



April 2009 Newsletter

With a super entry of 109 drivers and reasonable weather the day had all the makings of a good days racing. My apologies that I could not stay to watch but family commitments took priority. I am delighted to see the Cadet grid growing again after a year (2008) of poor entries in the starter class. Bill Routledge did text me on Sunday evening to tell me how much he had enjoyed the day! Apparently the standard of driving was much improved when compared with the March meeting and with, a lot of new faces, the racing was fantastic.

After three rounds of the new Elite and Clubman classes for Prokarts the format appears to be working well. Pick up the phone or email me if you have any concerns. Following a recent query I have looked at the way points are allocated across all classes as the suggestion was that too many points were being given for the final. I disagree as an additional 5 points for winning the final race seems appropriate to me.

The Kart Shop at Warden Law

Alan McLean has recently joined Anton and the KNE staff with the responsibility of building up the sales side of the kart shop. Anton will continue with engine work, repairs, kart set up and preparation. Alan has a long history of involvement at Warden Law being a competitor at the first MSA club meeting ever held at the circuit in 1997. He then progressed to Super 1 in Rotax Max before university stopped him racing. While in Manchester Alan worked part time at Daytona as a marshal, before becoming full time as a circuit manager with Daytona following graduation.

My apologies for the lack of Dunlop tyres at the last race meeting. Our order to Andersons for both Prokart and Cadet tyres were not delivered to us on time. Clearly there have been problems with the supply of Dunlop's nationwide with the MSA issuing a statement this week as the lack of class specific tyres does affect MSA Championship events.

The following may be of interest –

- i. On race days we offer a support package where Anton will be on hand to advise and help drivers prepare your kart in our awning. The cost is £60 for the day.
- ii. Alan has two options available to sell your kart; these being: Option 1 is for you to leave the kart in our new display area with full details displayed with the kart and on our website. Option 2 is where we display details of your kart both on the display board in the shop and on the web. Talk to Alan re costs etc.

- iii. We have a comprehensive stock of CRG parts as well as new and used CRG karts within the shop. Alan is working closely with the importers to promote the CRG range including the new CRG Cadet.

Sodi W Series

Sodi have launched a new championship within the U.K. which will result in the highest scoring drivers being invited to a European Final to be held in the sun next spring. It is aimed at **hire kart drivers** i.e. dads, brothers, mechanics etc etc who do not own their own karts but believe that they can do the business on the circuit. There are two levels being the Star class (based on our 390cc Sodi karts) and Master class (based on RX250cc 2 stroke Sodi karts). Registration is free (on www.sodiwseries.com) with drivers needing 6 results to have a chance of winning a place at the Final. Karting North East start the Star class with Round 1 on Sunday 16th May hosting 7 rounds in total. Three rounds of the 11 round Master class are to be held at Warden Law. Full details can be found on our website www.kartingnortheast.com for the Star class or on www.rx250challenge.com for the Master class.

Membership

I have asked the girls on reception to charge non members an additional £5 per meeting to enter as a small number of drivers have not joined the club but enjoy the same benefits as members.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 26 th April	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 3 rd May	KNE Championship 4th Round
Sunday 10 th May	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 24 th May	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 31 st May	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm

Dates to Avoid

Sunday 17 th May	No Owner Driver Testing (hire kart race day – 3 rd Sunday of month)
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