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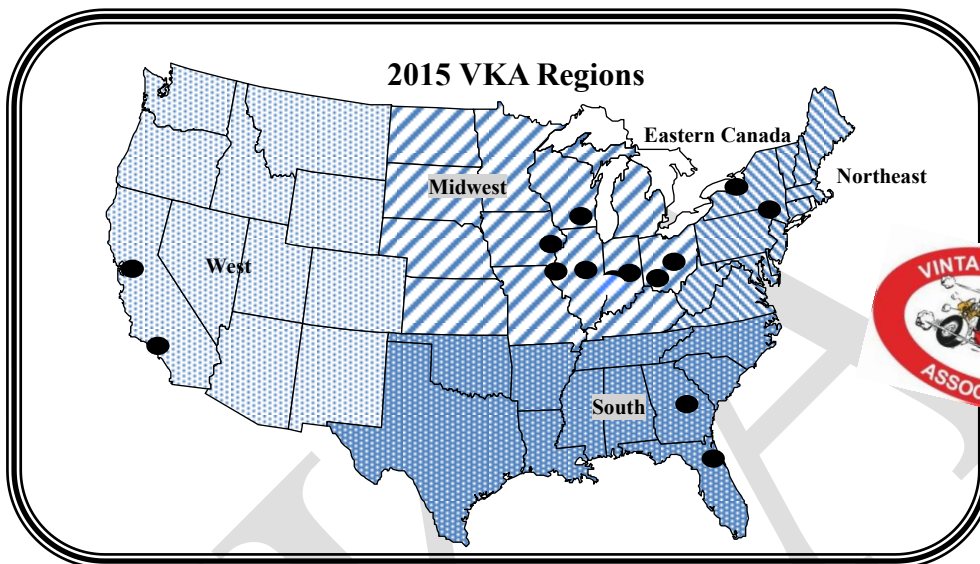
**FIRSTTURN**

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INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE: *2015 NATIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE.*



#### EDITOR'S NOTE

### HAPPY 2015 ... with lots of safe, fun karting!

The *Vintage Karting Association* (VKA) is organized to be the focal point for vintage kart activities across the country; to be both a technical resource and a historical resource, and to represent the VKA membership. 2015 *Guidelines* are posted on the VKA website: [www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com). The **Class Guidelines** are included here on **p.3**. Also, new this year is **Tier I** and **Tier II** events. These two types of events allow promoters to hold flagged/scored events or non-scored/practice-only that will accommodate all types of vintage karters and their common goal of "having fun."

Present-day karting started with these types of karts. The history of karting is shown in these vintage karts' ability to demonstrate their capabilities. This issue of **VKA FIRSTTURN**® is your initial resource for 2015 VKA Events. Non-members do not normally receive any of the VKA Publications, so this **SPECIAL VKA Newsletter** is a way of enticing them to join. Every other issue, the **VKA FIRSTTURN**® is a full-color magazine format. Non-members need to know the **VKA FIRSTTURN**® contains great articles like we've had in the past, including articles containing VKA Event pictures and summaries, engine rebuilds, kart restorations, carburetors, ignitions, Member Memories, Teams pictures, and general information in each edition. Another **VKA FIRSTTURN**® example is on the VKA Website ([www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)) for all to see.

Again this year, we are combining this month's **VKA FIRSTTURN®** with the *National Event Schedule*. This **SPECIAL VKA Newsletter** is sent to all VKA Members and many other people as a way of promoting not only the 2015 VKA Events, but also Membership in VKA (see p.12).

Promoters should be aware of one of the major 2014 VKA membership survey results; 99% want consistency between events! Before you consider adding a "promoter's option," consider the impact it will have on how participants will have to change their equipment for your event.

Vintage karters with **Enduro karts** are encouraged to participate. Promoters are encouraged to accommodate Enduro karts either with their own "slot" if a sufficient number sign-up or to fit them in to similar sprint classes.

Promoters should also be aware of the **2015 Promoters' Package** that will help them offer a well promoted event that will bring in spectators and participants ... and support the effort to promote vintage karting. The **2015 Promoters' Package** is available on the VKA website.

In addition to the VKA **website** that contains copies of the Promoters' Package, Membership Form, *Guidelines*, Event Schedule, Event pictures and other information, you can enjoy vintage karting and the **FACEBOOK** experience on [www.Facebook.com/VintageKartingAssociation](http://www.Facebook.com/VintageKartingAssociation).

**Don't forget, VKA is run by volunteers.** VKA needs your help. Whether you offer constructive criticism, help at the track, or help on a committee ... get involved. If you want to become a Board Member, the best way to get started is to show your interest by volunteering your time and talent. Vintage karters have a broad spectrum of experience and interests. Please consider sharing them with your fellow vintage karters and help us make VKA even better. (Applications to be a Board Member are due no later than September 30. Mark your calendar now, then start by stepping up to the plate.

Good luck and good running.

*Rolf Hill, Editor*  
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### 2015 EVENT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

<b>1/22 – 24</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	<b>7/9 – 11</b>	<b>Brodhead, WI</b>
<b>2/5-7</b>	<b>Riverside, CA</b>	<b>7/23 – 25</b>	<b>Avon, NY</b>
<b>3/26 – 28</b>	<b>Barnesville, GA</b>	<b>7/30 – 8/1</b>	<b>Quincy, IL/MO</b>
<b>4/23 – 25</b>	<b>Circleville, OH</b>	<b>8/20 - 22</b>	<b>Camden, OH</b>
<b>5/22 &amp; 23</b>	<b>Springfield, IL</b>	<b>9/25 &amp; 26</b>	<b>Delmar, IA</b>
<b>6/18 – 20</b>	<b>New Castle, IN</b>	<i>Oct ??????</i>	<i>Savannah, GA(Roebling)</i>
<i>5/??????????</i>	<i>Gratten Raceway, MI</i>	<b>10/9 – 11</b>	<b>Cuddebackville, NY</b>
<i>6/??????????</i>	<i>Mid-Ohio</i>	<b>11/?????</b>	<b>Atwater, CA</b>
<b>VKA Events in BOLD</b>		<i>Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS</i>	

## 2015 VKA Class Guidelines

<b>1. HISTORIC</b>	1956 to 1964 rear engine karts and engines; single, dual, or triple engines, 16.5 c.i. (270cc) max displacement; <b>Must have vintage-style</b> dry clutches <b>or direct drive allowed</b> ; box muffler; vintage tire required; Promoter may split class as per VKA Guidelines (Para. 6a, below); duals/triples in front. This is a non-points, demonstration class.
<b>2. JUNIOR/WOMEN<sup>1</sup></b> <b>REAR OR</b> <b>SIDEWINDER</b>	<b>Rear or Sidewinder karts: Junior- ( Boys &amp; Girls ages 10-15 ) Recommend single 80cc American fan cooled engine. Allowed up to 100cc's. ( McCulloch, Power Products, West Bend, Homelite, Clinton ). Women- Up to 100cc or 135cc West Bend 820 industrial engine. All engines will run Single HL 1" or smaller throttle bore or small McCulloch flat back carburetor, Aftermarket small intake manifold allowed, vintage style dry clutch, box muffler and vintage tires. Promoters may allow 100cc engines in a segregated format.</b>
<b>3. SPORTSMAN REAR</b>	Rear American engines; 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement; WB-820 with 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement must be industrial-type; McCullochs must be 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement or saw blocks over 80cc. All engines run single HL 1" throttle bore carburetor, small single intake manifold. Small Mac flat-back carb OK. Must have <b>vintage-style</b> dry clutch, box muffler and vintage tires. No MC-91, 92, or 93 engines.
<b>4. MAC 49/SAW</b>	Rear engine karts; McCulloch Mc49 engines and Saw block engines cannot exceed 80cc max. displacement; 1.375" stroke maximum; aftermarket small intake manifold, single HL 1 inch bore carburetor or small Mac flat-back; <b>vintage-style</b> dry clutch; box muffler, vintage tires.
<b>5. SINGLE REAR 6.1</b>	Rear engine karts; American or Foreign engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement; pipes and oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; any carburetor combinations, vintage tires.
<b>6. SINGLE REAR 8.2</b>	Rear engine karts; American or Foreign engines, 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement; pipes and oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; any carburetor combinations, vintage tires.
<b>7. DUAL REAR</b>	American or Foreign engines, 16.5 c.i. (270cc) max displacement; pipes and oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; vintage tires. Any Historic B or C Class dual engine rear karts may run this class.
<b>8. SINGLE 6.1 S/W AMER.</b>	Sidewinder with American fan cooled engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
<b>9. SINGLE 8.2 S/W AMER.</b>	Sidewinder with American fan cooled engines, 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
<b>10. SINGLE 6.1 S/W FOREIGN</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement produced before 1980; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
<b>11. SINGLE 8.2 S/W FOREIGN</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 8.2 c.i. (100cc) max displacement produced before 1980; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
<b>12. OVER-60</b>	Drivers 60yrs +; Rear or sidewinder karts; American, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement engines; pipes allowed; oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; vintage tires; any carburetor combinations. Promoters should consider separating the sidewinder and rear engine karts for scoring purposes when participation is sufficient to do so. Allow sidewinders to start in the front.
<b>13. DUAL SIDEWINDER</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 16.5 c.i. (270cc) max displacement; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed. <b>Tire compound durometer minimum of 48. Bridgestone YLC and MG tires allowed. May use any approved single sidewinder tire (see par. 6b, below); 1¼" axle allowed if original; karts and engines must be manufactured prior to '83.</b>
<b>14. 80-85 SIDEWINDER</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement; pipes allowed; engine clutches only; modern tires allowed; 1¼" axle allowed; kart and engine must be manufactured prior to 1986 – see Engine Schedule. (Para. 6c, below)
<b>15. SPORTSMAN S/W (STOCK APPEARING)</b>	Sidewinder (pre-1980) with 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement, American fan cooled engine; single carburetor (Mikuni, Tillotson, or McCulloch), any size throttle bore; Factory V4 intake; modern tires; box muffler; <b>vintage-style</b> dry clutch (Horstman Rev Grip or MaxTorque).

<sup>1</sup> The **Junior/Women Class** was created for the benefit of novice drivers to come into Vintage Karting at a lower budget level, and to use this class to improve their skills in order to progress to other desired classes. Women of any age over **10** may run in this class.

**16.YAMAHA PISTON  
PORT**

Sidewinder karts (before 1986) with single 100cc Yamaha piston port engine (KT100S), 1975 to present; Piston port only; factory ignition system **only** (exception- “RVL” TCI replacement module OK); Walbro WB3A carburetor only; pipe allowed; **Horstman DXL, Hartman, L & T wet disc, Burco, Max Torque clutches only (no modern clutches); Third bearing support required; 1” or 1¼” axle; modern tires; gasoline only.**

## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The 2015 *Guidelines* were approved. (See reprint of *Class Guidelines* on **p. 3**. The full text is available on the VKA website ... [www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)). There are 308 VKA members. The Board received two applications for 2015 Board of Director positions. Bill McCornack is returning as Membership and Public Relations Director. Gary Wlordarsky will become the new Show/Judging Director. “Retiring” Directors, Jim Thompson (Membership), Lake Speed (PR) and Jack Murray (Show) were thanked for their support and involvement in VKA. Bill Bloodworth and Dick Charest were appointed to assist with Membership/VKA FIRSTTURN® mailing and Enduro promotion, respectively. The remaining positions were filled by existing Directors who will remain in their current position. The 2015 *Guidelines* were discussed and approved. A letter, describing the changes and the reason for the changes will be written by Dean Kossaras and published in the next VKA FIRSTTURN®. (See December VKA FIRSTTURN®.) Significant discussion occurred regarding a special class for Enduro karts at regular VKA Events. The *Guidelines* currently support allowing Enduro karts to participate in events. Promoters are to be encouraged to include Enduro karts with sprint karts, or in their own sessions depending on numbers of entrants. Balance as of 11/30/14 = \$11,614.34.

## 2015 CLASS GUIDELINES

Below is a summary of the major changes in 2015 VKA *Guidelines*. For the full text, refer to the VKA website ([www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)), Member’s Area.

**ALL Events will be classified as either Tier I or Tier II. Tier I Events are scored events and may include awards at the end of the event. Participants who wish NOT to be scored or who wish to start at the back of a grid, are encouraged to attend Tier I Events, also. Tier II Events are non-scored events with no standings or awards.**

**The age for Juniors has been lowered to 10 and the recommended engine size has been lowered to 80cc.**

**In order to be consistent with history and deter the use of modern clutches, 35 or larger chain should be used on all vintage karts. 219 chain will not be legal.**

**Tire durometer for tires was updated due to the lack of availability of Bridgestone tires that had been the standard for several years, and at the request of the majority of the participants. The *Guideline* for tires for the Dual Sidewinders will be a durometer of 48 durometer or higher. The drivers themselves wanted the softer compound since the karts handle better and for safety purposes.**

**The difficulty was to find available modern tires for the single engine sidewinder karts that would not be destructive to the frames. We defined the compound as 56 durometer or higher and have several possibilities that are available through Burris, Dunlop, MG, Hoosier and Bridgestone.**

**SEE THE FULL TEXT OF THE 2015 VKA GUIDELINES ON [www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com) .**

# 2015 CALIFORNIA VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Adams Vintage Kart Reunion – Feb. 5 – 7

**Adams Kart Track**

**5922 24<sup>th</sup> Street**

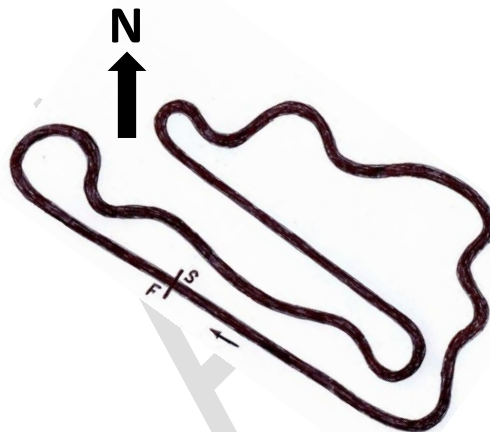
**Riverside, CA 92509**

[www.adamsmotorsportspark.com/](http://www.adamsmotorsportspark.com/)

**Contact Louie Figone**

**415-297-0374**

[louiemb@aol.com](mailto:louiemb@aol.com)



**8/10 mile; 2 Monza turns**

**Gearing: 9 – 60\***

## 2015 Atwater Vintage Kart Reunion – Nov. 1 & 2 TENTATIVE

**Tom Dash Speedway**

**500 Industry Way,**

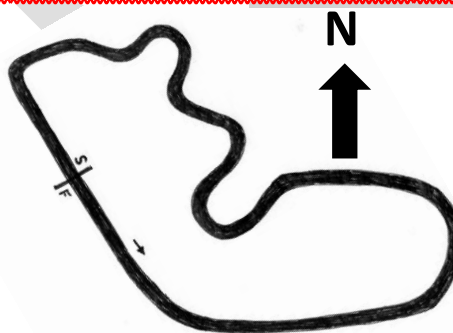
**Atwater, CA 95301**

[www.AtwaterKartClub.com](http://www.AtwaterKartClub.com)

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**1/2 mile course**

**Gearing 9 – 54\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

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# 2015 FLORIDA VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

**2015 Winter Warm-Up - 1/22 - 24**

**103<sup>rd</sup> Street Sports Complex**

**10244 103<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Jacksonville FL 32210**

**[www.FLkarting.com](http://www.FLkarting.com)**

**or contact Robert Henderson**

**904-994-3874**

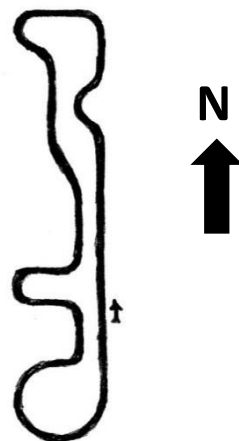
**[rript@aol.com](mailto:rript@aol.com)**

**or contact Ed Sahagian**

**shop: 912-330-9120**

**cell: 912-713-0585**

**or [KlipperKingFEDCO@msn.com](mailto:KlipperKingFEDCO@msn.com)**



**Gearing: 9 - 59\***

# 2015 GEORGIA VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Kart Winter**

**Nationals 3/26 - 28**

**930 Highway 36 West**

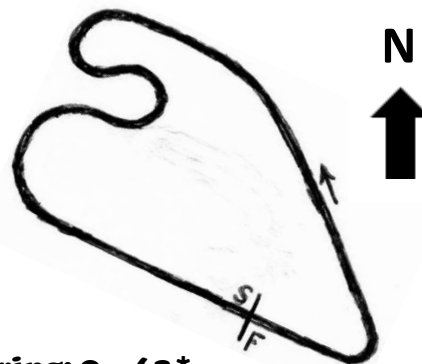
**Barnesville, GA 30204**

**[www.georgiasprintkarting.net](http://www.georgiasprintkarting.net)**

**or contact Bob Barthelemy**

**478-361-3048**

**or [bobb@lthomson.com](mailto:bobb@lthomson.com)**



**Gearing: 9 - 63\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

**[www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)**

# 2015 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## **2015 Circleville Raceway Park 4/23 - 25**

**19413 US Route 23 North**

**Circleville, OH 43113**

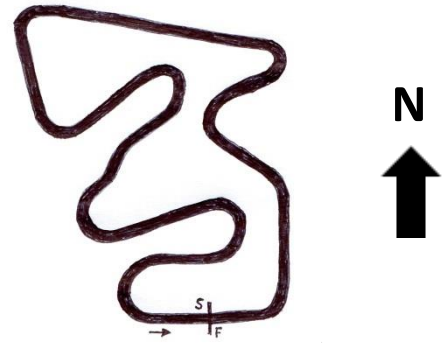
**[www.CirclevilleRaceway.com](http://www.CirclevilleRaceway.com)**

**or contact Steve Tatman 740-412-4129**

**or [statman2@columbus.rr.com](mailto:statman2@columbus.rr.com)**

**or Pearl Gamble 740-499-3735**

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**Gearing: 9 - 64\***

THIS YEAR, VKA Events will be classified as Tier I or Tier II Events.  
Tier I Events are "scored" events.  
Tier II Events are not scored/practice-only events.  
If enough Enduro karts express interest in participating in a sprint event, promoters may include practice sessions and non-scored Heats for enduro karts.



## **2015 Land of Lincoln Vintage Weekend (Springfield)**

**Midstate Kart Club**

**5/22 & 23**

**160 Kender Lane**

**Dawson, IL 62520**

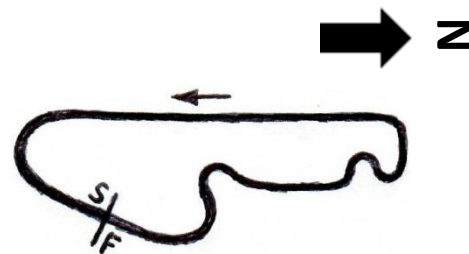
**[www.MidStateKartClub.com](http://www.MidStateKartClub.com)**

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**217-553-3613**

**[president@MidstateKartClub.com](mailto:president@MidstateKartClub.com)**

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**Gearing: 9 - 55\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

# MORE 2015 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## 7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Vintage Thunder Karting Reunion 6/18 - 20

New Castle Motorsports Park

5816 S. County 125 West

New Castle, IN 47362

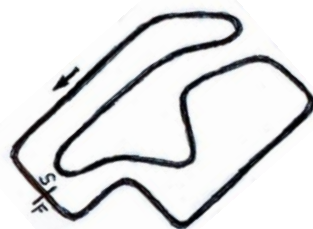
[www.NewCastleRaceway.com](http://www.NewCastleRaceway.com)

or Jeff Brown 248-613-5839 after 4PM EST

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or Mike Adams 765-987-8090



Gearing: 10 - 58\*

## 2015 Sugar River Raceway 7/9 - 11

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Brodhead, WI 53520

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608-897-2898

Or Bill McCornack 630-400-2645

[Bill.McCornack@Comcast.net](mailto:Bill.McCornack@Comcast.net)



Gearing: 9 - 65\*

## 2015 G & J Kartway 8/20 & 22

1619 Barnets Mill Road

Camden, OH 45311

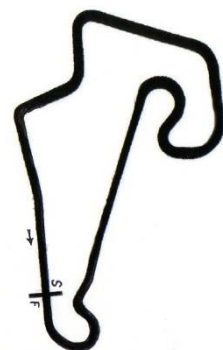
[www.GandJkartway.com](http://www.GandJkartway.com)

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\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder

Gearing: 9 - 58\*

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# MORE 2015 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Kart Olympics 7/30 - 8/1

**T.N.T. Kartways**

**8750 Highway 24, Taylor, MO**

**(mail to: P.O. Box 716 Quincy, IL 62306)**

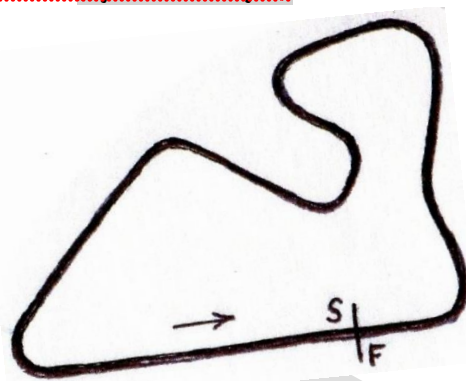
**[www.TNTkartways.com](http://www.TNTkartways.com)**

**or contact Gus or Terry Traeder**

**217-653-1926 or 217-242-3994**

**Or 217-228-2226**

**or [t.n.t.carts@adams.net](mailto:t.n.t.carts@adams.net)**



**Gearing: 9 - 61\***

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Vintage Kart Classic 9/25 & 26

**61 Kartway**

**1580 Highway 61**

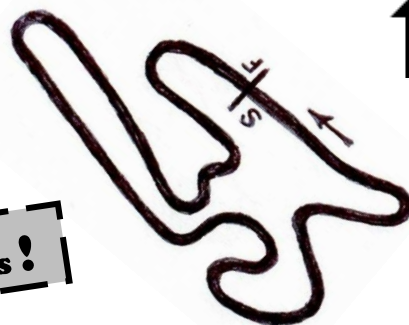
**Delmar, IA 52037**

**[www.61Kartway.com](http://www.61Kartway.com)**

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**319-560-8820**

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**Way Cool, Extreme Elevation Changes !**

**Gearing: 9 - 67\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

**[www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)**

# 2015 NEW YORK VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Karting Reunion 7/23 - 25**

**Avon Kart Speedway**

**2123 Lakeville Road**

**Avon, NY 14414**

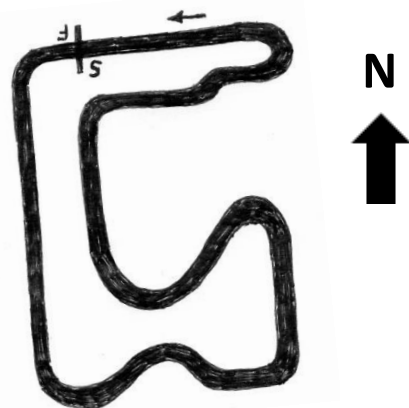
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**Al Gutberlet 585-872-1973**

**or [www.gvkc.org](http://www.gvkc.org)**



**Gearing: 9 - 62\***

## **2015 OVRP Vintage Karting Celebration 10/9 - 11**

**Oakland Valley Race Park**

**305 Oakland Valley Road**

**Cuddebackville, NY 12729**

**Contact Dave Luciani**

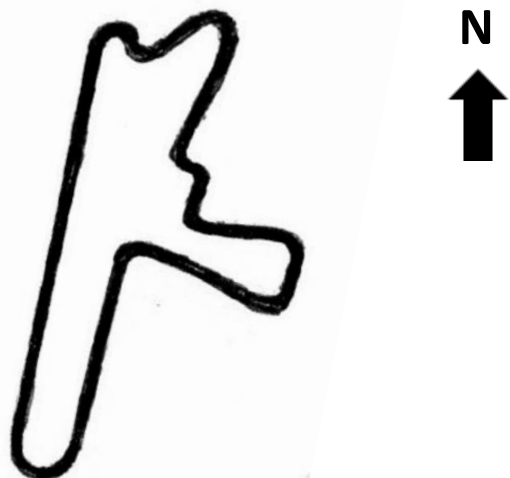
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**or Bill Mack 401-556-6599**

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**or Tim Hannen 860-318-1177**

**[www.OVRP.net](http://www.OVRP.net)**



**Gearing: 9 - 62\***






**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

# REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Regional Coordinators are a vital component of **all** VKA events. Together with the Event Promoter, the Regional Coordinators first establish **this** National Event Schedule. As the events grow closer, the Regional Coordinators work with the Event Promoter to “get the word out” to any interested vintage karts and to the public. Together they also try to ensure a safe and fun event.

## 2015 Regional Coordinators

Eastern Canada	Colm O'Higgins	905-203-1910 (landline) 416-270-1284 (cell) <a href="mailto:31colm@gmail.com">31colm@gmail.com</a>
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West	Louie Figone	415-297-0374 <a href="mailto:louiemtb@aol.com">louiemtb@aol.com</a>

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<b>Eastern Canada-</b> Colm O'Higgins (Brampton, Ontario)		<b>South- Bob Barthelemy (GA)</b>	
<b>Northeast-</b> Bill Mack (RI)		<b>Midwest-</b> Scott Klingler (MI)	
	<b>West- Louie Figone (CA)</b>		

**Enduro Events are being coordinated/promoted by Rick Chapman, Enduro Director and is supported in the Southern Region by Dick Charest.**

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

VKA Membership is: Full Membership = \$35; Associate Membership = \$10; Foreign Membership = \$45

ONLY FULL MEMBERS RECEIVE ALL THE VKA *FIRSTURN*® MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS.  
ALL Members are eligible for reduced entry fees at events.

New VKA Memberships are issued for a 12 month period. Current members should receive a reminder along with their VKA *FIRSTURN*® two months before their membership expires.

Checks should be made payable to: "Vintage Karting Association" and mailed to: Bill Bloodworth, 4621 Wooded Acres Dr., Arlington, TX 76016.

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