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## The KYSCCA Monthly Newsletter

### May 2019

### Welcome to the 2019 KYSCCA Downshift!

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#### What happened?

We had our first points event and it was our highest attended event since 2017. We had our first Membership meeting at 3rd Turn Brewing in J Town and it was our best attended membership meeting in quite some time (not sure what that says about us). We made some repairs and upgrades to our equipment and trailer. And no winners were protested to the stewards.. (Continued below)

#### What's next?

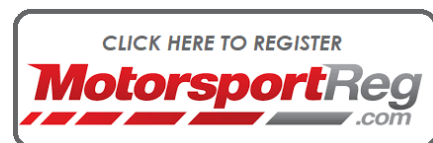
We are actively prepping for our next big four event weekend: We have our annual Driver School and daytime Test n' Tune on May 25th at KFEC, followed by a night time event later that evening. Points event #2 will be the next day on May 26th. If some of us look tired Sunday morning, this is why.

Those who missed PE#1 in Bowling Green are starting the season with a handicap so be sure to attend PE#2 to keep from falling behind in season points. Remember, our sponsor, Bluegrass Motorsports, will once again be awarding one class champion with a free track day with instruction at Putnam Park!

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#### Here we go again!

Points event one was a great success and is now behind us. Points event one, at KFEC Lot E, Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> is just days away. Once again Help us help you expedite the registration process by preregistering. It also assures you'll get your desired number as our new software now tracks the driver and class, not the number. As of this writing the weather looks warm and wonderful. Remember to arrive early and enter gate 6, on Preston Hwy next to Thornton's, for a free parking pass.



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We have also opened registration for our Daytime and Nighttime Test N' Tunes at KFEC on May 25. Plenty of spots still available for both!

Please click the MSR icon to the right to register for the  
**DAY TIME TNT**



Please click the MSR icon to the right to register for the  
**NIGHT TIME TNT**



## Time Trials are Coming!

Registration is now open for KYSCCA's second annual Time Trials regional event. Nearly every autocross car can compete on track. You will be grouped by experience so don't be shy if you've never run on track before. There are classes and trophies but the emphasis is on fun, safe track time. Register early to be sure you get your desired number. We are upping our game and this time we have booked the Grand Full course at NCM on August 4<sup>th</sup> register by clicking the MSR icon below.



If you need help classing your car please click [HERE](#)



## 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.



## HEROES WANTED!

We are seeking in car coaches as well as helpers to run our forthcoming Street Survival School June 20th 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/>



## Three's Company

I had forgotten just how much having three (or more) heats changes an event. It adds a social element to the events. It means that everyone has an off heat. Meaning they can have extra time to sort their car, grab a bite to eat, ride with friends or just hang out study the course and shoot the breeze with fellow participants and spectators. You might ask yourself why we don't do three heats more often and it comes down to a matter of numbers. I hope to see

continued numbers that support three or more heats. The reality is when you account for the lost time of taking a lunch break, we can run more cars in the same amount of time when running three heats. Let's hope this trend continues.

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## What Happened?

Points event #1 was our best attended event since 2017. I'm very proud of our team. It's been over a year since we've managed an event of this size and we didn't miss a beat. Shawn provided us with a fun, challenging course that was technical in some areas yet gave room for the horsepower cars to stretch their legs. Our registration team kept the line at a minimum while adapting to our new software; The high percentage of pre-registered drivers helped make their job easier. Our Tech team had a slightly reduced load as many folks had taken advantage of our annual tech (available to KYSCCA members only) at our opening weekend.

Once registration had closed we had 94 drivers. We began sorting them into three run groups. This is more complicated than it sounds as we consider what heats each class had run at our previous event and while a perfect rotation isn't possible, we make a real effort to rotate all classes. Our Worker chief then began sifting through the workers available for heat one to cover all the needed positions as we generally need about 30 workers per heat.

Finally, we were ready for our drivers meeting: We read off some boiler plate safety notes and some information specific to running this site and this particular event. Once we started running it was smooth sailing. Our new timing software did it's job and provided stable accurate timing all day, even live timing worked all day. The one hiccup was the announcer client: We have a separate screen set up so that the announcer can see information about each car on course and their times as they finish their position in class etc. This is nothing new, our old software had a similar function which was less stable than this one, while not perfect, it is an improvement.

The big change with our software has to do with our audit process. As you may or may not know after each run we compare our hand written results to those in the computer. Most often this is correcting cone penalties that the computer operator didn't catch or were assigned to the wrong car. There really is a lot going on inside the trailer at any given time, I liken it to air traffic control but with cars.. in a parking lot. With our new software the auditor now makes any correction to the results using a third laptop. Previously they had to give this information to the computer operator who was trying to keep current while making corrections and printing results, sometimes this caused the computer operator to miss a car leading to a "hold start" situation. The good news is this system takes a lot of the stress off the computer operator, allowing them to focus on the cars and times happening at present. The bad news is the auditor now has additional tasks to perform generating their own reports and making the needed corrections to the data file themselves. This is the system used by the national office at all national level events.

*If you have a question, problem or concern you can shoot me an email at the above address or 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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## Grinding Gears

We are constantly looking for ways to improve everything we do. At the beginning of the year we upgraded to new software and replaced our aging radios. More recently we added a spare tire and mount to our trailer, tinted the windows, rerouted some wiring and replaced the batteries in our wireless timing equipment. We are troubleshooting our FM transmitter to better communicate during events and are hoping to be transmitting again soon.

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## Help Wanted!

We are a club of volunteers and we could use some help.. specifically with marketing (social media and such). If you have some knowledge or experience in the field, are possibly looking to build a resume, willing to work for seat time and are not easily offended, drop us a line. [kyscca@gmail.com](mailto:kyscca@gmail.com)



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## Results

How did you do? Our full results can be found online here:  
<https://kyscca.com/autocross-results/2019-autocross-results/>



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

[Annual 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 the logo below) 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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## 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 possible) 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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## Blue Grass MOTORSPORT

*Built on Performance*

### Thank you to our Title Sponsor!

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.

[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 6TH • 7:00PM**

3rd Turn Brewery Jtown

**JULY 11TH • 7:00PM**

3rd Turn Brewery Jtown

## BOARD MEETINGS

**MAY 29TH • 7:00PM**

Rich Sinnock's

**JUNE 26TH • 7:00PM**

Jacob Zimmerelee's

**JULY 31ST • 7:00PM**



Current membership is **228**

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

Jerome Boyett  
Dean Smith  
Michelle Brown  
Michael Salvo  
Jeff Lohr  
Matt Coleman  
James Greenwell  
Russel Wood  
Jeremy Lynn

Stephen Lee's

Anthony Thomas

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