



North Texas Karters Newsletter

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Upcoming Races

Fall 5 – October 22

Fall 6 – October 29

Fall 7 – November 12

Club Meetings *

November 9

December 7

Board Meetings **

November 21

December 19

*Club meetings are the 1st 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.

Officer and Appointed Positions

- At the last meeting, Andy Lewis was voted in as an NTK officer. Andy made some design changes to the website and has maintained it all year. Congratulations to Andy for a job well done, and welcome to the NTK team.
- Lisa Williams is NTK's new Sunshine Chairperson. She will be letting those club members who are not doing so well know that the club is thinking of them and wishing they get well soon. Please thank Lisa for her help.
- Chris Williams is the new track manager and he will be helping maintain the track and facilities. Chris will be instrumental in helping with the upcoming track repairs. Please welcome Chris in his new position.

NTK 2006 Banquet Announced

The NTK year end awards banquet is scheduled for January 27, 2007 from 6-9 PM. It will be held at Texas Motor Speedway in the Speedway Club. From 6:30-7, there will be a tour of the Speedway Club Suite. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. Tickets must be purchase by January 20th. Tickets can be purchased at the track, at a meeting, or by sending a check payable to NTK to NTK Secretary, 700 Meadowlark Lane, Coppell, TX 75019. Please indicate the number of adults and children on the check.

Rules Meeting

The annual rules meeting for NTK is coming soon. We 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. As the season winds down, please take a few minutes to think about the rules for the 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 the track, at a club meeting, or at a board meeting. You can also email it to Secretary@NTKarters.com or 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 Logo Design Contest

After years of using the same logo, NTK wants to update the logo to get a new look. We know there are lots of creative people in the club, so we are opening a logo design contest. If you have an idea for the club logo, you may submit your logo for the contest.

Rules:

- 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@ntkkarters.com or on 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 submission deadline is November 30th
- 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 current NTK members

Fun Day at the Track

We know every day you get to race at NTK is a fun day, but we want to step that up a notch. Kam Karting and Go Faster! are working with NTK to create a fun day for this Fall. Go Faster! will supply karts and KAM will supply other stuff. All members are invited to attend. The fun day will be held in December and more details will be available in the next newsletter, at the track, and on the website.

2007 Polar Bear Series

Brrrrrr! Bring on the cold weather.....NTK has announced the 2007 Polar Bear series dates! The NTK Polar Bear series is a 4 race series for those diehard racers that want to race all year. The Polar Bear races have a money payback and run regardless of cold weather.



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

Sponsor Highlight of the Month

SRS + Go Faster Karting = Rotax!

Yes, its been a long time coming but the conditions had to be just right to have a second Rotax Service Center in the Metroplex. Since SRS has been the exclusive engine service provider for Go Faster Karting, it is only natural that they join forces to bring more Rotax representation to the area. After completing a rigid dealer qualification program that will assure high quality maintenance, rapid engine service turnaround, large parts inventory and trackside support, Go Faster Karting employing John Sefcik is the new official Rotax Service Center in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. A testament to the Rotax commitment is that Go Faster Karting is the only Rotax Service Center in the 5 state area that is equipped to perform crankshaft rebuilds. Check with Go Faster Karting for kick off specials.

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, let’s get right to it.

NTK Rule 2.3.15 Prohibit Warming of Tires:

“It is illegal to warm or heat tires, *in any manner*, in the pits, pre-grid, and on the track in any event.” That includes weaving back and forth on the track; lifting the weight off of the rear wheels while in the grid while revving the motor, allowing the rear tires to scrape the ground; or tire warmers.

On-Track Conduct, Paragraph 3.3 Careless Track Entry

“If at anytime a competitor leaves the track surface, it is up to them to re-enter the paved racing surface safely and not cause other competitors to change their line as any sort of “dodging” maneuver.” This means that if you go off, you give way to those already on the track; you do not race them for position. Those still on the track “own” the track, all of it.

Removal of Karts that go off During a Race: If your kart goes off or breaks during a race, get your kart as far from harm’s way as possible. That includes harm to other karters still on the track, as well as if other karters go off of the track where you are. **Do not cross the track until the race is over.** Once the race is over, get the kart clear of the track as soon as possible so the next race can start. This is not the time to discuss what happened, troubleshoot, or look over the kart. That can all be done once you and your team are on the spectator side of the track. The goal is to clear the racing area as quickly as possible to allow the following race to commence.

Vic Mauk, NTK Points Chairman

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