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# DOWNSHIFT

The KYSCCA Monthly Newsletter  
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## Welcome to the New Downshift! 2018 Season

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### Tire'd Wings

See what I did there? Bonus points if you get the reference (Hint: song title from the early 90's). What a weekend. We opened the trailer Saturday morning at 6:15 am. It was closed and locked the trailer at about 11:15 pm. That's about 17 hours and three separate events. Our school and night test n tune are as popular as ever both of which sold out about a week before the event, keep that in mind when we open registration for our fall night cross. Our daytime test n tune had open spots and we filled with walk ups, I asked someone a few drivers how many runs they had and none of them were able to tell as they had so many they simply lost count. We couldn't have done it without the help of a relatively small group of people. Huge thanks to our instructors all of whom were on site well before 7am. Eric Brown, Stephen Lee, Jeremy Lynn, Jeremy Hess, Andrew Scott, Jacob Zimmerlee, Zack Yurt, Cody Willett and on loan from CKR, Andrew Buck and Cindy Duncan and Andrew Buck. All very skilled drivers taking the time to share their skills and knowledge with our students in exchange for a shirt, a sandwich and the personal satisfaction of helping their fellow drivers. When you see someone wearing one of our unique instructor shirts, know that they didn't get that shirt for being a fast driver, they earned it by giving of themselves and putting in the work. Big thanks to Josh Murphy, Rich Sinnock and Nathan Steinke for helping run the school. This same group largely handled our Test n Tune as well as our Night Cross. I'd also like to thank all our students and participants, some had their first scca experience this weekend, others have been with us for a decade or more. Sincerely, thank you all, thanks for being part of this weekend, thanks for being part of our club.



We also hosted our first combined event with CKR at their new Stockyards site. Thanks to everyone who came out, The weather didn't cooperate as hoped but after an intermission for lightning we were able to get all heats done. We hope to do more shared events next year, but with better weather.

*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.*

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## Tire Rack Street Survival, 7/14 at KFEC

Once again we are hosting a Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS). This is a fantastic program that could save a life. It's open to drivers form 16-21 (yes they can participate while on their learners permit). We still have open spots for young drivers. Please share the MSR signup below with anyone you know with young drivers in the household!



## Help Wanted



We will be hosting the autocross competition again this year for [LS Fest](#). The autocross competition portion of the event will take place @ NCM on 9/6 and 9/7. We will start setup on Thursday, 9/5. We are in special need of help Friday 9/6.

As most of you know this brings very important revenue to our club; With that being said.. We need your help! Each day that you volunteer to help earns you a free KYSCCA autocross event entry. If you are able to help for multiple days the club will also cover your hotel stay.

Please contact [KYSCCA@gmail.com](mailto:KYSCCA@gmail.com) if you are able to assist!

## Horsepower for Heroes

# CHARITY AUTOCROSS

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## HORSEPOWER FOR HEROES SHOOTOUT

Local law enforcement officers  
compete against the clock on a  
closed course to determine  
who is the fastest officer in KY

## CAN YOU BEAT THE HEAT?

Come join us for charity runs driving  
your personal car on a closed course  
to see if you are really as fast as  
you think you are!

**\$5/Run or 5Runs/\$20**

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# JULY 14TH 2018 5:00PM

KENTUCKY FAIR & EXPOSITION CENTER

## Points Event 4 & 5

Registration for points events 4 & 5 is now open in MSR. Prepaying means you can spend more time walking the course or smack talking your competition and less time standing in line! Don't forget that if you pay in advance you get a \$5 discount, it's free money! (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.)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

**MotorsportReg**  
/ .com



Ann Wilson-McNally in her RX-8 @ PE 3 KYFEC 6/2018

## KY Sales Tax H.B. 487

Due to the passage of H.B. 487 KYSCCA, as well as other SCCA sanctioned bodies, will be required to collect and remit 6% sales tax to the Kentucky Department of Revenue for event admissions. The KYSCCA Board is reviewing the passage of this bill and is determining how to best handle the tax law change. Please stay tuned for updates.

You can read more in depth about this change [HERE](#)

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

*by Andrew Scott*

### Part 2.5: An eventful weekend

This month we're taking a break from wrenching and will instead talk about driving. Specifically track driving. And no, this isn't a how-to. This is a recap!

Back in February, Bluegrass Motorsport, our series title sponsor, awarded a Kentucky Porsche Club of American Driver Education event entry to a person randomly drawn from all the class winners.

I won! And June 7, I loaded my car up and headed for the event hotel in Plainfield, Indiana. Once getting there, I went through tech inspection in the hotel parking lot, which consisted of turning in my tech form, having the wheel nut torque checked, helmet inspection, battery hold down, and a few other items. It was much like an Autocross tech inspection, but in addition to the on-site, I had to provide a form, signed by a "qualified mechanic," verifying a host of other

issues were not present.

## Finish reading Part 2

Andrew Scott - IT Professional and automotive masochist.



Would you like to contribute to our Newsletter? [Contact the Downshift editor today!](#)

## In Memoriam

Unfortunately, I must report that in the month of June we lost two of our own, Troy Higginson and Chris Harris. Both taken well before their time. Please remember those we've lost as we move forward.

Please take a moment to remember our friend, Troy Higginson. he was a boisterous force to be reckoned with and a bonafide perfectionist. Never one to mince words, yet always the first to offer assistance to anyone in need. True friendship is a rarity but that is exactly what he offered. -*Brian Preston*

It was a sad day Friday when the Motorsports community lost 2 great people in 2 separate situations, and I lost 2 friends. Both were happy, caring, fun loving people. I remember them always smiling and enjoying life. Even though I am saddened that I'll never see either of them again on this Earth, I plan to remember their values, the way they lived and the way they treated other people. I plan to remember how happily they lived and how warm their personalities were, in a world that is growing colder all the time. Two very different people from different places that made their way into the same community and were the best kind of awesome.

Chris Harris, you were part of my local family. The brother to a very close friend, and a kind hearted, warm light in the lives of everyone. Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am to not see you in the coming years. Always rolling in on that beautiful bike of yours, helping us simpletons with technology, and making us laugh with your stories of trucking, and giving us jokes for years to come about when you got arrested on the way to your brother's wedding. The world is a lesser place without you.

Troy Higginson, we talked and hung out at auto x and from the moment I met you, you were so kind. Always offering anything that you had, just to try to make even the strangers around you happier. Thank you for the great conversation, the awesome cigars and food, and always being willing to go VERY out of your way to help anyone in need. You were a great person. Both of these people are gone way too early and as much as it hurts me, their families are hurting worse. I myself, in my beliefs will be praying for them.

I promise to remember both of these awesome people for the happy souls they were, knowing they would want everyone to toast their life and share stories of the good times. I'll use it as a reminder that you should never pass up that one moment of happiness, because you may not



# Blue Grass MOTORSPORT

*Built on Performance*

**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

JULY 5

CANCELLED DUE TO 4th OF JULY

AUGUST 2 • 7:00PM

TBD

## BOARD MEETINGS

JULY 25 • 7:00PM

Nathan Steinke's House

AUGUST 29 • 7:00PM

Shawn Lambert's

## AUTOCROSS SCHEDULE

JULY 14

- TRSS
- Horsepower for Heroes

JULY 15

Points Event 4 • KFEC

JULY 29

Points Event 5 • NCM



Current membership is 273

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

Steve Gross  
Jane Galownia  
Michael Spence  
Ron Riffle  
Joseph Brotzge  
Richard Lyon  
Brian Mason  
Alan Player  
Steve Woods  
Steve Upchurch  
Allen Morris  
Russ Coleman  
Susan Lambert  
Brian Klotz  
Todd Allison  
Michael Barnes  
Bryan Downs  
Craig Moulton  
Brian Preston  
Jesse Reesor  
Kennedy Nodler

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