

# North Texas Karters Newsletter

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## What it means to be a Corner Worker

As a general reminder I thought I would include this month a description of why we have corner workers during a race.

A corner workers job may seem fairly simple, stand in a corner and watch the races, and wave the yellow flag if there is an accident. This is really an oversimplification though as a corner workers job is to help drivers avoid accidents and hopefully prevent injuries, as well as being the eyes of the race director around the track.

If there is an accident in a corner or immediately following the corner, it is the corner work, by way of the yellow flag, that alerts upcoming drivers that there is a situation ahead, whether it be a kart stalled in the track, a kart spun off the track, or a major accident. This is why when drivers see a yellow flag they know to slow down and look for a situation that may require a different line on the track or even evasive action so that they do not hit another driver or kart and compound the situation. This is also why there is no passing in a corner where a yellow flag is being waved.

While many people think a corner work should immediately run to the site of the accident and try to help the driver, this is the wrong thing to do, as now there is no one to tell other drivers on the track of the situation ahead, and adds another obstacle to the path of these other drivers.

So remember, if you are working as a corner worker, your job is important to help prevent compounding accidents, and injuries. The yellow flag is an important and vital message to drivers to help keep them safe.

## 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 important positions, have have been empty way to long, so please, if you are interested please speak to one of the Club Officers.

**Track Manager:**

**Publicity Chairperson:**

**Sunshine Chairperson:**

### Club Meetings

Held at the IHOP at I-35  
& FM 3040 in Lewisville  
7:30 pm

- ❖ July 6<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ❖ September 7<sup>th</sup>

## Don't forget to Lock Up

As a member of NTK you have a key to the track and the restrooms so that you can use the facilities, however, there also comes responsibility with this key. When you unlock the gate to use the track, you need to remember to lock the gate behind you while you are there, not just when you leave. This can prevent non-members from coming up and getting on the track. Everyone must also remember to lock the restrooms when they leave. There have been numerous times when the restrooms are forgotten and just left open

Please help us by remembering to lock up after you use NTK.

## Summer Heat is upon us once again

Since it is still hot, and getting hotter, and I have kind of a short newsletter this month, I decided to just leave this article in and run it for another month.

With the summer comes warmer weather as well as the possibility of dehydration and other heat related emergency's. NTK wants to remind everyone to make sure they drink plenty of fluids such as water or Gatorade (or equivalent) to keep you properly hydrated while out in the heat. Alcohol (which you can't drink at the track until the races are completed) and soft drinks will not help in hydrating your body and will often dehydrate you instead, so don't be fooled into thinking these help. You can suffer heat stroke even at cooler temperatures depending on how you are dressed and activity level. Clothing is an insulator so when you are not actually racing take you drivers suit, rib protector off to help your body dissipate heat and drink plenty of fluids and even find shade or air conditioning if you feel light headed. On the opposite side cold weather emergency's can actually accrue at temperatures well above freezing because your core body temperature is 98.6 so cold weather emergency's can occur with weather in the 80s or low 90s, but with summer coming heat related condition are what we need to watch so drink plenty of fluids and have fun at the track.

### Upcoming Races

- ❖ July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Summer 2
- ❖ July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Summer 3
- ❖ July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Summer 4
- ❖ August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Summer 5
- ❖ August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Summer 6
- ❖ August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Summer 7

## NTK Ad in Dallas Morning News

NTK recently ran an ad in the Dallas Morning News that included a coupon for spectators to come out and watch the races, and receive a Hot Dog and Soda for only \$6.

This ad and coupon is designed to help bring new people to the track and will not be usable by NTK Members.

## Track Striping Completed

For those of you that haven't noticed, we have finally completed the striping of the track. Once again we have a guide as to where the edge of the track is, as well as a starting grid. Hopefully this will assist everyone in knowing where the edge of the track is and keep the drivers between the lines, and on the track.

## Club Meeting Attendance is down

While it is easily understandable that not everyone can make every club meeting, attendance has really been down lately. The club started having raffles a few months back for those members that attend the meetings, so this is an additional reason to attend, besides helping the club run smoothly and effectively. Please join us at not only the monthly club meetings, but at the track on work days as well.

Hope to see you there

### Board Meetings

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

- ❖ July 18<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ August 15<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ September 19<sup>th</sup>

### Work Days

Held at the track  
9:00 am

- ❖ July 22
- ❖ August 19
- ❖ September 23
- ❖ October 21
- ❖ November 11
- ❖ December 2
- ❖ January 13
- ❖ February 10