

# **NTK** *Newsletter*

**NORTH TEXAS KARTERS**

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## Upcoming Races

**Outlaw 4 – February 24**

Spring 1 – March 2

## Club Meetings \*

**March 6**

April 3

## Board Meetings \*\*

**March 11**

March 8

\*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.

## **Outlaw Series**

The Outlaw series has had an excellent turnout this year. We are averaging 75 entries per race with some very exciting racing action. Come join us for the last race of the series.

Outlaw 4 – Feb 24<sup>th</sup> ---- Rain date - Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

Please refer to the NTK website main page for fuel, oil, and tire rules for the series.

## **Officer Positions**

NTK still has 3 officer positions that need to be filled; President, Secretary, and Scoring/Registration chair.

These positions will be filled by nomination and election at the next club meeting. If you are interested in accepting one of the positions, please make sure to attend the next membership meeting.

## **Spring 1 Pre-Tech**

At Spring 1, we will have our annual pre-tech. Before the race you need to go to the tech barn with your kart and safety gear. Your helmet will be checked for a Snell 2000 rating sticker. We will check to see that you have all the other approved safety gear. Your kart will be checked for all the safety items listed in the rulebook.

## **NTK 2008 Schedule Change**

There has been a change to the published 2008 race schedule. Fall 6 was announced as November 30. It has been moved to November 23 instead. Please make the change on your calendars for this year

## **Backwards Racing**

Starting at Spring 2, all the even numbered races will be run backwards on the track. This means some changes to what you are used to at the track. Race setup details will be covered at the driver's meeting for any backwards race. Until then, here are some points you need to be familiar with.

1. At the end of the odd numbered race (i.e. Spring 1), the track will officially change directions. All practice from that point until the backwards race will be held backwards (in a clockwise rotation around the track).
2. You will find a sign at the track entrance from the pits indicating the current direction of the track. Please take care to follow those signs to avoid accidents during practice.
3. As always, check the track before going out to see what other karts are out there and what direction they are traveling.
4. It is your responsibility to ensure your safety as well as that of others by honoring the practice direction.

## **Year End Banquet**

The 2007 awards banquet was held last month at Texas Motor Speedway. It was a great event. Thank you to everyone that helped with it.

Congratulations to all the champions, podium finishers, and the winners of all the great prizes.

For those that were unable to attend, here is a list of the class champions.

Jr. 1 Medium 2 cycle – Joe Taylor

Jr. Super Sportsman – Brendon Bailey

Tag Cadet – Miguel Lopez

Mini Max – Erik Niethamer

Rotax Junior – Devin Mauk

Yamaha Heavy – Reg Richardson

Rotax International – Dan Esparza

Rotax Masters – Dave Carlson

## **Rules Meeting**

The rules meeting was held on January 19th at Chaparral Machinery in Grand Prairie. The new rulebook will be available on the NTK site in the next week or so. Please make sure to check the site to get your copy so you can be familiar with the new rules prior to the new race season.

## **2008 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 their information to a board member. 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.

## **SWRC visits NTK in 2008**

NTK will host the Southwest Region Cup race on April 12 and April 13.

The club needs workers to help volunteer to staff the races. Anyone working a full race day will earn 2 work credits, for a total value of \$50 against next year's renewal rate. If you can help with either of those race days in April, please contact John Ray to sign up. He will have his sign up list at all club meetings, board meetings, or races.

## **Rule Review**

This month we are going to cover some of the safety rules for NTK.

1. All weights that you mount on your kart must be bolted and cotter keyed or safety wired to the kart with a minimum 5/16 inch (8 mm). Double nuts are permitted with the top but being self locking, but threads must protrude.
  - a. Weights should be painted white so they can be identified easily by race officials and racers if the weights are lost on the track.
2. If you are slowing on the track, remember to raise your hand in the air to signal to other drivers and to race officials.
3. If your kart stops while on the track, immediately get out and move it to a safe location off the racing surface. If you are in doubt about where to move the kart or yourself, check with the closest turn worker. Doing this insures your safety and signals to the officials that you are ok and do not need assistance.
4. If you go off the track during a race or practice, you must check for other karts and wait for a clear opening prior to re-entering the racing surface. Failure to do so could cause an accident. If you re-enter the track unsafely, you will be penalized by the race officials.

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