discussion relating to nominations for specific year end trophies (i.e. Cone-head, Bucket of Bolts, etc.). Rookie of Year: Victoria Riley; Dorothy Killebrew: no nominations; Driver of Year: determined by points; Bucket of Bolts: no nominations; Cone-head:

Marc Pfannenschmidt; Denver Coronet Sportsmanship award: Aaron Peterson; Bluegrass Award: no nominations.

Efforts by members soliciting door prizes are ongoing. Board contacted Jamey McDaniel by phone to discuss supplemental trophies for first place finishers in respective classes and some door prizes.

New Business:

Convention: RE Aebersold notified Board that she has already made air travel reservations through Southwest Airlines.

Toys for Tots: Al Murrel brought up idea for Club to get involved again in participating in the Toy for Tots fundraiser for next year (2012). Board will take this up later next year to see if there is enough interest in participating from membership.

Rally: Al Murrel notified Board that he will look into restarting Rally program (fun runs) for next year.

Al Murrell made motion to adjourn. Bruce Domeck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this January 21, 2012 by Secretary Rich Sinnock

2012 KYSCCA Schedule

04/14/2012	Annual Tech & Trailer Cleanout	Unique Automotive	Autocross Events
04/29/2012	Cob web Shaker / Fun Event #1	UPS Grade Lane Lot	Autocross Events
05/19/2012	Points Event #1	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events
06/03/2012	Points Event #2	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events
06/09/2012	Autocross / Driver's School	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events
06/10/2012	Points Event #3	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events
07/08/2012	Points Event #4	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events

07/21/2012	Points Event #5	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events
08/12/2012	Points Event #6	Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium	Autocross Events
08/26/2012	Points Event #7	UPS Grade Lane Lot	Autocross Events
09/09/2012	Points Event #8	UPS Grade Lane Lot	Autocross Events
09/30/2012	Fun Event #2	UPS Grade Lane Lot	Autocross Events
10/21/2012	Halloween Bash / Fun Event #3	UPS Grade Lane Lot	Autocross Events



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