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NEW MEMBERS BY BILL BLOODWORTH

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST PUBLICATION:

Boone Rule – Belleville, WI Carey Strubhar – Pine Grove, PA
 Andy Young – Wheaton Aston, UK

2017 SCHEDULE UPDATED BY SCOTT KLINGLER

2017 Event Schedule

<i>12/27 – 30/16</i>	<i>Daytona*</i>	7/21 – 23	VIR
2/2 – 4	Bushnell, FL	7/27 – 29	Avon, NY (Tier I & II)
2/2 – 4	Riverside, CA	8/3 – 5	Port Washington, OH
<i>3/10 – 12</i>	<i>Roebling Rd</i>	8/24 – 26	Camden, OH
3/16 – 18	Barnesville, GA	9/15 & 16	Oreville, PA
4/27 – 29	Circleville, OH	<i>9/15 – 17</i>	<i>Atlanta Motorsports Park</i>
5/20 & 21	Sandy Hook, MD	<i>9/16 & 17</i>	<i>MKC MIS AKRA</i>
<i>5/20 & 21</i>	<i>MKC MIS AKRA</i>	9/21–23	Delmar, IA
5/25 – 27	Springfield, IL	<i>9/30-10/1</i>	<i>Roebling Rd</i>
<i>6/3 & 4</i>	<i>Summit Point</i>	10/6 – 8	Cuddebackville, NY
6/15 – 17	New Castle, IN	10/12 - 14	Bakersfield, CA (Tier II)
<i>6/16 – 18</i>	<i>Mid-Ohio</i>	11/4 & 5	Atwater, CA (Tier II)
7/6 – 8	Brodhead, WI	11/10 – 12	Saltillo, MS ←CHANGE

VKA Sprint Events in BOLD

Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS

* Beginning of 2017 Enduro Season

MKC = Michigan Kart Club MIS = Michigan International Speedway
 AKRA = American Kart Racing Assn. VIR = Virginia International Raceway

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

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year and safe driving out on the track. [Don't forget to get your 2010 (or later) **SNELL APPROVED** helmet for events in 2017.]

Rolf



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SEP. BOARD MEETING - SHORT SUMMARY – BILL BLOODWORTH

There are 351 total members, 303 full and 48 associate. The ending August balance is \$16,356.94 which reflects revenue of \$998 and expenses of \$1,044.72. Prior to the 2017 Riverside event, the donation from Randy Holt's estate will be used to host a dinner honoring Randy. Bill McCornack has notified possible 2017 board candidates of the need to submit a notice of their desire to serve to the secretary by the end of September. There were no objections to the continued use of the bulk mail process. When submitting pictures for website posting, all related pictures should be contained in a single file. The Snell 2005 helmet certification expires 1-1-2017. Participants must use helmets with later certification dates such as 2010 and 2015. Rolf Hill will include this info in promoter packages. Rolf strongly requested that the board review and approve his wording. Rolf plans to send the upcoming combined October – November magazine to the printer by 18 October. Scott Klingler is working to finalize the 2017 schedule. The number of events makes it difficult to avoid overlap and track availability severely constrains scheduling options. Scott and others would like to see the number of 2018 events limited. Opinions regarding the Midwest region varied from no more than one event per month to one event per year per state. Dean Kossaras is collecting participation data in support of an upcoming rules committee meeting. West Bend and Yamaha class issues are significant topics to be resolved. Scott Klingler reported that there is a significant difference in speed of Yamaha participants and there is a strong desire for a separate class for the slower group. The board approved not to exceed \$400 for advertising VKA dates in Rolf Hill's independent Vintage Karting 2017 calendar. In honor of Carl Weakley's contributions to VKA, the board approved lifetime membership for Carl's daughter, Samantha Weakley Price.



Bill Bloodworth

OCT. BOARD MEETING - SHORT SUMMARY – BILL BLOODWORTH

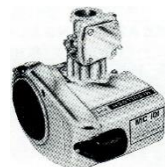
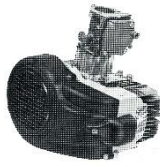
There are 355 total members, 309 full and 46 associate. The ending September balance is \$17,348.94 which reflects revenue of \$992 and no submitted expenses. Payment for weight guess winner Arthur Green's membership renewal has been received from Tom Thorin. For his assistance in maintaining VKA registration in the state of Nevada, the board approved extension of a complimentary 12 month membership for Las Vegas resident Dennis Dzierbick. When the September meeting minutes are finished, Bill Bloodworth will distribute them to board members by email for approval. Bill McCornack reported that there are two director vacancies and two applicants, Joe Swantek and Lynn Haddock. It appears that in 2017, the board will now have a representative from the Southern region, but not one from the Northeast. Scott Klingler reported that the 2017 schedule is nearly complete; two events remain in work, Quincy and Saltillo MS. Scott reiterated his belief that there are too many events and that changes need to be made in 2018. He is collecting participation data from past events. Karl Ginter reported that the Sandy Hook event was rained out again. Four Northeast events are planned for 2017: Cuddebackville, Sandy Hook, Avon, and Oreville. In order to expedite posting of photos to the VKA website, it was reported that Jeff Campbell has requested that a text message be sent to him with an included link to the location of the file which contains the photos. Rolf Hill stated that the upcoming combined October – November issue is full. His goal is to provide the final version to the printer by 18 October. The remaining 17 t-shirts will be shipped from Karl Ginter to Gary Wlodarsky for the final sales push. Delmar show winners will receive their certificates by mail.

Bill Bloodworth

TRIVIA BY BILL MCCORNACK

Q. In the early 1960's McCulloch Corp. was in full swing producing kart engines. However, when hiring assembly line-employees they mostly hired women. Why?

ANSWER on p. 17.



BAKERSFIELD SUMMARY BY CARY THOMAS

West Coast Karters descended on the Bakersfield Kart Track in mid-October for a VKA Sprint Event (Tier II) that included three days of tuning, racing, and showing. Although there was a threat of unseasonal rain, the weather was perfect. Karters came from as far away as San Diego to the south and Oregon to the north, with many familiar faces from the Central Coast and San Joaquin Valley. Special thanks goes out to Rusty Sanders, owner of Bakersfield Kart Racing, as well as Joe Swantek, his brother, Richard, and Richard's wife Theresa, for organizing the Fall Classic.



The Bakersfield track provides a nice setting for a VKA event – family friendly, easy to get to, and with clean amenities. The pits afforded plenty of room for parking and setup. The track itself is ideally suited to vintage karts with 10 turns, elevation changes, and a nice mixture of tight and sweeping turns. It is possible to pass safely given a bit of patience.

Although there were no points to be earned, or trophies up for grabs, the competition was intense (but civilized). Classes represented in the practice laps and demo-heats included: rear singles, sidewinder singles, sidewinder duals, and Yamaha. Racers stormed around the track in spirited completion for three days of FUN!

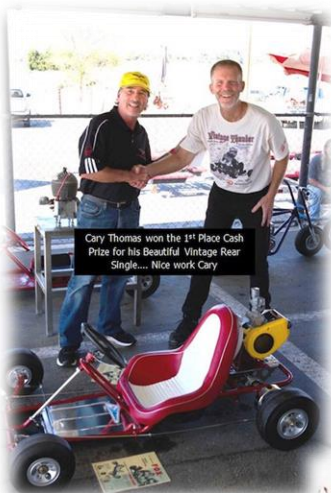
The agenda for Thursday afternoon and all day Friday included practice sessions and getting accustomed to the track for new-comers. Practice continued into Saturday morning, followed by a Drivers Meeting and two sets of Heats. VKA hospitality was exemplified by the catered lunch graciously provided by Joe, Richard, and Theresa. Once the sandwiches, cookies and soft drinks were consumed, the final demonstration Heats were run. In each class there were hotly contested Heats, demonstrating the competitiveness of the Karts and drivers.

Saturday afternoon was reserved for judging. Three judges examined the nine Karts, two mini-bikes, and assorted VKA memorabilia. There were cash prizes for: rear single, sidewinder, Yamaha, open, and best unrestored survivor. The winners were:

Rear Single	Cary Thomas	Fox
Sidewinder	Jerry Van Deusen	Vintage Piuma Techno
Yamaha	Steve Wigginton	Vintage 77 RC Yamaha
Survivor	Jack Murray	Unrestored Fox
Minibike	John Woods	Vintage Taco 22 Minibike

The three-day event was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. A few newcomers were overheard to say, "Vintage Karting people are really welcoming and nice!" Bakersfield will provide a good platform for the next Southern California event to be held in Riverside in February at the Adams Kart Track.

Cary Thomas



Cary Thomas won the 1st Place Cash Prize for his Beautiful Vintage Rear Single.... Nice work Cary



Jerry Van Dessen won a 1st Place Cash Prize for his Beautiful Vintage Pluma Techno. Nice work Jerry



Jack Murray won a 1st Place Cash Prize for his Beautiful Vintage Fox Kart Survivor - Nice work Jack



John Woods won the 1st Place Cash Prize for his Beautiful Vintage Taco 22 Mini Bike. Nice work John



Steve Wigginton won the 1st Place Cash Prize for his Beautiful Vintage 77 RC Yamaha. Nice work Steve



**SNELL RATED HELMETS – 2010 OR LATER –
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[Reprinted from April 2015 VKA FIRSTTURN®]

In the photos, below, you can see “we’ve come a long way, baby;” from a Bell, bubble shield helmet from the early ‘60s to a HJC, full-face from 2007.



(Editor’s Note: Although BOTH are “safety orange,” that is NOT a SNELL requirement to ensure safety, but personally, it sure makes it easier to spot on the track. 🏆)

Also, note that the certification and date can be found under the padding, which on mine was snapped in with plastic snaps ... easy to remove and replace.



NOTE: THIS HELMET IS 2005 AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN 2017, BUT YOU CAN EXPECT THE SAME PAINT JOB!

BUSHNELL & RIVERSIDE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

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	53.43	Saetta	Hornet
Std. Light: Rich Gifford	Gardena, Calif.	53.80	Komet	Carella
Open Heavy: Bob Allman	Lomita, Calif.	54.31	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	Me	Dart
Open Jr.: Jeff Brown	Dearborn, Mich.	53.50	Saetta	Hornet
Stock Heavy: Walt Meyers	Norwalk, Calif.	54.87	Komet	Bug
Open Light: Dan O'Neill	San Jose, Calif.	53.40	Mc91	Dart
B-Limited: Dave Rollins	El Sobrante, Calif.	53.26	B-Bomb	Dart
C-Open: Butch Stewart	Charlottesville, W. Va.	50.22	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

EIGHT-YEAR NEW BREED PROJECT – DICK TEAL

I found out about vintage karting in late summer of 2007. One of the first things I did was to advertise in the Wisconsin Farm Journal. One of the calls I got was about a kart hanging on a wall in a barn about 100 miles from me. I called back and found that I couldn't see the kart because snow had blocked the door. This went on and on with other problems that included a death; I finally bought the kart in early summer of 2008. I was looking for Fox karts, but decided that a Margay New Breed was worth buying. Why would the Fox guy buy a New Breed?



I bought the kart not knowing for sure what I had. Once I knew what it was I decided to restore it for two reasons. I had won the Worlds Championship in snowmobiles by using a Margay gearbox with dual West Bend 820 engines in 1965 and thought that this was

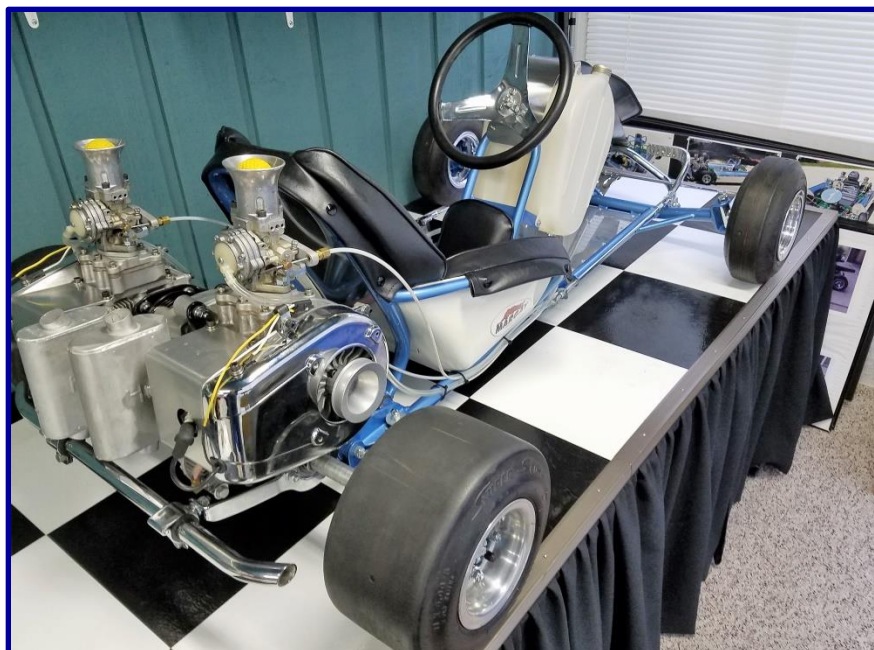
a good reason to keep the kart. The second reason was that the kart was built in Milwaukee by the former King Kart Company and I passed the advertising sign every time I drove to the airport in the late 60's.

The restoration was pretty straight forward on the frame but as usual the hard parts weren't available. I found and restored a single gearbox and completed the project and took it to TBO and won a Biggie award in 2009.



Over the next 7 years I slowly accumulated the difficult to find dual gearbox and the correct mounts for the West Bend engines. The engine, gearbox and mounts projects were presented in earlier magazine articles. The engines are correct for the era. They have NOS Wiesco 9-port pistons, Dick Collier port design, GEM V-12 intake manifolds and HR carburetors. The clutches are Hortsman Rev-Grips and the exhausts also are Hortsman. The kart will be run once or twice to get it broke in and then I will take it back to TBO next year if everything goes well.

Dick Teal



2017 **GUIDELINE CHANGES** BY DEAN KOSSARAS

On November 13, 2016, the VKA Board approved the following changes to the 2017 Guidelines:

General:

Only 2010 or later Snell approved helmets are allowed for 2017 events.

VKA has extended the timeline for karts thru 1987.

Evinco Blue tires have been added to the list of approved tires for sidewinders.

The promoter may split classes in to LIGHT and HEAVY when the number of entries justify the split. Drivers whose street weight at registration is 190 pounds or more may be placed in the HEAVY division.

Class Guidelines:

Class 2: Junior (ages 10-15) and Women: Junior engines raised to 6.1 c.i. (100cc). West Bend 820 added. Any intake allowed, but WB must use V-Reed or Go Power, 4 or 6 pedal cage. Yamaha KT100 engine added. May be used with WA55 Walbro carb, dry clutch, “limited” exhaust system and vintage tires. (See Yamaha Limited Class for pipe requirements.)

Class 7 (Dual Rear; B- & C- Open): B-Open added and to be run in concert with C-Open and scored separately. American or Foreign engines, 12.2 c.i. (200 cc) max, dry clutch, box mufflers, #35 chain, and vintage tires.

Class 8, 9 10, 11, 12 & 15: Max kart width of 48 inches.

Class 14, 16 & 17: Max kart width of 50 inches.

Class 15: Added **West Bend Only** to this Class to be run in concert with Sportsman S/W, but scored separately. Stock appearing West Bend 820 with stock bore and stroke (fan cooled), box muffler, small, single West Bend factory manifold and V4 reed cage with a 1: max throttle bore, HL carb, modern style tires, pre-1980 sidewinder with 1” axle, OEM Max-Torque dry clutch with no add-ons. For drivers 16 years or older.

For the complete 2017 *Guidelines*, see www.VKAkarting.com.

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TRIVIA ANSWER BY BILL McCORNACK (from p.4)

A. Karting being mostly men and so popular at the time, the company was concerned that men would steal parts for their engines.



INTERNATIONAL VINTAGE KARTING BY ROLF HILL

Next time you hit the lottery, or just want to take a vintage karting trip to another country, below is a listing of some of the upcoming vintage karting events:

Date	Event	Location	Footnote
2/25/17	RetroRacer Historic Kart race series presentation evening	Kenilworth, UK.	1, 2, 4
2/24-26/17	International Historic Motorsports Show	Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, England	1, 2, 4
3/17-19/17	New Zealand Kart Prix	KS Hawke's Bay	3
4/8 & 9/17	RetroRacer 2017	Fulbeck, England	1, 2, 4
5/6 & 7/17	RetroRacer 2017	Hooton, England	1, 2, 4
5/19-21/17	Coppa dei Campioni	Jesolo, Italy	5
6/24&25/17	RetroRacer 2017	Red Lodge, Eng.	1, 2, 4
7/21-23/17	Silverstone Classic	Northampton UK	1, 2, 4
7/29&30/17	RetroRacer 2017	Llandow, England	1, 2, 4
8/11-13/17	Australian Vintage Kart Prix	Willow Bank Raceway, Ipswich, Queensland, Aus.	6
8/12/17	60 th Anniversary	San Palo, Brazil	7
8/26-27	Global Cup	Lydd, England	1, 2, 4
9/16&17/17	RetroRacer 2017	Rowrah, England	1, 2, 4
10/21&22	RetroRacer 2017	Tattershall, Eng.	1, 2, 4

Footnotes:

- ¹. www.retroracer-hks.com
- ². www.RaceRetro.com
- ³. www.vknz.co.nz
- ⁴. www.britishhistorickartclub.com
- ⁵. www.pista-azzurra.com/eng/
- ⁶. www.VintageKartPrix.com
- ⁷. www.facebook.com/abkarth.karts.historicos

2016 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: 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.

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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Shop Tel: 805-541-4310 Cell Tele: 805-305-2074

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Charles Groetke - Vintage frame repair & parts, stripping and re-plating

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Nils Gustafson - Reproduction vintage tires

Tel: 541-471-7212 www.VintageSpeedTires.com

Ken Head – KRH Engineering – Restore/sale of Sprint/Enduro Vintage Karts.

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Tim Hinson – Dealer for Azusa, RVL Tuned Exhaust, USMP West Bend; 510, 580, 700 NOS & used parts; restoration/rebuild of karts and WB & PP.

Tel: 661-253-9000, CatKart@gmail.com; www.CatKartRacing.com

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Jim Perry - CKT Racing Engines, Inc.- - Full-time, full-service Kart shop; Frame/Axle straightening; In-house Dyno – Red Line Oil; Gas; Alky.

Tel: 630-513-5857 Email: CKTracing@sbcglobal.net

Al Postiglione - Reproduction "Vintage Kart and Engine Stickers." Please email inquiries about current offerings/availability to: Email: apost@optonline.net

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Ed Sahagian - Line boring, blueprinting, head surfacing, helicoiling & prototyping
Tel: 912-330-9120

Lake Speed – B Bomb Engines – Parts –Buy & Sell – Service & Repair
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Dick Teal – Reproduction Fox pedals - floor pans - throttle arms – etc.
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covers; some stuffers/manifolds. 818-938-9066 Email: tthorin@socal.rr.com

Samantha Weakley (Price) - Early 70's Margay Cheetah reproduction seats
Tel: 618-792-8438 Email: SpeedyChic@aol.com

Scott Wigginton - ASW R&D Machining, 3535 Victor St., Santa Clara, CA 95054;
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Riverside

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