



Tyne & Wear Kart Club July 2008 Newsletter

July has been a record month at Warden Law despite the weather and the media obsession with the housing market. Lewis Hamilton's success on the track is a great help to karting centres throughout the U.K. Let's hope that he continues to do well and wins the F1 Championship. I have been away in Ireland on holiday and I took the opportunity to visit Kiltorcan Raceway near Waterford. I came away with two ideas to improve our business.....one of which you will see at the circuit. Hire karts are constantly driven over kerbs by customers who don't care. We have now placed strings of 4 van tyres on top of the kerbs to deter hire kart customers from driving over them. If you are present to test a privately owned kart and you would prefer that we remove the tyres please ask the circuit manager to shift them. This will be done on Sunday mornings, race days and mid week *but not on Saturdays*.

New circuit warning lights will also be installed in the next couple of weeks making yellow and red light situations more visible. When owner drivers are on the circuit we do expect you to react to the lights in the same way as you would to yellow and red flags. Being busy with hire karts on the circuit does restrict the time we have to get site work done. How ever we will get some more reseeding and turfing done in August.

Le Man 24 Hours

Congratulations to Steven Welsh and Stephen White (son of Jim White) who were part of the MS Lucas team winning the 24 hour event staged at the beginning of July in France. A full grid of 40 karts started the event with the MS team taking the lead after 3 laps winning the race 24 hours later with a 13 lap margin. The cream of British prokarting were there including the works BRM team (Mark Fell, Paul Wilkinson "Wilko" & others) and the works Wright team (Autotec) with Lee Metcalfe their top performer. The competition for second and third place was fierce but the MS Lucas team were untouchable.

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It is clear that the entries for the third Sunday in the month are poor and dwindling. It is a fact that we attract more drivers to test on the 2nd & 4th Sunday mornings than come along to race on the 3rd Sunday. The decision has been taken to cancel the T&WKC meetings until the end of the year leaving the first Sunday as the only Race Day at the circuit. We will transfer the Junior Max class to the first Sunday each month. The Junior Max Championship will re commence in September on the first Sunday. How-ever **Junior Max are welcome this Sunday** at the KNE Championship but no points will be awarded due to the short notice. Trophies will be awarded to Junior Max drivers. Any Mini Max that wish to join in with the Juniors can do so providing that they accept the Clerks decision as to how they are to be run alongside the Juniors.

It is still our intention to resume MSA Racing on the third Sunday in 2009. Clearly this is subject to demand. ARKS test (to obtain a licence) are available on a pre booked basis

through the KNE reception. I hope that we will see an influx of Cadets from the Lets Go Karting scheme currently under way at Warden Law with support from the MSA.

KNE Championship

As this Sunday is the 7th round of the Championship we are soon into “dropped rounds”. As a reminder the Championship is based on your best 7 results out of 10 possible rounds. You cannot drop any round where you have been penalised for driving standards. Please raise any concerns regarding the allocation of points within 14 days of the Championship table being circulated. We cannot easily look at results issues two or three months after the event.

Sunday Testing

Appears to be going well. A couple of points need to be made.

- i. KNE staff are supervising the circuit using the circuit warning lights.
- ii. Any recovery of karts needs to be agreed with the circuit manager who is normally in the pit lane. Please do not go onto the circuit while karts are circulating but wait until the end of the session. Likewise no repairs may be done while the karts are in motion. If your kart stops please drag it to a place of safety then wait in a marshal hut etc until the end of the session.
- iii. We do expect all drivers using the circuit to sign on and pay at reception prior to using the circuit. Anyone using a weekly / monthly pass should still sign on at reception (the weekly passes are available for £50.00 with the monthly pass being £120.00).

Days to Remember

Sunday 3 rd August	KNE Championship Round (+ Junior Max Welcome)
Sunday 10 th August	Exclusive owner driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 24 th August	Exclusive owner driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 31 st August	Exclusive owner driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 7 th September	Owner Driver Race Day

