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Upcoming Races

Polar Bear 4 – February 25

Spring 1 – March 4

Club Meetings *

March 1

April 5

Board Meetings **

March 6

April 10

*Club meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the IHOP in Lewisville (I35 at FM 3040/Round Grove Rd.)

**Board meetings are held at Tolbert's in Grapevine. 423 South Main St.

They will be the first Tuesday after the club meeting each month.

Meetings start at 7:00 PM and members are always welcome.

From The President

I want to thank all our members who made the NTK Banquet such a huge success. It takes many hands and a lot of planning to make such an event possible. Special thanks though to Susan Schabel, Tom Stawicki, Jim Freeman, Vic & Jennifer Mauk, Karen Loomis, Wes Heslor, and Yaani-Mai for making it look easy. And thanks to all our sponsors for their contributions and donations that made the evening special.

As our Polar Bear season draws to a close I am excited about the coming year. We will have a Rotax Challenge series this year at NTK thanks to KAM Karting that is shaping up to be very competitive. This year the drivers will have to earn their invites to the Rotax National race. We have tried our best not to schedule races on top of other organizations' events. We shorten the seasons to 6 races each, with one drop and one work, and we tried not to schedule races in the August heat.

Some of the important rule changes you should know about for this 2007 season are that Kid Karts class will require transponders. In an interest to help keep costs down the club will rent transponders to Kid Kart rookies at no cost until they take their orange plate off. Karts with onboard starters will be permitted to restart after the green flag has been thrown as long as they do so in a safe manor and don't get out of their karts. And Bridgestone will again

be the official tire for NTK except for the "Rotax Challenge" series races which will use Mojo's. A summary of all the changes are included at the back of the newsletter and all of them can be found in the Rules book online at the website. I encourage you to read them all. Good luck to everyone in 2007 and drive safe.

Bob

Board Meeting Change

The March board meeting is being changed to the first Tuesday after the club meeting, which will be March 6th. The meeting is also moving from Alford's to Tolbert's. Tolbert's is at 423 South Main St. in Grapevine. The move to a new location will allow the board to meet longer and get through all the topics they need to discuss. After the March meeting the board will make a decision whether or not to continue having meetings at Tolbert's. Club members are welcome to attend the board meeting.

Track Closures

There are a few dates coming up when the track will be closed for practice.

March 3rd – 8:30 – 12:30 Go Faster! Class

March 10th – 8:30 – 12:30 Go Faster! Class

March 11 - Open House/Swap Meet.

March 17th – 8:30 – 12:30 Go Faster! Class

March 24th and 25th - YSR group has rented the track for the weekend

2007 Polar Bear Series

There is only one race left in the 2007 Polar Bear series. It has been a good series with lots of good racing action. The race is this Sunday and Dirk Korte is the race director. He is still looking for a few turn workers. If you can volunteer, please send him an email at Dirk.Korte@NTKarters.com.
Sun. February 25–Rain date March 3

Thank you

Dear NTK Members,
I am so excited about your gift that was presented to me at the Year End Banquet. A whole day of pampering at an Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa is something I am really looking forward to. I enjoyed spending time with everyone at the track last year. You members are what makes NTK a great kart club. You guys know how to pick the perfect gift - I'm going to use that day of beauty to recharge my batteries & be ready to do it again in the 2007 race season.
So here's a great big !!!Thank you!!! & I'll see you all at the track.
Yaani-Mai
NTK Secretary

NTK Open House/Swap Meet

In an effort to bring new racers to NTK, we will be hosting an Open House on March 11th. Go Faster!, KAM Karting, and NTK will team up to have adult and junior karts available for non-members to try out. Members are encouraged to bring prospective members out for a ride on their karts. Due to time limits, we are limiting the driving that day to non-members and guests.
At the same time we are going to host a swap meet. If you have old kart parts or accessories that you want to sell bring them out and setup along the pit runner. Do you need some used parts to start off the new year? If so, come check out all the stuff for sale from other members.

Proposed Bylaw Change

At the last club meeting a bylaw change was proposed and it will be voted on at the next club meeting. The proposal is as follows:

From:

“The Regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of North Texas Karters Inc. will be the second Tuesday after the scheduled business meeting.”

To:

“The Regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of North Texas Karters Inc. will be the first Tuesday after the scheduled business meeting.”

Online Pre-registration

NTK has started offering pre-registration and we have had great success with 50% to 60% of the entries for the Polar races from pre-registration. It reduces the work load for volunteers on race day which means things move faster and you get through qualifying to the racing sooner.

It also allows us to post the entries on the website so you can see who else is coming to race. Best of all, you spend less time waiting in line & more time in your kart. If you don't have access to a computer or don't like to use them you can call Yaani-Mai and she will take your credit card info over the phone & pre-register you for a race. Would you like to pre-register but don't want to use a credit card? No problem, call Yaani-Mai or send an email and she will pre-register you & you can pay with cash or check at the track. If you send email be sure to include name, kart number, class, number of spectators, whether you need a transponder rental or electricity and indicate if you will pay with cash or check. There is no penalty for canceling if you pre-register and can't make it to the race. You will receive a full refund or get credit for a future event, your choice. Join the other racers on the fast track to race day - register online today!

Track Repairs

Freeburn came out to NTK and did some repair work on the track last month. He ground down some of the big bumps, filled some cracks, and topped that off with some new coating. When you are racing around the track you should be able to see and feel the difference. So far the response has been very positive.

2007 Sponsors

NTK is pleased to announce two new sponsors that have signed on with us this month. CBO Energy president Jason Halek, and marketing director Bob Daigle are proud to be the new 2007 Rotax Master class sponsor. CBO Energy is an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the exploration & development of domestic oil and natural gas properties. CBO Energy operations are primarily focused in Texas. CBO Energy is excited to be a part of the racing excitement at NTK this coming race season! For information on investment opportunities in oil & gas exploration please visit the CBO Energy website at www.cboenergy.com.

Mike Courtney of Courtney Concepts is the new sponsor of the TAG Senior class for 2007. Courtney Concepts is a Motul distributor located in California. Please visit the Courtney Concepts website at www.courtneyconcepts.com to browse his catalog which includes a complete line of Motul products for karts. The catalog also contains shifter kart parts, engine sprockets, AFAM sprockets, K&N Air Filters, axle, wheel & spindle bearings. Be sure to check the Dealer page to see which local kart dealers in our area carry his products.

2007 Race Season



The 2007 race season starts this month! The first race, Spring 1, is March 4th and Jeff Oaks is the race director. The race will start at 1 PM. Please remember that you need to be a member in good standing to receive points for the race.

Membership year change

To bring the membership year in line with the racing season, the club voted to start the membership year on March 1st. The annual membership fee is now \$300, with no extra cost for a key or for missing workdays. Renewing memberships from last year, have already paid through April 2007. To cover for that, renewing members will receive a 2 month credit for this year's membership, making the renewal \$250. Next year, the full \$300 will be due. From March 1st, workday credits will be worth \$25 each off your 2008 renewal, up to 8 credits. If you put some labor into the club, you can save up to \$200 on your renewal.

Once you renew you will receive a membership card and key. If you intend to race, you will be issued a nice Racer ID card with all your racer information. It is your responsibility to have your membership card or racer card available anytime you are at the track to identify you as a member. Please remember to bring your racer card with you to registration so we can get you on the track faster. If you have not renewed your membership, you need to contact Susan Schabel to turn in your application and pay the renewal fees. Membership renewals will not be processed at the track this year. Completed signed renewal applications with payment attached may be turned in at the gatehouse and they will be processed the following week. Remember that in order to earn points for the race your renewal must be processed and current.

Indicate your class and kart number on your membership renewal forms. If more than one person has a kart number in a particular class, it will go to the driver who has raced as a NTK member in that class the longest. The other driver will need to request a new number. If you are moving to another class you must check with membership to insure that your number is available. Available numbers will be issued on a first come, first served system. New members must request a reserved number once they choose a class. All number requests go to Susan Schabel, Membership Chair, 972-221-2567, or membership@ntkarters.com

NTK 2007 Rule Change Summary

The full 2007 Rule Book is available at www.NTKarters.com

- 1.1 **Conduct Section** - Spirit & Intent paragraph added.
- 1.1.1 **Race Director** - Added - RD may enforce rule violations without protest by competitor.
- 1.2.1 **Protective Driving Gear** – “Balaclava or head sock” added if hair extends appreciably. Rib vest/chest protectors recommended for Kid Karts.
- 1.2.4 **Stop at the Stop Sign** – Karts must be pushed through the Tech building.
- 1.2.8 **Corner Workers** – Must be at least 16 years old or accompanied by an adult.
- 1.2.13 **Fire Extinguishers** – No longer need a 5 gallon container of water or a shovel at starting grid.
- 1.3.1 **Bad Weather Race Cancellation Info** – Hotline number updated.
- 1.3.2 **Transponders** – Kid Karts require transponders. Kid Karts with Rookie plates will be provided transponders at no charge.
- 1.2.2 **Registration** – Late registration fee has increased to \$10 & will be enforced if racer registers late. Registration closes 1 hour before the start of the race.
- 1.3.4 **Race Entry Fee** – Spectator pass increase to \$8. Driver pass increase to \$9. NSF cheque fee increase to \$25.
- 1.3.6 **Event Times** – Saturday races start at 6pm. Driver’s meeting begins at 5:30pm.
- 1.3.13 **Protest** – Protest must be made within 30 minutes of end of heat instead of 15.
- 1.3.15 **Restricted Areas** – KK parents are allowed on track during KK practice & races & will be required to help corner workers during KK races.
- 1.3.20 **Qualifying** – Race Director may authorize additional laps in the event of an incident or scoring malfunction. If kart goes off & causes yellow or red flag that driver may not participate in additional laps.
- 1.3.22 **Final** – “All Kid Kart & all or some Junior classes may be completed before the break” was changed to during nights races instead of all club events.
- If Qualifying is Not Done** – Heat score tables added after rule 1.3.26 Number of Laps in Each Heat.
- 1.4.5 **Black Flag** – When black flag is displayed kart must go to tech area instead of pit area.
- 1.4.6 **Rolled Black Flag** – Warning added that drivers actions are being watched closely by all track workers & subsequent violations may result in unrolled black flag.
- 2.1.1 **Competition Age** – Jr. 1 age changed from 8-11 years to 8-12 years, option year for Jr. 1 changed from 11-12 years to 12-13 years.
Removed - Rotax Jr. option year.
Added - If driver has been granted a waiver by a National organization, that driver may apply for a waiver in that class at NTK by petitioning the board to compete in that class. The board reserves the right to revoke the club waiver.
- 2.1.4 **Senior Brackets** – Bracket times & Bracket breakout times moved here from back of rule book.
- 2.1.11 **Special Provisional Classes** – Any class consisting of 6 or more will be allowed to race is changed to 3 or more and may race alone or with another compatible class. To qualify for series awards was changed from 14 entries to 12 entries. To qualify for YE awards is changed from 42 entries to 36 entries.
- 2.1.14 **Junior 1 2 Cycle** – Changed to Junior 1 Medium 2-Cycle. Weight increased from 225lbs to 235lbs.
- 2.1.15 **TAG Cadet** - replaced with TAG Cadet I & TAG Cadet II both per TAG USA rules (TAG Cadet I is Easykart 60cc & Gazelle, TAG Cadet II is Comer, Maxter, Vortex, WTP, Parilla)
- 2.1.16 (*) **Mini Max** – Clutch driver changed to 13-82 from 12-80. Added - Chest protectors mandatory.
- 2.1.20 **Kid Kart** – Added – “Kid Karts is non-competitive class. All participants will receive first place points.”
- 2.1.24 **Combining Classes** – Senior & Junior classes may not be combined has been changed to “Senior and Junior classes may be combined only if **all parents and senior participants agree**, and will only be done after a review of that day’s qualifying and/or practice time to ensure the faster class starts in front.”

2.2 Scoring Section

2.2.1 **Race Format & Points** – Section eliminated (redundant with Section 1.3.20 – 1.3.26).
Remaining sections renumbered.

2.2.3 **Points for Heat Finishes for All Classes** – Heat scores and sub paragraphs moved to after 1.3.26.

2.2.6 – **Series/Year End Awards** – Changed to reflect 6 race series with 1 work & 1 drop.
Changed 42 entries needed to qualify for year end awards to 36 entries. Year end awards will be presented through 3rd place instead of 5th.

2.2.11 **Work Points** – Added - Unused race works will roll over to next season, to be used as free race only. Changed race day work credits to maximum of one per series from 2 per series.

2.3.2 **Radios Prohibited** – Wording changed to “Voice communication of any type with driver is illegal on race day.”

2.3.4 **The Oiling of...** “unless prohibited by another set of rules.” Is added to “Non-glycol lubricant products, Red Line “Water Wetter” or equivalent, may be added to plain water”

2.3.6 **Class Choice, Registration** – Added – “If change is made later, the driver will start at the back of the class for the first two heats.”

2.3.7 **On the Grid** – Added “All karts, in qualification, pre-final, or final, must be on the starting Grid within THREE (3) minutes of the start of the heat/event.”

2.3.12 **Restarts** – Karts with onboard starters may restart after the green flag is thrown as long as they do so in a safe manner, drivers must remain in their karts, they may not restart after exiting their karts, if they reenter the track they must yield to on track karts and not cause on track karts to change their line.

2.3.15 – **Prohibit Warming of Tires** – Kid Karts will not be allowed to raise the rear wheels off the ground & the driver accelerate then the kart be lowered while on the grid.

2.3.15 **Driving Off Track** – Added “Any driver who goes off track will yield to karts already on the track, waiting until a safe opening allows for re-entry onto the track. At no time will the competitor who goes off track “race” karts that are still on the track. Doing so may result in disqualification for the event.”

2.3.24 **NTK Club Tire Rule** – Rotax Masters & DD2 added to rule.

Heat Points if Qualifying is not Done

2.4 **Point & Bracket Tables** - Bracket tables moved to end of 2.1.4 Brackets -
Heat points moved to after 1.3.26 - Event Points moved to 2.2.4

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