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COVER: Mick Dyke – one of the drivers who has registered a time on the Hot Lap Board -Photo by M.Clarke.

This Month in Karting:

G'Day,

Our first Club Race Meeting was very much a shake down event for most to sort things out.

Kev and Marj was very missed by quite a few drivers and pit crews looking for parts- (Michael and myself included –our thanks to Steve, Steph and Ross for keeping us going.). A number of changes will be in place at the next club day so remember to check the rules and addendums.

The Power series comes to Gippsland on the weekend 21st and 22nd March. All helpers will be much appreciated.

Remember if you do any away races send your placings or photos to grahamclarke@superner.com.au or phone them in - 03 51825907. Or text message to 0409 006 447.

See you at the Track- *Clarkey*

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Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc. General Meeting. 10/03/09

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 10th March, and was declared opened at 8.10 pm by President Graeme Monds.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Kevin & Marj McKinnon, Glenn Wall, Geoff Medew, Ross Jarred, Alfi Prestipino.

Apologies: Phil Lane, Scott Rae, & Wayne Russell.

New Members: Our club wishes to welcome four new members. Lachlan Crampton & Family, Ashleigh Dugan, Daniel Inglis and James Dean & Family, we hope that you enjoy your time with us.

Minutes from last Meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were read by members present, Moved by Alfi Prestipino and 2nd Geoff Medew that they be true and correct.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was not given, reason that the treasurer was absent.

Business Arising: Nil.

Delegates Report: The delegates report was given by Graeme Monds.

State President: VKA Presentation night was excellent. It was disappointing that the All Stars series winners didn't support this event. The official's schools went well, although the weather was very hot and bush fires at Maiden Gully (Bendigo) after they left, the school in Melbourne was well attended although some of the people could not attend once again because of the bush fires, but they are doing the schools now.

We would like to encourage all clubs to use the grade 4 officials that have attended the schools during the year and encourage them to progress to a grade 3.

2009 Victorian Open Championships were postponed earlier once again because of the bush fires, but they are now on 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th May, so hopefully everyone has re-entered and got very alright. Good Luck to all of our members who are taking part in the Championships. The VKA had many emails of support for the postponement, and we have had one disgruntled person from QLD who is not worthy of a reply.

State Stewards Coordinator: Competitors can be a steward etc if clubs have fewer than 50 genuine entries they cannot be the chief steward or clerk of course. They also have to be accredited.

State Technical: Schools have been held and well attended. Addendums for the 2009 manual 1 to 4.

TD clutches – question have been asked if we can use an aftermarket clutch drum and sprocket? After speaking with the National Technical Coordinator

TD clutch does not allow any aftermarket parts to be put on as they have a world wide pattern.

125 unrestricted classes must have bead locks. Midgets/Rookies must have another restrictor and header for the second engine, Yamaha J engine.

Discussion on the S80 come to be used in the midget class due to kits not being available. VKA to leave the rule as per 2009 Manual.

State Scrutineer: At race entry the scrutineering form should be completed correctly which includes all chassis and engine details. Just because the Scrutineering sheet is handed in this does not mean the scrutineering is completed, a scrutineer/s must scrutineer throughout the whole event to ensure that the kart and apparel conforms at all times.

State Publicity: Australian Masters Games There will be story on competitor Jack Cole from South Australia who is 80 + years old.

Item 2: Clubs to support the VKA donating \$10,000.00 to the Bushfire relief fund. It was suggested the Whittesea fire brigade. David then spoke to the captain of the brigade and he was very excited and moved that we might do this for them. Letter read out from the Whittlesea fire brigade in regards to what they have and need in the future and that they would be grateful for any donation that the VKA would like to give to them.

The Whittlesea fire brigade works within the region of the devastating bush fires that have happened. Moved Geelong that we donate \$10,000.00 to the Whittlesea Fire Brigade. Second GKC.V.. **Carried Unanimously.**

Vic open entries as per the rules anyone wishing to have their entry fee and tyre money refunded can do so, anyone wishing to keep their entry can do so as well request that they are required to email or fax the VKA with either request. Original entry would remain and we will change the date on the form.

Item 4: Junior development camp – funds amount to be invested for junior development. Gippsland moved to invest \$50,000.00 plus the \$20,000.00 we received from Bob Uhlhorn from the selling of the twin seater kart.

A levy fee of \$1.00 from each entry at open meetings to be sent into the VKA, once the development fund has reached \$100,000.00 the levy is to cease.

Second: Oakleigh. Carried.

Item 5: Update on the smart card system in Victoria to date. Victorian clubs are on line in doing licences – Our state is processing both the Paper log book licence and Plastic card. This takes a little longer so please let your members know that they will be out as soon as possible. If clubs have race meetings and the competitor has a pink slip and it is expired please allow them a couple of week's grace at this stage. Licence card encompasses all licences that the AKA issues. These cards will be used for pit passes from now on.

Preamble: This class provides will allow additional numbers of karters to compete where there have been insufficient numbers to form either, a Leopard or Rotax classes. With the class running on MG Red tyres it offers parity between Leopard and Rotax karts. By using the MG Red tyres overall tyre purchase costs will be reduced through less wear because of the change in compound. This class will offer safety of drivers and the fairness of competition.

Engine: Current Eligible engines are:-

1. Parilla Leopard 125cc. 2. Rotax Max 125cc. 3. Fireball 125cc. 4. Cheetah.

Tyres: Dry Weather Tyre Rotax Max: MG AZ Red.

IAME Leopard: MG AZ Red.

Wet Weather Tyres: KT6SLW1

Drivers: Seniors only holding a provisional AKA B grade licence or better.

Weights: Rotax: Light 160kg. Heavy 180kg.

Leopard: Light 160kg. Heavy 180kg.

Max kart weight for heavy classes 100kg.

Ballarat delegate asked E grade licence is Victoria going to allow these. No club wished to have these licence.

Congratulations to David Bishoff 2nd Rotax Heavy. Masters held at Geelong.

General Business: At our last meeting it was passed that the club donate \$1000.00 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, plus the takings from the raffle, which I am very happy to say has been paid into the fund, and the raffle raised \$580.00 so we donated \$1580.00. A very Big Thank You to all who helped make our donation great.

Track work, ask Phil to write to Alan Barclay and have our financial statements re loan from the track fund to do our track, will keep everyone informed how it progresses.

Dates: The dates for the following Power series have been changed.

Round 2.: 11th & 12th July, at Rochester.

Round 3. 8th & 9th November at Pucka.

Round 4. 21st & 22nd November, at Oakleigh. Just keep watching, but everyone will be informed.

A message from Graeme: Do not remove both hands off the steering wheel at finish line to celebrate your win. Members please keep reading the notice board, there will be addendums, that will be of interest to all drivers.

Anyone wishing to order their lunches before they start racing eg.

Sandwiches, salads if you could order them before 9.30am, that would be great help to the girls in the canteen. Thank You.

Personnel for race day Sunday 29th March. 2009.

Clerk of Course: Graeme Monds.

Stewards: Darryll Brand, Phil Lane, Andrew Broadbent, Glenn Wall.

Scales: Jeannette Monds.

Grid Marshall: Wayne Russell.

Scutineers: Graham Clarke & Helpers.

Starter: Scott Rae.

Announcer: Geoff Medew.

Lap Scorers: Irene Cole. Sandy Straughair. Sharon Lowater.

Flags: Moe Lions & Moe Apex.

If any of the above personnel cannot do the allocated job they are named for, could you please ring Anita on 51 74 3870 before Thursday 19th March, 2009.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

Next Meeting 7th April, 2009, commencing 8pm.

THE TECH PAGES

There have been a number of changes which were discussed but not enforced at the last club day but unfortunately they will be from now on. Some of these will impact on quite a few classes. These will be :

1. As of January 1st 2009 all engines using clutches must have a retention device or guard which bolts to the engine in two places. –*These may be of rigid plastic or of metal, the clip on guards do not comply. Please note this includes J's as well. Rotax is the only exception with the bolted retention device or guard being compulsory from 1 July 2009. (Italics = editors comments.)*
2. Rookies or Midgets running J's wishing to use a second motor in competition must have a second header and restrictor fitted for sealing.
3. 125 Tag restricted must have sealing nuts with 2mm holes fitted to exhausts for restrictor plate sealing.
4. All karts fitted with exhaust restrictors fitted must have a gasket either side of the restrictor. It must also be a current restrictor not an old one.
5. AKA 14 exhaust outlet dimension G is 19.4mm.

I had occasion to instruct one of our members recently that it is not permissible to use any chemical to clean off tyres. Please note that there are tyre testing kits available to officials even at club days. Non compliance to rule 23.03(1) carries penalties of up to 5 years suspension. Please be careful.

This year Michael Clarke or others may be assisting me with scrutineering on occasions, this will be announced at drivers briefings as per rule 4.06(b).

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HOT LAP TIMES

Michael Clarke is interested in running a Lap time board. It is completely voluntary to partake in this.

He will add the times and driver's kart numbers to it and record them in a separate book.

TIMES SO FAR.

Mick Dyke	Clubman O/40	32.81
Jamie Schena	Tag 125 Restr.	32.00
Michael Clarke	Leopard Pro.	30.10

Club Day - February 2009.

Junior National Heavy	Rookies	125 Tag Restricted
1 st Nick Ellen	1 st Dylan Slits	1 st Zach O'Reilly
2 nd Matthew Lowater	2 nd Jacob Prestipino	2 nd Graham Ross
3 rd Dylan Ross	3 rd Robert Titherington	3 rd Ken Gardener
Clubman O/40s	Junior National Light	Clubman Light
1 st Frank Schena	1 st Nick Ellen	1 st Cruz Cody
2 nd Mick Dyke	2 nd Tom Hotchkin	2 nd Reece Wade
3 rd Tim Marriott	3 rd Nikola Alger	3 rd Joshua Sarton
Leopard Pro.	Rotax Heavy	Midget
1 st Michael Clarke	1 st Steve Dansie	1 st Jordan Caruso
2 nd Ross Jarred	2 nd	2 nd Lachlan Naismith
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd Troy Alger
Ladies	Senior National	Clubman Heavy
1 st Melissa Caruso	1 st Daniel Inglis	1 st Max O'Connor
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Absolutely Must Be Adhered to. Failure will mean Cancellation of membership

- 1 MIDGETS & ROOKIES CAN PRACTICE TOGETHER.
 - 2 JUNIORS MUST PRACTICE BY THEMSELVES.
 - 3 SENIOR CLUBMAN, ROTAX & LEOPARD DRIVERS
(*Maximum 20 KARTS !*) CAN PRACTICE TOGETHER.
 - 4 ABSOLUTELY NOBODY IS TO STAND ON THE INSIDE OF THE TRACK WHILE KARTS ARE ON THE TRACK.
 - 5 NO REPAIR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT TO KARTS ON THE TRACK. YOU MUST PULL OFF THE TRACK ONTO THE IN GRID, DO NOT DRIVE YOUR KART FROM THE IN GRID TO THE OUT GRID. YOU MUST USE THE OUT GRID TO RETURN TO YOUR PRACTICE.
 - 6 NO REFUELING OF KARTS ON THE GRID, IT MUST BE DONE OFF THE GRID.
 - 7 EVERYBODY MUST WEAR THE APPROPRIATE RACING APPAREL WHILE DRIVING KARTS.
EG:
 - 1 FULL FACE HELMET,
 - 2 APPROVED RACE SUIT, To AUSTRALIAN
- STANDARD
- 3 GLOVES,
 - 4 SHOES TO COVER THE ANKLES.
- 8 AT ALL TIMES THE KART MUST COMPLY WITH THE AKA RULE BOOK.
 - 9 ALL KARTS MUST TRAVEL IN A CLOCK WISE DIRECTION.
 - 10 NO STARTING OF KARTS BEFORE 9.00am,
NO RUNNING OF KARTS AFTER 6.00pm.

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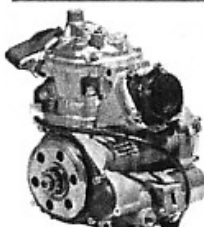
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For Sale

1x JNL Tony Nordic 2006 Rolling Chassis – Good Condition
Winning Kart – 2008 C Grade Championship, Club Champion
JNL. Kart #24 - \$1700.00 Contact mob. 0409355710.

WANTED

Gazebo 6mx3m in excellent condition – Contact Helen Orr –
0409 436972.

LOST

1 x Starter – painted hammertone blue – last seen at the stewards
hut after November 08 club day. If anyone can help please
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