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## IN THIS ISSUE

Enduro at VIR – “Clutch Saving Device” – More “TBT” – and more.

## VKA EVENTS & TBO

1/23 – 25	Jacksonville, FL	✓	5/23 & 24	Springfield, IL	✓	9/11 – 13	Quincy, IL/MO
1/30 – 2/1	Riverside, CA	✓	6/12 – 14	New Castle, IN	✓	9/12 – 14	MKC at MIS
2/8 – 9	SKC Roebling Rd	✓	7/10 - 12	Brodhead, WI	✓	9/26 – 27	Delmar, IA
3/27 – 29	Barnesville, GA	✓	7/12 – 13	CES Grattan	✓	10/4 & 5	SKC Roebling Rd.
4/10 – 12	Circleville, OH	✓	7/25 – 27	WKC VIR	✓	10/10 – 12	Cuddebackville, NY
4/26 – 27	WKC NCCAR	✓	7/31 – 8/2	Camden, OH	✓	10/11 – 12	WKC Summit Pt.
5/2 & 3	Whiteland, IN	✓	9/5 – 7	WKC Summit Pt.	✓	11/1 & 2	Atwater, CA

**Bold** = VKA Event *Italics* = vintage enduro event VIR = VA Intl. Raceway CES = Championship Enduro Series

SKC = Southern Kart Club MKC= Michigan Kart Club WKC = Woodbridge Kart Club

**The Dart Kart Club (DKC), promoter of enduro races at Mid-Ohio and Grattan, has removed the Vintage Karts from their programs at both tracks.** Check the official schedule posted on the VKA web site for any last minute corrections.

## EDITOR’S COMMENTS (SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO KARTNUMBER4@YAHOO.COM)

The VKA Board is preparing a survey of members. Everyone’s input is essential in order for the Board to assess the results. We’ve all heard the phrase, “the squeaky wheel gets the grease.” We all need to be “the squeaky wheel;” “Silence is not golden” in this case. We’ve also heard, “put up or shut up.” So, please, when you get the survey, speak-up.

The survey will seek members’ opinions on the number of events (especially in the Mid-West), your favorite and least favorite tracks, the locations of new events (especially on the West Coast and the East Coast), and other issues.

You will receive the survey in the mail with a return envelope with postage. It is very important that you respond quickly. The Executive Director will need the results when he develops the 2015 VKA Schedule. Ideally, the 2015 VKA Schedule needs to be published (that’s where I come in) no later than the December **VKA FIRSTURN®**, and if all possible in the November **VKA FIRSTURN®**. The bottom line is your survey needs to be returned as soon as you get it.

If you don’t get involved with the survey, your opinions can’t be taken into consideration.

Rolf

## JULY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Brodhead results were discussed. (See July **VKA FIRSTURN®**.) There are reports of requiring a “special pipe” for the Yamaha Class, and most participants in that class appearing to be against such a requirement. A bigger carburetor is also available, but a simple “no go” check can be performed. There are 313 members. Comments regarding “other tires” for the Sidewinder Classes are being

received. Other options are being reviewed. Each member will be receiving a survey regarding *VKA Guidelines* [see Editor's Comments, above.] Kart Show judging is running smoothly. Riverside 2015 has been set for February 5 – 7, 2015. There has been no feedback from members on support for Mid-West Coordinator position. Enduro racing has been slow due to the elimination of Mid-Ohio this year. VKA should be listed as "additional insured" whenever possible.

Balance as of 6/30/14 was \$10,457.90.

## ENDURO AT VIR BY RICK CHAPMAN

The Woodbridge Kart Club hosted the July Enduro Event, at the Historic Virginia International Raceway, on the North Course. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas and rain cancelled the Saturday part of the event.

Sunday was another story and the weather was favorable for racing.

These beautiful Vintage Enduros took to the track in the **Unlimited Class** and put on a real show, turning the equivalent times as many modern kart.

At the end of the ½-hour, Gary Schankel crossed the Finish Line first, setting a blistering pace for the entire 30 minutes.

- 1 - Gary Schenkel
- 2 - Fiona Collins
- 3 - Robbie Harper
- 4 - Rick Gilmore
- 5 - Dick Charest
- 6 - Tracey lindeman
- 7 - Randy Gilmore
- 8 - Rodney Garrison
- 9 - Dwain Parks



Our Congratulations to all Vintage Enduro Racers. *Rick Chapman*

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←Two beautifully restored Margay Enduros.



Rick Gilmore on the track.

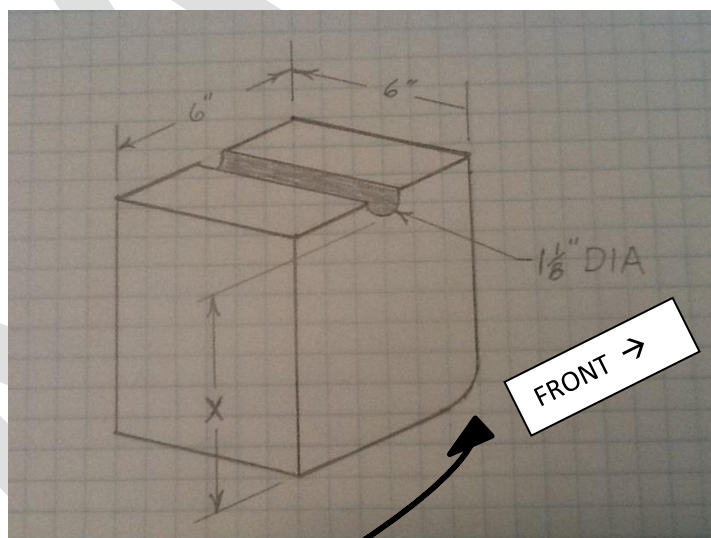
A MUST for Dual engine drivers—

This article is about being kind to your clutches. The big killer of any clutch is heat buildup, excess slippage, and revving the engine past engagement. The goal is to lock up your clutch as quickly as possible so it can start cooling down. A clutch can only start to cool down when it is locked up, so a clutch loves a long straight away or wide sweeping turns where you can drive into them at full throttle.

But let's think about the initial starting of those engines. We have all seen it time-and-time-again where one engine fires up easily and the driver is sitting there holding the brake and hitting the gas to keep the first engine running. But the second engine doesn't want to fire and this is when the trouble starts, because now you start to smell the clutch on the running engine burning the shoes or boiling the oil. I don't care what kind of clutch you are ruining. The solution to the overheating problem is so simple.

**Build a starter block.** Less than 25% of the guys use them, but when it saves a \$300 clutch I cannot understand why more karters don't make this simple little device. (We appreciate the clutch business, but we are out to have fun; not see how much work we can create for our pit crew.)

The first thing you do is measure how far your bumper sits off the ground and add 1" to that measurement. (Dimension X). I am going to use a 6" x 6" block since it is plenty wide to support the bumper. Then I am going to take a 1-1/8" spade drill and drill a hole completely through the block of wood. (This is where the bumper will sit. Be sure you drill the hole such that you get Dimension X from the bottom of the block to the outside diameter of the 1-1/8" hole.)



Just three things left to do once you have drilled the hole.

1. Cut the block of wood dead center through the hole. This is the groove the bumper is going to rest in.
2. Now there is going to be a front side and a rear side to the block. Naturally, the front side faces forward. On the bottom you are going to use your belt sander and put a nice rounded edge the full width of the block. Once both engines are started, the person starting you can push on the top of the block to get you going with the least amount of effort. There is NO LIFTING involved to get you moving and off the block.
3. The last thing you must do is check your clearance to make sure, as the block starts to tip, it will clear your mufflers. This is the tricky part that you will have to measure to see at what angle you have to cut behind the groove so you don't hit anything on your kart. If you have box or can mufflers there is probably nothing you have to worry about. It most likely will only be the pipes that you will have to make sure, as the block tips, it will not hit the pipe or support brackets. If you have a bracket dead center that gets in the way, then use two pieces of 2" x 4" spaced out that will miss the bracket but still support the kart evenly in the center.



First prototype with beveled top for "pipe clearance."





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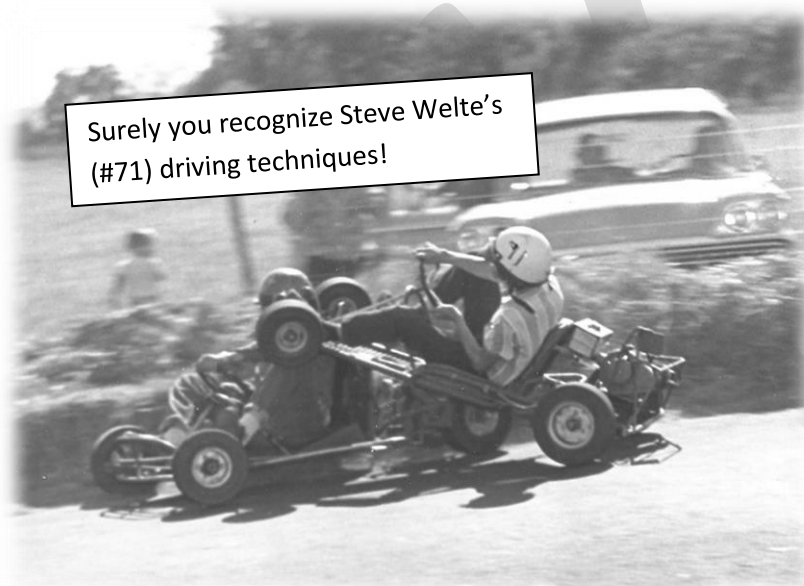
Light weight Beta version  
with carrying handle.

Now if you don't have the wood working tools and you see me walking around the pits looking to sell a clutch, you can call me over and I will build you a **starter block** and give it to you the next time we are at the track. My relaxing hobby at home is wood working. I'm not as good as Pearl Gamble, but he is teaching me everything he knows about woodworking each time we get together.

*Jim Donovan*

## VINTAGE KARTING "THROW BACK THURSDAY"

(We continue our version of "Throw Back Thursday." "Thank you" to the several vintage karters who submitted their TBT photos. My first choice is a photo of you and your kart from "last century!" But, if it's just "last century" karting, I'll consider it. Send to: [KartNumber4@Yahoo.com](mailto:KartNumber4@Yahoo.com))



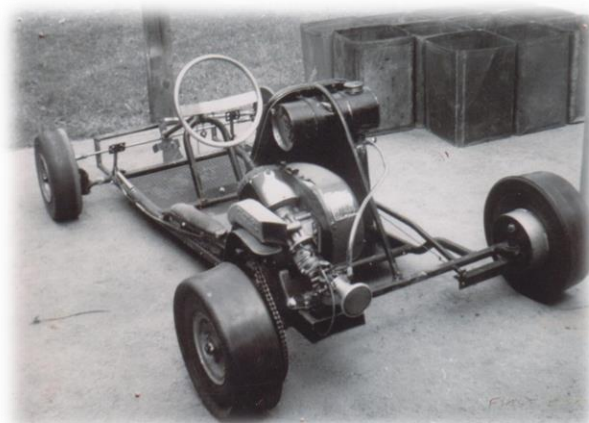
Surely you recognize Steve Welte's  
(#71) driving techniques!



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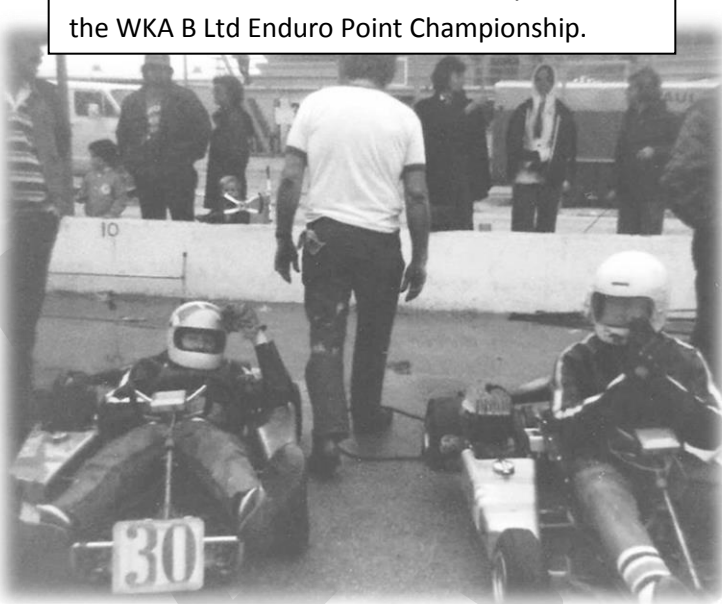
Louie Figone's first  
kart. Home built;  
\$125; Palmini intake;  
Go Power Exhaust;  
"contoured slicks;"  
Clinton A400;



Nine year old Rick Gilmore (left) and younger brother (Joel) in front of "dad's" kart.



Rick (right) and Joel (left) in Daytona pits; 1977; B Limited; finished 3<sup>rd</sup> but Rick already clenched the WKA B Ltd Enduro Point Championship.



Tony Severino at 1967 Memorial Day Street Race at Milford, Delaware. Fox Satellite Seat Kart with Twin Mac 91's



Tony with Young Phil Reuter, Jack Foster Jr. and R. J. Reuter on the starter.



Rolf Hill, stretching his lead at Upper Marlboro, MD; ~1963; Fox Flyweight; MC-8.



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