



# North Texas Karters Newsletter

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## Upcoming Races

**Polar Bear 1–January 7**

Polar Bear 2–January 21

## Club Meetings \*

**January 4**

February 1

## Board Meetings \*\*

**January 16**

February 13

\*Club meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## **Rules Meeting – Jan. 20**

The NTK board has now received all the rule change proposals for the 2007 season and members will vote on them at the annual rule change meeting.

The rules meeting will be January 20, 2007 at 9:00 AM and it will be held at Chaparral Machinery. The address is 3435 Roy Orr Blvd. Suite 100 Grand Prairie, TX 75050.

All the proposed rule changes are available for viewing on the NTK website forums. If you are a registered member, the link to them is <http://ntkarters.com/forums/viewtopic.php?t=174> If you are not registered, members can join the forums for free and then view the rule change proposals.

## **NTK Year End Banquet**

The 2006 year end banquet will be held January 27, 2007 at the Speedway Club of Texas Motor Speedway. 6-7 PM social hour and the banquet runs from 7-10 PM.

Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. (Children under 4 eat free if they share their parent's plate.) You need to order tickets from Susan Schabel by **January 20, 2007**. A printable reservation form is available on the NTK website. You can mail your check (payable to NTK) and reservation to: Susan Schabel 1320 Saddleback Lane Lewisville, TX 75067

## **New NTK Logo**

All the logo submissions were presented at the last club meeting and members voted for our new logo. The winning submission can be seen at the top of the newsletter. Congratulations go to Chris Williams for submitting the winning logo. You should see the logo incorporated on our website and in all NTK materials in the coming weeks

## **Work Days**

There are only 2 scheduled work days and 4 races left for the 2006 season. Those are scheduled on January 13th and February 10th. Working one of the Polar Bear races also counts towards your work days for the year. NTK asks each member to work 4 work days each year. If you have less than 4 work days, at your next renewal you will be charged \$25 per missing work day. If you don't have your days in, this is a great chance. The track is closed for practice during the scheduled hours for the workday. After the workday is over, you can get your kart out on the track. So, come help get the track ready for Polar Bear racing and then enjoy some practice time afterwards.

## **New Board of Directors**

At the last meeting club members elected the new slate of board members. Dirk Korte was elected to remain in his position on the board.

Dan Esparza and Reg Richardson are our 2 newly elected board members. A big thank you goes to Tom Harris and Greg Clarke for their service on the board. The new board members will transition into their roles and Tom and Greg will transition out in the first few months of 2007.

## **NTK Fun Day Review**

Despite cold weather and the threat of rain, NTK presented the first annual Fun Day on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Go Faster! brought out 8 karts and offered free rides. KAM Karting brought out fuel, supplies, and lots of assistance to help everyone have a fun time and to hopefully bring some new racers out to the club next year. Quite a few members brought their karts and let their guests try out the track also.

## **NTK Open House**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, NTK will host the next Open House. If you know someone that might be interested in racing at NTK, start getting them excited about coming out and trying a kart at the next Open House. This will be open to the public and for guests of NTK members only.

## **Member service directory**

Have you had trouble finding some mechanic, plumber, or other service provider that you can trust? NTK has a great group of talented members. We think it is time to match our resources with our needs. NTK is launching a member service directory on our webpage forums. If you provide a service to consumers that you think our members might want, you can submit your information to be published. NTK members needing services can look through our directory to find someone from the club that provides the service.

You can view the directory at <http://www.ntkarters.com/forums/viewtopic.php?t=191>

To submit your information, send an email to [secretary@ntkarters.com](mailto:secretary@ntkarters.com).

## **2007 Sponsors Needed**

We are still trying to find sponsors for all our classes. If you know of a company, employer, neighbor, or friend that might like advertising with NTK please forward the NTK Sponsorship Package for their review. If you need a sponsorship packet, contact Yaani-Mai Gaddy, the club secretary. Class sponsorships are \$500 and include the individual or company's logo displayed on the NTK web page which is hot linked to their web site.

If you don't feel comfortable approaching a potential sponsor, please get their contact information and pass it along to a board member so that we may contact them.

## **2007 Minor Releases**

At the beginning of every year we have to get a new minor release signed for everyone under 18. If you have a child under 18 that you will be bringing to the races, starting at Polar Bear 1, we need you to sign a 2007 minor release. Once you fill it out the release will be on file for the rest of the year. It is critical that you print the minor's name and age clearly. Unclear releases will have to be re-done at the next race

## **2007 Polar Bear Series**

The first Polar Bear race will be Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>. Online pre-registration is open through the NTK website.

Bob Schabel is the race director for Polar Bear 1 and he is looking for workers. If you can help out that day, please call Bob at 469-964-5343. Working this race will count toward your work day requirements for the 2006 season.

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



**Starting at Polar Bear 1 pit passes will be \$8 for spectators and \$9 for drivers.**

## **Autorama – February 16-18**

During the weekend of February 16-18 NTK will be sharing a booth with Go Faster! and Custom Powder Coating at the Autorama. This is a great chance for us to share information about our sport and get new people interested in joining us at NTK. We are looking for volunteers willing to come out and help tell people about NTK. You can stay as long as you want, or stay for a short time sharing why you love NTK. Volunteers will get into the event for free in exchange for helping at the booth. Please contact Gavin Ground if you can help at the event. His number is 214-454-3210. NTK member and Formula Mazda driver Lindsay Adams will be making an appearance Friday night from 6-9 PM. Come visit with her and check out all the cool cars. You can find more information about Autorama at [www.Autorama.com/casi/dallas.htm](http://www.Autorama.com/casi/dallas.htm).

## **Track Maintenance**

Freeburn Track Repair will be onsite at NTK during the month of February to do some work on the track. During that time the track will be closed. We are hoping it will be down for the week between Polar Bear 2 and 3, but the dates have not been confirmed. If you are heading to the track, please check the website first to make sure it is open. As soon as we have firm dates from Freeburn, we will announce it on the website.

## **Rules Review**

### **Safety Gear:**

There is a concern that members and their guests are going out on the track for practice without all their safety gear. As a review, everyone entering the track on a kart must have on all safety gear. It doesn't matter if you are going out for 1 lap or 100 laps, on a practice day or a race day. The required safety gear is:

Full face helmet that is Snell 2000, K98, or higher

Approved functional neck brace

Gloves

Enclosed shoes

Driving suit or jacket and long pants constructed of leather, heavy vinyl, or other abrasion resistant material

### **Pit Rules:**

When parking your vehicle in the pits, please keep do not drive over the pit runner. You can drive over the pit runner in only 1 spot and it is clearly marked with paint and with signs. This will help extend the life of our pit runner. If we don't have to put money into repairing the runner, those funds can go toward the planned track improvements.

Also, pit spaces are clearly marked and numbered. When you park please keep you vehicle and trailer inside the lines of one pit spot so we can accommodate as many racers on the pit runner as possible.

The first 3 spaces on each side of the pit runner are reserved for sponsors on race day.



## **2007 NTK RACING SCHEDULE:**

### **POLAR BEAR SERIES**

POLAR BEAR 1, JANUARY 7, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M., / RD=Bob Schabel  
POLAR BEAR 2, JANUARY 21, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M., / RD=Dan Esparza  
POLAR BEAR 3, FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M., / RD=Reg Richardson  
POLAR BEAR 4, FEBRUARY 25, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. / RD=Dirk Korte

### **SPRING SERIES**

SPRING 1, MARCH 4, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M., RMAX CHALLENGE 1 / RD=Jeff Oaks  
SPRING 2, MARCH 18, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. / RD=Mark French  
SPRING 3, APRIL 1 SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. / RD=DJ Ortiz  
SPRING 4, APRIL 29 SUNDAY 1:00 P.M., RMAX CHALLENGE 2 / RD=Reg Richardson  
SPRING 5, MAY 5 SATURDAY 7:00 P.M., RMAX CHALLENGE 3 / RD=Dan Esparza  
SPRING 6, MAY 12 SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. / RD=Dirk Korte

**KART REGIONAL** Race 3 & 4, MAY 19 & 20, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00A.M. /  
RD=Bob Schabel & John Ray

### **SUMMER SERIES**

SUMMER 1 JUNE 2, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M., RMAX CHALLENGE 4 / RD=Jeff Oaks  
SUMMER 2 JUNE 16, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. / RD=Mark French  
SUMMER 3 JUNE 30, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M., RMAX CHALLENGE 5 / RD=Reg Richardson  
SUMMER 4 JULY 14, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M., RMAX CHALLENGE 6 / RD=Dan Esparza  
SUMMER 5 JULY 21, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. / RD=DJ Ortiz  
SUMMER 6 AUGUST 4, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. /RD=Dirk Korte

### **FALL SERIES**

FALL 1 AUGUST 25, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. / RD=Mark French  
FALL 2 SEPTEMBER 8, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M., (proposed RMAX CHALLENGE 1 for  
2008)/ RD=Jeff Oaks  
FALL 3 SEPTEMBER 29, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. / RD=DJ Ortiz  
FALL 4 OCTOBER 13, SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. / RD=Dan Esparza  
**KART REGIONAL** Race 7, OCTOBER 13 & 14, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00A.M. / RD=Bob  
Schabel & John Ray  
FALL 5 OCTOBER 28, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M., (proposed RMAX CHALLENGE 2 for  
2008) / RD=Reg Richardson  
FALL 6 NOVEMBER 11, SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. / RD=Dirk Korte

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**Sponsors:** We are always looking to spotlight you and your businesses. If you want to submit an article or information, we will include it in a future newsletter.