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Upcoming Races

Fall 4 – October 13 (Dan)
Fall 5 – October 28 (Reg)

Club Meetings *

November 1
December 6

Board Meetings **

November 6
December 11

*Club meetings are the 1st 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.

Upcoming Races at NTK

Fall 4 – Saturday October 13th. Registration starts at 3PM and qualifying begins at **5:30**. Driver's meeting will be at **5:00**. 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.

****Please note that the driver's meeting and qualifying are moved up 30 minutes for Fall 4. This is because we are combining with the KART Regional race that night and want to get out at a reasonable time. ****

Fall 5 – Sunday October 28th. This will be the first Sunday race. Registration opens at 10:00 AM and qualifying starts at 1 PM. Reg Richardson is the race director and could use volunteers to help run the race. Call him at 214-215-7704 or you can reply to this email to sign up to work a position at the race.



KART will hold their regional event at NTK on October 13th in conjunction with our Fall 4 race. **Since it will be a longer race night, the driver's meeting will be at 5:00 and qualifying will start at 5:30.**

The schedule is as follows:

Friday – 9-4 practice and registration open

Friday – 5 to midnight – practice under the lights for anyone registered to race KART and for club members

Saturday 9AM –controlled practice starts for anyone that has registered and signed in for a race Saturday (KART or club). You must have a valid pit pass before you may enter the track with a kart

Saturday 5:00 – Mandatory driver's meeting for everyone racing

Saturday 5:30 – Qualifying begins

Request from Registration & Scoring

Please remember to stop by the gatehouse to register when you arrive at the track on race day. Several racers are parking first, then get busy & forget to register till last minute. Registration closes 1 hour before qualifying starts. Scoring has 30 minutes after registration closes to combine classes, set class running order & print the scales report, grid sheets and other reports before the driver's meeting starts. It makes it very difficult to produce these reports if racers are still in the process of registering. Thank you for your cooperation in making everything run smoothly and on time on race day.

NTK Fall Open House

NTK will host our Fall Open House on October 20th from noon to 4 PM. This is a chance for non-members to come out and learn about NTK. TruRacing will be providing adult karts for prospective members to drive.

We need corner workers (4) and other volunteers to help run this event (2 in gatehouse and 2 others). Volunteering at the open house is worth a work day credit (\$25 off your membership renewal). If you want to see new racers in your class, come out and welcome some of these new prospects. The person you show around the track may be your new racing buddy.

Also, we need some extra starters that can be left in the corners during the event so that nobody has to run a starter the length of the track when someone spins.

If you can offer your starter, or help at the event, please contact Bob Schabel at 469-964-5343.

Upcoming Elections

We are quickly arriving at the time of the year where we need to elect new officers to lead NTK. At the November club meeting you will be able to nominate members for the open positions. At the December club meeting, we will re-open nominations and then vote on the nominations. Please take a look at the top of the newsletter for the dates and times of those two important club meetings.

This year, the following positions are coming available.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

3 board positions (terms expire for DJ Ortiz, Jeff Oakes, and Mark French)

Membership Chair

Newsletter Chair

If you are interested in more information about the duties of any of these positions, you can contact any officer of the club.

NTK Webmaster

NTK is looking for someone to step up as webmaster. If you or someone you know has experience as a webmaster, we want to hear from you. We are accepting bids for monthly maintenance of the website. Your bid should include the following tasks at a minimum, and you can include other items if you prefer.

- Update the registration link, worker link, and registered racer link for every race
- Post results and lap times for every race
- Post the updated points page as it is available from the points chairman
- Update the news page at least once a week with some article
- Update the photo gallery as photos are submitted
- Update the news page as people submit updates. This would require posting those updates within 1 day of receiving them since they are usually time sensitive items
- Keep the track closures, workdays, and TruRacing schedule up to date on the page so users know when the track is not available, or may be shared with another organization
- PHP knowledge

Please submit your bid in writing to Dirk Korte at dkorte@pestdefense.com

Goodguy's Rod and Custom Show

Truracing and several NTK members staffed a shared booth last week at the Good Guy's Rod and Custom Show at TMS. We had a great turn out, handed out lots of information about our club, and invited lots of people to the race this weekend and to the upcoming open house. Don't be surprised if you see some new faces asking questions at the race this weekend. Please welcome them to NTK and if you can't answer their questions, just direct them to an officer of the club.

A huge thanks to everyone that worked out there in the heat promoting our club.

Rules Meeting Scheduled

Each year NTK allows members to submit proposed rule changes, then we have a rules meeting in January to review and vote on those submissions. This is the only time each year to change the rules, so it is very important.

The rules meeting has now been scheduled for Saturday January 19th at 9:00 AM. Lunch is provided and the location will be announced.

Proposed rule changes must be submitted to the club secretary, Yaani-Mai Gaddy, by December 15, 2007. You can submit them by email, mail, fax, or hand them to her at any event. The proposed rule change needs to be in writing, list the proposed rule number, and clearly state what change is requested.

The submitted proposals will be available for club members to review prior to the meeting.

Year End Banquet

While we are finishing up racing and determining our year end champions, the board started planning the year end banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Speedway Club at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday January 26th. The menu will include:

Herb roasted lemon garlic chicken, southwest green beans, country style mashed potatoes, rolls and butter, and chocolate cake.

2008 Class Sponsorship

NTK is actively looking for class sponsors for 2008. Maybe you know a friend, neighbor, relative, employer or business associate that has an interest in our sport. A few of the benefits include a hot link to their business from our website, their 3' X 6' sign hung on the track fence, and free spectator passes to club events. Another benefit is a reserved pit spot at the head of the pit runner, right next to the hot pit area (works out to \$27 a race).

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact a board member or officer to get a sponsorship packet.

Current sponsors have first choice of renewing and staying with the class they are sponsoring. After December 15, the classes will be open for new sponsors to choose.

A Reminder About Working a Race

This is a reminder that we only have a few races left this year and the club has a rule that requires all members to work a race each year or pay a \$100 penalty on your renewal next year.

1.1.0 CLUB MEMBER: As a club member you must abide by NTK rules and regulations and also work one club race per calendar year to stay in good standing with the club for the following year. If a member or worker substitute does not work one club race there will be a One Hundred dollar (\$100) fee due upon the next year's renewal. You must sign up on a pre-race sign up sheet at the track or get in contact with the race director of that race, instead of just showing up at the race to work. Worker substitutes are still acceptable. The Board of Directors will determine club members exonerated from this work rule, lifetime members are exonerated from this fee.

Last year was the first year this rule was in effect. There are probably lots of new members this year that are not aware of the rule. This rule applies to all members including those that do not race. Some members may ask "Why do I need to work one race a year to be a member in good standing when I don't race?" Being an all volunteer organization is what makes the membership rates so low for members that race and those that just use the track for practice & fun.

So, if you haven't worked this year, save yourself \$100 and make a race director really happy by volunteering to work at one of the races the end of this year. Don't forget that working a race also entitles you to first place points for that race.

Pit Runner Etiquette

There have been several complaints recently about issues involving parking and use of the pit runner. Please be considerate of your fellow racers and keep the following points in mind.

1. Pit spots are marked off at 10 foot intervals down the runner. When you park, please stay within the red marks on the runner indicating the pit spots.
2. There is one pit spot allocated per entry. Please don't take up 2 or more spots unless you have multiple paid entries in the race that day.
3. Don't drive on the pit runner. That means you need to back your trailer into place instead of driving across the runner to get into position. This rule is in place because the weight of the vehicles damages the pit runner and we don't want to have to replace it every year.
4. If you need to drive across the pit runner, there is one area marked off with red lines where you can drive across.
5. Please don't leave your karts, toys, or other stuff in the middle of the pit runner where everyone has to navigate around it.

While all these seem very obvious, please consider them the next time you are at the track. Following these courtesies will make for a better day of racing and fewer repair costs for the club.



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.