

# **NTK** *Newsletter*

**NORTH TEXAS KARTERS**

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## Upcoming Races

**Fall 1 – August 25 (Mark)**

Fall 2 – September 8 (Dan)

## Club Meetings \*

**September 6**

October 4

## Board Meetings \*\*

**September 11**

October 9

\*Club meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the IHOP in Lewisville (I-35 at FM 3040/Round Grove Rd.)

\*\*NTK Board meetings are held at the Hooter's in Grapevine (1711 Crossroads, Grapevine, TX) They will be the first Tuesday after the club meeting each month. Meetings start at 7:00 PM and members are always welcome.

## **NTK Announcer**

NTK is looking to hire an announcer to attend our races and keep everyone aware of what's happening at the races. The announcer will work from qualifying through the end of the race. Commentary will include on-track race updates, announcements, thanking our sponsors, talking to drivers, calling classes to the grid, and other helpful and entertaining information related to the club and the race. If you, or someone you know might be interested, please contact a board member so we can fill the position.

## **“KNTK” Radio**

Well, we don't really have those call letters. However, NTK does broadcast all our PA announcements on the local area radio at 90.5. The broadcast is local, so you can only get the broadcast while you are at the track. If you have trouble hearing the PA announcements, just tune your car, or trailer, radio to 90.5 and listen in. When we get an announcer, you can listen to a running commentary about the race. Until then, keep up to date, which class is on the grid and who should be pushing up to the grid area.

## **Workday**

There is no workday scheduled for August. Our next workday will be Saturday September 23rd.

## **Upcoming Races at NTK**

**Fall 1** – Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens at 3:00 and qualifying starts at 6 PM. Mark French is the race director and could use volunteers to help run the race. Call him at 972-414-7249 or you can reply to this email to sign up to work a position at the race.

**Fall 2** – Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 3PM and qualifying begins at 6:00. Dan Esparza is the race director for the race and he is also looking for volunteers to help run the race. Call him at 972-988-1832 or you can reply to this email to sign up to work a position at the race.

## **Help Wanted**



NTK is looking for someone to take over as Publicity Chairperson.

This position includes: submitting our race schedule to Dallas

Morning News, FW Star Telegram, Denton Chronicle, [www.dentonlive.com](http://www.dentonlive.com) and working closely with the Promote NTK Committee.

You will also call in the race results after the races so that they can be published in the newspaper.

Call Yaani-Mai Gaddy if you are interested. (972-462-8393)

## **Rotax Nationals Recap**

Last week 21 racers from NTK went to Centennial, CO to compete in the Rotax Grand Nationals. Jake French had an incredible showing, coming in 1<sup>st</sup> in MiniMax and setting a new track record at the same time. All our racers represented NTK well through a grueling week of little sleep and tight schedules. Our Rotax Juniors put on a great show, with all four of them running nose to tail for part of their race.

Congratulations to all of you for making it to the nationals and for your great finishes.

Here is a run down of all the finishes for our racers.

### **Rotax MiniMax**

1<sup>st</sup> – Jake French  
15<sup>th</sup> – Chaz Nagel  
16<sup>th</sup> – Alex Kerkove  
17<sup>th</sup> – Miguel Lopez  
32<sup>nd</sup> - Alex Tartaglia

### **Rotax Junior**

12<sup>th</sup> – Gabrielargas  
15<sup>th</sup> – Devin Mauk  
16<sup>th</sup> – Taylor Stawicki  
18<sup>th</sup> – Clint Korte

### **Rotax Masters**

5<sup>th</sup> – DJ Ortiz  
12<sup>th</sup> – Mike Jones  
DNQ – Dave Carlson

### **Senior Max**

10<sup>th</sup> – Nick Boule  
30<sup>th</sup> – Dean Boyd  
DNQ – Quinton Dawn  
DNQ – Sean Owens  
DNQ – Dan Esparza  
DNQ – eff Cloud  
DNQ – Sean Kelleher

### **DD2**

6<sup>th</sup> – Jordan Musser  
9<sup>th</sup> – Chris Jennings

## **NTK Promotional Items**

New NTK items are now available at registration. All these items include the new NTK logo. Pick up your NTK gear this weekend!

Polo shirt - \$25  
Baseball cap - \$10  
Mechanics apron - \$20  
Stickers and patches will be in soon.

## **Awards Night**

At Fall 2, we will be presenting awards to our Summer series champions. In addition, there will be a presentation for Rotax Challenge awards that night. Come help us recognize our champions.

## **Bathroom Damage**

This month someone apparently backed a trailer or RV into the corner of the bathrooms at the track. It has done some damage that will cost NTK for repairs and it will take some of our volunteers' time for repairs at the next workday. If you are responsible for the damage, please come to our next workday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) and help with the repairs.

Let's also learn from this and make an extra point of checking around you when you are driving or backing your vehicles out at the track.

## **Pre-registration Deadline**

The online pre-registration cut off time is changing to Friday at noon before a Saturday race. If you plan on pre-registering please do so online or via email (secretary@ntkarters.com) or phone (972-462-8393) before noon on Friday. This allows me to complete the next day's race registrations before I head out to the track to practice Friday afternoon. If you know you are pre-registering for a race the earlier you can do it the better as it saves a lot of last minute rushing. Thank you to all the members that use the pre-reg, it makes things run a lot smoother on race day and keeps the lines shorter which means more time on the track!

Yaani-Mai - NTK Secretary

### A Note from TruRacing

TruRacing is ready for new Karters to get out on the track. For small groups looking to have some exciting fun or for the potential new adult racer, TruRacing may be the place to start. We are using KT100 engines on Veloce chassis, race karts for real! Our events are divided into sessions to reduce fatigue and creating breaks during which members will have access to the track. While our group events are more for fun, our Racer Development course is designed to bring a novice racer to the grid with some experience prior to showing up for a race. Richard Summers (3 time Grand National Champion) is providing on track instruction for TruRacing students as well as maintaining the TruRacing karts. NTK and TruRacing have agreed to partner in Open Houses, AutoRama, Good Guys, as well as an ongoing Raffle (proceeds to NTK) for 8 laps in a TruRacing Kart. Richard and myself are looking forward to getting our first events completed and hope we will become a resource and asset that NTK will always recommend. Tell your friends and check out our web page [www.TruRacing.biz](http://www.TruRacing.biz). Thanks to all of you that have expressed support. Soon we should see some new faces and new "TruRacers" on the grid!

On another note; Lori Lynn and I are getting married on the 15th of September. She and I have had a great time getting to know many of you and look forward to spending even more time at the track as time goes on.

Be Well,

Greg



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