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COVER: Junior National in roll around mode.

This Month in Karting:

April club day was a cold weekend but good numbers of drivers turned up.

As you will see from the general meeting minutes Peter Key is leaving us to pursue other things. He will be missed around the track but we will need someone to fill his boots. If you are the adventurous type who likes to meet lots of people and feel like helping out please apply with Anita and get the advantage of on the job training with Peter.

Grant Wicks gave me some of our club's history the other day and it was surprising to see who was around on our club's Grand Opening Race at the Tramway Park Raceway on Feb 14th 1988. Some names there that I know were in Clubman P Plate – Graeme Monds, Kevin Mckinnon, Jeff Seabourne, Peter Vogt. Junior National heavy – Jason Bright. Stock Reed Heavy – Rob Bumpstead, International Heavy-Darryl Tate. Senior National - Grant Wicks. Clubman Light – Mark Wicks and Junior International – Gregg Ritter. There are plenty of other names I recognise but space doesn't allow me to go on. It is interesting to look back considering this is our 20th year at the track.

Also a snippet from private practise saw dad set out witches hats for son to get right lines and braking. Times were recorded and noted. Son asked dad if this part of practise was over and was told it was and he could do 'his' own thing. Son went out and chooses his own lines and braking recording better times than previous. Hmmm! Something in

that for us all. See you at the track - *Clarkey.*



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MAY		
3 rd /4 th	All Stars Series Round 2	GKVC
3 rd /4 th	Open Meeting	GKVC
11 th	Open Meeting	Bairnsdale
18 th	Open Meeting	Hamilton
25 th	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
JUNE		
May31/1 st	All Stars Series / Winter Cup	Geelong
7 th /8 th	North West Kart Titles	Mildura
15 th	City of Wodonga Titles	Albury
22 nd	Country Series Round 3	Warrnabool
29 th	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
JULY		
6 th	Sun Centre Titles	Swan Hill
13 th	Handbury Titles /Country Series Round 4	Hamilton
19 th /20 th	Golden Power Series Round 3	Bendigo
29 th	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
AUGUST		

3 rd	Open Meeting	Wimmera
9 th /10 th	Australasian 'C' Grade Titles	Gippsland
10 th	Open Meeting	Mildura
16 th /17 th	City Of Melbourne Titles	GKCV
24 th	Tankworld Open	Swan Hill
31 st	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
SEPTEMBER		
6 th /7 th	Open Meeting	Rochester
6 th /7 th	Rotax Nationals	GKVC
13 th /14 th	Junior Sprint Classic	Eastern Lions
20 th /21 st	Australasian Kart Titles	Goulburn Valley
28 th	Bendigo Country Titles	Bendigo
OCTOBER		
5 th	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
12 th	Country Series Round 5	Portland
18 th /19 th	Southern Classic	Oakleigh
25 th	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
NOVEMBER		
1 st /2 nd	Golden Power Series Round 4	Eastern Lions
8 th /9 th	Shane McPhee Memorial	South West
8 th /9 th	Over 40's Grand Prix / Vintage Demonstration	Goulburn Valley
15 th	Southern Zone Series Final Round	Albury
15 th /16 th	Val & Joyce Findlay Memorial / Formula 100 Nationals	Geelong
23 rd	Country Series Round 6 / Mort Page Memorial	Ballarat
30 th	Closed Club Day	All Clubs
DECEMBER		
6 th /7 th	Victorian Closed Titles	Bendigo
13 th /14 th	VKA "Karter Of The Year" Presentation	TBA

General Meeting – Gippsland Go Kart Club 8th April 2008.

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 6th May, and was declared opened at 8.05 pm by President Graeme Monds.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeannette Monds, Glenn Wall, Kevin & Marj McKinnon, Henryk Latus, Kelvin Jeffrey, Wayne Russell, Max O'Connor, Phil Lane, & Greg Taylor (visitor)

Apologies:

New Members: The club would like to welcome Tom Parker & Family, also Paul & Nigel Sertori & Family, we hope you enjoy your time with us and have some good fun racing.

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

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by treasurer Phil Lane. The report was moved by Phil Lane and 2nd by Henryk Latus that the report to be true and correct.

Business Arising.NIL.

Delegates Report. The delegates report was given by Marj McKinnon. Mildura Kart Club paid \$3000.00 of their \$6000.00 loan. Sent a letter asking for extension for the \$3000.00 until 30/10/2008. All in favour.

Midget discussion re Comers and Yamaha's in the class. Looks like it will go to a one engine class.

Clutches in the Clubman Class. Big discussion are not going so well. Safety issue – very dangerous. To many starters on grid etc.

Discussion re Stewards and officials doing 2 jobs. Portland spoke re the position.

Please note: Stewards are still being shown as performing additional duties on Club Days. Please ensure that Rules 4.05 & 4.06 are complied with.

Discussion on illegal restrictor. Why wasn't it confiscated?

There was a discussion on Airboxes. Not able to supply on time, Replacement filter issue.

New airboxes – filters to be replaced but this is not happening. Also the holes in the airbox not there, The tube not. Why was the spring taken off?

Scrutineers Report: Self scrutineering is working well. All clubs reported.

Publicity: Junior Development Camp, Any clubs interested in holding it? Oakleigh offered again.

Bob Ulhorn spoke on two seater kart. Money from the sale to go into the Junior Development.

Penalty Changes: Tampering of Parts. Machine parts should be 6 month penalty.

Series: to be stand alone meetings. Start on 2009 to begin shortly? Thank You Marj for the report.
2nd April MUST have the new air box.

State Stewards Report:

05-06/04/2008. All Stars/Titan Series. Oakleigh.

Rule 16.05 (iii) Pg. 92. Rejoining Circuit 6 place penalty.

Rule 5.01 R Pg. 46. Weight infringement Excluded from heat.

Rule 16.05 (iii) Pg. 92. Rejoining Circuit. 4 place penalty.

Rule 41.26 Pg. 236 Non compliant restrictor. Excluded from meeting.

Rule 16.13 (a) Pg. 94. Kart contact. Excluded from final.

Race Reports: Cobden- Country Series 220-230 entries, that series is buying their own transponders, the clubs in that series. Good racing. Stewards were kept very busy, Self scrutineering is going OK. but some are missing some things on the karts. Do not have to use AKA stickers anymore.

Rochester: Kelvin Jeffrey gave report 231 entries. Good racing, bit dusty, weather was cool. About 45-50 of our members attended.

GKCV Todd Road: 296 entries. Excellent racing in some classes. 2 hour delay because of a bad accident, driver got a broken leg. Our club wishes that driver a speedy recovery. Some drivers got caught for underweight.

General Business: Kevin McKinnon asked could we purchase another compressor for the tyres, 50-60 litre tank, Graeme to look into that matter.

GKCV suggested that the Civil Ambulance be at tracks at opens. Very expensive, Wayne Russell is going to look into the costs, some one told Graeme that it wasn't dear, we are just getting the price so we know.

Toilets: Bench tops and sinks are in, Max has got the pipes to connect them so it won't be long, we have to do the partitions for the toilets, the lights for the toilets are here, Henryk is going to do that.

Graeme has sought out the price of blue metal for the drive way, 281/2 tonne. \$441.00 bought here and spread out. Will be done soon!!!

Race Secretary: Peter Key is leaving and we want someone to do the club day entries on Saturday and Sundays to take them. If anyone is interested would you please let me know, we would like the person to be with Peter for the May & June race weekend, so that you can learn how and what has to be done. Please help.

"C & D" Titles: There are supp regs in the clubrooms if anyone is interested, the books are open, we are only taking the grid 24. The supp regs should be up on the internet soon.

Members who wish to order their lunches on race day, would you please put your order in by 9.30am that will give the girls time to get them ready, and ensure that you have what you want. This will be a great help to us. Thank You

Members please keep reading the notice board in the clubrooms, as there are addendums that will be of interest to you.

Personnel for race day Sunday 25th May, 2008

Clerk of Course: Graeme Monds.

Stewards: Peter Key, Phil Lane. Darryll

Brand, Andrew Broadbent.

Scales: Jeannette Monds.

Grid Marshall:

Scrutineers: Graham Clarke & helpers.

Starter: Scott Rae.

Announcer: Geoff Medew.

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

Flags: Moe Lions and 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 22nd May, 2008.

Meeting closed 9.00pm.

Next meeting 10th June.. 2008 8pm start.

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Photos from March Club Day – by Michael Clarke.



Michael with an interesting visitor to the track



Not the way you want to face after the 1st corner.



A few get it wrong through Grand Junction Corner.

Club Day – April Club Day

Leopard	Clubman Pro	Midgets A
1 st Ross Jarred	1 st Grant Wicks	1 st Robert Titherington
2 nd Matthew Bumpstead	2 nd Max O'Connor	2 nd Ben Schena
3 rd Michael schena	3 rd Hailey Straughair	3 rd Jacob Prestipino
Midgets B	Senior National	Rotax Heavy
1 st Lachlan Naismith	1 st Duncan Orr	1 st Brendan Sarton
2 nd Jordan Caruso	2 nd George Hofmann	2 nd Kelvin Jeffery
3 rd George Lee	3 rd Luke Dilena	3 rd David Bishoff
Clubman Heavy	Junior National Heavy	Rookies
1 st Brian Milkins	1 st Joshua Sarton	1 st James Golding
2 nd Max Oconnor	2 nd Zach O'Rielly	2 nd Josh Smith
3 rd Grant Wicks	3 rd James Henry	3 rd Nathan Jones
Over 40's	Junior National Light	Rotax Light
1 st Brian Goldings	1 st Shayla Golding	1 st Kelvin Jeffery
2 nd Frank Schena	2 nd Nicholas Ellen	2 nd Dion Gretgrix
3 rd Mick Dyke	3 rd Reece Wade	3 rd Wayne Funston

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THE TECH PAGES

Torsion bars / "Magic Wands?"

This article will focus upon the large-gross- macro picture for the kart racing chassis and roughly how the chassis functions as a unit composed of various tubes weld \ constructed together to form an infrastructure know as the kart racing chassis. The basic layout of the chassis will be addressed, also the way the chassis functions. However we will take a micro approach upon how the removable\ additional, and bolt on sub-components can substantially change the desired outcome of the overall chassis character and performance in specific conditions and applications.

The basic kart racing chassis has a given wheel base, bearing hangers for the rear axle assembly, king pin receptacle \ spindle hangers for the stub axles. Steering uprights and seat mounts, either welded on, or bolted on. These basic components are all connected via several bent tubes of given diameters and strengths. Various types of tubing in terms of tinsel strength and yield. Essentially, their own working character of properties inherent to their design. Together they form the kart racing chassis when welded in a design determined by the chassis manufacturer or the designer of the chassis.

The chassis designer has created this elaborate configuration based upon what they feel is necessary to arrive at a given race kart conception to handle the track character, karting division, racing application or classification he has intended the chassis to excel in. The biggest thing in which the designer is confronted with is how to make the proper chassis design to perform at maximum potential for the specific classification in all applications and conditions which the driver will be potentially raced in. Once the classification has been established and the designer has rendered his version of how all of these tubes can be combined into the ultimate racing chassis, he soon realizes that anything he does will not function perfectly under all potential adverse, or ideal conditions. Basically anything that he has designed is optimum for only one given set of parameters. If anything changes such as ambient temperature, track temp, different track surfaces, rain, etc. the driver is faced with a chassis which is not perfect. In fact, the duration of the event can seriously change the chassis set up, such as a qualifying set up verses a final, or main event setup. In any case, the chassis as we once knew it, has slowly become more technical in nature and requires more adjustability to achieve a well balanced set up for the particular race conditions. Somehow changes must be made to accommodate the changing

conditions.

Even with everything the designer has done to manufacture an optimum racing chassis, conditions are rarely optimum. Basically a set chassis is not as efficient as it needs to be. To make the chassis more adaptable designers have begun to utilize some of the perhaps non traditional and now somewhat accepted, traditional chassis accessories, or bolt on and removable components,. He can now optimize the handling character to accommodate any and all variable conditions. Our goal is to utilize the chassis to its fullest capacity. In order to do this, manufactures adds on these peripheral items.

Let us explore these devices, or what most would probably consider "magic wands". These bolt on items consist of the following but are not limited to: inner rails, rear torsion bars, removable transverse front axles, removable/adjustable first cross members and "K" struts. Almost everything that is bolted onto the chassis including tie rods, front/rear/side bumpers, rear axle, the seat and seat struts, wheel hubs, and wheels all have and affect on the performance of the chassis. But we will address those later.

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