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A bit of excitement during 125 Restricted captured by Steve Dansie.

COVER: Two Rookies going deep into the 1st Corner during last month's racing.- Photo by Steve Dansie.

This Month in Karting:

G'Day,

Last club day was a great track day temperature wise with quite a few fast laps being set.

It was good to see two fields of Rotax and a small field of Senior Nationals.

Michael Clarke wishes to announce that there will be trophies presented at the end of the year for holders of the fastest laps recorded in each class. Don Louie's Pizzas of Traralgon have kindly stepped in to help out in cost for these.

Thanks also goes to Steve Dansie for use of some photos for this newsletter.

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.

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Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc. General Meeting. 7th April, 2009

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 7th April, and was declared opened at 8.10 pm by President Graeme Monds.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Glenn Wall, Geoff Medew, Phil Lane, Alfi Prestipino, Lou Caruso.

Apologies: Graham Clarke, Kevin & Marj McKinnon.

New Members: Our club wishes to welcome Aaron Treglown to our club, and hopes he enjoys his racing.

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

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by Phil Lane, the report was for the Power series which he said went great. The report was moved by Alfi Prestipino and 2nd by Geoff Medew and Glenn Wall.

Business Arising: Nil.

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

State President: Whittlesea Fire Brigade donation has been presented to them. They were very grateful for the donation to them from our association. Wimmera first round of the country series had fantastic entry of 206 the meeting went well finished approx. 4.10pm. Classes were well supported. Masters games at Geelong congratulations to all the winners.

State Delegate: Smart Card System We will be trying out the system in regards to entries at the GKCV club day in April. The NKC have been given the costing of the timing system and this will be spoken about at the NKC meeting.

State Technical: Leopard Reed Petals The Fibreglass word had been left out of the rule. A letter has come from IAME stating that some Leopard motors have been sent out with carbon reed petals since October 2008. This has been a topic of discussion between the NKC delegates and the Technical committee's of late. **Black Box:** Not allowed to be repair.

An item that we need to put into the Technical agenda for June is that Rookie and Midget should have a seal on the restrictor at all times there should be approx 10 people in Victoria that can seal them and they must remain sealed at all times. It seems that every meeting we have to seal them-by having them sealed we are then assured that they are practicing at all times with their restrictors in.

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. Clubs are checking the forms correctly, scrutineering forms as well. Self scrutineering is to be done all throughout the weekend.

Bendigo delegate: informed the delegates that the club will be holding their race meeting on the 2nd May (Saturday) this event will be a charity meeting to raise money for the Maiden Gully fire brigade. They have changed the power series to their November date 21/22nd. The club has done this due to the Victorian Open Championships being held on the 8/9/10th May which is the week after the scheduled power series round and they believe that it would hurt the series numbers if they ran the round.

South West: asked about manuals for those that have licences from October 08 till Oct. 09. Any one that wishes to get a 2009 manual can forward in \$15.00 into the VKA office to obtain one or they can obtain it on the website. At the Eastern Lion's club meeting the other night all was very positive it was felt that the club had gained some respect from the shire due to the help they provided during the fires.

Agenda for the delegates meeting on 16th April to discuss will be the 2010 race calendar.

General Business: Track Loan. Phil has been trying to get in touch with VKA treasurer. There was a big discussion on what and how the track would have to be done, eg. Drainage and ripple strips etc. A Sub Committee has been formed to do the project and with a lot of help from our members where they will be needed, The members on the sub committee are: Glenn Wall, Phil Lane, Geoff Medew, Alfi Prestipino, John Schena and Lou Caruso.

Geoff Medew is getting quotes from some contractors for the resurfacing of the track. And he will report back to our meeting in May.

A letter is going to be sent to Bairnsdale Kart Club to see if we can go up there and run our last two race meetings which will be October and November as we are upgrading our track. When everything is finalized to go to Bairnsdale the point system will continue up there for Oct. & Nov meetings.

The following addendums Graeme Monds wants everyone to read please, and look on the notice board for the drawings.

Addendum 11. To be implemented immediately:

At the NKC Meeting held 27th/28th/29th March 2009, the following was approved and is now applicable.

Chapter 25 – Rule 25.11 (ii) Engine Sprocket Guards: an engine sprocket guard is compulsory and must give sufficient front and side protection to prevent the driver trapping his/her fingers in the chain.

The OEM Engine Sprocket Guard for the Parilla Leopard 125 and the SQ Cheeta 125 may be modified as per the following diagram. [see club noticeboard] The corners may be radiused to a maximum of 10mm.

Addendum 12. To be implemented immediately.

At the NKC Meeting held 27th/28th/29th March 2009, the following was approved and is now applicable.

Tyres: No modifications permitted, tyre treatment is illegal (refer rule 23.03)

1. Dry weather tyres. Mojo D2 (1 set + 1 replacement tyre / meeting)
2. Wet weather tyres **Mojo W2** (1 set + 1 replacement tyre / meeting)
3. Refer chapter 23, for AKA contracted prices.
4. 35.1.1.4 Tyres: The only tyres allowed are:

Dry weather tyres: Mojo D2 Front 4.5 x 10.0 - 5 Rear 7.1 x 11.0 – 5

Wet weather tyres: **Mojo W2** Front 4.0 x 10.0 – 5 Rear 6.5 x 11.0 – 5

Refer to chapter 23 of the 2009 AKA Karting Manual and rule 19.34.

The Mojo W2 wet weather tyre is available for use from the 1st May 2009.

Dunlop wet tyres may be used up until the 30th July. 2009.

From 1st August 2009 the only wet weather tyre available for use in Rotax Class ie Rotax Light, Rotax Heavy, and Formula JMA shall be the Mojo W2 wet weather tyre. Mojo D3 dry weather tyre is approved for use in Open Performance Class with the Rotax DD2 engine.

23.09 APPROVED TYRES:

1. AKA approved dry tyres – The following tyres are accepted by the NKC for selection in AKA

Classes where tyre contracts/restrictions are NOT specifically designated for competition.

Bridgestone. YGK and YJC and YGL and YDS

Dunlop. SL1 and SL6 and SL5

Maxxis. HG3

MG. AZ-(Red) and FZ – (Yellow) and HZ

MOJO. D2, **D3**

Yokohama MF – GP1 and MS – YO1

2. AKA approved wet tyres – The following are accepted by the NKC for selection in AKA classes where tyre contracts/restrictions are NOT specifically designated for competition.

Bridgestone YGR

Dunlop. KT6SLW1 (Tender awarded 2007)

MG WZ

MOJO. W2

Addendum 14. To be implemented immediately:

At the NKC Meeting held 27th/28th/29th March 2009, the following was approved and is now applicable.

Chapter 19 – Rule 19.08. Amendment to read as:

Identifying numbers shall be displayed so they are clearly legible and shall be maintained in this condition throughout any event in which the kart is competing. **Identifying numbers shall be restricted to either one or two digit numbers. The number 0, 00 or any number preceded by 0 (e.g 05) is not allowed.**

Number plates: Shall be coloured as follows (refer also Rule 25.13.)

Addendum 17. At the NKC Meeting held 27th/28th/29th March, 2009, the following was approved and is now applicable.

Administrative Procedures

A1 Communications must follow the official path:

- a) From club member to club secretary, from club secretary official correspondence (letterhead) to State Office to National Office for forwarding to other bodies involved.
- b) Replies are to follow the same procedure.
- c) **Under exceptional circumstances the National Executive may communicate directly with the National Karting Council, National Track Committee, National Technical Committee or the National Officials Committee and vice versa.**

Tag 125 Restricted: Light 160kg, Heavy 180kg. Kart 100kg. Starting this coming race weekend.

Our 10th “C” Titles there will be entertainment through the day, Alfi has arranged for Coco the clown to be here for the children, and an Entertainer for the spit roast. This was moved by Geoff Medew and 2nd by Glenn Wall.

A discussion was held about the “C & D” Grade Titles Sup Regs, Graeme Monds and Glenn Wall are still working on them, when they have been finalised and sent to Pam for approval then I will get them out to the karters.

Auction Night: Everything finalised. More about that later, but if you need any more information see Alfi. It is Saturday 13th June, at the Falcon Soccer Club, just waiting for Alfi to give the price of the tickets and time. Stay tuned.

This coming race weekend, there will be NO practice on the Saturday until 1 pm, due to it being Anzac Day

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.

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THE TECH PAGES

Last Club day a small training talk was held for Rookies to help new and existing members with exhaust measuring.

The rules state Maximum exhaust length measured from the cylinder face exhaust mounting flange position (aluminium face) to the end of the divergence cone of the AKA 14 muffler is 445mm.



To further explain this the measurement must be taken from the exhaust port machined face-[see photo].

To do this a tape is placed against the face making sure you get behind the exhaust gaskets and restrictor behind the header flange. [see second photo]



You will note that this motor only has one seal nut – this was done for the photo only. Run the tape around the outside radius of the header and measure to the weld at the end of the convergence cone. The maximum is 445mm at the weld.

If you need any help with this please feel free to ask me at any club

meetings.

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).

-Graham Clarke.



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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.

Trophies will be presented to the holders of the fastest lap in each class at the end of the year.

TIMES SO FAR.

Co-Sponsored by Don Louie's Pizza Traralgon.		
Mick Dyke	Clubman O/40	32.14
Jamie Schena	Tag 125 Restr.	32.00
Michael Clarke	Leopard Pro.	29.76
Jordan Carruso	Midget A	34.94
Grant Wicks	Clubman Heavy	31.37
Nathan Elston	Clubman Light	30.97

Club Day - March 2009.

Junior National Heavy	Rookies	125 Tag Restricted
1 st Nick Ellen	1 st Dylan Slits	1 st Zach O'Reilly

2 nd Michael Carless	2 nd Justin Carless	2 nd James Henry
3 rd Dylan Ross	3 rd Jack Scott	3 rd Jamie Schena
Clubman O/40s	Junior National Light	Clubman Light
1 st Frank Schena	1 st Michael Carless	1 st Nathan Elston
2 nd Brian Milkins	2 nd Yayden O'Sullivan [P]	2 nd Reece Wade
3 rd Terry Elston	3 rd Nikola Alger	3 rd Joshua Sarton
Leopard Pro.	Rotax Heavy	Midget A
1 st Michael Clarke	1 st Dion Gretgrix	1 st Jordan Caruso
2 nd Geoff Wyhoon	2 nd Kelvin Jeffery	2 nd George Lee
3 rd	3 rd Steve Dansie	3 rd Troy Alger
Ladies	Senior National	Clubman Heavy
1 st Sonia Caruso	1 st Duncan Orr	1 st Brendan Sarton
2 nd Melissa Feltham	2 nd John Rizzetti	2 nd Grant Wicks
3 rd Christine Jones	3 rd John Parnaby [P]	3 rd Brian Milkins
Midget B	Rotax Light	
1 st Ben Scott	1 st Brad McLeod	
2 nd Danielle Scott	2 nd Jacob Anderson	
3 rd Cassidy Ronalds [P]	3 rd Henry Latus	
4 th Drew Makepeace [P]		

RULES OF THE GIPPSLAND GO KART CLUB

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 **ABSOLUTLY 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,**
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STANDARD

- 3 **GLOVES,**
 - 4 **SHOES TO COVER THE ANKLES.**
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- 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,**
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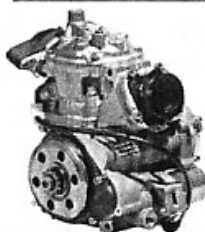
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LOST

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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