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Jacksonville Becomes “Play Day” – Riverside Results – Enduro Dates – Old Tracks – and more.

VKA EVENT 2015 SCHEDULE

| 2015 EVENT SCHEDULE | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1/22 – 24 | Jacksonville, FL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>7/24-26 VIR (WKC)</i> |
| 2/5 – 7 | Riverside, CA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 7/30 – 8/1 Quincy, IL/MO |
| <i>3/20-22</i> | <i>Savannah (Roebling Rd.)(/SKC)</i> | | <i>8/15-16 Nat.Corvette Museum Pk.(DKC)</i> |
| 3/26 – 28 | Barnesville, GA | | 8/20 - 22 Camden, OH |
| 4/23 – 25 | Circleville, OH | | <i>8/28-30 Summit Pt.(/WKC)</i> |
| <i>5/2-3</i> | <i>Summit Pt. (Shenandoah)(WKC)</i> | | <i>9/19-20 MIS (MKC)</i> |
| <i>5/15-16</i> | <i>Gratten Raceway, MI (DKC)</i> | | 9/25 & 26 Delmar, IA |
| 5/22 & 23 | Springfield, IL | | <i>10/ 3-4 Savannah (Roebling Rd.)(SKC)</i> |
| <i>6/13-14</i> | <i>Summit Point (WKC)</i> | | 10/9 – 11 Cuddebackville, NY |
| 6/18 – 20 | New Castle, IN | | <i>10/10-11 Summit Pt.(WKC)</i> |
| <i>6/19-21</i> | <i>Mid-Ohio (DKC)</i> | | <i>10/23-25 Nat.Corvette Museum Pk. (WKC)</i> |
| 7/9 – 11 | Brodhead, WI | | 11/????? Atwater, CA |
| 7/23 – 25 | Avon, NY | | |

VKA Events in **BOLD**

Vintage Enduro Events in *ITALICS*

VIR = VA Intl. Raceway MIS = Michigan International Speedway SKC = Souther Kart Club
DKC = Dart Kart Club MKC= Michigan Kart Club WKA = World Karting Assn. WKC = Woodbridge Kart Club

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

How closely do you look at each month’s **VKA FIRSTURN**®? Have you found any “mistakes?” Please note that I do read each issue two, three, or more times before sending to printer. I’m glad other people also see it before the printer is given the “go ahead.” I maintain that an “author” makes the worst “proofreader.” Nevertheless, “stuff happens.” Please be patient with us. If you didn’t notice, the Feb **VKA FIRSTURN**® showed Quincy as 7/30 – 31. Well, we all know it is a three-day event. It should have been 7/30 – 8/1. In my defense, it is right in the January issue AND on the VKA Wall Calendar. (Gus says this will be the last time he and Terry will promote a vintage event at Quincy. Mark your calendar.)

Now, turn-about is fair play. There is an **intentional** change in **this** issue. It is on the front page. Can you find it? See how closely you look at your **VKA FIRSTURN**®. I’ll reveal the change in next month’s **VKA FIRSTURN**®.

Now, Riverside. It was on my bucket list for this year. Boy, am I glad I went. Had to be the biggest event I have been to in the last five years. Great job, Louie and the Adams Family. Plenty of track time for the practice-only crowd and for those who like a little

competition. Chef DonōVAN (emphasis on the last syllable) provided lunch (fabulous pulled pork) on Thursday. Friday night was the Kart Show and an over-the-top dinner at the track. (I'm now officially on a diet.)

Friendly people (too many to list here), beautiful weather (80s) and beautiful karts made this a really special vintage event.

Rolf

JANUARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

An amended 2015 *Guidelines* was presented to the Board to address a previous approved, but overlooked change to clarify medical assistance that can be provided by qualified participants. The notion that some participants may not have seen the 2015 *Guidelines* regarding tires and chain was discussed. VKA consists of 283 members. Show stickers have been made and will be part of Kart Show awards. Bulk mailing implementation was discussed. All Promoters' Packages have been sent. T-shirt fund raiser was discussed.

Balance as of 1/31/15 was \$12,906.32.

RIVERSIDE RESULTS

There were 97 entries at this three-day Tier I/Tier II event. There was plenty of practice time for those who wanted it; and there were some great demonstration Heats for those who wanted that level of the vintage karting experience. VKA is proud to provide a broad spectrum of the vintage karting experience to the 142 karts who were there. The Kart Show had 55 entries. (See the pictures on www.VKAkarting.com.) Jim Donovan provided 24 lbs. of his, now famous, pulled pork, slow cooked with the addition of his "*Max-Torque Special* Ingredients" for lunch. The evening meal on Friday had people standing in line for "seconds." No one went away hungry.

RIVERSIDE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

| Class | | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|-----------------------|----|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Historic Participants | 6 | DUALs: Dan Erickson & Eric Skorupski. SINGLES: Tony Garbarino, Scott Grundfur, Rolf Hill & Jeff VanArsdale | | |
| Mac-49 | 3 | Jim Thompson | Jack Martin | Tony LaRocca |
| Junior | 1 | Michael Waldron | ---- | ---- |
| Rear 6.1 | 10 | George Frirel | Bill Rowen | UNK (#7) |
| Rear 8.2 | 15 | Mike Frediani | Bruce Bereiter | Gary Medloy |
| Dual Rear | 9 | Graeme Barwick (Aus) | UNK (#7 Red) | UNK (#7 Black) |
| S/W. 6.1 | 8 | David Odenthal | Luke Dodd | Colin Bennett |
| S/W. 8.2 | 11 | Rich Swantek | UNK (#5) | UNK (silver) |
| Dual SW | 8 | Brian Hannon | Rich Swantek | Mel McEndree |
| 80-85 | 4 | Jon Woods | Paul Wright | Jim Durish |
| Yamaha/KT-100 | 9 | Dan Hoodapa | Bob Kindoll | Thomas Adams |
| Sr. Over-60 | 13 | Bruce Barwick (Aus) | Tom Wilms | Bill Rowan |

RIVERSIDE KART SHOW RESULTS

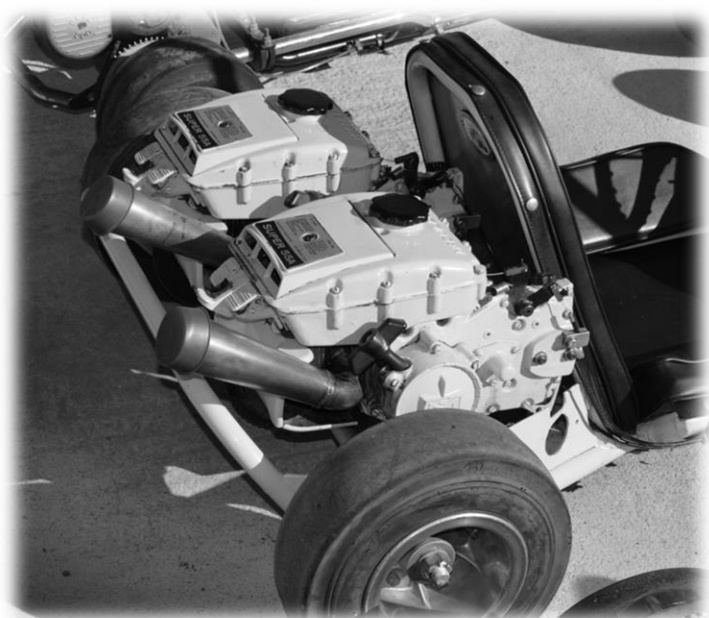
| CLASS | WINNER |
|-----------------|---|
| REAR UNRESTORED | '61 Rathman Exterminator; MC-20; Tony Garbarino |
| REAR RESTORED | '61 Fox GoBoy; MC-6; Bill & Dodie Freeman |
| REAR MODIFIED | '62 GoKart 1200; MC-10; Paul Bennett |
| REAR PAST CHAMP | '60 Apache Warrior; 55A; Dan Erickson |
| S/W UNRESTORED | '78 Yamaha RC 100; Yamaha KT-100; Tom Sherman |
| S/W RESTORED | '72 Margay Cheeta; MC-101A; Vern Frediani |
| S/W MODIFIED | '77 Hartman Blue Streak; Dual Bombs; Rich Swantek |
| S/W PAST CHAMP | '73 Pruett Lancer; Dual MC-91B-1; Rennie Goldberg |
| PEOPLES' CHOICE | '75; Margay Panther X; Komet K-88; Jon Woods |
| MINI BIKE | '59; GoKart Big Bear Scrambler; WB580; Mark Gleed |

RIVERSIDE PICTURES



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Louie, Thanks for the ride.



Gayle was one of many friendly "West Coasters" I met.

ADKINS RACEWAY BY COLM O'HIGGINS and RICK CHAPMAN

The Adkins Raceway Park (ARP) is located in rural Ohio, an hour's drive south of Akron down Interstate 77, near Port Washington. Today, Kyle and Sheryl Adkins own the track, and it is the home of Adkins Speed Center. Bill Adkins, a legend on his own, and Kyle's brother Tony, can often be found hanging around. Bill likes to mow the lawns on his 'O' turn mower and Tony usually can be found in the shop giving Kyle a hand on the Dyno.

The family is truly LEGEND in our sport. Originally from Ohio, they spent most of their years in California, returning to their native State to purchase this most popular track about 1984. Originally known as Linden Valley Raceway, this venue became famous under George Kugler, WKA President, assisted by his wife Ann and their son Randy. Known to all racers as simply "Kugler's," the facility came under the Tackett moniker for six or seven years, and now is known as Adkins Raceway Park.

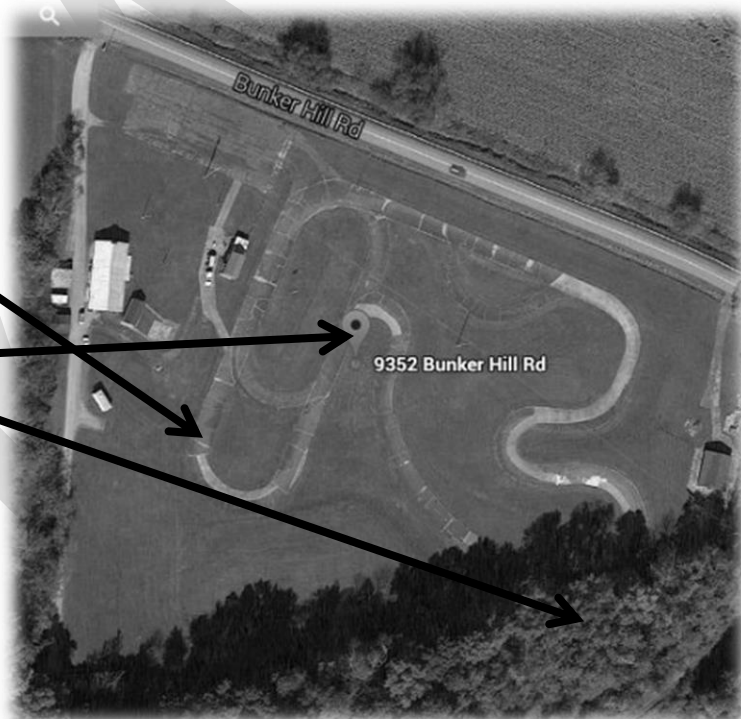
The track is 6/10th of a mile long and usually is driven counter-clockwise. Course design demands concentration at all times if you want to run up front. In its heyday, it was the scene of many IKF, WKA, PKA, OVKA and AKC Championships.

A lap around: From the start-finish line a driver faces a gently uphill, 180 degree left turn and then downhill to a severe right-hander where passing is often done. Coming out, the second longest "straight" curves slightly to the left and every driver is faced by a 30-degree sloped lefty-Monza wall that is bumpy and tests every bolt on your chassis and your teeth! Very quickly a right 180 and then a left into the smooth back straight to an almost flat out 90 degree left turn and then back via a shorter straight to the finish line.

Adkins last held races in the 90's, though plans are well underway to resurrect this historic facility with the Indian Valley Kart Club as the host (see the Sidebar). For years, this place was a favorite destination for many kart members of IKF, WKA, PKA and OVKA who overflowed its parking lots and pit spaces.

Virtually every kart racer loved Kugler's. Winners include almost every name in the record book from Haddock to Leiber to Pruett and Dismore, Riberdy and Goodyear from Canada. Canadians attended in droves with Dan Skilton and Derek Wright becoming notable WKA Champions.

Colm O'Higgins & Rick Chapman



History is in the RE-making. In late May or early June of this year, ARP will start to have races again hosted by Indian Valley Kart Club. The combined forces of many karters, including VKA's Gary Wlodarsky (who kindly donated a complete race-ready vintage kart and engine) have made this possible. The timing tower was remodeled and rewired, new fences and a smooth concrete surface were installed. 2015 is your opportunity to make your mark on this iconic and historic track, now Adkins Raceway Park.

See you at the races.

Rick Chapman

RESOURCES FOR VINTAGE KARTERS

Bud, Kirt, or Craig Bennett - RM Motorsports - VINTAGE GO KART RACING DIVISION,
Remanufactured single sidewinder karts similar to Invader. Fabricating, restoration etc.
Tel: 248-344-1515 www.RMmotorSports.com/Vintage%20Kart.htm

Jeff Brown - Full Engine Service; Modifying & Rebuilding foreign
motors, WBs and Macs since 1967; Honing, Inertia Dyno Testing
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 – Relining of Clutch & Brake Shoes, McCulloch Engine Repair
Tel: 705-445-5766 Email: rtengel55@hotmail.com

Greg Gouveia – New Fuel Tanks: Chilton, Azusa & Palmini; Shop Tel: 805-541-4310 Cell Tele: 805-305-2074
Web Site: GregsSpeedShop.com Email: GregsSpeedShop@att.net

Charles Groeteke - Vintage frame repair & parts, chrome stripping and re-plating
Tel: 636-942-9988 Email: slkcharlie@sbcglobal.net

Nils Gustafson - Reproduction vintage tires
Tel: 541-471-7212 www.VintageSpeedTires.com



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 Email: CatKart@gmail.com; www.CatKartRacing.com

Terry Ives - McCulloch engine repair, pistons, rings & gaskets. Azusa and Hortsman
Tel: 916-201-7707 Email: tii@surewest.net

Howard Kapland – DXL N.O.S. High temp, semi-metallic friction discs
Nippondenso – W34EN – Alky racing plugs for most foreign & Yamaha
Tel: 773-965-9755 Email: HowardKaplan@comcast.net

Bill McCornack – McCulloch Engine building, Big Volume Pipes, Tillotson Carbs, Rev Grip Springs, L & T oil
clutches for McCulloch and Yami
Tel: 630-400-2645 Email: bill.mccornack@comcast.net

Jack Murray – Collector of Early and Mid 60's Karts, Engines, and Rare NOS Parts. NOS GEM Pyramid Reed
Cages, NOS Margay Dual Engine Gear Boxes and Parts, New Tourek Type Ball Joints, Tel; 619-501-5066

David Nance – T.I.G. welding of MOST ALL TYPES of metal. N.O.S. Clinton engine parts type used on vintage karts, mini bikes, quarter midgets.

Tel: 256-881-3254

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

Faye Pierson - K&P Manufacturing - Bug chassis - parts “GEM-Style Pipes”, Blendzall Dist., Bridgestone Vintage Slicks, N.O.S. Parts & “Burco Clutch Nuts”

Tel: 626-334-0334 www.kpmfg.com

Bill Rowan - R&I Metals, 1876 S. Taylor Ave., Ontario, CA 91761

Fox Satellite Seat shells and foam;

Tel: 951-897-4951 www.RImetal.com Email: Bill@RImetal.com



Will Rogers - Rogeo Enterprises, recast Hands Wheels, Hovey Hawk kart frames, welding, parts casting.

Tel: 530-878-7594

Email: rogeo2@sbcglobal.net

Ed Sahagian - Line boring, blueprinting, head surfacing, helicoiling & prototyping

Tel: 912-330-9120

Lake Speed – B Bomb Engines – Parts –Buy & Sell – Service & Repair
TRIC-LOC Kart Clutch Oil

Tel: 704-938-4912

Email: LakeSpeed83@gmail.com



Robert Stanton - Robron Incorporated - Dart chassis, parts and repair

Tel: 800-624-7383

Email: robroninc@bellsouth.net

Dick Teal – Reproduction Fox pedals - floor pans - throttle arms – etc.

Tel: 920-485-2844

Email: teal@charter.net

Brian & Dotty Thomas – Custom Kart Covers & Power Products base gaskets

Tel: 763-784-9095 www.blackdogvintageracing.com Email: wrenchhead944@hotmail.com

Thomas Thorin - Simplex decals, brake linings & 5 inch cast wheels

Tel: 818-708-7232

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;

4" & 5" Go Power rims; front and rear;

Tel: 408-748-6949

Email: aswInc2@aol.com

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Upcoming Events . . .

NOTE: If you * have a vintage Swap Meet, Test & Tune, or Practice you want listed here, please know it will NOT be listed if it conflicts with a scheduled VKA Event. Please send info regarding DATE, LOCATION, WEBSITE/DIRECTIONS and CONTACT to: KartNumber4@yahoo.com

**Members Only. Space is limited. Keep it short.*



Barnesville, GA

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Info. : www.VKAkarting.com

March 26 – 28
Barnesville, GA
www.GeorgiaSprintKarting.net

April 23 - 25
Circleville, OH
www.kartlifters.com/

Circleville, OH

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