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New Officers to be Elected

At the January club meeting nominations were opened for a new Club President, Vice President, Secretary, and a spot on the Board of Directors. Nominations will also be open at the February meeting before elections are actually held. Please plan on attending to help decide the leadership of your club, and even getting involved as a leader of your club. The current nominees are:

President:	Bob Schabel
Vice President:	John Ray
Secretary:	Currently no nominations
Board of Directors:	Dirk Korte Greg Clarke

Does Your Kart have the Correct Number?

I decided that I should run this article again this year as it is just a good reminder. As each member should be aware, each year when it is time to renew your membership, you must all renew your registered kart number as well. This is normally done automatically for you, and works well if you are not changing classes. Our goal is to only have one of each number in each class. If you have changed classes from the previous year, you will need to verify your racing number with the membership chairperson (which will be elected at the next meeting). Every will also need to be sure that your kart numbers are displayed properly. For further clarification on properly displaying your numbers, please see rule 2.3.17 in the NTK rulebook available on the NTK website at: <http://www.ntkarters.com>

Polar Bear Series

The 2006 Polar Bear Series got off to a good start with absolutely great weather for the first Polar Bear race, with over 60 entries. The second Polar Bear race however was rained out and has been rescheduled for its rain date of January 29th. Hopefully our racer attendance will continue to grow throughout the rest of the series. And for everyone who isn't racing, remember that if you come and work a Polar Bear race, it will count as a work day towards your yearly membership. So everyone come on out and join us at the track for the rest of the Polar Bear Series.

Club Meetings

Held at the IHOP at I-35 & FM 304 in Lewisville
7:30 pm

- ❖ February 2nd
- ❖ March 2nd
- ❖ April 6th
- ❖ May 4th

Race dates are:

- Race 2: January 29th Sunday
- Race 3: February 12th Sunday
 - (Rain date: February 18th)
- Race 4: February 26th Saturday
 - (Rain date: March 5th)

Appointed Positions Still Need to be Filled

There are a number of positions that still need to be filled for the club to run effectively. These are appointed positions, so if you are interested please speak to one of the Club Officers. The positions that currently need to be filled are:

Track Manager:

Publicity Chairperson:

Sunshine Chairperson:

Upcoming Races

- ❖ January 29th
- ❖ February 12th
- ❖ February 26th

2006 Minor Release Forms Needed for Insurance Records

Well it is that time of year again, and every minor will need a new release form on file with NTK before they will be allowed to race this year. If you have not yet filled out a 2006 Minor Release form, please plan on doing this the first time you are at a race this year. It can easily be completed while standing in line for registration, but it must be completed before any minor can race.

Workers Needed for all Races

NTK is a member oriented club that is owned, run, managed, and supported by its members. The club depends on volunteer workers to put on and run the races. While each club member is required to work a minimum of one race each year to remain a member in good standing, there is another incentive for all you racers to volunteer; each racer that works two club races during a series (not counting Polar Bear), will receive a free race entry. In addition whenever a racer works a club race, they will receive first place plus ten points towards the series and year end point totals. Each race uses a host of workers to put on the race, including two gate house workers, pit steward, grid steward, scales worker, flagman, five corner workers, two scorekeepers, and the Race Director. This is a total of 14 workers needed to put on each and every club race, so you can see the need for volunteers, and we have plenty of spots available for everyone to participate. So please support your club and come work a race or two.

Working at the Track, Registration & Scoring

Both Registration and Scoring are very important jobs at the track, and often the hardest positions to fill. There are a number of people who do help with both of these positions, it is often the same people over and over again, and while their effort is greatly appreciated, we need more people to help out in these areas. There are two people required in the registration shack before the races start, as well as one person during the races, and there are two additional people required in the scoring tower from about 90 minutes before the races, and then through the entire race schedule. Of course these jobs do have some benefits, like sitting in a heated, or air conditioned room outside of the elements, and the scoring tower has absolutely the best view of anywhere at the track. The most common reason I have heard of people not doing these jobs is that they don't know how to work the computers, or the application. To alleviate this problem, we will be having some training sessions on both the registration program, and the scoring program, so that we can build up a number of people with the capability of doing these jobs, thus eliminating the need for the same people to work so many races. The schedule has not yet been set for this training, and I will need to limit the number of people in each class due to the number of computers available. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending this training by dropping me an email at: greg@theclarkehome.com Once we have a few people we will work to set up a schedule.

Board Meetings

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

- ❖ February 14th
- ❖ March 14th
- ❖ April 18th
- ❖ May 16th

January Meeting Updates

It was also decided that NTK will have a booth at the Autorama show in conjunction with Go Faster Kart Racing School and Custom Powdercoating. This show will be held at the Dallas Market Hall, February 10, 11, & 12. Volunteers are needed to work the show and help promote the club. Contact Don Schrum at: dshrmjr@aol.com if you are available to assist.

Work Days

Held at the track 9:00 am

- ❖ February 11th

Year End Championship Banquet

The year end championship banquet was held on Saturday January 14th and a good time was had by all. A large assortment of door prizes was given out as well as the year end championship awards. If you were unable to attend and collect your award you can still do so by contacting the awards chairperson or the club president the next time you are at the track. For a complete list of the 2005 NTK Champions consult the NTK web site at: <http://www.ntkarters.com>

NTK Q & A

Q. Why is there no awards being handed out at each of the Polar Bear races?

A. The Polar Bear series is a unique event at NTK as all four races are a race for cash. At the end of the four races, all the points are added up and then the money collected from the entries fees is divided up between the top three finishers, therefore no awards are given for each individual races.

Q. Did the club buy new scales? Where are they and why aren't we using them?

A. Yes, the club did buy a new set of scales that will fit properly into the pit that we currently have in the tech barn. The scales are currently in the tech barn but have not yet been installed as some additional electrical work still needs to be completed. As the club is a volunteer organization, we often have very flexible timelines on getting jobs done, as someone's job, family, and life in general often conflicts with free time spent working at the track. It is our hope that the new scales should be installed and working by the end of March.

Annual Rules Meeting

It is that time of year to once again to review the NTK Rulebook. The rules meeting will begin at 9:00 am Saturday January 28, 2006. All members are invited to attend and help shape the rules for the upcoming year. Once the updated 2006 Rulebook is finished and updated, it will be posted on the NTK web site at: www.ntkarters.com The meeting will once again be held at:

Chaparral Machinery
 3435 Roy Orr Blvd., # 100
 Grand Prairie, TX.

Fall Series Awards

The presentation of the Fall 2005 Series Awards will be done at the Polar Bear 2 race scheduled for Sunday January 29th. So please plan on attending to receive your award, and don't forget to bring your kart and join the racing.

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