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# DOWNSHIFT

The KYSCCA Monthly Newsletter  
June 2018

## Welcome to the New Downshift! 2018 Season

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*Regional Executive*

### Sold Out!

We are hosting our first ever track event as a club and we sold out in 30 days. Not only did we sell out, we have a handful of wait listed entries. Thanks to all those who signed up for our inaugural Kentucky Region Time Trials event. Special thanks to those in the club volunteering to help make this event happen. For any event there are always a handful of

faithful members willing to volunteer countless hours to do the behind the scenes work needed to make each of our events happen. Launching a new program, one that the National office is still molding into shape takes far more work than our usual autocross events. This ground work should pay off in future endeavors. I'm hopeful that with the success of this event we will be able to host another event of this type next year.



*If you have a question, problem, or concern, you can shoot me an email at the above address, you can now reach me on Facebook ([RE KYSCCA](#)) or give me a call; most of you already have my phone number, if you don't, ask around. I'm happy to address any topic as it relates to the club with any member.*

# Help Wanted



We will be hosting the autocross for the [Power Tour](#) stop in Bowling Green on June 9. I've never attended a Power Tour myself, but I've read about them for decades and it sure sounds like a sight to behold. We have the rare opportunity to get an up close and personal look at this event, the cars, and the people. This is a fundraiser for our club and we are seeking volunteers. This isn't your usual autocross, we will need very few workers and will be using carts to chase downed cones, there will be no heats, no audited results, just two three-hour sessions, followed by a burnout contest, what's not to love? It's a one-day event, we feed you and supply all the water you can drink.

## Driver School and Test n Tune

Our annual [drivers school](#) on June 23 is rapidly approaching. I believe our drivers school is not only the 'best bang for the buck' school, it's one of the best regional schools hosted by any region. Each student will receive at least 24 timed runs with one on one coaching from some of our regions best drivers, lunch, and a huge discount on the following days points event where they can apply these newfound skills. Space is limited, both tend to sell out so make haste and get registered ASAP!

### Nightcross

Registration for our June 23 night time autocross is already open. As always registration is limited to the first 20 drivers. Our night crosses are some of my favorite events. Wide open course, lots of car swapping, huge toothy smiles! If you haven't made one of these in the past be sure to sign up before it sells out. The limited registrations ensure everyone gets all the runs they want, we're talking run counts in the teens or even twenties! By the time we go cold it's usually just a few cars hot-lapping.



## New Novice Program

The first points event of the 2018 season debuted the new KYSCCA Novice Program and it was a great success! We had a total of ten novice entries (technically there was 11 but one was classed incorrectly).

This group received special treatment from the novice chiefs! At the start of the

morning, they received individual car tech and got some cool novice stickers.

Following registration, there was a separate meeting that went over the general flow of the day as well as worker safety and instruction, how to use the radio and the red flag, followed by a Q&A session.

After the meeting, there was a separate course walk just for this group. This walk focused on basic navigation and how to read the course and cones as well as touching on building some good habits such as looking ahead.

Congratulations to all of the participants! Four total awards were handed out at this event. The top four finishers were separated by less than one second!!

Special congratulations to:

Michael Barnes  
Richard Kenney  
Jason Wise  
Liam Parkes!

We hope to see all of you at the next points event. Don't forget there is a driver school coming up scheduled for 6-23 at the Kentucky Fairgrounds! Space will be limited so be sure to get signed up as soon as registration opens. Don't forget about the night test n' tune following the school.

If you are interested in joining the novice class or have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact one of the Novice Chiefs (2018 Novice Chiefs are [Jacob Zimmerlee](#) and [Zachary Yurt](#)) or ask in the [facebook group](#)!



2018 KYSCCA Points Event #1 at NCM  
Sunday, May 20th, 2018  
Novice Class 1st place: 184STU - Michael Barnes

## Points Event 2

Come one come all, points event 1 is now in the books, registration for points

event 2 at KFEC is about to open. No limited entries here. But it sure does help expedite registration when you preregister, and our new express check in for pre-pays means you can spend more time walking course and less time standing in front of the timing trailer. We do ask that you take the time to preregister on MSR, if you pay in advance you get a \$5 discount, but even if you plan to pay on site preregistering gives you a chance to make sure that your personal information is correct and up to date and that your car and class are correct.



## How to lose to \$100K Supercars with basic hand tools

*by Andrew Scott*

### Part 2: Brakes

In part one of this series, we talked a bit about how to get started in getting a 1980s GM product up to speed. If you're following along, you should be sitting pretty with a tuned up car that runs properly.

Now we start with the fun stuff: making it better. So let us talk about brakes.

You probably think your G-body doesn't stop well. You think the 10.75" diameter front discs and the 11" rear drums are outdated. You may have browsed the pages of brake kit manufacturers and found yourself aghast at systems that cost more than double what you paid for the car.

Good news! For autocross, you don't need any of that stuff! The stock brakes are fine, if you know what to do to them.

Andrew Scott - IT Professional and automotive masochist.



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## Surviving Autocross

It's still early in the season but the summer heat is in full effect. Just a few survival tips from my years of experience.

**Sunscreen**, I apply before leaving my house in the morning, bonus tip if you have a healing scar, once you are beyond the scab phase, apply sunscreen daily even if you don't go outside, this help prevents hyper-pigmentation (ask me how I learned that lesson sometime).

**Wear a hat**. I like my bucket hat, I've seen sombrero's, ball caps, even purpose-built hats with neck flaps, this is especially important for those with thin light-colored hair. A hat not only keeps the sun off your head it can keep it off your ears neck and part of your face.



**Hydrate**, not just during the event but be sure to drink plenty of water the day before. We buy and supply many cases of water at each event but sometimes we run short at the end of the day. I've always brought my own cooler with a few drinks in it to make sure I have plenty to drink even if we run out, I highly recommend everyone bring a cooler of chilled water and or sports drinks.



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Thank you to our Title Sponsor!

Bluegrass Motorsports has returned as the title sponsor of the KYSCCA 2018 Solo Series. If you're in the market for a fine

automobile, please support our sponsor.  
[Contact Chris Evans for further details.](#)

Beyond providing monetary consideration, Bluegrass Motorsports also donated a 2 day PCA Drivers Experience at Putnam Park. We would like to Congratulate Andrew Scott for winning this awesome prize at our 2017 Awards Banquet.



This prize is awarded to a solo class winner at the year-end banquet by way of a random drawing, must be present to win. 2018 is a new season and another chance to win this awesome prize.

[www.bluegrassauto.com](http://www.bluegrassauto.com) • [www.pca.org/driver-education](http://www.pca.org/driver-education)

## Private, Long-Term Lease Garages coming to NCM



**\*\* COMING SOON - SUMMER 2018!! \*\***

Private, long-term lease garages will be available for rent at the NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY. Limited space available.

To secure your garage, or for more details and pricing, contact Mitch Wright at (270) 777-4508 [mitch@motorsportspark.org](mailto:mitch@motorsportspark.org)

Layout not yet finalized. Floor plan is modular, and square footage can be determined based on renters' needs.

Perfect for the track day customers looking for a place to keep their track car and supplies; the Corvette owner wishing to leave their car in Bowling Green for use at Corvette events; the customer looking for a secure facility to keep their prized possessions; and the business looking to monetize the space by providing services.

### Pricing:

- 390 sq. ft. \$488/month
- 595 sq. ft. \$745/month
- 1,198 sq. ft. \$1490 / month

### Lease Terms:

- Starting with a 3-year lease commitment but terms are negotiable. Payment plans available.



## MEMBER MEETINGS

JUNE 7 • 7:00PM

Buckhead Mountain Grill

JULY 5

CANCELED DUE TO 4th OF JULY

AUGUST 2 • 7:00PM

TBD

## BOARD MEETINGS

JUNE 27 • 7:00PM

Michael Neat's House

JULY 25 • 7:00PM

Nathan Steinke's House

AUGUST 29 • 7:00PM

Shawn Lambert's

## AUTOCROSS SCHEDULE

JUNE 23

- Region Driver's School
- NightTime Autocross (Test 'n Tune)

JUNE 24

Points Event 2 • KFEC

JULY 1

Points Event 3 • Blue Grass Stockyards

JULY 14

- TRSS
- NightTime TnT

JULY 15

Points Event 4 • KFEC

JULY 29

Points Event 5 • NCM

Current membership is 272

KYSCCA would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our members celebrating June Birthdays!

Evan L Brown  
 Chris Dukes  
 Ireland Edwards  
 Geoff Hale  
 Gene Huber  
 Kaitlyn Lambert  
 Barry John Melhorn  
 Liam Parkes  
 Roman Popeluk  
 Shawn Patrick Purcell  
 Colin Patrick Purcell  
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