



# North Texas Karters Newsletter

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## Upcoming Races

**Fun Day – December 9**

Polar Bear 1 – January 7

## Club Meetings \*

**December 7**

January 4

## Board Meetings \*\*

**December 19**

January 16

\*Club meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the IHOP in Lewisville (I35 at FM 3040)

\*\*Board meetings are held at Alforno's Kitchen in Flower Mound. 2260 Morris Rd. Meetings start at 7:00 PM and members are always welcome.

## **Fun Day at the Track**

NTK, KAM Karting and Go Faster! racing school are asking members to invite their friends and neighbors to participate in the NTK Fun Day on Saturday December 9th. Any interested parties are invited to come out to the track, tour the facilities, and take a test drive in a race kart to experience an afternoon at the track and see what karting is all about. There will be no entry fee or charge for this event but waiver and liability forms will need to be signed upon entry onto the property.

## **Track Maintenance**

Freeburn Track Grinding will be coming to NTK to grind bumps & fill cracks. The date is tentatively set for Monday Dec. 11 but may change depending on Freeburn's schedule. Check the website for announcements on track closure dates before heading out to the track for practice around Dec. 11.

## **Rules Meeting – Jan. 20**

NTK only change rules one time during the year and this is your chance to voice your opinion and make a difference in next year's club. If there is an improvement or change that you want to be considered for next year's rules, you need to submit that information soon.

You can give your proposal in writing to the club Secretary, Yaani-Mai Gaddy, at a club meeting, at a board meeting, or you can email it to [Secretary@NTKarters.com](mailto:Secretary@NTKarters.com) You can also fax it to 972-462-8352. The proposal needs to include the rule number and the requested change. All rule proposals will be discussed and voted on at the upcoming rules meeting.

**Rule change requests must be submitted by December 17, 2006.**

The rules meeting will be January 20, 2007 at 9:00 AM and it will be held at Chapparral Machinery. The address is 3435 Roy Orr Blvd. Suite 100 Grand Prairie, TX 75050.

## **NTK Year End Banquet**

The 2006 year end banquet will be held January 27, 2007 at the Speedway Club of Texas Motor Speedway. From 6 PM to 7 PM is social hour and from 7 to 10 PM will be the banquet.

Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. Children under 4 eat free if their share their parent's plate. You need to order tickets from Susan Schabel by January 20, 2007. A printable reservation form is available on the NTK website. You can mail your check (payable to NTK) and reservation to:

Susan Schabel  
1320 Saddleback Lane  
Lewisville, TX 75067

## NTK Logo Design Contest

NTK wants to update our logo with a logo designed by one of our members. Let your imagination run wild and your inner creative side come out and submit your idea for a logo. The submission deadline is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

- Design a new color logo for North Texas Karters. Submit the logo design (in color or with colors noted) in JPG format by e-mail to secretary@ntkarters.com or an 8.5" x 11" white paper at the track, club or board meeting or by postal mail to: 700 Meadowlark Lane, Coppell, TX 75019. No limit on designs submitted. Please include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address with each submission.
- The winner will receive one free ticket to the year end banquet at TMS Speedway Club and a free race entry. The winner's logo will appear on the NTK website, club t-shirts, and in newsletters.
- NTK members will judge the entries on the basis of a) originality, b) theme design, and c) appropriateness at the December club meeting. The members will vote on the design they think will best represent NTK. The design winning the majority of votes will win the contest and become the new NTK logo.
- The contest is open to NTK members.

### Work Days

The next scheduled track work days are December 2nd, January 13th, and February 10th. NTK asks each member to work at 4 work days each year. If you have less than 4 work days, at your next renewal you will be charged \$25 per missing work day. These 3 work days will count for this year's work days. If you don't have your days in, this is a great chance.

### Publicity Chairman

Our new member, Gavin Grounds, has now taken on the role of Publicity Chairman for NTK. Gavin, thanks for stepping up and helping promote our club!

## 2007 Sponsors Needed

NTK is starting the search for sponsors for the 2007 season. This is where our members can really help. NTK is asking members to help with recruiting new class sponsors for the 2007 race season. If you know of a company, employer, neighbor, friend or relative that may be interested in being involved or advertising with NTK please forward the attached NTK Sponsorship Package for their review. Please take a minute to read the package and be familiar with what NTK offers in return for a class sponsorship of \$500. This is a great opportunity for an individual to support motor sports and NTK in return for a great value in advertising. Each class sponsorship includes the individual or company's logo displayed on the NTK web pages which is hot linked to their web site.

If you don't feel comfortable approaching a potential sponsor, please get their contact information and pass it along to a board member so that we may contact them.

It is important that we have a full slate of sponsors so that all our classes are represented and receive end of year awards.

### 2007 Polar Bear Series

The next racing at NTK is the Polar Bear series. The NTK Polar Bear series is a 4 race



series for those diehard racers that want to race even if it is cold. The Polar Bear races have a money payback and run regardless of cold weather. Invite your racing friends who are snowed in up North

during January to come race with us and get their dose of winter racing.

Sun. January 7 – Rain date January 14  
Sun. January 21 – Rain date January 28  
Sun. February 11 – Rain date February 17  
Sun. February 25 – Rain date March 3

## NTK 2006 Champions

The 2006 season has now ended and the final results are ready.

### **Kid Karts**

**Sponsor: Motul**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gunnr Murphy - 3967
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cole Glasson - 3758
- 1<sup>st</sup> John Vining – 3755
- 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Loomis - 3752
- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Schneider - 2711
- 1<sup>st</sup> Seth Riddle - 2503
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Williams - 2089

### **Jr. 1 Light 2 Cycle**

**Sponsor: SRS**

**Sefcik Racing Engines**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Conner Isli - 3727
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Taylor - 3531
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Miguel Lopez - 2826
- 4<sup>th</sup> Will Hewell - 2369
- 5<sup>th</sup> Karl Rupp - 2362

### **Jr. Super Sportsman**

**Sponsor: SpeedGraphix.com**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ross Flores - 3474
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brendon Bailey - 3454
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brandon Crowley - 2080

### **TAG Cadet**

**Sponsor: Dynamic Trophies**

- 1st Alex Tartaglia - 3669
- 2nd Erik Niethamer - 3164
- 3rd Alex Kerkove - 2954
- 4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Lopez - 2314

### **Yamaha Heavy**

**Sponsor: Broak Racing**

- 1<sup>st</sup> George Kraus - 2626
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad Talley - 2247

### **Rotax International**

**Sponsor: KAM Karting**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Esparza – 3293
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Jensen – 2991
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Lucido – 2947
- 4<sup>th</sup> Roy Morrison – 2609
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sean Owens - 2264

### **Rotax Masters**

**Sponsor: Partnership  
Wireless**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Carlson - 3229
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Morrison - 3173
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg Clarke - 2941
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Freeman - 1714

### **Rotax Juniors**

**Sponsor: Maxwell Paper  
Products**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Devin Mauk – 3624
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Foster – 3078
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Clayton Auston – 3027
- 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor Stawicki – 3020
- 5<sup>th</sup> Clint Korte - 2907

**Junior Rookie of the Year 2006 – sponsored by Panda Embroidery**

#16 Devin Mauk – Rotax Junior

**Junior Most Improved Driver of the Year 2006 – sponsored by Panda Embroidery**

#17 Joe Taylor – Junior 1 Light 2 Cycle

**Senior Rookie of the Year 2006 – sponsored by Panda Embroidery**

#89 Chuck Jensen – Rotax International

**Senior Most Improved Driver of the Year 2006 – sponsored by Panda Embroidery**

#18 Quinton Dawn – Rotax International

## Message from the President

First I would like to congratulate all the racers and their families for a successful and exciting racing season. We've had a few; very close series decided by less than 20 points, one by just 3. Great racing was had by all. And I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers that work so hard to make sure everything is taken care of on race days.

This year we were able to get our Web site to accept registrations and Paypal payments making it easier for the racers to get through registration on race day. We were also able to install new scoring software to make it easier for us to staff this function and provide racers their own lap sheets.

We've been concerned with the condition of the track. This was a hard year for it, with it being so dry. There was a lot of cracking and buckling. I've been told we lost a few corner workers in the cracks in the infield. In the exit of turn 1 you have to pick a lane, either high or low, or else you end up sideways FAST. The Track Committee decided that we need to repair what we have, get another year or so out of the track, and then come up with a master plan for what we will do in the future. So, we will have Freeburn Track Repair Company come down to the track in December. He will grind some of those bumps down, fill some cracks, and seal the surface. Tentatively the track will be closed the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> (12/11 through 12/16). Watch the Web site for the actual posted days as we get closer since his schedule may change by a few days.

The next General Membership meeting is on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda is voting for three new Board Members whose terms are ending. I would like to thank Greg Clark, Tom Harris, and Dirk Korte for doing an outstanding job as Board members and for the job they did as Race Directors. Members remember that to be eligible to vote you must be present and are a member in good standing. This is the rule in the By-Laws: "Only qualified members in good standing will be allowed to nominate, second, and vote". And this is from the Rule book: "As a club member you must abide by NTK rules and regulations and also work one club race per calendar year to stay in good Standing". This means that you must have worked a 2005 Polar bear race, a NTK club race, a NTK KART race, or be a life member to vote.

The next event at NTK will be our NTK Fun Day. This will be on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We are going to open NTK and invite members, prior members, inactive members, and friend of members to the track for a day of lapping fun. We will have the local karting and engine shops there to help with free advice to help get your kart going again if needed. Go-Faster will also bring up karts for people to try out. NTK will provide an EMT and some corner workers to make sure things stay safe for all.

In January we will start the 2006 Polar Bear series. I'm looking forward to it. Some racers are so excited about it that they have already pre-registered!

Happy Holidays,  
Bob

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## Rules and On-Track Behavior

In an effort to keep everybody fresh and up to date on track procedures and rules, as well as help educate both old and new members to some rules they may have forgotten about, we are going to try to highlight a rule or two each month, as well as address some on-track procedures that should be followed during a race weekend. These rules come from the NTK Rulebook, the driving procedures from “On-Track Conduct V1.1” courtesy of John Denman of kartweb.com, as well as observations by race officials. So, here are this months highlights:

### **NTK Rule 2.3.12: RESTARTS**

“Restarts for classes (shifters, Rotax, etc.) that all karts in the class are able to restart without a starter can restart during the *warm up lap*.” This may differ from national and/or regional rules (TAG, Rotax, etc) but it takes precedent at NTK club events for safety reasons. **Restarts after the green flag are prohibited.**

### **On-Track Conduct, Paragraph 1.0, Straight Sections and offenses**

The Straight is the section between the turn exit point and the turn entry. This includes the braking point prior to the turn entry point on a natural line. The lead Kart does not necessarily control the line on a straight.

Defending is a legal maneuver so long as no contact is made. This is a gradual move off the natural line to the left or right, and may only be made once. In case contact is made, it may become an offense depending on the sequence of events as defined below.

#### 1.3 Blocking

If the lead Kart chooses to Defend, they are reminded this is **a one-move action**. They may shift off-line, but in doing so, they automatically provide right-of-way to the passing Kart to the side opposite they moved. **If the defending kart does move back on-line prior to the normal point where the kart would have to move back on-line to make entry into the turn, they may be guilty of Blocking.** Blocking is an intended offense.

As an example, if you come out of NTK Turn 6 (in front of the grandstands) and move to the left of the track, you better plan on entering Turn 7 from the left/inside. If you move back to the right to take the “normal” line into 7, you can expect to see a black flag and possibly be penalized. While a defensive posture may be somewhat acceptable on the **last lap**, it is frowned upon during the rest of the race.

Vic Mauk  
NTK Points Chairman



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