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2017 SCHEDULE

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I'M THE VKA BY BILL MCCORNACK

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NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST PUBLICATION:

Perry Archer
Robert Coolidge
Jim Hansen
Mark Llewellyn

2017 Event Schedule

12/27 – 30/16	<i>Daytona*</i>	7/27 – 29	Avon, NY (Tier I & II)
2/2 – 4	Bushnell, FL	8/3 – 5	Port Washington, OH
2/2 – 4	Riverside, CA	8/24 – 26	Camden, OH
3/16 – 18	Barnesville, GA	9/15 & 16	Oreville, PA
4/27 – 29	Circleville, OH	9/16 & 17	MKC MIS AKRA
5/20 & 21	Sandy Hook, MD	9/21–23	Delmar, IA
5/20 & 21	MKC MIS AKRA	10/6 – 8	Cuddebackville, NY
5/25 – 27	Springfield, IL	10/12 - 14	Bakersfield, CA (Tier II)
6/15 – 17	New Castle, IN	11/4 & 5	Atwater, CA (Tier II)
7/6 – 8	Brodhead, WI	11/13 – 15	Saltillo, MS

VKA Sprint Events in BOLD

Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS

* Beginning of 2017 Enduro Season

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

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Contrary to popular belief, Rear 6.1 is alive and well. I may be a bit biased, but I was encouraged to see the number of entries in all the recent events. (I'm not blind, and I still think sidewinders will guide vintage karting for at least the next five years ... then look out! Four-cycles are coming.



Speedy is at it again. He was at a recent VKA event and was upset that they didn't follow the *Guidelines* as far as scoring. Maybe it was a lack of communication, or maybe a "promoter's option," but the lack of consistency at that event was troubling to Speedy and several of the participants. The event did not use the motocross system of scoring like all the other VKA events. Instead, they had ONE Heat and ONE Feature. Speedy noticed that many of the participants were confused. Admittedly, the flyer talked about "Heats" and "Feature, but it said "HeatS" which added to the confusion.

Besides that, Speedy was also heard **complementing** the event for a nice track and well run event with plenty of practice time. He's even thinking about going next year.

Rolf

AUG. BOARD MEETING - SHORT SUMMARY – BILL BLOODWORTH

There are 349 total members, 301 full and 48 associate. The ending July balance is \$16,403.66 which reflects revenue of \$1,210.00 and expenses of \$1,295.35. Donations from 3 past events have not yet been received. Five board members indicated a willingness to serve in 2017. One member deferred to later discussions. Two members were absent. Karl



Ginter intends to vacate his board position, but continue to serve as the Northeast Region coordinator. Therefore, with the current unfilled tenth position, there will be at least two open positions. Three individuals have expressed interest in serving on the board. The secretary should be notified by the end of September by those desiring to serve in 2017. The rules should be available on the website. The rules committee will be assembled by Dean Kossaras following the Iowa event. Proposed changes such as the US-820 class should be submitted in writing to Dean for committee consideration. Bill McCornack stated that, should participation materialize, there is already a structure in place for the West Bend 820 class. Bill McCornack stated that the large number of classes (16) is a burden on the promoters. Inclement weather impacted several events. The Port Washington event was severely impacted by the disappointing lack of participation. The number of events, close scheduling, the younger age of participants and their work commitments impact on available time, and distance were factors discussed during the meeting. It was suggested that some tracks might consider a partnership arrangement with another track where events alternated from year to year between the two tracks. An issue with the lack of photo posting for a recent event will be investigated. Rolf Hill expressed his desire for more coverage from the promoters at events which Rolf doesn't attend.

Bill Bloodworth

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ADKINS SUMMARY & RESULTS BY RICK CHAPMAN

With 2016 being the hottest and driest summer in recorded OHIO history, the Adkins Raceway Park Vintage Karting Event was sure to have a GREAT 1st VKA event. But that turned out to be wrong. This is Ohio. And, despite the weather turning bad (Friday it rained on and off), we had 29 entries to challenge the new track surface and Monza wall. (See picture on next page.)



For the racers who traveled to Port Washington, OH from Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Maryland and Ohio, we had open practice and everyone had a fun time on the greatly improved track.

Saturday started with a rain shower, but it did not last long and we ran two Heats for the day. After practice, Indian Valley Kart Club (IVKC) had a wonderful picnic for everyone of fried chicken, potatoes and a whole bunch of picnic food and a choice of a dozen pies. A FREE raffle was held and many kart parts were won by these racers, and Gary W put up a restored MC-8 that was raffled off in a separate raffle.

Sunday weather was worse and the IVKC called-off the event, so everyone could get on the road early. But, before everyone left, vintage wooden trophies were passed out to the winners of the Saturday races and Tom Bowman won the Peoples' Choice Award with his beautiful Dart Kart (see next page). After a lot of compliments and handshakes, everyone left with prizes and gifts.

Everyone is hoping for a better 2017, and Indian Valley Kart Club is also looking forward to their 2017 Vintage event. We hope to see everyone next year.... when the weather will be much better.

ADKINS DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Junior	Kyle Stropko	-----	-----
Rear 6.1	Rolf Hill	John Mitchel	Romero Llamas
Sportsman Rear	Al Hasenfratz	Romero Llamas	-----
Sportsman S/W	John Fivecoats	-----	-----
Over-60	Jerry Nagel	JoAnn Hertzig	Gary Wlodarsky
Dual S/W	Jeff Snelling	Sandy C. Stropko	Don Axe
S/W 100 Foreign	Brandon Adkins	Sandy C. Stropko	-----
S/W 135 Foreign	Jimmy Gay	Steve Jamison	
80 -85 Sidewinder	Scott Benton	-----	-----
Yamaha	Dean Sauder	Mark Nagel	Ralph Spithaler



ADKINS SHOW RESULTS BY RICK CHAPMAN

REAR

Best Rear	Al Hasenfratz
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SIDEWINDER

Best S/W	Ralph Spithaler
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Best Dual	Butch Stewart
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Peoples' Choice	Tom Bowman →
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Al Hasenfratz ...
oh, and Rick Chapman



Ralph Spithaler



Sandy C. Stropko
&
Butch Stewart



OREVILLE SUMMARY & RESULTS BY KARL GINTER

Late summer breezes and mild evenings were the backdrop for two days of fabulous vintage karting at the fast Oreville, PA master track facility, 16-17 September 2016.

The 2016 **East Coast Nationals** promoter, Barry Greenzweig, and his terrific track staff and crew hosted a first class, very well organized VKA event that attracted 45 entries and over 100 attendees to the freshly-paved, very fast Oreville, PA road course.

All day Friday was a continuous open practice, by class, and included many vintage karting vendors in the pits. Saturday featured a first rate Kart Show with some eye-popping entries, two practice sessions, and a Heat/Feature racing-format for seven separate classes, including Duals and Triples! The Yamaha class garnered 14 entries and 6.1 Rears fielded 11 entries, alone.

The VKA is very fortunate to have this well-organized event on its schedule. There were ZERO incidents across both days, the trophies and awards were top-

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flight, and the wonderful catered chicken dinner was the perfect way to cap-off a delightful weekend of fast times, camaraderie and friendly competition among the vintage karting faithful. Thanks to all who attended, and to those who couldn't make it, be sure to make plans for next year!

Karl Ginter

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Photo by Jim Godown



Photo by Jim Godown

OREVILLE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Rear 6.1	Barry Greenzweig	Carl Haydt	Alex Greenzweig
Rear 8.2	Anthony Pires	Dick Miles	Jon Clark
Dual S/W	Kent Windham	Federico Rotela	-----
S/W 6.1	Karl Ginter	Ralph Alexander	Bob Wood
S/W 8.2	Federico Rotela	Skip Owen	Perry Archer
S/W Straight Axle	Al Peckenpaugh	Jay Fromer	-----
Historic	Bob Lefevre	Dave Luciani	Chris Postiglione
Yamaha	Gary Anthony	Rodrigo DeFrancisco	Skip Owen

OREVILLE SHOW RESULTS BY KARL GINTER

REAR	
Unrestored	'61 Fox Mak Kart; WB-820; Jon Clark
Restored	'61 Putt-Nik Demon; WB-580; Al Postiglione
Modified	'60 Percival Wildcat; WB-580; Audrey Postiglione
Past Champion	'60 Dart Kart; dual MC-10s; Kent Windham
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	'70 Margay Cheetah; MC-92; Jason Fromer
Restored	'73 Meyers Lancer; MC-101aa; Karl Ginter/Skip Owen
Modified	78 Margay Pro X Dual; MC-101b; Bill Shelley
OKC Best of Show	'73 Margay Cheetah Karl Ginter
Peoples' Choice	'73 Meyers Lancer; MC-101aa; Karl Ginter/Skip Owen



Photo by Rolf Hill



Photos by Rolf Hill



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DELMAR SUMMARY BY JIM THOMPSON

We had a great turn out with a total of 84 entries. We also had three days of great weather. A good time was had by all.

Since this was the last race for Bobby Lee (he is retiring after decades of racing karts and making friends), it turned out we had many tributes to him and his 87-year young dad, Dick.

Thursday night we had an impromptu gathering, started by Jeff Brown and attended by over 30 karters who honored Bobby. Many people got up and told their stories of how Bobby was always there to help, and how he beat them. Friday at the Drivers Meeting, the tribute continued. Then Saturday everyone in Bobby's final Heat showed up to the grid with Bobby's famous number 3 on their Kart number panel.

Also, Delmar was the return of Craig Bennett, after his very serious car racing accident, where he won the Single 6.1 American Sidewinder Class. Great job Craig; good to have you back.

One of the surprises of the week end was Shawn Welte driving Jack Canaday's West Bend 580 in the 49 Class, where he finished fourth overall. This was a modified WB-580 that ran with the best Mac 49's.

DELMAR DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	Entries
Junior	Levi Kruger	- - - - -	1 entry
Mac 49	Brian Jacobsen	Rick Magnuson	6 entries
Sportsman Rear	Shawn Moore	Boone Rule	8 entries
Rear 6.1	Scott Klingler	Shawn Welte	2 entries
Rear 8.2	Terry Walters	Scott Nagel	4 entries
Over-60	Marty Weston	Kirk Gustafson	6 entries
S/W 6.1 American	Craig Bennett	Kirt Bennett	12 entries
S/W 8.2 American	Jerry Culp	Curtis Weatherly	2 entries
Sportsman S/W	Vern Bergman	Kirt Bennett	5 entries
80-85 S/W	Troy Cozad	David Fisher	5 entries
S/W 100cc Foreign	Robert Lovins	Bud Bennett	2 entries
S/W 135cc Foreign	Tom Tretow	- - - - -	1 entry
Yamaha Light	Brian Jacobsen	Josh Fisher	9 entries
Yamaha Heavy	Troy Cozad	Jim Ryder	8 entries
Dual Rear	Marc Nagel	Bud Bennett	10 entries
Dual S/W	Dave Romaine	- - - - -	1 entered

We had 17 entries in the Yamaha Class, which we divided with a heavy and light class ... 200 lbs. was the dividing point.

We want to thank the Neilson Family for supplying the track and all the help, in making this great event. Also a **BIG Thank You** to Jim Donovan, Sonny Gerber, Jay Bruninga, Jesse James, Bobby Lee and all those who brought food.

DELMAR INTERESTING FACTS:

Number of entries, by state:

Arizona	1	Michigan	23
Illinois	30	Missouri	2
Indiana	1	Ohio	9
Iowa	3	Wisconsin	15

We will be back next year.

Jim Thompson

DELMAR SHOW RESULTS

REAR

Unrestored	'72 Margay Cheeta; MC-101A; Boone Rule
Restored	'60 Moss; WB-580; Jim Thompson
Modified	'60 GoKart 800; WB-580; Jack Canaday
Past Champion	'62 Rupp Lancer; MC-49; Aaron & Levi Kruger

SIDEWINDER

Unrestored	'73 Margay Cheeta; MC-92; Kirk Gustafson
Restored	'85 Emmick Elite; Komet K30; Dave Sagen
Modified	'85 Emmick Elite; KTM; Brandon Dhuse
BEST OF SHOW	'60 Moss Kart; WB-580; Jim Thompson



Photo by Steve Welte



Boone Rule



Jack Canaday



Kirk Gustafson



Aaron Kruger





Brandon Dhuse



Dave Sagan



Delmar Pictures
courtesy of
Shawn Welte

1967 winners at the IKF Sprint Grand Nationals. Recognize any familiar names? 2017 will be the 50th anniversary of the event at the Adams Kart Track in Riverside, CA. Wouldn't it be fun to relive that event? As usual, the VKA Riverside event will be the first weekend in February ... the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Mark your calendars now and start developing a plan to get your kart there. I am.

The fastest karters in each class were:			ENGINE	KART
Std. Jr.: Jeff Brown	Dearborn, Michigan	33.43	Saetta	Hornet
Std. Light: Rich Gifford	Gardena, Calif.	33.80	Komet	Caretta
Open Heavy: Bob Allman	Lomita, Calif.	34.31	Mc91	I.K.S.
B-Open: Gary Emmick	Mt. View, Calif.	50.87	Mc91's	Dart
B-Std.: Wheeler Gresham	San Jose, Calif.	51.87	Mc	Dart
Open Jr.: Jeff Brown	Dearborn, Mich.	33.50	Saetta	Hornet
Stack Heavy: Walt Meyers	Norwalk, Calif.	54.87	Komet	Hug
Open Light: Dan O'Neill	San Jose, Calif.	53.40	Mc91	Dart
B-Limited: Dave Rollins	El Sobrante, Calif.	53.24	B-Bomb	Dart
C-Open: Butch Stewart	Charlottesville, W. Va.	50.32	W.B.'s	Dart

RIVERSIDE NATIONALS

Bushnell, FL will be the same weekend. What a great venue. Reports are the round scoring tower with snack bar is ready. If you were there this past January, you know the great venue it is (tunnel/overpass and all). We are back again for East Coast Vintage Karting Opening Day.



Photo by Leah Bennett

GUESS THE WEIGHT BY TOM THORIN



Drum roll please ... and the winner is

But wait; first the correct weight was 24.6 pounds.



Congratulations to **Arthur Green** whose guess of 24 pounds was the closest of the 23 guesses ranging from 15.5 to 55 pounds.

I've sent a check to VKA to extend Arthur's VKA membership by 12 months.

Tom Thorin



ASK BILL BY BILL MCCORNACK

I've had the question come up on how to secure the rear axle from moving side-to-side (sidewinder kart pictured). The use of split collars around the bearings is a good way and easy to install. Note both wheel hubs also have a collar on the inside to prevent them moving due to cornering pressures.



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Tel: 248-613-5839 Email: invaderjb@gmail.com

John Copeland - Fox Valley Kart - - VKA required 3rd Bearing supports for sidewinders. Also motor mounts and other machined accessories.

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