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2013 VKA TOUR EVENTS & OTHER VINTAGE EVENTS					
1/24 – 26	Jacksonville, FL	\checkmark	7/26 - 28	Avon, NY (non-VKA) ✓	
1/31 – 2/1-2	Riverside, CA	\checkmark	8/8 – 10	Circleville, OH	\checkmark
3/14 – 16	Barnesville, GA	\checkmark	8/31 - 9/1	Rock Island GP	\checkmark
4/26 – 28	Whiteland, IN	\checkmark	9/6 – 8	Quincy, IL/MO	\checkmark
5/9 – 11	Camden, OH	\checkmark	9/13 – 15	MKC at MIS	\checkmark
5/17 – 19	DKC Gratten, MI	\checkmark	9/26 29	Alton, VA (CANCEL	LED)
5/24 – 25	Springfield, IL	\checkmark	9/27 – 28	Delmar, IA	\checkmark
6/13 – 15	New Castle, IN	\checkmark	9/28 - 29	Savannah, GA	\checkmark
6/7 – 9	DKC Mid-Ohio	\checkmark	10/11 – 13	13 Cuddebackville, NY	
7/11-13	Brodhead, WI	\checkmark	11/2 – 3	Atwater, CA	

VKA Events are BOLD DKC = Dart Kart Club MIS = Mich. Int'l. Raceway Italics indicates vintage enduro event MKC = Michigan Kart Club
TBO = The [R.E.A.R.] Big One

Please check the official schedule posted on the VKA web site for any last minute corrections (<u>www.VKAkarting.com</u>).

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Quincy 2013 is in the books and will remain in the memory of those who attended. It was a fitting tribute to the two VKA Members we recently lost: Bob Lapke and Carl Weakly. In addition to recognizing their families at a Welcome Party Friday night, that included memories and pictures of Bob's and Carl's karting days, the new Quincy Mayor, Kyle Moore, presented the family members with Keys to the City.

The tribute concluded on Saturday with the singing of the National Anthem by Megan Peters and a moving bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace by Cleve Barkley. A display of karts driven by Bob and Carl and the "Last Lap" which was driven clockwise around the track by Bob's life-long karting buddy, Paul Corcoran and Carl's daughter, Samantha (Weakley) Price were also quite moving. It was apparent to me, that pretty much everyone had a "lump in their throat," or "something in their eye" as the karts made their "Last Lap."







As is customary at Quincy, a notable karting personality was also recognized. This year's honor went to Ken "King" Burden of Waynesfield, OH. The karting "great" of the '60s and '70s was also present a Key to the City along with a video of his karting history which included a clip of his Wide World of Sports



interview with Jim McKay at the 1966 National Championships.

Although attendance was down this year (67 entries), the fun that Gus and Terry put together was as "high" as ever. Great weather (especially if you like it hot) was on the schedule for Friday and Saturday. Some clouds rolled in Sunday morning and cooled

things off, but did not drop any rain on the track. The Kart Show had many fine entries (see www.VKAkarting.com). Unfortunately, there were still many fine karts STILL IN THE PITS! Saturday's buffet was plentiful and delicious: pulled pork and beef brisket (and all the fixin's) were on the menu and, along with the COLD beverages, they sure hit the spot after a busy day racing.

Two Heats for everyone on Saturday were followed by one Heat on Sunday. Everyone was on the road by 2PM. (I hate to sound like a broken record, but since this is the *Editor's Comments*, here goes: by scheduling two Heats on the first day of an event (and combining Classes), all participants are more likely to get on the road home much earlier than an event where two Heats are held on the second day of the event (and less than 3 or 4 karts are in one Heat).

Oh, the First Place winners walked away with a fine bottle of wine from the Pruett Vineyards in Northern California. (Scott Pruett started racing go karts at the age of eight. He went on to many national titles in karting as well as NASCAR, Champ Car, IMSA, Trans-Am and Grand-Am.)

**Roff Hill - #4*

AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - SHORT SUMMARY

A resolution to change the signees on the VKA Bank Account was approved by the Board. The President will prepare a Letter of Statement Regarding VKA Historical Designated Signing Authority. Jack Murray will be the keeper of historical magazines donated by Carl Billington and Rolf Hill will maintain the archive of VKA publications; both previously held by Carl Weekley. Bill McCornack will make arrangements with Brad Fultz to make the transfer at Quincy. Membership is currently at 315. The Board voted to raise annual regular and foreign memberships by \$5 starting 1/1/14. Use of the "Promoters Option" at Circleville was discussed. The number of VKA Events was also discussed; there were comments regarding the total number and the number in each state. Promoters for 2014 will need to provide their dates to the new Executive Director no later than 11/30/13. Pearl Gamble was installed as Interim Executive Director, effective 9/1/13. Trophies were provided to Kart Show winners at Circleville.

The balance as of 8/31/13 is \$11,417.90.



SAFETY TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS

A recent observation at a VKA Event highlighted the need to focus on meeting <u>all</u> the established safety practices. <u>One vintage kart did not have a chain guard!</u> The safety of the driver and other participants is compromised by the lack of a chain guard. Safety tech personnel and participants should be sure all karts have all the necessary safety equipment before operating their kart at a VKA event.

NOTICE: The VKA Safety Committee and the VKA Board will be considering rule changes including chain guards, 3rd bearing supports and other issues. If you have a change for the VKA Guidelines, please submit your request to Dean Kossaras at Amstar@ameritech.net no later than November 1, **Dean Kossaras, Safety Committee Chairman**

HELP US OUT!

The Staff of *FIRSTURN*[©] would like to make a special request for Members' input, to share the wealth of their expertise with all readers. We would love to include your Technical Article or a Member's History ... a short story about a Member's karting life or karting experience. You can write it yourself, or we can help you. Find me at the track or email me at: KartNumber4@yahoo.com.

KARTING TRIVIA

KARTING TRIVIA: Do you recognize these Vintage Karting luminaries? Who are they?

Answer on p. 15

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QUINCY RACE RESULTS

Class	1^{st}	2 nd	3^{rd}
SportsmanHistoric	Jerry Nagel	Larry Caswell	Pearl Gamble
Stock Appearing	Sandy Daniels	Tom Day	Paul Booth
Rear 8.2	Scott Nagel	Pete Williams	Jim Thompson
Rear 6.1	Bobby Lee	Rolf Hill	Blake Fultz
Dual American	Terry Traeder	Marc Nagel	Jerry Nagel
80-85 Sidewinder	J.T. Miles	Roy Cozad	Bill McCornack
SW Foreign 6.1	Lake Speed, Jr.	David Fisher	Samantha Price
SW American 6.1	Bobby Lee	Bob Noel	Scott Nagel
MAC 49	Steve Welte	Pam LeMay	Lyle Caswell
Saw Class	Dick Teal		
SW Foreign 8.2	Matt Morgeson	Steve Jamison	
SW American 8.2	Jerry Culp	Tom Tretow	Vernon Bergman
Over-60	Terry Walters	Richard Sharer	Tom Day
Dual Foreign	Hal Orndorff	Lake Speed, Sr.	Lake Speed, Jr.

QUINCY SHOW RESULTS

Rear Unrestored	'61 SAE, Mc-45, Roonie Brookman	
Rear Restored	'70 Blackhawk,Poison Arrow,Mc-49, Mike Morraill, Sr.	
Rear Modified	?? King, Twin Mc-101s, Jerry Nagel	
Rear Past Winner	'60 Gopher, Jim Thompson, Cedar Rapids, IA	
S/W Restored	'74 Margay, Concept, B-Bomb K-99s, Dave Fisher	
S/W Modified	'74 Emmick, Komet K-88s, Kelly West	
S/W Past Winner	'80 Margay Expert, Yamaha KT100, Bill McCornack	
Peoples' Choice	~'60 Unk frame, Power Products 1000, John Copeland	



QUINCY PICTURES









DELMAR

If you haven't been, you gotta go! The pictures and the videos from previous events **do not** do this track justice. Just about the most thrilling, challenging, fun karting experience I've ever had! WOW!! Driving home, I **knew** it was a different track. Both hands and both wrists were sore ... from hanging-on to the steering wheel. Seriously! Fish, tenderloin, sausage, Chilli and 66 entrants about says it all. I wish I had more time and more space, but gotta go to press. (Delmar pictures on p.13.)

DELMAR RACE RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3^{rd}
S/W Under 6.1	Bobby Lee	Don Renton	Gary Young
Juniors	Autumn Nagel	Jack Daniels	Kaylee Nagel
Stock Appearing	Bobby Lee	Jim Ryder	Trevor Brookman
'79 & Older - SW	Josh Fisher	Kevin Rice	
'80-'85 - SW	Troy Cozac	Drew Fisher	
MAC-49	Jeff Hoff	Lyle Caswell	Steve Welte
Sportsman/Historic	Lyle Caswell	Richard Hoff	Mike Hoff
Rear 6.1	Kevin Rice	Scott Klingler	Terry Walters
Dual American	Scott Nagel	Jeff Campbell	Marc Nagel
8.2 Sidewinder	Tom Tretow	Chris Daniel	Jerry Nagel
8.2 Rear	Kevin Rice	Ron Brookman	Jim Thompson

DELMAR SHOW RESULTS

Rear Unrestored	Manco, with MC-250 saw; Gary Young
Rear Restored	'59 Sprint Kart; Dual WB; Jack Canaday
Rear Modified	'68 Bug Sprint; MC-49; Shawn Welte
Rear Past Winner	'60 Gopher; Clinton E-65; Jim Thompson
Peoples' Choice	'59 Sprint Kart' Dual WB; Jack Canaday



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1964 BY DICK CHAREST

1964 was a good year. "Why?" you ask. Well here are a few facts from 1964.

John Surtees won the Formula 1 World Championship driving a Ferrari. Graham Hill finished second driving a BRM and Jimmy Clark finished third driving a Lotus. I was fortunate enough to go to Watkins Glenn with a friend that October and see the Formula 1 race there. Graham Hill won that race and I got to see Jimmy Clark drive. Ferrari also won the Constructor's Championship.

Jean (John) Guichet and Nino Vaccarella won the LeMans 24 hour endurance race driving a Ferrari 275P.

A.J. Foyt won the Indy 500 driving the very last front engine Offy powered roadster to win the 500. Next year Jim Clark won in a rear engine Lotus and since that race, rear engine cars have won all the subsequent 500s. A.J. Foyt also won the USAC Champ Car season championship.

Richard Petty won the Daytona 500 and he also won the NASCAR championship.

Why all this focus on racing? Well, as Steve McQueen said in the movie LeMans, "Racing is life. Everything before and after is just waiting."

And while all this "big time" racing was going on, karting was expanding rapidly. Tracks were popping up all over the place and many manufacturers were building karts. One of those manufacturers was the Bentas Brothers of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. They built the Kavalla karts which were pretty good performers at kart races in the Northeast during the early 60's.

The kart in the [CENTERFOLD] is a 1964 Kavalla K-40 kart. When I restored the kart I researched the Kavalla karts and copied the upholstery pattern from a Kavalla kart advertisement of the period. Gary Wlodarsky also helped me out by trading me a correct Kavalla kart fiberglass Nassau panel for a generic one that I had. The kart has a "period correct" 1964 McCulloch MC-45 engine. 1964 was the only year McCulloch built the MC-45.

The vehicle in the photo is a 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside pick-up truck. Chevrolet built the Corvair Rampside pick-up truck from 1961 to 1964. During that time period, they produced 17,786 Rampsides with production steadily decreasing from 10,787 units in 1961 to only 851 units in 1964. The Rampside in the photo has the standard rear mounted horizontally opposed air cooled six

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cylinder engine. This truck also has an automatic transmission operated by a lever on the dash. Most Rampsides had manual transmissions so this vehicle is pretty rare. Since the driver sits in front of the front axle, this vehicle is referred to as a "forward control" by Corvair enthusiasts. Chevrolet also made Corvair vans with the same "forward control" arrangement. By the way, the truck is an absolute blast to drive. Driving it on various Corvair club outings, we get a lot of "thumbs up" as other vehicles go by.

And now for two truly insignificant facts about 1964, I graduated from High School and started college that year. On a more interesting note, my kart racing activity that year involved running a Go-Kart 800 with a modified MC-6. Gosh, I sure wish I had that old kart and engine today.

Dick Charest

DELMAR PICTURES



MEMBER MEMORY BY GARY ALBERTSON

I received another letter from Gary Albertson from California. I enjoy hearing the history in his "first-hand" format ... hand-written. Here's what he sent:

Dear Sir,

I am giving you a write-up on the 1961 Nationals at Mansfield, OH, Dart Speedway, August 17 - 20, 1961.

Duffy Livingstone and Chuck Balsiger were both at the previous Nationals in C-Super Class. Livingstone came out on top with Balsiger second. This was the finale as everyone in the bleachers gave them a standing ovation.

Now let's get back to the 1961 Nationals at Mansfield, OH. The new MC-20 had been released earlier in the year. Everyone was wondering if these new Mac's would out-do the other karts in A-Super and B-Super Classes.

Balsiger built a beautiful new kart using the same (famous) 250cc Yamaha mill the previous year. Many people had gathered around to look at this beautiful machine. He failed to finish in the final running.

Livingstone was there, but not with his water-cooled Konig. They outlawed water-cooled engines in September 1960. So Duffy ran an 800 chassis with triple Mac's.

Here are the winners:

A-STANDARD: LOU BILLO, DART KART, MC-6

A-SUPER: ?

B-STANDARD: CHUCK FLORIAN, DART. DUAL PP
B-SUPER: PETE BERLET, DART, DUAL MC-10s
C-STANDARD: ERNIE MCGLONE, DART, DUAL PP
C-SUPER: JAMES ROSE, DART, TRIPLE MC-10s

Gary Albertson

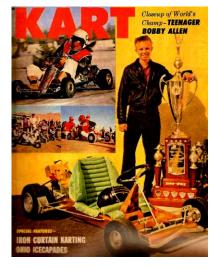
BAHAMAS SPEED WEEK UPDATE

Since last month, the promoters of the karting part of Speed Week have learned several Europeans are coming. The owner, Dominico Paterlini, of the famous Rathmann Exterminator that 17 year old Bobby Allen drove to victory in 1961 will be there.

Harm Schurman is coming with his 1968 Dart Kart with dual MC-101s.

Longino Volpato from Italy is bringing his Greyhound DAP T-75 engine.

Germans and other Italians are committed to going. Details are still being worked-out for USA karts, but we



have been told shipping from Florida is free. We are still trying to confirm a shipper, a date and crate requirements. The Breezes, an all-inclusive resort, is offering \$100 per night rooms. Contact Andy Young (andy@barlotti.co.uk) if you are interested.

*Rolf Hill - #4

KARTING TRIVIA - ANSWER

Trivia Answer:

Jay Bruninga, Richard Sharer and Rolf Hill

THANK YOU!

In the August *FIRSTURN*[©] we announced we would be taking Team Photos at Quincy. As you may have noticed, the first Team Photo was in <u>last</u> month's *FIRSTURN*[©]. But, at Quincy, not only did I get a picture of "the other orange team" (featured below), but I got three other teams. So look for them all in future editions.



VINTAGE KARTING TEAM OF THE MONTH

TEAM NAME: □ Masters of Disasters, aka,

☐ Hindenburg Ground Crew, aka,

☐ Custer's Tactical Planners, or

☐ The Other Orange Team

... the choice is yours.



Left to right: John Copeland, Dick Lee, Bobby Lee, Jerry Culp, Sonny Gerber

MKC ENDURO RESULTS BY RICK CHAPMAN

On the weekend of September13-15, Michigan Kart Club (MKC) put on their annual event at the Michigan International Speedway (MIS). The weekend weather was cool and a forecast for rain was predicted for Sunday. But, thank goodness, we only saw a short shower on Sunday afternoon.

There were seven Vintage Enduros entered on Saturday, and six on Sunday, so our group was not the smallest class. And, as many racers will tell you, we were one of the most exciting races all weekend.

Saturday, from **Green Flag** to **Checkered Flag**, John Copeland (Fox Valley Karting) in his Komet Powered Coyote, was a rocket. John set the bar and we all chased him for the entire 30 minutes. Finishing 2nd was Rick Chapman driving his Atlas Powered Hornet Wishbone, 3rd was Keelie Fritz-Mann in her Elite/Yamaha enduro, and Don Axle finished 4th The race was fun.... but, Sunday would be a day we all won't forget.

Sunday, Colm O'Higgins and John Copeland, took out of pit lane and set a blistering pace from the wave of the Green Flag. Shortly after the start, Colm's clutch went south and that gave John the opening to distance the rest of the field from himself. But, the real race was in the rear of the pack where for 30 minutes Keelie, Colm, Rick and Matt Hicks, jockeyed for position through every turn and straight away. Each lap saw a different leader and all four would run very close together through the infield where they would catch Colm.

At the end of the 30 minute race, John Copeland was the winner, Colm drove his Hartman/T-80 enduro to 2nd, Keelie took 3rd and Rick finished 4th – running out of fuel in the track exit lane.

After each days of racing, Monique Chapman had the grill going, and tables set up, and every Vintage racer was invited to have lunch and reminisced about the race. She does this at ever event we go to and it has added to the Vintage group getting closer and having more fun. After all, that's what it's all about.

Many modern racers approached us with congratulations for an awesome, close race and many said it was the best of the weekend.

We want to thank Ron Taylor, Bill Anderson and the entire MKC for an awesome weekend of racing and every Vintage racer is looking forward to 2014 to return to this awesome facility... Rick Chapman

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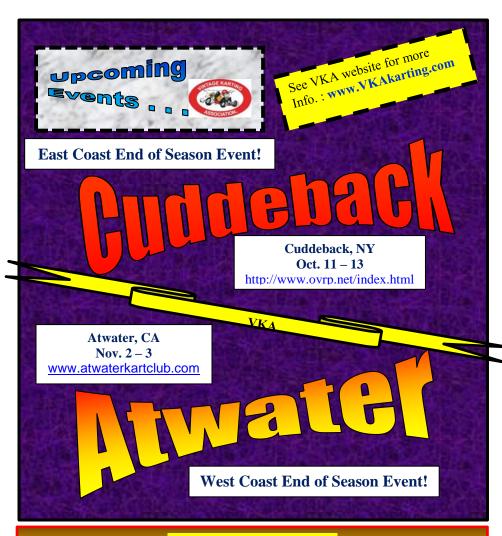
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