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DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming Races

Held at the track – 1:00pm

- October 30th Fall 5
- November 13th Fall 6
- November 20th Fall 7

Work Days

Held at the track – 9:00 am

- November 12th
- December 10th

Club Meetings

Held at the IHOP at I-35 & FM304 in Lewisville
7:30 pm

- November 10th
- December 1st

Board Meetings

Held at Alforno's Italian Kitchen in Flower Mound
7:00 pm

- November 22nd
- December 13th

Track Closings

- All work days until 2:30pm



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Note from the Editor

My apologies for not getting a newsletter out last month; I had a few computer problems on top of my travel schedule.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

We would like to take this time to thank All the Sponsors this year and years past; they are Keith Farber, Joe & Franki Saldavar, Ron Brown, Tim Michael, John Sefcik, Frank Clark, Jeff Oakes, Charlie Freeburn, Mike & Kelley Engstrom, Pat Holley, Mick & Adayle Peterson, Chuck Fisher, Paul Slechta, Collin Lynn, Rod Smith, Brian Verhalen, Mike Jones and John Denman, **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS!**

We would like to thank all the elected and appointed positions this year Don Schrum, Yaani-Mai Gaddy, Kelley Engstrom, Kelly Wolfe, Greg Clarke, Margaret Iseli, Bob Schabel, Ron Brown, John Ray, Tom Settles, Tom Harris, Vic Mauk, Weldon Wellborn and Jim Freeman. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT THIS YEAR AND YEARS PAST.**

We would also like to thank all the MEMBERS of the club for their support this year and over the past years. But for the club to work the way it is suppose to work all members must do their part as members for the club to prosper and grow without this the club could become a independently owned facilities and that is not what this club was originally set up to be. So as a member **VOLUNTEER** and do your part.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

As the 2005 season comes to a close that means it is time for election of officers. In 2004 the club changed the by-laws of the elected officials to two-year terms, so President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson

and Newsletter Chairperson need to be elected and we need to elect three board members to office. The club will take nominations at the November meeting and then will hold the elections at the December meeting. When nominating members for office they must be in good standing with the club and make sure the person you are nominating is willing to hold that office, we need to fill all the positions so the club work load is spread out evenly. The club would like to thank all the officers that held positions this past year and the one's that terms are ending this year for volunteering their time and effort. The three board members terms that are ending are Bob Schabel, Tom Settles and Vic Mauk. Any board member can be re-elected to office if they choose to be. The appointed position terms will be ending January 31, 2006 and if you are interested in holding one of those positions contact the president of the club. Vic Mauk has agreed to take the points Chairperson Position again in 2006 so the club will not need to fill that position. If you're going to hold an office of the club, you need to fulfill the obligation of that office to the best of your ability in-order for NTK to prosper. Here are the offices we will be taking nomination for.

Elected Positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Chairperson, Membership Chairperson and 3 - Board Members

Appointed Position:

Track Manager, Awards Chairperson, Publicity Chairperson, Sunshine Chairperson.

RULES MEETING

At the November club meeting a motion will be made to turn in rule changes to the secretary by email or written with the rule number and the change wanted by December 20, 2005. It will be your responsibility to make sure they receive them. Only rules turned in will be discussed at the rules meeting (*YOU MAY HAVE TO BE AT THE RULES MEETING TO HAVE YOUR RULE CHANGE VOTED ON*). We will put all the rules

to be discussed in the January newsletter and the rules meeting will be January 28, 2006. The location and time of the meeting will follow at a later date.

YEAR END CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET TO BE JANUARY 14, 2006

The year-end championship banquet will be January 14, 2006 at the Double Tree Ranch 310 Highland Village RD. Lewisville TX. 75077 with social hour from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M. and the banquet will end around 10:30 P.M. See flier, so mark your calendar for a fun evening of bench racing and door prizes as we honor our club champions. This banquet is for all members to get together and talk about the racing from last year, so we will need a head count on how many are going to attend by January 6, 2006. See flier.

PROBLEMS AT THE TRACK

If you are up at the track practicing, look around at your facilities and if you notice a problem with something at the track please call the president or a board member and let us know if there is something that needs to be looked at. The elected officials don't always get to the track on off race days. If the water in the restrooms is not working or something like that call someone so we can take a look at the problem.

Also the Auto Salvage Yard CTS, has been having problems with parts being stolen, if you see something that looks out of place or someone in the yard when they are closed please call one of the owners at these numbers. Allen @ 940-395-1118 or David @ 940-391-4682 or the Denton Sheriffs (911) anytime and tell them you are a member of NTK and something is going on at their place.

A reminder while at the races you should not be messing with anyone else's equipment during the races unless they ask you to help them with

something. If caught you will get disqualified from the event and suspended from the club.

Club Q & A

Q. A topic that continues to raise questions for us dads with rookie kids is, "Do you hold your line if the leaders catch up to you?" The rule seems to vary by race director and has become very confusing for us.

A. As a general rule, a driver that is about to be lapped should hold the normal racing line. This however is often a problem for rookie racers as they do not yet have the consistency to hold a stable line. One of the biggest things to remember here is that a normal racing line does not move across the track.

A racer must also realize that depending on where they are on the track, there may not be a good opportunity to pass for a few turns. In that case, the driver should continue to drive and hold their racing line, and then point to the side they should be passed on as they come to an area with room to be passed. While it may also be acceptable to slightly lift off the accelerator, do not slow to dramatically or to much, as you may get hit from behind.

Rotax Nationals Update

The Rotax Grand Nationals were held in South Bend, IN in late September. There were a number of NTK members there racing.

In the MiniMax class finals Clay Settles finished sixth, and Evan Brown finished 23rd after getting knocked off the track and having to make up a lot of lost ground.

In the Junior class finals David Holland finished second, while Austin Gaddy and Gabriel Bargas finished 27th & 28th respectively.

In the International class finals Jonathan Beason finished fourth, and as the third American to finish he earned a spot on the World Finals team

competing in Malaysia. Lindsey Adams finished ninth, with Quinton Dawn finishing 21st, while Ansel Gaddy was blacked flagged off the track for not pulling off the track having been shown the passing flag. Sean Owens was unable to make the final due to him being DQ'd for weight in Qualifying; this put in in the very back during the heat races and was not able progress to the final.

In the Masters class DJ Ortiz finished sixth, with Jim Freeman in ninth, and Weldon Wellborn in 15th.

In the RM-1 class, defending National Champion Justin Melton successfully defended his title and won the race earning him spot on the US national team for the third year in a row. This year he will be traveling to Malaysia to compete for the World Championship. Placing second was Jonathan Beason earning a spot on the world finals team. Jonathan, having earned a spot on the world finals team in two different classes will have to choose which class he will compete in at the World Finals. Placing fourth was Nathan Maul, and as the third American to finish, he will also be going to Malaysia to compete in the World Finals.

Congratulations to all the NTK members for their great performance at NTK.

