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## The KYSCCA Monthly Newsletter

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# Welcome to the 2019 KYSCCA Downshift!

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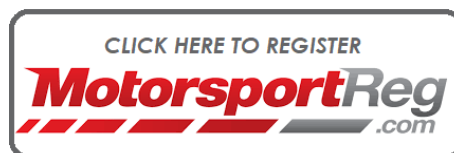
### AND WE'RE OFF!

Our 2019 Solo season is officially open! We opened our season with a Starting Line School, a Nightcross and a Cobweb Shaker; The weather was predicted to be dreadful but ended up fine. The Starting Line School had poor early registrations but ended up exceeded expectations. The Nightcross did not sell out in advance but did with walk-ups. Sunday registrations were low and we tried out our new software, Pronto.. and we had a surprise visitor. I'll break each of these down in a weekend recap.

We did receive good news in that we will no longer be required to collect and remit sells tax to the state. This means that additional \$3 gets dropped effective for Points Event 1. **YAY!**

### GO BABY GO!

With the cobweb shaker in the rear view, we bring our focus to Points event 1 which lay directly ahead of us on May 5th. This will be our first NCM event of the year. As of this writing, the weather looks favorable.. lets hope our luck holds! Please take the time to preregister as it makes the morning registration process go much quicker and smoother. It also assures you'll get your desired number as our new software now tracks the driver and class, not the number.



### REGIONAL DRIVER SCHOOL

The season is underway and you know what that means.. it's time for the Regional Drivers School!

Are you a brand new novice itching to learn the secrets of the masters? Perhaps you have

been doing this for a while and just need a fresh perspective or more seat time to learn the changes you performed in the off season? Regardless of skill or experience level, this school is for you!

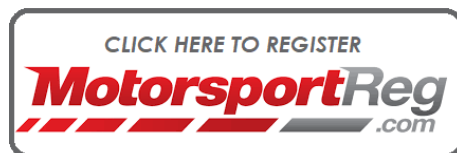
You will personally have 2 instructors in a one on one setting that will not only guide you.. they will also be able to drive your vehicle to show you first hand what to do. Instructors are selected (if able) to teach in vehicles they are familiar with so your instruction is top notch and what you gain will be unmatched. **There are multiple local and national champions in the instructor lineup from multiple regions including female instructors.**

Lunch will be provided to you by the club and you will have a moment to not only speak with the instructors out of the car, you'll be able to share your experiences with the other students. When the sun sets, you will have a new skill set and a further understanding on how to progress your racing prowess. You can even use this knowledge by participating in the actual event the next day by laying waste to all those that didn't attend the school.

Hands down this is the best and most cost effective platform to learn on: Maximum seat time, maximum instruction time, and a free lunch to boot! Water, shade and loaner helmets will be provided if in need. Come join us and be the envy of all of those that couldn't make it! Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions. Act fast too because these classes fill up fast and entries are capped.

Remember that all you need is you and a car and it doesn't even have to be yours (we would appreciate it if it was not a stolen car). Did I forget to mention the free lunch?

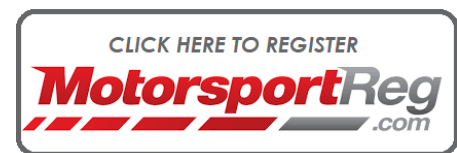
We'll see you there on May 25th at Kentucky Fair and Exposition center!



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## TIME TRIALS ARE COMING!

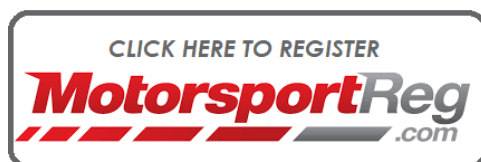
Registration is now open for KYSCCA's second annual Time Trials regional event. We are upping our game and this time we have booked the Grand Full course at NCM on August 4th!



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## TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL SCHOOL

We have a Tire Rack Street Survival School (TRSS) booked for Jasper, IN on June 20. This is a fantastic program where we get to take these young drivers and teach them lifesaving skills. Please share this with any parents you know with driving age children. This is open to all young drivers with state permit or license up to 21 years old.



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## HEROES WANTED!

We are seeking in car coaches as well as helpers to run our forthcoming Street Survival School June 20<sup>th</sup> in Jasper, IN. Click here to help save lives:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ca5af2aa46-trss1>

If you aren't already a certified coach, online training is available here:

<http://streetsurvival.org/schools/become-a-coach/>



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## CARE TO LEND A HAND?

We have a neighbor to the north hosting an event on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Putnum Park. While I'm sure they will welcome any and all to come drive at their event, I'm hoping we can send them a few volunteers to learn the ropes to further assist with our own region's event.

I plan to volunteer myself. Hosting a Time Trial event requires a few certified folks, Event Lead (Heads the event), Competition Director (Oversees the competition side of the event), Time Trials Safety Steward ( Looks for potential problems before they happen, fills out the correct forms when something goes wrong) and Driving Coaches (makes sure all drivers are exercising proper track etiquette, safety and having fun).

If you are interested in working towards your certification in any of these positions, you may download the form by clicking [HERE](#). Fill it out and send it to [risenphoenix71@gmail.com](mailto:risenphoenix71@gmail.com) for your apprentice license.

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## ANNUAL TECH

One of the benefits of being a KYSCCA member is that you qualify to annual tech. If you haven't already gotten yours be sure to ask for an annual tech form at the trailer at the next event. You'll get a short form to fill out and take to tech with you.

Once your car is teched you'll get a tech sticker good for all 2019 KYR events.

[Click here for the tech Form](#)

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## TIRES

Our national program is supported by Tire Rack and the majority of the tires we use for competition are exclusively sold by them. If you buy a set of tires using the link from our website (or by clicking [HERE](#)) our club receives a small kickback from Tire Rack.

This applies to all tires not just the competition ones.. so if that beater needs new shoes, please help support our sponsor and our club!

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## NUMBERS

Large viewable and heavily contrasted numbers make events go smoother and faster. Timing can see your numbers better as can grid and course workers which helps us keep things moving. We are fortunate to have a member of our club who sells numbers in both magnetic or adhesive forms at a very reasonable rate. Ask just about anyone in the club with good looking numbers and chances are they got them from Scott. Support your fellow members and help keep events running smoothly while making your car look race car fresh. Also it's easier than chasing down the blue tape.

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## OPENING WEEKEND RECAP

I'm usually the first one on site.. Imagine my surprise to see another car sitting next to our trailer when I arrived just before 6 am. What crazy person was so eager to start the season that they beat me to the site? It was none other than our former RE and consummate early bird (or possibly vampire bat) Jamey McDaniel along with better half Marcy McDaniel! As great as it was to see them back in town for the first time since relocating a few years back, they chipped in and helped all weekend long. It was a treat just to have them visit, their help was just icing on the cake. Sometimes the pieces just fall together, like sliding into your slippers at the end of the day.

The date, as many of you know this was a direct conflict with "Thunder over Louisville". When booking dates in December I didn't realize that Derby was moving "Thunder" a week earlier than normal. While that may have impacted a few of you, our Saturday portions were well attended. Sunday attendance suffered.. I think the predicted weather was a major factor. Those of us who setup in the morning did so in the rain which was not the first time and certainly won't be the last. The weather forecast leading up had been bleak. As we native Louisvillians have learned, you can't ever really predict the weather. The rain had stopped about the time the course walks began and held off well past the end of our event.

A few words on the Starting Line School: This program is run by the national office. It's one part pedigreed national champion, and one part local hot-shoe. They start the day with a focus on fundamental elements, with loads of one on one seat time. The afternoon sessions shift to a full course. This type of instruction I believe can not only bring a first timer up to competent soloist in a day, it can allow a more experienced driver to home in on the little things that make them next level drivers. As a club this can be a recruiting tool as each participant receive an scca membership. We also receive a discount on the sanction fee we pay the SCCA for the next days event. This is a win for all involved, the students, and the region.

The Nightcross did not sell out in advance. As a result we did sell the last few spots to walk ups. I think "Thunder" certainly kept a few folks out. I think the questionable weather kept out others. Those who did make it out were rewarded. The weather held out and only began to mist in the last 20 minutes or so of the event. At that point there were only about 4 cars left which were basically hot-lapping at this point. About midway through I asked a few drivers how many runs they had taken, their answers were that they had lost count. Lots of smiles, more runs than the drivers could keep count, I call that a success.

The Cobweb Shaker, as already stated, was poorly attended. I think due in large part to the weather forecast leading up to the event looking very unpleasant. Perhaps some had planned "Thunder" hangover and didn't want to get up early after fighting traffic to get home after the fireworks ended. Whatever the case we had a low car count. The weather decided to let up once we had finished our morning setup. We had a dry driver meeting, and the weather held for the entirety of the event. This meant that we had 6 runs each, handed out trophies,

packed and loaded the trailer and were leaving site shortly after 12:30 which was well before the weather changed. Due to the cost involved in hosting a regular event this would mean a loss of club funds, but the discounted sanction fee from the starting line school, coupled with the income from the nightcross, made the opening weekend a financial success. We ended last year's Solo Season in the red so starting off this year in the black feels good but the season is long. We couple these events on purpose to reduce overhead and keep cost of entry as low as possible.

*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.*

## 2019 Novice Program

After an extremely successful first year, KYSCCA will be bringing back the Novice program for 2019 with the start of the official season @ NCM on 5-5-19!

Brand new autocrossers (or newer drivers that have not completed a full season previously) will be eligible to take part in this class.

Novice class drivers will be competing against other novice drivers in a PAX based point system. PAX is an index system designed to equalize participants running cars from different SCCA Solo classes. The PAX value is a multiplier used on the entrant's time, and then compared directly with other class competitors and their PAX multiplied time.

This class will have its own awards for each event and will have its own year-end points. Once a novice driver wins the novice class at a points event, they will no longer be eligible to receive individual event awards for the novice class **but are still eligible for regular class trophies**. Please note that even after you win a novice event trophy you are not kicked out of the class! **You will still be competing and accumulating novice year end points.**

**When you arrive, please inform the trailer during registration that you are a novice driver.**

This will ensure you are placed in the correct class (and if you are a two-driver car this will help in trying to get you and your co-driver scheduled in the same heat). You will get special instruction as well as some swag for this new class.

The novice chiefs will meet and greet first-time drivers when they arrive. This allows a good opportunity to go over what to expect/the flow of the day, how to grid, safety and individual car tech and they can answer any questions. The novice chiefs are there to get your day started on the right foot. Your current 2019 Novice Chiefs are Zachary Yurt and Jacob Zimmerlee. Feel free at any time to approach either of them or message them on Facebook.

**Novice walk** – At the start of every event the novice chiefs will have a novice walk (open to all, even the pros) that will offer general direction on how to attack the course of the day and also offer opportunity for open questions.

**Personal course walk** – If you need additional instruction, have questions about a specific element or need additional navigation help one of the novice chiefs will walk the course with you after the novice walk.

**Worker instruction** – the chiefs will show you what constitutes as a +1 (or more), the criteria for DNF, how to use the radio to call in cones, what to do if you have the red flag and open floor for general questions.

When it is your turn to drive the novice chiefs will be available to offer both instruction and guidance; their only job is to help you go faster. When it comes time for you to pull to the line, don't worry. We've got you!

**Coached runs** – Have an instructor ride with you and offer feedback both during and after your run

**Instructor runs** – Have an instructor drive your car once during your heat with you observing.

This is specifically helpful if you are having issues navigating the course or need help negotiating a particular course element

**Ride Alongs** – (If run/work permissible) hop in the passenger seat with an instructor or another experienced driver if you are having issues navigating the course

At the end of the day, during the recap and awards, the Novice class will have its own trophy session. After the awards, the novice chiefs will hold a post-event Q&A session.

We look forward to meeting you!



# 2019 SCHEDULE



4/13	KFEC	STARTING LINE SCHOOL
4/14	KFEC	COBWEB SHAKER
5/5	NCM	POINTS EVENT #1
5/25	KFEC	REGIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL
5/25	KFEC	DAY AND NIGHT TNT'S
5/26	KFEC	POINTS EVENT #2
6/15	JASPER	TRSS SCHOOL
6/16	KFEC	POINTS EVENT #3
6/29	KFEC	HORSEPOWER FOR HEROES
6/30	KFEC	POINTS EVENT #4
7/20	JASPER	TRSS SCHOOL
7/21	KFEC	POINTS EVENT #5
8/4	NCM	REGIONAL TIME TRIALS
8/11	NCM	POINTS EVENT #6
8/25	NCM	POINTS EVENT #7
9/15	NCM	POINTS EVENT #8
10/20	KFEC	FUN EVENT

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Bluegrass Motorsports has returned as the title sponsor of the KYSCCA 2019 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.

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# 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

**MAY 2ND • 7:00PM**  
3rd Turn Brewery Jtown

**JUNE 6TH • 7:00PM**  
3rd Turn Brewery Jtown

**JULY 11TH • 7:00PM**  
3rd Turn Brewery Jtown

## BOARD MEETINGS



Current membership is 261

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

Gary Niles  
Steven Whitehouse  
Samuel Boone  
Thomas Coyle  
Marcy McDaniel

**MAY 29TH • 7:00PM**  
Rich Sinnock's

**JUNE 26TH • 7:00PM**  
Jacob Zimmerlee's

**JULY 31ST • 7:00PM**  
Stephen Lee's

Christian Jarboe  
Richard Kenney  
Tony Morrow  
Brandon Pack  
Paul Holt  
Ben Nye  
Seth Allen  
Lauren Rawson  
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