

CAPITAL CITY KART CLUB

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Monthly Meetings Held @ COWICHAN VALLEY INN
2nd Wednesday Every Month @ 7:30 p.m.
NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2003

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals were due by Dec. 31, 2002. **Late fees will be enforced after Jan. 31, 2003.** Membership and driver profile forms are available under the new "Forms" link. Driver profiles are for races where there is an announcer, Regional and Port Alberni. Licence forms are available on the BCKCA website. Make sure you get the Regional form.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it is only about 8 weeks until our proposed first practice, and so much needs to be done. Work parties should be scheduled to start in about 4 weeks, the more people helping, the quicker it gets done. Mall shows will also start next month, so anyone that can display a kart and/or spend time working the display, contact any executive member.

I've been working with the Race Committee on our scheduling, which has been no easy task, (not the committee, the schedule)☺. In order to address the requests for 2-week intervals and an earlier finish to the season, combined with all the dates we couldn't race, the season would start last weekend in March and finish Labour Day Weekend. Any concerns about scheduling concerns should be directed to Kelly, Roy, James, Allan, or myself.

Expect the gavel to be hammered more often when meetings get sidetracked. Perhaps it will quicken things up.

All new members are reminded that a medical must be submitted to have license application forwarded to BCKCA. Existing members be sure your medical is still valid.

The last meeting of the CCKC was held on January 8, 2003, with 25 members plus 6 Executive present.

- Tim reminded members that they should be signing up for the classes they are going to run in, and that license applications need to go in to BCKCA soon.
- Kelly Irish discussed the upcoming year's schedule, which is still tentative until he sees the "Stars of Tomorrow" schedule. Our track has been offered for a "Stars of Tomorrow" event, but we have had no reply so far. Port Alberni Grand Prix is scheduled for July 5 and 6. Kelly would like to schedule around the Port Alberni Drag Race weekend, as well. We still need sponsors for the classes, to provide trophies. If any one can help, please contact Kelly.
- Roy Thomas said junior members will need proof of age to go with their licensing applications, and it is up to each club to enforce this requirement. A medical will be required every second year, with an electrocardiogram, which would be good for two years, recommended for drivers over 45. The club plans to hold a driver's training session at the track at the beginning of the season.
- James reported that the rules committee has held its first meeting. There is still no confirmation as to whether the new engines will be allowed in some classes, mostly junior classes. We will have mostly the same classes as next year. Some things are still undecided. Jr. 1 and 2 4-cycle classes are a possibility. Sportsman and FPP might be combined. There will be a Senior Honda and possibly a Masters Honda for drivers 40 and up. There will be a Spec 125 class, and ICA might be offered, possibly they would run with the shifters, which would be Formula 80 and 125. A preliminary class list will be posted on the website. Call James or the class reps to discuss concerns. There could be some rule changes or clarifications to come, as well.

- Three new members, from Port Alberni, were introduced. They will be running Rotaxes. We welcome them to the club.
- Roger reported on progress on the Rec Park. The CVRD has struck a committee to deal with the Rec Park, and there will be a meeting with TimberWest within two weeks to discuss a purchase price for the land. The next meeting of the Rec Park support group is Sunday, February 16, at 7pm at Somenos Hall. It is hoped that a price will have been decided on by then.
- Steen has started "Web school", but says it will be a few months before he has learned enough to start making changes to the website.
- Club promotion was discussed, and mall shows will be held. There will be a display at Hillside Mall on February 22. Talk to Kelly about helping out, it's not difficult, and if lots of members help, they only need to give a little of their time. We have asked for an application

for Victoria's Victoria Day Parade, as well. Members from each area of the Island will be expected to organize events in their area. There will probably displays at the Chesterfield Track car show, Cowichan Exhibition and wherever else we can think of in the Duncan area. We think car shows are a good venue, because there will be a high concentration of "motorheads"! Members plan to set up some Honda karts for the "Try a Kart" sessions at the track. The possibility of getting sponsors for these karts was also discussed. Pamphlets are possible, as well.

- Alternate venues for meetings during race season were discussed, and we will try having meetings at the track, after practice on Saturdays.
- We also discussed buying some basic tech tools, when we can afford to.
- Roger voiced concerns from the Lake Cowichan Chamber of Commerce, that there weren't enough races during the summer months. We need to avoid scheduling races on the weekends of the Yubou Regatta and Walk round the Lake weekends. Kelly asked to be contacted within the next two weeks of any concerns about scheduling.
- If members have any ideas about fund-raising, let's hear them! Ruth is collecting bottles and cans (still), bring them to a meeting, practice, or work party. Prizes for a raffle are needed, as well. Let's see what we can come up with!

ROY'S TECH TIPS

- ❖ There are many karting-related web sites that have a veritable gold mine of technical information. Some decent ones I've come across and "bookmarked" are:
www.italianmotors.com for basic chassis setup tips: click on the ItalKart logo, right side middle of the screen; next go to Info, top right and click on Tech Info, next, click on the picture of the chassis on the right.
- ❖ To find out how they do things Down Under try:
www.picknowl.com.au/homepages/harrals/tech/gokart.html.
- ❖ If you need owner's manuals, instructions and specifications for data-acquisition instruments like Digatrons or My-chrons, etc. or Horstman and L&T clutch info, try :
www.tsracing.com/Manuals/Manuals.html (that's capital M's in Manuals) or for just Horstman: www.horstmanclutches.com
- ❖ Another good site for the beginner, with lots of good links and a good mag to subscribe to is:
www.nkn.com

RACE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Junior 1-2 cycle. The way it's going to be run is yet to be decided, but I don't think it will end up being much different than last year.

Junior 2 - 2 cycle. Basically, a renamed Formula 100 Junior class, with the "superbox" muffler instead of the sportsman can.

Junior 3 - 2 cycle. Again, a renamed JICA class, opened up to some new engines, namely the Rotax Junior Max and the Leopard Junior.

Junior 1 and 2-4 cycle. A good entry class for juniors. No participation last year, but we'd like that to change this year.

Senior Piston Port. Combining the Formula Piston Port and Club Sportsman classes into one class, with different weights for different engine combinations.

Senior Honda. Once again, we still haven't decided exactly how we're going to run this class, but it will be a lot more organized and competitive than last year.

Rotax Max. With 5 confirmed entries, and a possibility of 5 more, this should prove to be an exciting class this year.

ICA. This class is showing some promise over last year.

Shifters. The premiere senior class, with a wide range of options for all ranges of karters.

With the new engines being introduced at the regional level this year at the Junior 1,2 and 3 levels, Junior drivers of all experience levels will have a wide range of options, varying from the old faithful Yamaha and Comer engines, to the new kids on the block, such as the Junior and Mini Rotax Max, Junior Leopard and Gazelle, and the WPT. As of right now, I don't know what the exact configuration of the regional junior classes will be, as the region is conducting testing in an attempt to ensure a level playing field for all the engines, new and old. And, with the introduction of the new World Formula and new four-cycle technologies rapidly approaching, the world of karting for all ages and skill levels is going to be very interesting and very exciting, very soon.

Right now, our club is concentrating on building our membership up, and very soon we will (hopefully!) be starting construction on our new home, at the Cowichan Valley Outdoor Recreation Park. This undertaking, as well as our present facility in Youbou, both requires a major commitment from our club members. Everyone is always more than welcome to help out, there is never a shortage of things to do, just a shortage of people to do them! And, that will be even truer in the years to come, with construction and operation of the Paldi facility to consider. It'll be a lot of work, but I feel we can achieve it, as a club.

All in all, this year is looking very promising!