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I'M THE VKA BY BILL MCCORNACK

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MATT MORGESON

NEW MEMEBERS SINCE 4/16

Tom & Andrew Herchenrider
Roger Ruthhart

Jeff Snelling *
Cary Thomas

* Was Associate Member

2016 EVENT SCHEDULE			
1/29 – 31 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bushnell, FL	7/9 & 10	<i>Grattan CES</i>
2/4 – 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Riverside, CA	7/28 – 30	Avon, NY (Tier II)
3/11 – 13 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Savannah, GA</i>	7/28 – 30	Camden, OH
3/17 – 19 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barnesville, GA	7/29-31	<i>Thornburg, VA</i>
3/18 – 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Kershaw, SC AKRA</i>	8/12 – 14	Adkins, OH
4/28 – 30	Circleville, OH	8/27-28	<i>Summit Point, WV</i>
4/30-5/1	<i>Shenandoah, WV</i>	9/16-18	<i>Dawsonville, GA</i>
5/21 & 22	Sandy Hook, MD	9/16 & 17	Orville, PA
5/21 & 22	<i>MKC MIS AKRA</i>	9/23 & 24	Delmar, IA
5/27 & 28	Springfield, IL	9/24 & 25	MKC/MIS AKRA
6/4 & 5	<i>Summit Point, WV</i>	10/1 & 2	<i>Savannah, GA</i>
6/16 – 18	New Castle, IN	10/1 & 2	Sandy Hook, MD
6/17 – 19	<i>Mid-OH Enduro</i>	10/8 & 9	<i>Summit Point, WV</i>
7/7 – 9	Brodhead, WI	10/13 – 15	Bakersfield, CA (Tier II)
		11/5 & 6	Atwater, CA (Tier II)
VKA Events in BOLD		<i>Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS</i>	

AKRA = Amer. Kart Racing Assn. CES = Championship Enduro Series
 MKC= MI Kart Club MIS = Michigan International Speedway

Please check the official schedule posted on the VKA web site for any last minute changes (www.VKAkarting.com).

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Got any suggestions for **2017** VKA venues? Bring back ones that were dropped? Add new venues? More event? Fewer events? How important are the venue “amenities” (snack bar, flush toilets, potable water, *etc.*). Email me at KartNumber4@Yahoo.com or post on VKAkarting.com FORUM.

REMINDER: In addition to the list of *Scheduled VKA Events* in every issue, on the last page of the **VKA FIRSTTURN®** there is a listing of “Upcoming Events.” If you have (or are planning to have an event in **2017**) that is **not** a *Scheduled VKA Event*, and it is at least two weeks before or after a *Scheduled VKA Event* or at least 500 miles from a *Scheduled VKA Event*, send me an email (KartNumber4@Yahoo.com) and let me know. (Don’t expect me to be a mind-reader... Editor is enough ... VOLUNTEERS still wanted.)

Rolf

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APRIL & MAY BOARD MEETING - SHORT SUMMARY

BY BILL BLOODWORTH

APRIL: There are 344 total members, 298 full and 46 associate. A **three-year** membership option will be proposed in May. Possible registration and membership drawings will be discussed further in May as a way of giving back to VKA Members. President Bill McCornack reassigned Treasurer Scott Klingler to fulfill the Executive Director duties vacated by Pearl Gamble's resignation. Director Karl Ginter was assigned the Treasurer duties. The importance of modern equipment shops and vintage buyers knowing VKA tire guidelines was stressed. It was reiterated that the minimum age restriction for duals is 18 years. Promoter options which differ from VKA guidelines need to be clearly identified in the event flyer. Louie Figone will discuss use of the Randy Holt donation with the executor of Randy's estate. West coast promotion efforts were discussed including track fees and the high cost of accommodations in some areas. The possibility of two additional, West Coast, Tier II events was discussed. Coordination efforts for Sandy Hook are going well. The June Mid-Ohio Enduro event is expected to be large. Adkins track improvements are on schedule. Show efforts for the next three events are in place. Coordination of website updates has improved timely posting of event information. New magazine features will include "Ask Bill" (McCornack) and a list of recent new members.

The ending March balance is \$17,779.92 which reflects revenue of \$1,208 and expenses of \$50.

MAY: There are 348 total members, 300 full and 48 associate. An extended 36-month membership option was approved with a fee of \$95 for full members and \$30 for accompanying associate members. Concern was voiced regarding the extreme width of some single engine karts. Research is being conducted regarding prior rules and any approved changes would be incorporated in January. Event dates for 2017 are being established and efforts will be made to begin promotion of these events by late this summer. The possibility of having a free VKA membership drawing at each VKA event was mentioned. The combined June – July issue is scheduled to be sent to the printer on Monday 13 June. Two individuals were approved for lifetime VKA membership. These individuals will be identified during a presentation at a future VKA event. Four engines that are missing from some class lists will be included when January updates are published. There was a general discussion regarding recognition of participant achievement when trophies or awards are presented for only first place finishers. The ending April balance is \$16,788.10 which reflects revenue of \$485 and expenses of \$1,476.82.

Bill Bloodworth

Michigan Kart Club put on an awesome event May 21 and 22 at the Michigan International Speedway. And in their usual manner, were able to give the Vintage Enduros their own race time, void of any other class. Just Vintage Karts. IT WAS AWESOME...



Saturday saw 18 Vintage Enduros take to the grid for the first of two races for the weekend. As the Enduros took to the big track, it was a drag race down the Pit Lane onto the track. As we entered Turn 4 of the oval, there is a hard right turn that runs into the infield road course and every Vintage kart cleared this tight turn and the race was on. For the next ½-hour, Joel Walworth, driving a Yamaha powered Emmick Enduro, set the pace that no one could match. When the checkered flag fell, Joel finished 1st, Rick Chapman 2nd and Mark D'Elia finished 3rd. It was a good day, but changes were needed to get ready for Sunday's race and a chance to chase Joel down.



Sunday's race started the same way with a drag race to Turn 1. Joel set the pace, but this time, Rick was on his rear bumper and put the pressure on Joel by passing him on the inside, only to be passed later. Rick drafted Joel down the long straight away and both drivers set a blazing pace as they left the

remaining Class in their draft. For 20 minutes, it was a toss-up which driver would take the lead at the checkered flag, With 10 minutes left, Chapman saw an opening, as Joel drove out of the infield onto the MIS Oval, and he set his sights on a tight pass, but instead Rick spun, allowing Joel to drive off for the win. Keeping the engine running, Chapman returned to finish the race.

After the race was over, and all the High 5s and congratulations were given out, both drivers said it was the BEST race either had had in a LONG time.



The next race with the MKC, at MIS, will be September 24 and 25, 2016. Come join a Great Group of people, great track and good Vintage Enduro competition.

The Fun is at MIS...

Rick Chapman

ASK BILL BY BILL MCCORNACK

I get many questions about setting up karts, engines, etc. Rolf Hill and I thought it would be helpful to have answers for our members. E-mail your vintage karting question to me at bill.mccornack@comcast.net, and we will try to use it in this column. Here is a sample of some questions I have gotten so far:



Q. Why does my cylinder wall accumulate rust between events?

A. Because, when you last shut off the engine it was hot. Evaporation from that heat leaves very little gas/oil to protect the surfaces. To solve this, when the motor cools down start it up for a few seconds and shut it off. The gas/oil will remain inside for protection.

Q. Why does my kart "two wheel" in the turns?

A. (1) Tire pressure is too low. (2) Seat is mounted incorrectly on sidewinders. They should be mounted as far forward as possible, as close to engine as possible and with the back tipped down/back. (3) Change how you are taking the turn; brake before the turn, then accelerate in the turn. (4) Widen the rear track some. Note: Whatever your tire pressure is in front, it will not make your kart "two wheel;" it's the outside rear tire pressure that is critical.

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CIRCLEVILLE EVENT & RESULTS BY ROLF HILL

Circleville Raceway Park was the host for yet another fun vintage karting weekend. Many **FIRSTS** at this event. **FIRST** event for some **NEW** Members, **FIRST** time out this season for others, **FIRST** vintage kart with hand-controls and **FIRST** time out with “new” equipment. Many (if not all) of the 53 entrants and visitors recognize the meaning of our slogans ... **JOIN THE FUN ... THIS IS VINTAGE KARTING ... WHERE IT’S STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN ... WHERE RACING COMES ALIVE.** If you missed it, you missed a good one.

Only one, “self-induced,” acrobatic demonstration (that I saw) ... but the driver climbed back in and continued around the track. Once again, we all enjoyed the Max-Torque/Jim Donovan pulled pork dinner, augmented by potato salad and beans provided by the track (thanks Lois).



CIRCLEVILLE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Historic Participants	Romero Llamas, Scott Kneisel, Pearl Gamble, Bob LeFevre		
Clintons	Ron Singer	----	----
Mac 49	Tom Bowman	----	----
Rear 6.1	Autumn Nagel	Bob Noel	Rolf Hill
Rear 8.2	Scott Nagel	Butch Stewart	Scott Klingler
Over-60	Tom Day	Rolf Hill	Jerry Nagel
Yamaha	Dean Sauder	Bobby Brown	Bruce Samual
S/W 6.1	Sandy Stropko	----	----
S/W 8.2	Steve Jamison	----	----
80-85 S/W	Ralph Alexander	----	----
Straight Axle S/W	Tom Day	Scott Kneisel	----
Dual Rear	Jerry Nagel	Marc Nagel	Autumn Nagel
Dual S/W	Jerry Nagel	Bobby Brown	Scott Nagel
Sportsman S/W	Don Renton	Scott Klingler	Bruce Samual

Rolf Hill



It's tough to be the
**PRESENTER AND a
WINNER.**



Circleville photos courtesy of Rolf Hill

CIRCLEVILLE SHOW RESULTS

Best Unrestored	'62 Blackhawk Arrow; WB-610; Tony Palumbo
Best Rear	'63 Rupp Brand X; MC-9; Romero Llamas
Best S/W	'74 Bug Stinger; MC-91a; JoAnn Hertzig
Best Dual	'60 Bonanza; Dual MC-92s; Scott Klingler
Peoples' Choice	'61 Rupp A-Bone; MC-49; Tom Bowman



SANDY HOOK RAINOUT

This article is going to be short and no pictures. Three days before the event, with the threat of Saturday, the promoter/track with VKA, decided to Work began immediately community and finding a would not conflict with Vintage Enduro events). date available on the venue's Schedule has been updated to show this change.



100% chance of rain on operator in consultation reschedule the event. on notifying the vintage date at the track that any VKA events (or **October 1 & 2** is the only schedule. The VKA

Rolf

SPRINGFIELD BY TOM TAPOCIK

For the eleventh year in a row, the annual “Land of Lincoln Vintage Weekend” was held Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th & May 28th at Mid-State Kart Club (MSKC) in Springfield, IL. With a less than favorable weather forecast looming all week long, attendance was expected to be down. But all told, 50 entries managed to make the trip to MSKC.

Friday morning practice was delayed with a persistent drizzle, but by lunchtime, the skies cleared and the track was opened. The racers had over four hours of practice to get their machines fine-tuned for the Heat races to be held after dinner under the lights.

Dinner was served to the racers at approximately 5:30 p.m. They were treated to their favorite pork chop dinner with butter-corn soup, baked beans and potato salad. If that wasn't enough, they also had cake for desert.

At 6:45, the first of 13 classes took to the track for their Heat races. The action was fast and furious with several wheel-to-wheel races being contested. Unfortunately, at 8:45, halfway through the second round of Heats, rain began to fall again. The rest of the program was postponed until after the Saturday morning Kart Show.

Saturday morning began with the traditional kart show. As the 13 karts began to make their way to the front straight-away for judging, the grey skies turned blue and the true beauty of these finely prepared pieces of racing history were enjoyed by all.

After the show, a short practice was held before the Friday night program was finished. A drivers' meeting was held after the practice, not to tell the racers how to behave on the track, but to present to Mr. Paul Booth a plaque for being the person solely responsible for bringing Vintage Karting to Mid-State Kart Club. If it were not for his time and effort for the first 10 years of this event, it would not have happened.

Once the Friday night program was completed, a brief intermission was held to prepare the starting line-ups. The main events began with a moment of silence on this Memorial Day Weekend for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who are or who have served. The National Anthem followed the moment of silence.

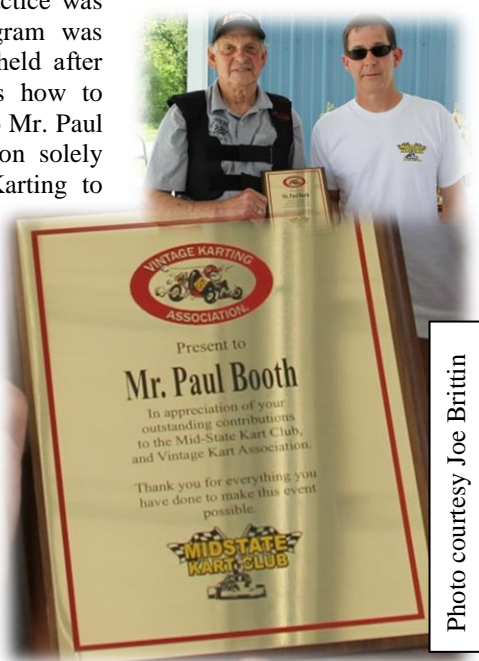


Photo courtesy Joe Brittin

Once the green flag flew on Saturday afternoon, the action became intense. Several of the Features had many laps of wheel-to-wheel action. After the 13 Feature events were contested, all participants, man and machine, survived to race again. All participants were gathered under the pavilion where 50 + door prizes, all the hardware and even cake was served. The racers all seemed to be very appreciative of the efforts of the MSCK for all that was done for the racers. They all left after a great weekend of racing, being told to plan on coming back on Memorial Day weekend of **2017**, to do it all over again, to which all seemed to be in favor.

Tom Tapocik

SPRINGFIELD DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	Winner	Class	Winner
Historic	T.J. Mayberry	80-85 S/W	Dave Doogan
Mac 49	Darren Burge	SW 100cc Foreign	Matt Morgeson
Sportsman Rear	Steve Welte	S/W 135cc Foreign	Kayla Burns
Over-60	Marty Weston	Dual Rear	Jerry Nagel
Yamaha	Kayla Burns	Dual S/W	Jerry Nagel
S/W 6.1	John Houseman	Sportsman S/W	Marty Weston

SPRINGFIELD SHOW RESULTS

REAR

Restored	'63 Ally Kat; MC-91; Shawn Welte
Modified	'63 Ally Kat; WB-820; Steve Wete
Past Champion	'61 Rupp/Dart; MAC-49; Tom Bowman

SIDEWINDER

Unrestored	'72 Morgan; Mc-92; Kirk Gustafson
Restored	'70 Left Hand Bug Stinger; MC-91; Paul Booth
Modified	'80 Margay Expert; Yamaha; Mike Birdsell
Past Champion	'73 Margay Cheetah Mark III; MC-91; Sandy Daniels
Peoples' Choice	'60 Rupp Dual WB-580s; Brian Fengal





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Springfield photos
courtesy of Shawn Welte





TRIVIA BY BILL MCCORNACK (ANSWER ON p. 21)

This vintage karter/current driver and past VKA Board member was one of the guys who started up the national organization of WKA back in the Fall of 1971. Who is he? (Answer on p. 21) *Bill McCornack*

2016 VKA T-SHIRT

The 2016 VKA t-shirt debuted at Riverside. Sales were fantastic. This year it features the VKA logo on the front right as well as a convenient pocket (for your reading glasses) on the front left. Pictured to the right is the graphic on the back. If you want yours, they will be available at future events for \$20. If you can't wait, they are available by mail from Bill Bloodworth (BillBloodworth@gmail.com) or Bill McCornack (bill.mccornack@comcast.net) for \$20 plus postage.



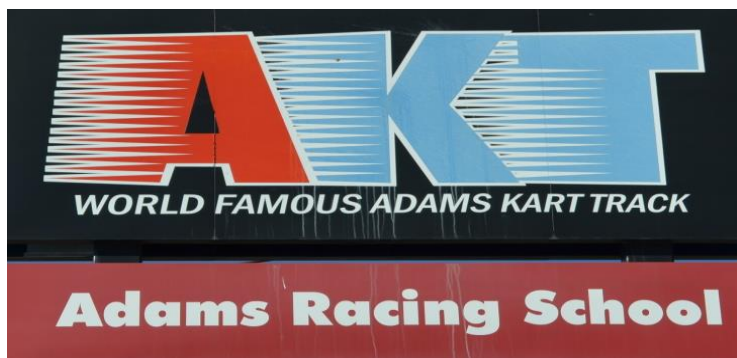
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RIVERSIDE 2017 – PLAN AHEAD

2017 will be the 50th anniversary of the IKF Sprint Grand Nationals at the Adams Kart Track in Riverside, CA. Wouldn't it be fun to re-live that event? As usual, the VKA Riverside event will be the first weekend in February ... the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2017. Mark your calendars now and start developing a plan to get your kart there. I am.



MEMBER MEMORY BY STAN PINTA

EDITOR'S NOTE: I received the following note from Richard Sherer. He attached a four-page summary from Stan Pinta about his life experience. Many of us grew-up in the 50's and 60 and can identify very well. Stan's breadth of experiences is impressive ... not to mention, he is an avid vintage karter!

NOTE FROM RICHARD: The author of this article is our friend, Stan Pinta, from Arcadia, CA. He forgot to mention that his father and grandpa were a tag-team in pro-wrestling during the Rick-The-Bruiser, BoBo Brazil and "Leaping" Larry Shayne era.

Richard Sherer

CONDENSED VERSION OF STAN'S MEMORIES: In the late 50's and early 60's, I had come from an era that was explosive and tumultuous ... the Cold War ... however, my lifestyle as a young boy was in fact very carefree, fun and frolicking. There wasn't the factor of worryment. It was just the lifestyle for a young, curious boy. All you had to worry about was going to school and being associated with your friends. It was a lifestyle that was educational and full of new challenges. A lifestyle that helped a young boy grow into a young man.

We spent hours watching the older boys working on their '57 Chevy, Bel Air, Ford, Dodge, Chrysler, *etc.* in their driveways and front lawns; preparing them for a special event.

My Dad was quite the skilled craftsman. He made many things for the house; from wooden toys,

salad bowls, tables and toys to a barbeque and a treehouse. Dad was an extremely handy working man who prided himself on his diligence and quality. Not only did he work on the docks at Union Oil 76, but had a part-time job at the hardware store. He also went to welding school.

In 1958, Dad welded a frame for my first prototype "go kart" with a Briggs & Stratton. That one was not for racing. Next, he researched what was needed for a racing-type go kart. He sought answers from key people from the time. He researched rules and regulations,



engines and tracks (dirt vs. black-top). The result is pictured above ... with me, as a 10-year old, in the seat.

For me, the period of time from 1965 to 1970 was, without a doubt, a tumultuous period of unrest and confusion. It was the time for the slogan, "make peace and love, not war." A period of time for hatred, a time for compassion, a time (in the beginning) for cheers for those going to Viet Nam and a period of time (later) for divisiveness and "boos" for the, GI returning from Viet Nam.

I grew up in an era when the music was phenomenal. We had Little Richard, Little Anthony and the Imperials, the Platters, Chuck Berry, Martha and the Vandellas, Chubby Checker (and The Twist), Buddy Holly, Elvis, Doo Wop and Rock-n-Roll. This was the age where you would meet the young girl or young lady at the library, malt shop, or movie theater.

I also had quite an appreciation for my Mom. She made a great meat loaf. I remember the summer nights just being with her in the warm evening air of the night; taking in the wonderment of the planets and the stars; just sitting on the porch talking and listening.

She was there for you whether simple things or complicated things. She brought with her a new form for expression and the exchange for ideas. My Mom was half Native American Indian. A truly extraordinary woman, indeed. Between Mom and Dad, I learned to be myself, love and show compassion to all, to know my place, to always be kind, and to always be of value to others and in turn value will come to you.

The United States Navy and Marine Corps trained me in the arts of military warfare and combat. At Coronado Island, I was trained to be a U.D.T. Navy Seal and for P.B.R. gun boats. An extension of this training was the use of a sextant and compass, underwater explosives, land mines, trip wires and the strategies for survival, which came in handy during my tours in Viet Nam in the Mekong River and tributaries. My service was rewarded with several medals including the Navy Cross and the Silver Star ... awarded by LBJ.

I now work with the V.F.W., veterans, their families and assist Chaplains.

Stan Pinta

(In his spare time, Stan is a vintage karter.)

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

At the April 2016 VKA Board Meeting, two of our Members were bestowed Lifetime Member status. Both have made significant contributions to vintage karting and are a big part of our history.



Pearl Gamble:

Started in karting at the ripe-old age of 24 and won six

World Karting Association national titles. At 80, Pearl still is still having a ball out on the track.



Butch Stewart:

In the '60s and '70s, his early career included many National Championships. He worked and drove for Rupp in the early '70s and still can be found at many VKA Events today.

The VKA Board doesn't do this often, but would like to hear from you, if you have the name of a person who has been part of our history and been a significant contributor to vintage karting. You can give the name to any Board Member at the track, send them an email (listed in the VKA website: www.VKAkarting.com), or you can send me an email: KartNumber4@yahoo.com.

EXTENDED MEMBERSHIP

While we are on the topic of "membership," the VKA Board also approved a 36-month membership for **\$95**; a savings of \$10, and the option is available **now**. Even if your 12-month membership still has several months remaining, the EXTENDED Membership will **extend** your current expiration date by 36 months. The EXTENDED Membership will save you money and the hassle of renewing every year. For those who have Associate Members in their household, you will need to renew their membership for three years also at the existing rate (*i.e.*, \$30 for 3 years).

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VINTAGE KART ENDURO – ROEBLING ROAD BY DICK CHAREST



On March 11, 2016, vintage Enduro karters assembled at Roebbling Road Raceway just outside Bloomingdale, Georgia (near Savannah) for a weekend event. This was a WKA National Race, but they had included a class for vintage karts. Friday was a practice day and some vintage karters went out to test and adjust their equipment while others held off for Saturday's practice. The weather was warm and sunny and the track was smooth and fast. Roebbling Road is a 2.02 mile road course with plenty of run-off area if someone was to go off track. This event was the second stop of the WKA Enduro National Series and was very well attended. In fact, it was the largest crowd I have seen at Roebbling Road in quite a few years.

Saturday's weather was very nice and everyone took to the track for morning practice. The vintage Enduro contingent was quite strong. Drivers included Duane Eberhart, Rick Gilmore, Nils Gustafson (all the way from Grants Pass, Oregon), Mark C, Gary Schenkel, Alan Lidke, Terry Armstrong, Dick Charest, Ed Sahagian, Daryl Parks and Jim Farr, Jr. Marc Paine was there working on karts for several drivers and Tony Ellison was very helpful getting Terry Armstrong ready to run. This was Terry's first time out on an Enduro kart and from the smile on his face after the race, he will be back for more. Duane Eberhart finished 1st running a DAP T-80 on his "tiller steer" Bug Enduro kart. Rick Gilmore was 2nd running a B-Bomb on his



Margay Concept Enduro kart. Nils Gustafson made the trip from Oregon worthwhile by finishing 3rd in his B-Bomb powered Margay Enduro kart. Mark D'Elia was 4th running a MC-92 on his Hornet Marauder II Enduro kart. At Roebling Road, the vintage sprint karts are welcome to run with the vintage Enduro karts and Daryl Parks ran his K-78 powered sprint kart in the event.

After the on track events of the day, most of the vintage karters met at Ed Sahagian's shop for an evening of "bench racing". Ed lives only about a mile from the track so it was easy to meet there. We all threw some money in the pot and bought a bunch of pizzas to share. Ed's wife Michelle ordered the pizzas and before you knew it everybody was enjoying pizza along with their preferred adult beverage and talking about how fast they could have been if this or that had not gone wrong. It was a great way to enjoy the camaraderie shared between vintage karters. I kept hearing over and over again the comment that "this is what vintage karting is all about."



Many of the vintage karters took a couple of days off and reassembled at Barnesville for the 10th Annual Vintage Winter Nationals to do the "double" (Roebling Road Enduro and Barnesville Sprint events). Barnesville is another story and I will let someone else tell about that one.¹

All-in-all, the vintage Enduro event at Roebling Road was a great success and we look forward to the vintage Enduro event there on October 1-2, 2016. That event is unique in that one entry fee gets the vintage karters on the track four times during the weekend. We run two, 15-minute races on Saturday and two more 15-minute races on Sunday. (With Ed's shop only a mile away, most problems that may occur on Saturday can be repaired so vintage karters that have a problem on Saturday can run again on Sunday.)

Mark your calendars now and plan to come to Roebling Road on October 1-2 for another great vintage Enduro event.

Dick Charest



¹ See Apr-May issue of **VKA FirsTurn**®
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TRIVIA ANSWER BY BILL MCCORNACK (from p. 14)

The answer is: Pearl Gamble.

IN MEMORY OF ...

Ken Burden- Started his karting on a dirt track in Ohio. He in the top three many times in 16 Grand Nationals. At the 1966 IKF Nationals at Quincy, he was interviewed on ABC's Wide World Of Sports and gave an eloquent explanation of the workings of his Lancer kart. His competitive driving style caught the eye of Bob Jeffrey (Big J) who made the Lancer. Ken and Bob loved flying and would load their karts and tools into one or both of their planes and fly to events. Ken was 89.

Gus Traeder- Born on a farm in Rome, WI, Traeder went to work for Montgomery Ward in 1947 and at age 24 became manager in Quincy. Although heavily involved in fast-pitch softball, in 1957 he was introduced to go karts. From that beginning evolved the TNT Raceway, the Miller Grand Prix, Quincy street racing, televised National Championship on ABC, and the premier vintage karting events at TNT. Gus was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame at Talladega, the Vintage Karting Hall of Fame and the Quincy Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2013. Gus was 90.

(see VKA karting.com FORUM for summaries of thier lifes by FRANK WEIR.)

ASK BILL BY BILL MCCORNACK (from p.6)

Q. [This is not a question about setting up your kart, but it comes up all the time.] Who is in charge at a VKA "listed event"?

A. The short answer is ... the Promoter/Track Owner. VKA is a promotional/guideline organization. VKA does not sanction, insure, or run vintage events. VKA's purpose is to keep the history of these old karts/engines correct in their time-periods and to create a standard that can be used at all vintage events across the country. A promoter may ask for advice or assistance from a Board member at the event, but all final decisions are still the Promoter's/Track Owner's. VKA does expect the "listed event" promoters to follow the VKA *Guidelines* (for the most part) for consistency between events. Any deviations should be announced/highlighted in the event flyer for all to see.

Bill McCornack

2015 RESOURCES FOR VINTAGE KARTERS

Bud, Kirt, or Craig Bennett - RM Motorsports
Remanufactured S/W karts similar to Invader. Fabricating, restoration.
Tel: 248-344-1515 rmmotorsports.com

Jeff Brown – Full Engine Service; Modifying & Rebuilding foreign, WBs and Macs since 1967; Honing, Inertia Dyno Testing jeffbrownvintagekarting.com
Tel: 630-613-5839 Email: invaderjb@gmail.com

John Copeland - Fox Valley Kart - - VKA required 3rd Bearing supports for sidewinders. Also motor mounts and other machined accessories.
Tel: 765-742-0935 Email: John@foxvalleykart.com

Jim Donovan - Max-Torque Ltd. – Clutches for most engines
Tel: 630-369-9600 www.MaxTorque.com

Richie Engel – Clutch & Brake Shoe Relining, McCulloch Engine Repair
Tel: 705-445.5766 Email: rtengel55@hotmail.com

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