

CAPITAL CITY KART CLUB

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NEXT MEETING MAY 2003

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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, the season has gotten off to a soggy start to say the least. Nonetheless, turnout at the first two races, despite monsoon conditions, was very encouraging. We're definitely overdue for a dry race day soon, but keep those umbrellas handy. As for all the water that hits the ground up there, we need to find ways to collect it so we can fill our water tank before the summer. A major work party will be needed between races 3&4, to finish track preparations for the Regional race on May 23-25, details at the next race. All racers are reminded that the following items **MUST** be in their pit area during a race weekend:

- Drip tray
- Waste oil container
- Garbage can
- First-aid kit
- Minimum 2lb fire extinguisher
- Copies of ASN, BCKCA, and CCKC Rules

Every pit will be inspected this weekend for the above items, so be prepared to go shopping if you don't have these things in your pit stall.

The last club meeting was an experiment gone horribly wrong and is sure to not be repeated. A new meeting place can be arranged at little or no cost to the club, and it would be indoors so

everyone can hear. Also, meetings will be run a bit stricter from now on, as they always get off track somehow.

REGIONAL NOTE:

Last year there were complaints of a very bumpy track surface and chassis damage from the curbs, (the left-hander in the chicane to be precise). Racers were ignoring the curb and putting 4 wheels over it, thus scraping up the bottoms of their chassis. This year that curb has been moved back, eliminating the need to hop the curb, and many of the bumps have been smoothed over, making it better for everyone, especially the shifter boys. I expect this year's race will provide some of the best action of the year.

FOR THE CCKC CLASSES NOT RACING IN THE REGIONAL:

Participation at the Regional in a volunteer capacity is essential...this is not a weekend to book a vacation. Your help is vital to the smooth running of the event. We will need at least 20 people for corner-workers, we would like to see three people in each manned corner with at least six corners covered. We'll need people to sell 50/50 tickets, raffle tickets, and more people for a variety of tasks. Anyone that can help, please see any executive member.



The last meeting of the Capital City Kart Club was held at the track, on
Saturday, April 12, 2003.

- ❖ **Kelly** reported that he has another class sponsor, the Brigantine Inn. The Tony Café has donated an article to be raffled, winning ticket to be drawn at the trophy presentations. Kelly asked that other people make donations, and we will try to have a small raffle at each race weekend. Kelly still needs donations or offers to lend equipment for the "Try-a-kart" program.
- ❖ **James** reported that the first race weekend was successful, despite the weather, and the second one should be even better. James asked that if racers are not racing, or if they have time in between classes, their help would be much appreciated. Our highest priority is having sufficient corner workers, to make for safe racing. We also need people to act as runners, etc. Special thanks to Wray and Kathy Watson and Sue Barton for taking over the First Aid Attendants job, and sacrificing racing time, so the rest of the club could race.

- ❖ Paul Carney and Derek MacGregor from the Port **Alberni Grand Prix Society** addressed the meeting, asking the club to take over responsibility of running the Port Alberni Grand Prix. They said that the committee would still help, and that the volunteers are organized. Quality Foods will donate \$10,000 as the major sponsor, but we would still need to raise a further \$18,000 at least, through the sale of promotional materials, gate receipts, advertising, etc. Insurance alone will cost \$4000, and tirewalls another \$2,000, and there are a number of

other expenses, including fencing and First Aid. The PACES program no longer supplies funds for this event, and the organizers are worn out. John McNabb thanked the Society for its very substantial commitment to the race. John McNabb and Jim Pelk volunteered to chair next year's race, if we could keep this year's race on track. Motion by John McNabb to "refer the decision on whether the club runs the Port Alberni Grand Prix to a standing committee", in this case, the executive. Seconded by Jimmy Pelk. Passed. A show of hands was asked for to see if most club members were willing to help with the race, and most indicated that they were. A meeting was suggested as soon as possible between the Port Alberni Grand Prix Society and the club's executive.

- ❖ The club held a **promotional display** at Canadian Tire on April 5, which generated considerable interest. Overwaitea's gas bar asked for more pamphlets, as the ones left there had already been taken.

- ❖ There will be a **work party** between the next two races, to prepare for the **Regional** event May 23-25. We want the track to look great, so we are counting on getting lots of help. We will also need as much help as we can get to run the race, so we hope all members will chip in.

- ❖ Frank Wynne has kindly volunteered to organize **fund-raising** for the club. He will need help, so please volunteer.

- ❖ Roger Walker reported on **progress on the Rec Park**. TimberWest has presented a price in negotiations, and is asking what benefit the company would receive from the Regional District if they do not ask for the full price. It is hoped that the question of price will be negotiated by the end of the month.

- ❖ The **Try a Kart program** still needs karts, parts, donations and sponsors. Talk to Kelly!

- ❖ There was discussion about **limiting the times when generators can be run after the track closes**. The noise was bothering people trying to sleep. Motion passed that "all generators be turned off between 11 pm and 8 am.

- ❖ We are looking for donations for the **race weekend raffles** at the track. We hope members can donate something small so we can have a raffle each weekend. We need to be paying off debt, and salting \$\$\$\$ away for building the new track!

- ❖ The club is also looking for donations of unwanted (tired of dusting them?) **trophies for the Port Alberni Grand Prix**. Part of the fun of winning is getting a "Retro" trophy!

LICENSE DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

CCKC members, family and friends: an exclusive exciting opportunity exists for you to participate and get up close and personal with Canada's future motorsports heroes. All club members not competing at the B.C. Regionals, May 23-25, Youbou, are requested to apply in person for the following Race Officials positions: Assistant Race Director, Registration, Pre-grid, Scales, Pre-race Tech, Post-race Tech, Flag persons, Corner workers, Pit boss, Parking co-ordinator, Scoring/timing, Kart Recovery crew, Noise monitoring, 50/50 sales. Because of the small size of our club it is imperative that everyone pitches in and helps out.

RACE DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

I would like to say a big thank-you once again to a few of our members who, without their help, we wouldn't have been able to race last weekend: Susan Barton, Richard Cote, Wray and Kathy Watson. They came to our rescue early Saturday morning, after our first aid attendant unexpectedly cancelled for the weekend. And, as well as working as first aid on Saturday, giving up a portion of their practice day, Wray and Richard came out in the pouring rain partway through the third heat to help relieve our soaked corner marshals! Many thanks to these new members, and I hope that we won't have to call on your skills again! I don't have much more to add for this edition... remember to bring some water to the track to help fill our thirsty water tank, please, please, please bring some sunshine, keep the rubber side down, and race safe!

MARTY'S MESSAGE:

Tech Tips

Every race weekend, I see kart racers show up to the track, spending up to \$200.00 to practice and race for the weekend, and then spend half of their time in the pits, prepping their kart. With a little time spent on pre-race kart preparation, it would make for a safer and more enjoyable weekend.

Pre-race kart preparation: Maintenance and kart preparation should be part of every karter's off week routine. After two days of practice and racing, you need to spend some time on your kart! I start by removing the tires and wheels. Check wheels for cracking. Next, I remove the engine, the chain, the airbox and the clutch. All get removed, cleaned and inspected. The chassis gets a full cleaning and visual check. All bearings and tie rod ends get a couple of drops of tri-flow or WD-40. If you have a wet clutch, fresh clutch oil needs to go in. Liquid cooled engines need to replace the water between race weekends (remember to add your water wetter;

approx. 5 capfuls per liter). The brakes should have a visual inspection and I always recheck the kart's front-end alignment. Check all nuts, bolts and safety wire. After spending a little time on your kart, you should be ready for a battle on the track, not in the pits!

Marty

CLASSIFIEDS:

Check the classifieds for new postings.

If any one has suggestions for this website, or would like to make a contribution, (fact or fiction), please let us know!