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2015 VKA TOUR EVENTS

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE				
1/22 - 24	Jacksonville, FL	\mathbf{A}	7/24-26	VIR (WKC)
2/5 - 7	Riverside, CA	\checkmark	7/30 - 8/1	Quincy, IL/MO
3/20-22	Roebling Rd.(SKC)	\checkmark	8/15-16	Corvette Museum Pk.(DKC)
3/26 - 28	Barnesville, GA	$\mathbf{\Lambda}$	8/20 - 22	Camden, OH
4/23 – 25	Circleville, OH		8/28-30	Summit Pt.(WKC)
5/2-3	Summit Pt.(WKC)		9/19-20	MIS (MKC) NEW
5/15-16	Grattan, MI (DKC)		9/25 & 26	Delmar, IA 😽
5/22 & 23	Springfield, IL		10/1-3	Bakersfield, CA – Tier II
6/13-14	Summit Point (WKC)	10/3-4	Roebling Rd.(SKC)
6/18 – 20	New Castle, IN		10/9 – 11	Cuddebackville, NY
6/19-21	Mid-Ohio (DKC)		10/10-11	Summit Pt.(WKC)
7/9 – 11	Brodhead, WI		10/23-25	Corvette Museum Pk.(WKC)
7/23 – 25	Avon, NY		11/?????	Atwater, CA – Tier II
VKA Events in BOLD Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS				

VIR = VA Intnl. Raceway MIS = Michigan International Speedway SKC = Southern Kart Club DKC = Dart Kart Club MKC= MI Kart Club WKC = Woodbridge Kart Club

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

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Change is difficult, especially for "old people" ... like me. Did anyone notice the change on the front cover last month? I said I would 'splain in this month's **VKA FIRSTURN**[®]. Several months ago, someone (Brian, you know who I'm talking about) questioned the layout of the **VKA FIRSTURN**[®] title. He pointed out, the first turn on **all** vintage tracks is **left**, yet the arrow on the title is to the **right**. When I first did it, I just thought it made sense to "flow" as the words read, making the turn in the corner. Well, it bothered me when I did it and after the comment, it has grated on my nerves each month. So, last month, I changed the arrow. Check it out. You may not have noticed (or even cared), but it is done now and I will sleep a lot better. Hope you do, too.

Hope you also noticed the change in the 2015 Schedule ... Bakersville, CA was added as a Tier II event. (Nice goin' Louie.)

Starting this month, under the beincluding upcoming events such as swap meets, test & tune days, play-days, and other non-VKA vintage events as long as they do not conflict with a scheduled VKA event. If you want yours listed, keep in mind there are several other considerations: Include date/time/place and event contact info.; printing deadline is about the 20th of the preceding month (I need info **BEFORE** then); the event can be in the following month ... or two; space is limited; and most import

... it's my decision! 👊

The whole idea is to promote **VINTAGE KARTING**, to get people interested and provide more opportunities for everyone! If we get a member or two along the line, that's even better!

If you know of such an event, and would like it listed, please let me know at: KartNumber4@yahoo.com.

Rolf Hill - #4

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING - SHORT SUMMARY

The Safety Committee is looking into helmet standards. They are waiting on information from WKA. A full report will be made next month. There are 312 members. 15 members joined at Riverside including two foreign members. There were 142 karts at Riverside, 97 entries and over 60 karts in the Kart Show including four mini-bikes. The Riverside event donated \$312 to VKA. The **VKA FIRSTURN**[®] for February was mailed 2/2/15. The bulk-mailing rate resulted in a net savings of \$76.80. The VKA t-shirt fund-raiser is progressing. A VKA display occurred at a Dayton show with a "phenomenal" response. Consideration is being given to promoting non-VKA events (*e.g.*, swap meets, test & tune dates, "play days," and other vintage karting events that do not conflict with VKA scheduled events as a way of promoting vintage karting.

The balance as of 2/28/15 is \$12,906.32.

VKA T-SHIRTS

With the addition of Greg Gouveia to the 2015 VKA Board, there is a renewed effort to create a VKA T-Shirt. The VKA Board unanimously approved the effort and the process has begun.

Grey shirts will be available at events and by mail. Prices will range between \$16 - \$18, plus postage; details to follow. the track. find At Jim Donovan. If you want one sooner, email Bill Bloodworth (BillBloodworth@gmail.com) to reserve yours. VKA will only accept cash, checks, or Money Orders. (Jim has suggested if you want one of



his fabulous, mouth-watering pulled pork sandwiches, you better be wearing one of these equally fabulous t-shirts. I'm just sayin'.)

BETTER MOUSE TRAP BY ROLF HILL

You may remember the CSD that Jim Donovan wrote about in the September 2015 VKA FIRSTURN[®]. Jim's concern was the wear and tear on dual engine kart clutches when one engine is running and the second engine is being started. He hates to see the clutch on the running engine "stressed" while the driver holds the brake as the second engine is being started. He came up with the Clutch Saving Device (CSD) pictured here. \rightarrow



Well, Henri Strasser of Brazil came up with a better, albeit more complex, solution. Granted, his is on a

direct-drive, dual engine kart, but it <u>IS</u> innovative. Dual engine American racers should take note.

Henri has added a "5th Wheel" to the rear of his kart. A lever actuates the 5th Wheel which elevates the rear wheels off the ground while the left engine is being started with an electric starter. (No pushing for these guys.) Being direct drive, both engines fireup.

Henri lowers the 5th Wheel with a lever in front of his seat and can lay rubber with his direct drive dual. I can see this working for clutched-karts, too.

(Raised 5th Wheel.)

(Thanks to Scott Elkes for pointing this out to me.)

Rolf Hill

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2014	TOPIC	2014	TOPIC	
Jan	2014 National Event Schedule	Aug	Brodhead & Camden Results	
	2014 Guidelines & Regional Coordinators		Wanted: Re-pop of Fox Seats	
	Illegal fuel addatives		VKA "Throw-Back Thursday"	
Feb	Jacksonville Results		Team Photo – Team Hill	
	2013 Annual Index		Special Award – Most Improved Driver	
	Lynn Haddock – Life Member		Know What This Is?	
	Bahama Speed Week	Sep	VKA "Throw-Back Thursday"	
	Shows		Enduros at VIR	
	Team Photo – Lincoln Knights		Clutch Saving Device	
Mar	Riverside Results	Oct	Quincy Results	
	Putt-Nik Story		Member Memory: Tom Corso	
	Member Memory: Whiteland		VKA "Throw-Back Thursday"	
	Team Photo – Cain Gang		Fall Enduro Classic at MIS	
Apr	Barnesville Results		Team Photo – Klingler Racing Team	
	Restoring WB 820s		Know What This Is?	
	Shows Part Duex	Nov	Delmar Results	
	Tom Medley		2015 Schedule	
	Team Photo – Team Putt-Nik		Karting & Jazz / Bill Cowling's Swoopster	
May	Circleville Results		Survey Results	
	Tilly Mods for Alky – Part 1		Dirt Track Racing	
	Soccer vs. Karting	Dec	Atwater	
	Team Photo – Clinton Engine Team		2015 Board & Volunteers	
Jun	Whiteland Results		2015 Guidelines	
	VKA Needs Help		Tier I and Tier II	
	Team Photo – Nagel Racing Team		Enduros at Sprint Events	
	Compression Ratio Calculation		Tilly Throttle Repair	
	NEW WB 820		Dart Kart Story	
Jul	Springfield & New Castle Results			
	Tilly Mods for Alky – Part 2			

In previous years, we have published an Annual Index of the **VKA** *FIRSTURNs*[©] (April 2013 and February 2014). This year we are publishing the 2014 update.

Starting this year, VKA has a new policy regarding the distribution of "old" copies of the **VKA** *FIRSTURNs*[©] and its predecessors. If you want any back copies, **limited quantities** of previous editions of **VKA** Publications are available in hardcopy <u>and as a pdf</u>. (VKA reserves the right to disallow requests.)

Hardcopy of old issues are available, while supplies last: \$2.00 for newsletter (odd months) and \$3.00 for magazine (even months). Electronic copies of copies <u>more than one year old</u> are available at no charge (limit two per person per year).

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	Riverside Show Pictures		Guideline Revisions
	Max-Torque Ad - 1960		MC-75 + Fox
Mar/Apr	Barnesville Race Pictures	Jun	Circleville Pictures
<u> </u>	Barnesville Show Pictures		Driving Tips
	Famous Tracks - Nassau		Member History - Pearle Gamble
May	Brake Line Installation		West Bend Stator Assembly
Jun	Springfield Race Pictures		Mc-49 & Saw Clone Performance
	Springfield Show Pictures		The Fox Box Mount (Article)
	New Castle Race Pictures		Pyramid Reeds
	New Castle Show Pictures	Jul	New Castle Show Pictures
	Charlie Groeteke's '75 Concept FKE		Ocala Event
Jul	New Castle Results		Mc-49 Update After New Castle
	Brodhead Results		Member History - Brian Espeset
Aug	Brodhead Race Pictures		Brodhead Hist./Track/Restaurants
	Brodhead Show Pictures	Aug	Future of Vintage Karting
	East Lansing Race Pictures	Ŭ	How Do I Start/Run A VKA Event
	East Lansing Show Pictures		59 Fox Mak-Kart Sprocket Repos
	Buying A Used Kart (Article)		Dick Collier's WB 820 Secrets
Sep/Oct	Quincy Race Pictures		Jim Walter & Terry Walters
	Quincy Show Pictures		American Restoration Show
	Paul Booth's Rathman Xterminator	Sep	East Lansing Pictures
	MC-6 (New Kart Engine Article)		Brodhead Event Short Report
Nov	VIR Enduro Results		Spark Plug Interchange Chart
	Putnam Enduro Results		Chains
	Savannah SRRS Southern Enduro		Avon Event Summary & Pictures
Dec	Leon Rippy's Swoopster	Oct	Brodhead Event Summary
	Leon Rippy's Evans Kart		Brodhead Show Pictures
	C-Opens		Track Safety & Courtesy
	Reproduction Karts		Mc-49s at Quincy
			Kart Show Thoughts & Ideas
2011	TOPIC		Quincy Kart Show Pictures
Jan	Gearing 101		Kurtis Kart (Article)
	2010 Event Summary		West Bend V-Power (Article)
	Fire Safety		Moss Kart (Article)
Feb	80 -'85 Sidewinder Class	Nov	Delmar Summary & Pictures
	Delmar		Member History - Rolf Hill
	Tire Guidelines		Track Chef - Jim Donovan
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	Mc-49 Timing	Dec	Cuddebackville History
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	McCulloch Survival Tips		Harv Aschenbrenner's Banchi
Mar	Riverside Event Synopsis		69 IKF Nationals at Camden
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	Five Mile Kart Liner (Article)		Member Memory: Bushkill Pines
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Mar	Jacksonville Results	Sep	Avon Results & Pictures
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Apr	Restoring Wheel Halves		Camden Results & Picture
	Rules Update - Classes & Safety		Cleaning Parts - In A Crock Pot
	Fox Mak-Kart (Article)	Oct	Quincy Results
	Member Memory: B.&D. Thomas		Boost Ports for AH-58/61
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	Low Cost Wrinkle Paint	-	Member Memory: Steve Morrow
May	Barnesville Results & Pictures		Old Mac Flat Back Carb Fix
iviay	Airheart Braking Story (Article)	Now	Guideline Changes for 20`13
Jun	Whiteland Results		Delmar Results & Pictures
Jun	Member Memory: Dieter Sturm		Go Kart Influence on Snowmobiles
	AH-58 Rebuild	Dec	Relining Max-Torque Clutche Shoes
	New Show Certificate	Dec	New Improved Brodhead
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	2013 Class Guidelines		Mid Ohio ENDURO Results
E a la	Regional Coordinators		Jay Bruninga Rebuild
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SNELL RATINGS COMING SOON BY ROLF HILL

New Snell ratings are expected this year, so plan ahead. The Safety Committee is looking into the effective date for the new Snell ratings, the changes and the potential impact on vintage karting.

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. Θ)

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.



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WINTER WASHOUT BY MARK D'ELIA



The weather report's chance for rain was 100% Friday and 70% Saturday, forcing the cancellation of the Jacksonville 2015 vintage kart race. But good weather on Thursday brought about a dozen vintage karters to test, tune and just have fun in the middle of winter. Several individuals had driven quite a way to escape the snows up north. When the day was over most of the karters packed up and drove to a local restaurant for some good food and conversation before heading home.



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There were even some nice parts for sale.





Sidewinders, rear engines, an enduro, a mini-bike and many historic karts were all warmed up by the Florida sun.



Two Clintons and a West Bend 580 – Impromptu "race" of the class that doesn't race.

Mark D'Elia

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"OLD TIMERS" BY DONNIE CAIN

Here's some kart racers from the old days who were unbeatable ... Scott Pruit, Mark Dismore, Kyle Adkins, Scott Goodyear and Terry Traeder. Kyle Adkins owns the Port Washington, Ohio, track we may soon be able to run on this summer. Mark Dismore is the owner of Comet Kart Sales in Greenfield IN. Scott Goodyear raced at the Indy 500. Scott Pruit currently races GT sports cars, and Terry Traeder, along with his father, Gus, own TNT Raceway in Quincy, IL/MO. They, among others, were the guys to beat in the 1970's and 1980's, and some in the early 1980's.

Donnie Cain



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FAMOUS/NOT FORGOTTEN - CAPE VESSEY BY COLM O'HIGGINS

[Editor's Note: Below is the next installment of the series of Famous/Not Forgotten kart tracks by Colm O'Higgins. Thank you, Colm.]

Cape Vessey kart track is located on County Road 8 in the hinterland of Prince Edward County, Canada, which juts out into Lake Ontario south of Belleville, halfway between Toronto & Montreal. Though unused for more than a decade, this facility hosted some important races under OKRA, PKA, and the Canadian Nationals. The Roth family, notably Wrex and Hanno, owns it. Hanno Roth was a keen competitor in the Mc49 class and Wrex is currently the engine and dyno guru at Pserra Racing in Markham, Ontario. The family raised chickens in a long barn beside the track.

Still existing, the track encountered noise complaints and zoning difficulties from local residents. It was of a smooth and challenging design and equal width in all it's length. Wrex was a gracious host and always provided a friendly atmosphere for karters to compete. Indy car great Paul Tracy competed at 'Vessey' when he was a Junior, as well as Kyle Adkins, Ron Reding, Mark Dismore, and others under the PKA banner.

One (cw) driver's lap went like this: The 1st turn was downhill, wide, and decreasing right radius and at the end of the longest straight. Next was a power

straight, that was not out of proportion to the rest of the track. Then a rather fast left into a slow 180 degree right horseshoe turn which leads to the inner loop. Two lefts again take a driver to the back section, which was very difficult. Another 180 right followed by a twisty part, not too tight. The clutch setting matters here. This leads back to the long front straight; a gently uphill at first with a slight kink, then downhill at top speed.

It is unlikely that Cape Vessey will ever be resurrected though the track holds special memories of hard fought competition. Ron Reding of Rochester



N.Y. said when he was a PKA winner amongst a stout field that he "gained the respect of his peers" that day. "Will we ever reach there" will not be a refrain that is heard again, but thanks to the Roth family for building this special place.

Colm O'Higgins

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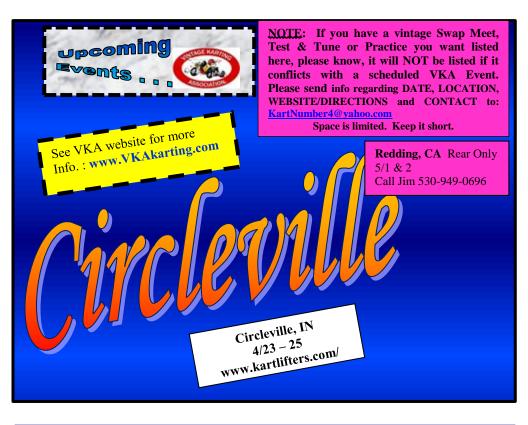
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