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Message from the President

It is membership renewal time once again. We started to hand out membership renewal forms at the Spring 4 race. If you did not get out there last weekend look for yours in the mail. If one doesn't show up in the next two weeks please give Susan Schabel a call at 972-221-2567. On the membership form at the top right corner will be the amount due with your "Work Days" figured into the total. You can return the form and payment back to the track at the next two races (Spring 5 and Spring 6), bring it to the General Membership meeting at IHOP on Thursday May 4th at 7:30, or mail it back to Susan (the return address is at the bottom of the first page). New keys will be handed out starting with the Spring 5 race. We plan on changing the locks after the Spring 6 race, May 20th. Thanks for your support of the club.

For new and old club members I would like to ask that you be aware of the new Kid Kart drivers we have, and we have a few, and their need for practice time on the track. I've seen some Kid Karts on the track at the same time with seniors and think that's a wreck waiting to happen. Let the Kid Karts practice when you come off the track. I would appreciate it and I know their parents will too.

I'm excited about the progress we are making on updating our registration and scoring software. We are trying to make the registration process easier for our racers and our staff. I would like to get to a point where we could do some pre-registration on-line. This would allow us to have your information already entered into the registration computers on race day. All you would have to do is stop at the gate house, sign the insurance forms, and pay. Or possibly pay on-line. For those of you that have been dying to help us, watch for a schedule of the upcoming training classes coming out soon.

Have fun and be safe, Thanks, 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

- ❖ May 4th
- ❖ June 1st
- ❖ July 6th
- ❖ August 3rd
- ❖ September 7th

Road To The Rock Series Takes the Green

The Road to the Rock (RTTR) series is now underway and has reached the half way point of three races. While this series had four different classes offered, there have only been competitors signed up in the TAG Senior class, and the other three classes have been dropped. While the number of participants is somewhat disappointing, the races have turned out to be extremely competitive with Dan Esparza and Sean Owens running neck and neck in the points. The next race in the RTTR series is scheduled for July 8th, so come on out and watch these racers give it all they have.

NTK Championship Points for Members

As mentioned above, it is time to renew your membership, and with that comes the issue of points. As a reminder, only points earner **as a member in good standing** count towards club championships. This applies to both the individual series during the year, as well as the end of year championships.

The bottom line is, if you are not a member, you earn no points towards awards. So, if you allow your membership to lapse, you may have a period of time during which you are not earning points. Rejoining does not backdate your points to member status, as the rule book is clear that only points earned while racing as a member count towards awards. Something else to consider is that this year awards in qualifying classes are going to fifth place, as opposed to the third place used for cut-off in previous years.

Don't loose out on you or your child's potential trophy and/or end of year award check. Get your membership renewal in early, and make sure your results and points count. And as always, contact me if you have any questions.

Vic Mauk
NTK Points Chairman

Upcoming Races

- ❖ April 29th
Spring 5
- ❖ May 20th
Spring 6
- ❖ June 3rd
Spring 7
- ❖ June 17th
Summer 1
- ❖ July 8th
Summer 2
- ❖ July 15th
Summer 3

Spring Race Series Begins

We have now had three races in our spring series and racer entries have been down from last year. Over the first three races of this year, we have only averaged about 48 entries per race. As a club we need your help in increasing entries, and understanding why entries are down. While there may be many valid reasons for missing races, we are a club together and put on the races for the club members. If you have ideas or suggestions to increase entries or to bring in new members, please join us at the club meetings for a discussion.

Rotax Max Challenge Set to Begin

With Spring 1 being rained out, the Rotax Max Challenge races are set to start with the Spring 5 race on Saturday April 29th. Since once of this was rained out this year, there is some consideration being give to allowing Rotax Max Challenge racers make up this missing "punch" in their goal to make it to the Rotax Max Challenge Western Qualifying race. If you have concerns about the requirement for getting in four "punches" for the Rotax Max Challenge, join us at the club meeting for discussion on how to best meet the needs of our drivers. Either way though, come on out and join us at the next three races for the Rotax Max Challenge races, and don't forget to bring your engine passports as there will be both a pre and a post tech inspection for enforcement of the Rotax Max Challenge rules.

It is Renewal Time Again

NTK club memberships run from May 1st to April 30th so that means it is once again time to renew your membership. Our membership chairperson is sending out renewal applications to everyone, as well as being at the track and at the club meeting. So make sure you get your membership renewed as the lock on the track will be changed during the month of May and you will need to renew to get your new key.

Scoring & Registration

A number you have expressed willingness to learn how to do registration and scoring at the track. This is greatly appreciated, and we are very willing to get you trained to that you can help with these important jobs. In that regard I wanted to give everyone an update since I last asked for volunteers to learn the computer systems. We are currently in the process of evaluating some new scoring software, and at the last club meeting it was decided by a club member vote, that assuming the evaluation goes well, to purchase this new software and begin using it in place of our existing scoring software. This put a hold on our training plans, as we did not want to train additional people until we were sure which software we will be using. So for those of you that have already shown interest in learning the systems, as well as any additional people that are willing to learn, look for more information next month as to when this training will be taking place.

Board Meetings

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

- ❖ May 16th
- ❖ June 13th
- ❖ July 18th
- ❖ August 15th
- ❖ September 19th

Work Days

Held at the track
9:00 am

- ❖ May 27
- ❖ June 24
- ❖ 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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GoFaster Door Prizes

At the April NTK meeting, Tim Glasson was the lucky door prize winner. Tim walked away with a gift certificate for a "Superkart Experience" at Go Faster Racing Kart School.

Rules Spotlight

This month I am not going to address a specific rule, but rather the intent of the rules. The NTK Rulebook was created for two main reasons, to improve the safety of racing at NTK and to keep racing fair and competitive at a reasonable price. A number of classes actually race based on a national set of rules, such as TAG and Rotax, while other classes have our own set of rules set by NTK, and at NTK we relay on the Honor System for enforcement during most club races. This means NTK expects you to obey the rules without us having to run technical inspections before and after each race. Many people will ask which rules am I talking about, and this friendly reminder is about all of them, including

- Wearing appropriate Safety Equipment
- Having appropriate Safety Wire on the kart
- Fuel
- Engine Modifications and / or Seals
- Exhaust Systems
- Tire Warming
- Tire Changes during official Rotax Races

If you questions on a specific rule, speak to the race director or any Club Officer before risking a disqualification. Please help us keep the racing fun and safe.

Night Racing and Practice Returns

Beginning April 29th, NTK will once again return to racing under the lights. We will also have the track open each Wednesday night before a Saturday night race so that you club members can practice under the lights. So come on out and enjoy the racing in the cool of the evening.