

# ***CAPITAL CITY KART CLUB***

## ***AUGUST, 2003***

**P.O. BOX 257, DUNCAN, B.C. V9L 3X3**

**NEXT MEETING : 7:30 SEPTEMBER 10, AT THE CVI, DUNCAN,  
BC**

**The last meeting of the Capital City Kart Club was held at the CVI, Duncan, BC, August 13, 2003.**

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**Tim** said rule changes for the racing season of 2004 need to be dealt with at the September meeting. He asked about the water supply for the next race weekend, and Gerry Hawkes and Steve Richardson said they would look after it, using Johel Brothers'tank truck.

**Kelly** thanked the members who showed up to help decorate our float for the Youbou Regatta, in which we placed third. If anyone didn't get their trophy from the Port Alberni Grand Prix, Kelly has them. He will be going to Westwood next weekend and will deliver any trophies still outstanding. Kelly will have a CCKC display set up at the Port Alberni Drags, along with a Rec Park display.

**James** reported that we have had two successful race weekends.

The last weekend consisted of race day only, as the practice day was cancelled, to comply with Youbou's request that we not practice on the day of the Youbou Regatta. We had no incidents or problems and everything went smoothly. However, we need more help for corner working. We had BARELY enough corner-workers to run the race.

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- ❖ There was **discussion** about **why the race fees were raised for the Port Alberni Grand Prix**, which caused some confusion. The idea was to make the club some money from a special event. There was discussion on whether that could be done, or had to be changed at the AGM and what bearing the constitution had on the subject. It was suggested that if the Port Alberni Grand Prix, which is a club race, is to be treated differently regarding race fees, then it should be dealt with at the AGM.
- ❖ There was **e-mail from BCKCA discussing what classes the member clubs would like run front brakes in**. So far only the 125 Shifters must have them. (According to ASN any

kart can have front brakes on it.) Discussion followed with the assumption that “if the rules don’t say you can, then assume you can’t.” The rule is: “All karts at a minimum must have rear brakes.” Front brakes would cost around \$1000. The issue was raised because they are good in the rain, but add an unnecessary variable, and are being pushed by the kart shops. The club passed a motion that “we do not want front brakes on any kart except 125 Shifters.” by Marty The rule needs clarification, and will be discussed at the BCKCA AGM. There was also a query as to whether or not a vote must be unanimous (by every member club) to change a rule mid-season.

- ❖ Another BCKCA e-mail discussed the **performance levels of engines in Junior 2 and Junior 3 classes**, saying that the Junior Leopard seems much faster than the Junior Rotax and ICA Junior. These engines need to be made equal to the other engines in the classes before the next Regional race. There was discussion on reducing the speeds of these engines, which are as fast as the JICA’s. Members agreed that we need to send a strong message to BCKCA that these engines are too fast, and because of the different engines available, the classes are confusing. It was suggested that our rules outline what is best for the club, and people who want to race the Regionals will have to buy a package just for the Regionals. It was also suggested that since BCKCA created the mess, they should clean it up.
- ❖ There were **questions on why there is a \$500 fee at the Regionals to challenge a decision**, and the answer was to deter frivolous complaints. It was suggested that discretion needed to be shown when allowing or disallowing late registration for racers travelling a long distance. The advisability of rookies racing at the Regionals was also discussed.
- ❖ **Tire rules for Junior classes were discussed**, as some of the Junior 2 and Junior 3 classes want to run 7.10 rear tires. Discussion followed on changing the rule for next season or changing the rule to keep costs down.
- ❖ Roger Walker reported on **progress with the Outdoor Rec Park**. There was to be a meeting at the Rec Park site with the CVRD, Graham Bruce and Reed Elley who are MLAs for the area. The Rec Park rally in Duncan went well, with about 150 to 175 people attending. A lot of interest was shown in the kart display. The kart club will have a display in conjunction with the Rec Park display at the Chesterfield Track Show and Shine in Duncan, August 24. We will also have a display at the Cowichan Exhibition on Sept. 5-7, again in conjunction with the Rec Park. **We will need volunteers for CCKC’s part of the display, so please help out.** Talk to Roger, Ruth or Gerry.
- ❖ It was noted that the **next race weekend is August 30-31**, which is different from what one of the tentative schedules read.
- ❖ Members should be thinking about whom they would like to **vote for for Driver of the Year in their classes**.

- ❖ Roger received a **letter from the organisers of the Great Lake Walk requesting use of our pit area for parking.** Last year cars were parked along the road through Youbou causing congestion. The club agreed that it would be a good idea, and that we could open the washrooms for their use, and possibly even have a kart / Rec Park display set up as well.
- ❖ It was noted that in **Montreal the all TAG engines are run as one class.**
- ❖ **Members of the Youbou Area Planning Committee** were at the track last race weekend, and were shown the difference in noise levels between a Yamaha with or without the quietest muffler set-up (Sound surround). In September the club and the APC plans to invite Youbou residents to the track to hear the difference, and see what we plan for next year.
- ❖ The **water tank at the track** will be filled before the next race.
- ❖ Donna has agreed to bring the **Tonykart Café** to the track this weekend, otherwise we would have no concession. Thanks for bailing us out, Donna!
- ❖ Remember the **AGM and banquet are November 1**, at the Silver Bridge Inn, Duncan. Prices will be age 5 – 7: \$12, age 8 – 11: \$18, adults: \$27. This just covers the cost of the food. If anyone can get door prizes, they would be much appreciated. Last year we had loads of prizes, which was great.
- ❖ A **good website for tech stuff** is [www.strappe.com/tech.html](http://www.strappe.com/tech.html).

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*Please remember to obey the speed limit going through Youbou. Also remember it's fire season.*

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