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*Weather Doesn't
Put a Damper on
Cruisers' Spirits!*



Despite the inclement weather, the thirteen KyR members & guests that attended the dinner drive on March 5th to the Overlook restaurant at Leavenworth had a great time. It was that mixture of good friends, good conversation, and good food in a relaxed atmosphere that made for a special day. Watch DownShift as future cruises are already being discussed. Join us next time!

DON'T COAST!

Step on the gas & hurry to sign up for the Kentucky Region hosted Evolution School on May 13 & 14 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. This is your chance to take your skills to a higher level by learning from the **nation's best!!!** Check the KyR website at www.kyscca.com for more information. It's first come/first served for the class and time so don't wait until the last minute!!

*Attention: SCCA
Karters!!!*

Last month I asked if there were any junior go karters out there and while I didn't get any response from anyone about the jr. karts, I did get a response from adults who want to auto-cross karts. KyR's only approved site for go karts, however, is for the

events scheduled at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. Also, at this time the SCCA has approved KyR for adult karts and juniors ages 12-15 only.

Special Thanks go to Bruce Domeck (Unique Automotive) & Mike Winebrenner (Winning Formula) for opening their facilities for the KyR Annual Tech and Equipment Trailer Clean Out activities. Thanks to Ira DeVaughn and John Hicks for heading up the tech teams and thanks also go to Kevin Nido, Ron Riffle, Chris Granger, Cindy Duncan and Bruce Domeck for reorganizing and cleaning out the club trailer.

The Test & Tune that was scheduled for April 22 has been tentatively postponed until May 20. It has been moved from the day before the first points event to the day before the second points event so as not to conflict with "Thunder Over Louisville". Check the KYSCCA website for further information when it becomes available or check the next issue of DownShift.

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2006 Kentucky Region Event Schedule Revised

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| Apr. 23 | Points Event #1 at UPS Grade Lane |
| May 13 | Evolution School at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |
| May 14 | Evolution School at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |
| May 20 | Test & Tune at UPS Grade Lane (Tentative) |
| May 21 | Points Event #2 at UPS Grade Lane |
| June 11 | Points Event #3 at Ft. Knox |
| June 24 | KyR Driver's School at PJ's |
| June 25 | Points Event #4 at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |
| July 9 | Points Event #5 at Ft. Knox |
| July 23 | Points Event #6 at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |
| Aug. 6 | Points Event #7 at Ft. Knox |
| Aug. 27 | Points Event #8 at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |
| Sept. 17 | Non-points event at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |
| Oct. 8 | Non-points event at PJ's Cardinal Stadium |

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Projects

(Photos by Ken Daugherty and Phil Wells)

Within any automotive organization there are always a number of projects going on, and Kentucky Region is no exception as evidenced by the Lotus 7 clone project of Erik Mohn or the restoration of my own Lola T-342 Formula Ford by Unique Automotive. However, this month the featured project is the 1955 Porsche Speedster restoration currently in progress by KyR members Ken and Andy Daugherty.



Bare metal 1955 Speedster

After the bodywork had been done to satisfaction, with seams filled & smoothed and door gaps precisely measured, the car was repainted in its original "Sky Blue". (It's interesting to note that the Speedster originally came in red, white, or blue and when Mazda originally released its Miata, it also only came in red, white, & blue.)

The Speedster in 356 form was built as an entry-level automobile by Porsche but later iterations of the Speedster in 911 guise were priced at the top of the line.



painted in Sky Blue

While the paintwork is completed and the engine & transaxle are restored & ready to be installed, the installation of electrical wiring, instrumentation, and the interior is yet to be completed before the vehicle can be "adopted" by its owner in Madison, Indiana.



Restored Speedster engine



Restored transaxle ready to be installed.

Although Ken says that this is his last restoration project, I'm sure it is-----

-at least until another forlorn 356 comes along.

RE "Lease"

I am amazed and deeply gratified when a KyR event takes place as I see members take the initiative to do their part in putting the whole thing together. Working with the precision of an ant colony, each person "does his/her thing" to assemble the operations that make the day go smoothly. While there may be "glitches" here or there, the ability to process a hundred plus cars taking 5 runs each and finishing at a reasonable time is nothing short of fantastic. Because of this efficiency, at future events we plan have "fun runs" after the competition if it is at all possible---and we think it will be---Thanks to you!!!

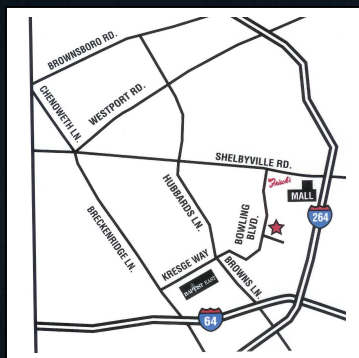
KyR Racer in GRM

In the May 2006 issue of Grassroots Motorsports magazine on page 101, there is a picture of formula cars that accompanies the article about shock absorbers. Leading the pack of formula cars through the esses at Road Atlanta is KyR's Bruce Domeck in the #28 Reynard, the ex-Cliff Von Hoene car.

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