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Message from the President

At the end of NTKs fiscal year we had a total of 218 member families. The goal for the club this year is to increase our membership by at least 20%. That would be a total of 262 members. Not only will we have to find 44 more members, but we will also have to replace 1/3 of the membership (73 members) that we historically loose during the year, for a grand total of 117 members.

That might seem like a lot to find. If you look at the DFW metropolitan area with 6.2 million people, and over 2 million households, this should be something we can accomplish. To do so we need to promote the club at every opportunity we get. While the club is planning to do some advertising in the Dallas/Ft. Worth newspapers and attend some more custom car shows, I ask that you talk about Karting and NTK whenever you can.

As members, who else is more qualified to talk about how great the sport is and what a fantastic facility we have in our own backyard. You have experienced it first hand. You are the best salespeople that NTK has or could hire.

To help get people to visit NTK I passed out free spectator passes at last month's club meeting to all attending. I now would like to extend that offer to you. Pick up some passes from the registration booth next time you are at the track or contact me or one of the NTK officers for some. And when you get a chance to talk to someone you think might be interested hand them a free pass for their families to come and see a race. And don't forget that once they arrive we need to take the time to answer their questions so it is not so intimidating for them.

With your help we can grow the membership. This will help us bring in new families that can help support the club and insure that we have a first class facility to race at in the future for yourself and all our kids.

Bob

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.

Track Manager:

Publicity Chairperson:

Sunshine Chairperson:

Club Meetings

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

- ❖ June 1st
- ❖ July 6th
- ❖ August 3rd
- ❖ September 7th

Evening Practice Sessions at NTK

While everyone should be aware that the Wednesday night before a Saturday night race the track is open for member practice under the lights, this is not the only opportunity available to you for practice under the lights. Eric Kullenberg of Go Faster Racing Kart School is allowing members to participate in controlled practice sessions during the breaks of his evening classes. You can get the latest Go Faster class schedule on the web at: www.gofasterkarting.com

Summer Heat is upon us once again

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

- ❖ June 3rd
Spring 7
- ❖ June 17th
Summer 1
- ❖ July 8th
Summer 2
- ❖ July 15th
Summer 3

Thank You

Tammy, Wes, Tasha and I would like to thank all the club members for your thoughts and prayers and the very nice card, in the passing of my dad. He will be missed, by all of us. Hope to see you all at the track in the near future.

Rod Heslor

Gate Key has changed

As of Saturday May 20th, the lock on the gate at NTK has been changed. If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time, so that you can get your new key and have access to the track as well as to continue to earn points in the NTK championship series.

You can mail the renewal form, be sure to sign THE BACK, with your money to me and I will mail you a new membership card and a new key.

If you have not received a renewal form, please go to the website and download the membership forms, BOTH of them. If you need to know what your membership fee is, you can email me at tonkawadc@yahoo.com

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Susan Schabel
NTK Membership Chairperson
1320 Saddleback Lane
Lewisville, TX 75067

Registration & Scoring Training

As most of you have seen by now, we are setting up classes to teach members how to do Registration and Scoring. These are two of the most important jobs at the track, as we can't really race without someone scoring the race, and we can't do scoring without first registering the racers. These are also two of the most comfortable work positions at the track as they are both inside with air conditioning and / or a heater (I leave it to you to fight with the other people in the building, which of these gets turned on.)

A number you have expressed willingness to learn how to do registration and scoring and this is greatly appreciated. So we have scheduled some training classes for this purpose and hope that everyone will take advantage of these classes so that they can help out at the track. Our first class is scheduled for Saturday May 27th and is currently full. Our second class is currently scheduled for: Wednesday June 14th at 6:30pm. The class should last approx three hours and gives you a chance to get some training while your kids are on the track practicing. If you are able to attend the training, please register to hold your seat for the training by sending me an email to greg@theclarkehome.com with NTK Training as your subject.

Thank you for being willing to help the club, and I hope to see you at the training.

Board Meetings

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

- ❖ June 13th
- ❖ July 18th
- ❖ August 15th
- ❖ September 19th

Work Days

Held at the track
9:00 am

- ❖ May 27
- ❖ June 24
- ❖ July 22
- ❖ August 19
- ❖ September 23
- ❖ October 21
- ❖ November 11
- ❖ December 2
- ❖ January 13
- ❖ February 10

NTK Hotline has Changed

Now that a phone line has been installed at the track, we have moved the hotline to the track to help reduce costs and make it easier to update. The new phone number for the NTK Hotline is: (940) 482-3777

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No Driving in Tech Barn

For those of you at the race this week, you got the notice that we will be cracking down on people driving in the Tech Barn. All karts need to be shut down before entering the building, and pushed onto the scales. There will be no exceptions. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep NTK safe.

Approved karts only

We have recently had a couple of instances of cars on the track at NTK. This is not allowed, no matter the size of the car. Only karts approved to race at NTK are allowed on the track at any time. Specification for approved karts can be found in either the NTK or KART rulebook.

Submissions Welcome

For those of you that are interested, you may offer submissions, suggestion, and questions to the newsletter or the NTK Web site. If you have questions you can send them to me and I will try to answer them in the next newsletter, or if you have submissions, please feel free to write up an article or notice about a member or event and submit to either myself or the web master.