



October 2009

The penultimate round of the Tyne & Wear Kart Club championship was well supported in all classes. Despite a cold start the sun came out (as always) allowing some great racing to take place. Congratulations to Denholm Smith in Tkm who was picked out by Bill Routledge as Driver of the Day. Having won one heat and placed second in two heats Denholm was looking good for a "podium" finish. However engine problems on the grid dropped him to the back of the pack from the start. He recovered well and chased down the leaders to finish a credible 9th place in the final.

Just a reminder re. Championship points and positions. The points from your best 7 rounds are used to calculate the total points and position from a possible 10 rounds. There will also be a bonus of 10 points for those drivers who have completed all 10 rounds. Any round, where a driver was black flagged for driving offences or for failing scrutineering, cannot be dropped unless the Clerks are persuaded that the black flag was given unreasonably. Our apologies to Callum Cleat for his black flag during the last round which was given in the belief that he had hit the rear of another kart causing the victim to lose control. A snapped axle was the real cause of the incident resulting in Callum colliding with the kart concerned. Any dispute re the allocation of points must be raised within 4 weeks following the meeting concerned.

This is an appropriate time to thank Lauren for her input to each and every race day. As well as calculating the Championship points, she greets and signs in all drivers, deals with customers problems and mistakes re transponders, incorrectly filled in signing on sheets etc, logs all warning and black flags given, operates the timing equipment and produces the results sheets. It can be difficult when, for example, the computer software freezes, as she then reverts to manual lap scoring while she also tries to sort out the computer problem. If you have need to go into Race Control please understand the pressure she is under and be NICE!

PS Please make sure that we get our transponders back at the end of the day. We need them to run our hire kart business as each kart has its own specific transponder for the maintenance log.

The Kart Shop is having a good run on kart sales so we have gaps to fill. If you have a good quality kart for sale we can sell it on your behalf for a commission. In particular we are short of Honda Cadets and Prokarts.

Shop hours

As we approach the winter the circuit inevitably is quieter so we are reducing the hours that the shop is open. The shop will be open from 9 am til 5 pm on a Saturday and Sunday. It will be closed now on a Monday, open 10 til 6.30 on a Tuesday and Thursday with 10 til 5 on a Wednesday and Friday. If you are coming any distance it is always worth a phone call as illness or other commitments may result in an occasional change to these times.

Free Track Time

The Kart Shop at Warden Law is offering you the chance to cut the cost of Karting. For every £ 250 you spend in the shop between 1st October and 31st December we will give you 1 months free practicing to be used in January, February or March 2010. So if you are thinking of a new helmet or kart suit, new bodywork for your CRG, a Mychron for Christmas or anything that we can source for you from any kart manufacturer the result is free track time in the New Year.

This offer excludes the sale of karts, engine rebuilds and tyres. It can only be used by the customer himself and is not transferable. It excludes race days, it cannot be used with any other offer and it has no cash value. The offer may be withdrawn at any time by email notice to all T&W Kart club members.

Bambinos

This coming Sunday (**18th October**) we will organise a trial event for young drivers in their own karts. I see that the MSA propose time trials for Bambino karts being a format that we can try on Sunday. If that is successful we can then try a race format. If you have a Bambino kart why not come to the circuit for 11 am and give it a try? Ring us in advance so that we can have a trophy for every driver taking part. An entry fee of £ 25 will be charged.

Kart Mania

The "UK's Premier Kart Show" is in Coventry on the weekend of the 28th and 29th November. It is for owner drivers with many traders on site for both days of the show. Have a look at www.kartmania.co.uk for more details.

Junior and Senior Tkm in 2010

We will be reverting to clutched engines only for our Championship next year but we will adopt the Tal-ko rule changes regarding chassis's. There may be changes re tyres, weights etc but our Championship regulations will not be finalised until November.

Senior Tkm will start in the Winter Series using the Extreme (115cc) engine. Any chassis will do with either direct drive or a clutched engine. As circuit operators we strongly recommend a clutched engine for reasons of safety on the grid (pushers) as well as on the circuit. Karting North East have a Senior Tkm which we will be racing every month. All we need is a top driver to put in it!

PS We have a new TAG Senior Tkm in stock which we will discount against Tal-ko's list Price to get the class started.

Winter Series

Karting North East are organising a 3 round winter series using the 2009 regulations. Senior Tkm are welcome

Sunday 6th December


Monday 28th December

Sunday 17th January 2010

The T&WK Club 2010 Championship will start on Sunday 7th February 2010 (three weeks after the last round of the winter series).

Dates to Remember

Sunday 18 th October	Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 25 th October	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 1 st November	KNE Championship 10th and final Round
Sunday 8 th November	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm



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