



June 2010 Newsletter

Despite a poor forecast we saw a good entry for what turned out to be a mixed day regarding the weather. Most classes enjoyed a couple of dry heats before a period of drizzle where tyre choice was all important. Then the rain came ! Tyre choice when the meeting has been declared "open" is always difficult but can have a huge impact on the result. I watched the 3rd heat of Junior Tkm when a driver started from the 2nd row on wet tyres with everyone else on slicks. He immediately established a substantial lead on the first lap which was slowly reduced lap by lap as the slick tyres of the second placed driver heated up and started to work. Had the race been two laps longer the kart on wets would have been overtaken.

Cadet practice was raised with me at signing on when it was pointed out that Cadets cannot practice on the Saturday. Consequently the request was for 10 minutes practice on the Sunday morning. We will continue to allow the Cadets a practice before drivers briefing in the future with the format remaining as it was last Sunday for everyone else.

The new kerbs on the Dunlop chicane worked well with most drivers realising that to drive over the kerbs was no advantage re lap times. A number of warning boards were given to drivers who did not attempt to drive within the white lines that define the circuit edge. The concern that circuit staff have is that, at some point, a driver will lose control going over the kerb and gravel and collide with another kart. Please drive within the white lines in the interests of safety. We will be re instating the ground behind some kerbs where the grass has been eroded. Now the dry spell has broken we will get some turfing and reseeding done.

After last month's Race Day and the mega grid of **Prokarts** I spent a lot of time on the phone and emailing drivers to discuss the problems a big grid creates. Clearly there is a wide range of views ranging from leaving the format as it was (i.e. with 47 karts on the circuit) to those who believe that we should split the grid. A discussion at drivers briefing came to the decision that we will not exceed 35 karts on the grid. If the entry exceeds 35 karts we will split the grid in half based on timed qualifying and promote / relegate 3 drivers following each heat. As and when we try the new format we will then talk again to those who took part to review the change. KNE relies on feedback from its customers so please feel free to email me on any aspect of the business to ian@kartingnortheast.com.

Last Friday was a bit chaotic and unexpected regarding owner drivers. We had our usual hire kart and community group bookings but in addition we had the school holidays and the change in format for race day where no practice is available. As a result we had our busiest Friday ever for owner drivers turning up unexpectedly. I believe that my staff made the right decision to split the day into sessions on the grounds of safety though I accept that it restricted track time to all concerned.

Sun fm.....KNE have a radio advert running at the moment where listeners can go online (www.sunfm.co.uk) and compete in a F1 car race. The top 10 players will be invited to KNE to compete in a kart race free of charge to win a trip to the Grand Prix. Why not give it a go ?

Kart Mania 2010 will take place on the last weekend in October being 30th – 31st at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry (otherwise known as the football stadium). It is easy to get to, a fantastic venue with plenty to interest owner drivers. Many kart clubs exhibit along with the various (MSA) Championship organisers, kart manufacturers and kart part suppliers. There is also an extensive “kart boot” section with a lot of bargains, both new and used, to be had. Further details from www.kartmania.co.uk

Prokart Enduro . we have reserved a slot on Saturday evening 26th June for a 3 hour endurance race of 3 hours with 30 mins practice to start with. We need to know if there is sufficient interest to run this event as soon as possible. The cost is £ 120.00 per team with a 50 % deposit payable when booking. I have several drivers from our Thunderkart series who are looking for owner driver teams that they can join as paying drivers. These are drivers I can recommend having raced with us on numerous occasions. Their ability is visible on the Results Table in the clubhouse. If you want me to put you in touch with one of them let me know. If less than 10 teams book in advance we will cancel the event. Contact KNE reception to book in for the race.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 20 th June	Exclusive Owner Driver Testing 8am to 11am, then in sessions from 11am to 2pm due to Thunderkart Challenge.
Sunday 27 th June	Exclusive Owner Driver Testing 8am to 2pm.
Sunday 4 th July	KNE Championship 6th Round.
Sunday 11 th July	Exclusive Owner Driver Testing 8am to 2pm.
Sunday 18 th July	Exclusive Owner Driver Testing 8am to 11am, then in sessions from 11am to 2pm due to Thunderkart Challenge.
Sunday 25 th July	Exclusive Owner Driver Testing 8am to 2pm.





The Kart Shop @ Warden Law

June 2010 Offers

Tkm Extreme 09	ARC Chassis	to include spare carbs, wets on rims, starter. Very tidy	
	£ 1,450.00	Suitable for 15 year old and over.	
Honda Cadet	LTG chassis	2002	Tidy starter kart
	£ 750.00		
Comer S60 Cadet	Tony kart	2004	Tidy starter kart
	£ 600.00		
Prokart	LRG	2003	Adult starter kart
	£ 850.00		
KT 1 CRG rolling chassis's	2 of. Used no more than 6 events by HRS in British & European events. No sensible offer refused.		
Rotax engines	2 new, out of the box engines c/w logbooks. One senior & 1 junior		
	£ 1,650.00 + VAT	£ 1550.00 + VAT	
	Both to include wiring loom, exhaust, new style clutch & balance gears.		
A full range of Chassis spares	Ducchini helmets, MIR and Sparco suits & clothing, for CRG, Tal-ko and Simon Wright		
Tyres	all classes in stock		