



September 2008 Newsletter

Generally a dry day with the added interest of a few persistent wet patches to catch out the unwary. Following this excessively wet summer KNE intend to increase drainage to, hopefully, remove the puddles that hang around after heavy rain. A good entry provided plenty of incidents in all classes and good racing.

The Driver of the Day was Daniel Reay who had a mixed day. Fastest in qualifying and the winner of 2 heats he started last for the final itself. To win from the back of the grid is an excellent result. Once again our apologies to those in the WF class for problems with the timing software.

Just to remind all drivers if the Clerks decide that an exclusion from either a heat or the day is appropriate following an incident during a race then that round cannot be dropped when calculating Championship positions. Please check your Championship points as soon as possible as we will NOT accept a query that relates to any Race Day other than the last one.

Finally a word of caution – the pit lane is NOT a place for family members to gather to spectate. Clearly there are karts moving through the pit lane with drivers focused on racing. Last Sunday's baby buggies, grannies, dogs etc etc. are accidents waiting to happen. Please restrict the grid to the driver plus mechanic thus avoiding the need for a return to wrist bands and marshals on the pit lane gates.

The Winter Series is of 3 rounds being 7th December, 28th December and 18th January 2009. The new rules (see below) will apply for the winter series re tyres, weights etc

Prokarts 2009

It has been suggested that we introduce a second class for 2009 with 190 kg being the min weight using red boards with white numbers. The existing 180 kg class would continue using white boards with red / black numbers.

Both classes can fit either Dunlop SL1's / KT 3's OR Bridgestone YDS / YDK. The format may alter to 3 races of 15 minutes with 1 x 20 minute final (with the clock started when the flag is raised AND not when the karts leave the grid as is the case at the moment). The target number of laps would be 15 in dry conditions.

If any changes are made to the www.ratpro.co.uk/chal/regulations version 3 2008 then we would adhere to them for 2009.

Scrutineering

We are sorry to say that Roland will be retiring from scrutineering at the end of the year. We would like to thank him for all the work he has done for owner driver racing at Warden Law over the years. As a result, we are looking for a new scrutineer for 2009; therefore if anyone is interested in finding out more please speak to Ian at the circuit.

Tkm

It has been suggested that we only allow Tkm homologated chassis's (although we will allow older Tkm chassis with forward facing pod support bars). In addition we will open the class to direct drive as well as clutched engines. It has been suggested that we allow open gearing i.e. any sprocket that you choose. We will keep the 2 sets of slicks restriction in place.

Feed back is needed from those who have taken part this year so that your views can be taken into account.

Other Classes

If you feel that changes are needed please get in touch with either Anton or myself. Email is good as I know that we both can be difficult to reach by phone.

The Kart Shop at Warden Law

Anton continues to make good progress with the shop business despite the downturn in club kart racing nationally. Engines he rebuilds continue to perform well in both Comer and Tkm both at Warden Law and PF!

Kart preparation is an area where Anton can help providing it is not 10 minutes before you are due on the circuit. If you need his assistance re kart preparation please let him know in advance of any Race Day so that he can do what you require to a high standard without rushing. We can store your kart within the shop whilst the work is done so that you can arrive on race day with nothing to do except drive!

The Kart Shows

Kart Mania 29th & 30th November 2009 at Stoneleigh, Coventry.

Autosport 8th – 11th January 2009 at the NEC

Both shows are of interest to petrol heads with Kart Mania probably being of greater interest to karters. While Autosport is good for commercial hire kart operators the Kart Mania event is probably better for owner drivers.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 14 th September	Exclusive owner driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 28 th September	Exclusive owner driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 5 th October	KNE Championship plus TWKC Championship for Minis & Juniors

Dates to Avoid

Saturday 13 th September	No testing available to owner drivers
Sunday 21 st September	Hire Kart race day however please contact circuit for availability

As ever thank you for your support for this series. If you would like to comment on any aspect of the service we provide your feedback is appreciated. ian@kartingnortheast.com works well or the usual phone numbers.

