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## The KYSCCA Monthly Newsletter

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# Welcome to the 2019 KYSCCA Downshift!

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*Regional Executive*

### Awards Banquet & Preseason Party

We will be having our annual awards banquet/ pre-season party on Saturday February 23 at Kingfish (River road location) in the second floor party room. Doors and full bar open at 6:00PM and dinner is scheduled to be served at 7:00PM with awards beginning at 8:00PM. If you haven't been to one of these events they are open to all: Members, family, friends, neighbors or anyone that wants to come, hang out and talk cars. All are welcome and everyone is encouraged to attend. Motorsport reg for this event is already open but you may pay in person at our next membership meeting (February 7th at Bluegrass Indoor Karting). If you or someone you know would like to donate door prizes or other auto-themed swag please contact us at [kyscca@gmail.com](mailto:kyscca@gmail.com).

### Indoor Karting & Sim Racing League

We will be wrapping up our final off-season Karting Challenge at the February 7th meeting. Be sure to come out and socialize and maybe even hone your skills at the kart track.. there will be trophies at the banquet for participants of this series. In case you have been under a rock we also have a sim league run by a couple of our members that will be wrapping up their season soon as well. See the Kentuckiana SimRacing League for more info.

### 2019 Scheduling

We have most of our contracts in hand for the solo schedule that will soon be released. We will be making an effort to have cooperative events with our neighbors both to the south and to the east. We tentatively have a couple of these events already laid out.

Per usual we will be having the following for 2019:

- Regional Autocross School (Instructed by local hot shoes, some of which have

- national championships)
- Starting Line School
- Tire Rack Street Survival School
- Two night-time events (with a third possible in the Fall)

We are also looking to have another beat the heat event and a full load of points events.

2019 is shaping up to be a full year with our first event happening mid-April.

### **2019 NCM TimeTrials**

As if all of this work on scheduling a solo season hasn't been enough work, we've also booked the NCM Grand full course for **Sunday August 4th** for another regional time trials event. If you didn't make the event last year here is your chance! This year we will have full grand course.. and with the lessons learned from last year's event we hope to have worked out a few wrinkles thus making for a fantastic day at the track. We are actively seeking sponsorship of this event to increase exposure and reduce cost of entry. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring our Time Trials program please reach out to us at [kyscca@gmail.com](mailto:kyscca@gmail.com)

*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.*

# **2018 AWARDS BANQUET**

**Saturday, February 23 2019**

Kingfish  
3021 River Road  
Louisville, KY 40207

6:00 PM Doors and Cash Bar Open

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Awards

Please join us to celebrate the  
2018 Season class winners, driver of the year and a few surprise awards!



Bring your friends, spouses & children.. Because the next best thing to playing race car is reliving all of the moments spent playing race car with your fellow competitors and supporters! Please click the button below to register:



# How to lose to \$100K Supercars

## 2018 Optima Ultimate Street Car Invitational Part 2

After getting the invite to the Optima Ultimate Street Car invitational, I faced a daunting task. I got the invite on October 8, 2018. Load-in for SEMA was 8pm on October 29. I had 21 days to secure lodging, make sure the car was set, clean the car, make sure the tow vehicle and trailer would make it, and pack.

The first thing I did was put the car on jack stands and go through it. What did I find? The front brakes were cooked. The rear bearing assemblies had excessive play. The exhaust was leaking at a slip joint under the torque converter. All of this had to be fixed. On top of that, I needed to get the car to a professional detailer to polish the pain out properly and detail the engine bay.

Of course, my typical luck reared its head. The parts to rebuild the rear bearing assemblies got lost by UPS and were delayed a week. I had order a second set and have them next day'd to get the rear end back together in time. I returned the first order once they finally showed up.

The brakes were another conundrum. I wasn't happy with my Hawks. They stopped the car great, but I was less than ½ the way through a set of pads, but the rotors were toast. With pads being \$150 an axle, but the rotors being nearly \$500, this equation was balancing backwards. I turned to EBC. I ordered a set of Yellowstuff pads on the recommendation of many good friends, some of whom had won SCCA National Championships with them. But when the pads arrived, the bed-in procedure wasn't going to work. EBC recommended 1000 miles of street driving to properly bed them. I had a week.

So I contacted EBC's tech support for advice on an accelerated bedding procedure. That conversation ended with me in EBC's sponsor program and a set of pre-bedded EBC Bluestuffs being sent to me. Awesome. Thank you EBC!

I also added an oil cooler, hoping it would remove that source of heat from the radiator and get me the kind of endurance I'd need to finish a track session. The car hit the detailer, and once I'd fished the stupid air freshener pads out from under the seats, it was ready to go.

The Period Correct Tow Pig got an oil change and an inspection at Grossman Tuning, and I was declared ready to tow my car across the country. So, the night before departure, we loaded the car on the trailer, threw all the gear in the bed of the truck and got a good night's sleep. We even plastic wrapped the car, since we were anticipating driving through a lot of rain.



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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

### **FEBRUARY 7TH • 7:00PM**

Bluegrass Indoor Karting

### **MARCH 7TH • 7:00PM**

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## BOARD MEETINGS

### **JANUARY 30th • 7:00PM**

Shawn Lambert's

### **FEBRUARY 27TH • 7:00PM**

Nathan Steinke's

### **MARCH 28TH • 7:00PM**

Josh Murphy's



Current membership is **251**

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

William Engle  
Dick Schmitt  
Tim Cook  
Thomas Krohn  
Darrell LeClear  
Donald Gambel  
Stacey Schmitt  
Teresa Gordon  
Jack Barnett  
Chris Lee  
Adam Norton  
Kenneth Holthouser  
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