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## IN THIS ISSUE

**Barnesville Results – Enduro Update – Famous/Not Forgotten: Goodwood ... and more.**



Barnesville photos in this issue are  
Courtesy of Mark Barrington and  
Dick Teal.

## VKA EVENT 2015 SCHEDULE

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

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

I discussed **Snell Helmet certification** in last month's issue. My intention is to mention in every issue this year the need for a current rating on any helmet you wear. The Safety Committee is looking into what is required and WHEN it will be enforced. Suffice it to say, YOU need to PLAN AHEAD. I could be wrong, but MY helmet (pictured in last month's issue) will no longer have a current certification after this season. Anyone in the same situation should start planning on purchasing a helmet with a current certification. (In my case, I've got to think about buying a new can of orange paint, too.)

**From the "For What It's Worth Department:"** All promoters should also PLAN AHEAD. Depending on the outcome of the Safety Committee's findings, Promoters should think about putting attendees on notice in their flyer that "helmet checks will be part of their 'tech' process." (Snell SA2000 and M2000 are now more than 10 years old and should be replaced.) *Rolf*

### MARCH BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

There are a total of 328 members. For enduro events, WKA will handle most southern events and AKRA will handle most northern events. Dart Kart Club and AKRA have accepted the proposed vintage enduro rules. There will be three classes. Single braking systems will be allowed which opens-up enduro events to many sprint karts. (See article on p.4.) Show Certificates and Stickers are ready for Barnesville. A t-shirt fund raiser was approved. Grey shirts with the approved design will be made available at most events (see Jim Donovan) and by mail (contact Bill Bloodworth). Price will be between \$16 and \$18 dollars, plus postage (see notice on p.8). The Board approved a proposal to make old copies of the **VKA FIRSTTURN®** and its predecessor available in hardcopy and on line (for issues more than one year old).

Balance as of 3/31/14 was \$14,641.52.

### BARNESVILLE SUMMARY & RESULTS BY BOB BARTHELEMY

Many vintage karters arrived Wednesday and filled most of the reserved concrete pit area. Thursday was a beautiful day filled with lots of practice on the track (9:00 a.m. 'til 6:00 p.m.). Friday morning we were delayed an hour or so due to wet (continued next page)

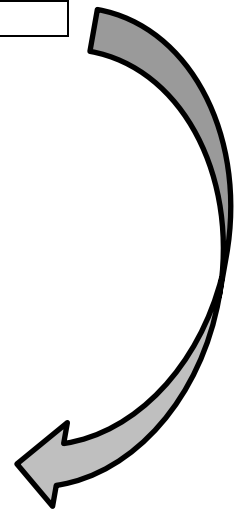
<b>BARNESVILLE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS</b>			
<b>Class</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Historic Participants	Terry Sullivan, Sr., John McCorvey, Mark D'Elia		
Mac-49	Dean Scarbrough	Jimmy Gay	Lyndsey Winegardner
Junior	Max Porter	Bennett Armstrong	Trevor Armstrong
Sportsman Rear	Steve Welte	Lyle Caswell	Lyndsey Winegardner
Rear 6.1	Scott Nagel	Gary Wlodarsky	Chip Bering
Rear 8.2	Jerry Nagel	Ruben Tarca	-----
Dual American Rear	Marc Nagel	Jerry Nagel	Jim Merritt
S/W Amer. 6.1	Bill Johnson	Todd Breedlove	-----
S/W Amer. 8.2	Scott Nagel	Narc Nagel	Dick Charest
S/W Foreign 6.1	Dave Turner	Mark Green	Kayla Burns
S/W Foreign 8.2	Butch Stewart	Dicky Wilson	Rick Gilmore
S/W Sportsman	Mike Birdsell	Tony Severino	Dick Charest
S/W 80-85	Phil Rodgers	Sandy Stropko	Sean Collins
Yamaha	Mike Birdsell	Mathew Laukatis	Sean Kavanagh
Sr. Over-60	Jerry Nagel	Ken Wooldridge	Joann Hertzig
Clintons	Terry Sullivan, Sr.	John McCorvey	Chris Marchand
Power Products	John Stults	Bobby Muha	Billy Dalton
S/W Dual B Reed	Mike Birdsell	-----	-----
S/W Dual Foreign	Scott Ader	Vince Kavanagh	Billy Weingardner

track conditions as it had rained considerably overnight. We had three rounds of practice in the morning, a break for lunch, a hardship practice sessions for the singles and a session for the duals, drivers meeting, and a short devotional before starting the first round of heats. By 5:35 p.m., we had completed the second round of heats for all classes except the dual rear and dual sidewinders and as advertised, stopped the on track activity to allow folks time to get to the banquet. Friday night we had a great crowd at the banquet with several of our distinguished karters receiving “Legends of Karting” awards. Rick Chapman shared with us the resurgence of the Adkins Raceway Park track in Port Washington, Ohio.

Saturday morning was a little chilly (mid-30’s), but we actually got the kart show judging underway on the front straight at 9:30 a.m. and practiced ‘til noon. We finished the second round of heats for the Dual Rears and Dual Sidewinders after lunch and then went right into the third round of heats about 2:00 p.m. and were finished by 3:30. We then quickly conducted the 50/50 raffle (giving lots of merchandise from our gracious sponsors: CKI, Stroker Ace Kart Shop, Arrow Racing, GSKA, Gary Teramana & Rick Chapman), and awarding \$266.00 to Dean Sauder. We sent a check for \$266.00 to VKA. We then presented the awards for the demonstrations and were finished before 5:00 p.m. We had a total of 86 entries for the weekend event (two of which were practice only and one was for show only.

*Bob Barthelemy*

BARNESVILLE KART SHOW RESULTS	
CLASS	WINNER
REAR UNRESTORED	'69 Simplex Challenger; WB580; Chip Bering
REAR RESTORED	'59 Rupp; WB580; Chris Marchand
REAR MODIFIED	'65 Fox; WB820; Dick Teal
REAR PAST CHAMP	'62 Blitz; MC91b; JoAnne Hertzig
S/W UNRESTORED	'82 MarGay Expert II; LMR; Steve Kiker
S/W RESTORED	'78 Emmick Dual; Dual MC92s; Butch Kavanagh
S/W MODIFIED	'79 MarGay Expert; B Bomb; Rick Gilmore
S/W PAST CHAMP	'78 MarGay Panther X; MC91B; Katie Kavanagh
BEST VINTAGE ENDURO	'67 Bug Scorpion ESII; MC91B; Mark D'Elia
PEOPLES' CHOICE	'65 SAE; Dual WB820s; Jerry Nagel





Bill Mack      Jim Merrit      Dick Teal      Steve Welte      Terry Ives      Sandi Welte      Gary Wlodarsky

(What in the world do I have to do to get Gary to behave himself? **Black Flag**???)

### ENDURO UPDATE BY RICK CHAPMAN

The American Kart Racing Association (AKRA) has added road racing (enduros) to their program along with Vintage Enduro Classes. Clubs have had to decide whether they wanted to remain with World Karting Association (WKA) or join AKRA. Either way, Vintage Enduros are in both programs.



AKRA will run a Vintage Unlimited, Vintage USA and Vintage Piston Port classes in addition to their modern enduro program. A four Event Series has been established with the Dart Kart Club (DKC) starting the year hosting the first three events. Event #1 will be at Grattan, Michigan in May, Mid-Ohio will be their 2<sup>nd</sup> event in June, followed by Bowling Green, Kentucky in August and ending at Michigan International Raceway in September, hosted by the Michigan Kart Club (MichiganKartClub.com). Classes and Rules can be seen on the DKC and AKRA web sites (DartKartClub.com and AmericanKarting.us). One change that AKRA is implementing is to allow a single-brake-system vs. a mandatory, two-brake-systems.

The Woodbridge Kart Club (WKC) will continue to support the World Karting Association's (WKA; WorldKarting.com) Modern and Vintage enduro program at Summit Point Raceway in May and June. Then they will travel to VIRginia International Raceway in July; back to Summit Point in

August and again in October. Their Vintage Classes are Vintage Limited, Vintage USA and Vintage Euro. A complete list of their Vintage Rules and Classes are available on the WKC web site (WoodbridgeKartClub.com). [Editor's Note: Check the full VKA Event Schedule on p.1 for all sprint and enduro events.]

The Southern Kart Club (SKC) has supported WKA for many years and will continue to in 2015. Their Vintage Class is basically all Vintage Enduros run together, both Vintage Enduros and Vintage Sprints. This offers a lot of track time for everyone. For more information, go to the SKC web site (SouthernKartClub.com).

You can see that each Club offers Vintage Enduro Classes, but runs them differently. The Vintage Enduros are growing and with the help of these clubs, it will continue to.

*Rick Chapman*

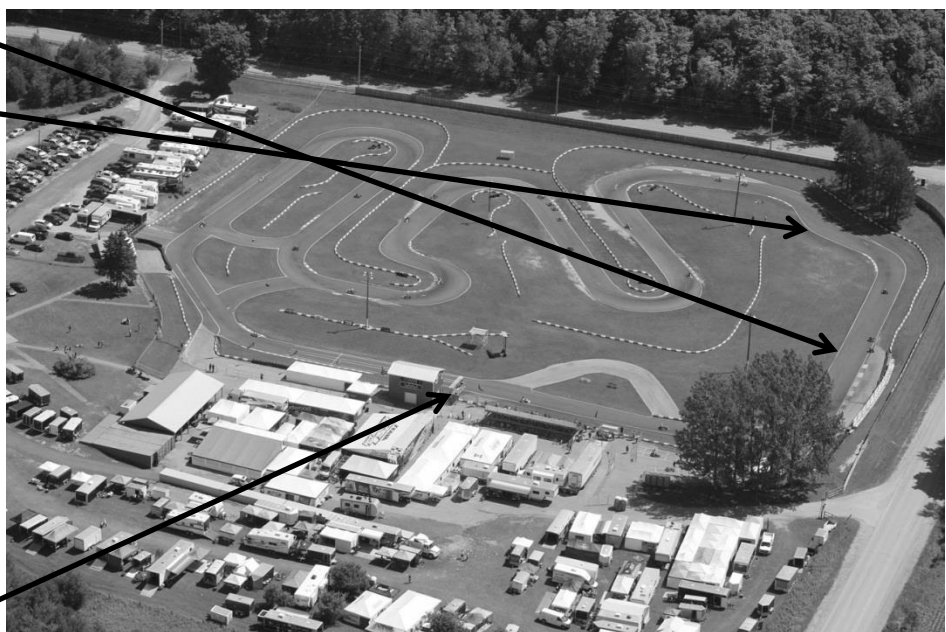
## FAMOUS/NOT FORGOTTEN: GOODWOOD BY COLM O'HIGGINS

Goodwood is one of the best known kart tracks in North America. Located 35 miles NE of Toronto it enjoys the proximity of five million people nearby. Active since 1960, it is also one of Ontario's oldest, continuously operating kart race venues. The facility is currently operated and owned by the DiLeo family. Goodwood has changed hands several times: Originally in the 1960's by Jean and Van Bell, then during the 70's by Mario Petti, Sr. (who resurfaced and reversed direction), then in the late 80's by Lon Herder, and now its best owners, the DiLeos.

The track itself has two configurations; a short track of 1/2 mile and the extended track of 6/10 of a mile. In the 1960's, a dogleg was also used. In the late the 60's, the use of the dogleg was stopped because it led "off-trackers" to a swampy pond! Goodwood has been raced in both directions, but the main direction is counter-clockwise. Re-surfacing and the addition of engineered curbing occurred in early 2014 with the use of professional machine equipment.

[Track photo courtesy Goodwood Kartways.]

**One counter-clockwise lap goes like this:** Out of the pits a driver encounters the "original main straight," but it is far from 'straight' as it has a sudden left curve combined with an 'S' about 2/3 way down. (At one event in the 1970's Jimmy Richardson tangled with Jimmy Mann in their C Open karts and Mann ended up outside the fence on top of a VW Bug !! I can recall more than 20 C & B Open karts every other week on the grid. That was the days of C Opens having to weigh 375lbs and B Opens only 335lbs.) Anyway, to continue...after those 'S' curves and a short straight piece you came upon a 130° left, then a straight section into an off-camber 180° right and another short straight. Following was a difficult left and then uphill to a left and two rights, which started the extended track. Downhill to a slippery and sandy 180° left, the uphill to the hump and a double left, past the scales and onto the start/finish straight. Finally downhill into a very fast 90° left



leading into the original main straight. Very difficult course to remember, challenging on both driver and his rig. However, being in a natural amphitheatre, all the action could be viewed from the pits and the hill behind it.

Lynn Haddock commented to me that a competitive C race in the early 1970's, which he won on a Bucket Bug, was "a good one." That day he bested Reding, Leiber, Bender, Favulli, Riberdy & Yarlett, Trader, Richardson, too, amongst other greats. Those heats were about the top C Open races fans saw, ever.

Goodwood was the track of choice for most Canadian Nationals, Can-Ams, OKRA Championships, and TV-driven celebrity fund races. It still is. Plus, it was the home of INDY stars Scott Goodyear, Ludwig Heimrath Jr. and Ron Fellows who raced there, too.

Karters say thanks to Wally Hyshka, Chester McMahon, the Bell family, Lon Herder, and now the DiLeos for operating Goodwood in an excellent manner. American drivers came in droves: Bill Waight, Ron Reding & Bruce Caruana, the Carpelattis, Lipps, and Gerry Gallagher, even Gary & Linda Emmick are names I remember. Goodwood was and still is **THE** best around here. [Editor's Note: Visit <http://goodwoodkartways.com/>. July 4 is available - hmmm.]

*Colm O'Higgins*

## RESOURCES FOR VINTAGE KARTERS

**Bud, Kirt, or Craig Bennett** - RM Motorsports - VINTAGE GO KART RACING DIVISION,  
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**John Copeland** - Fox Valley Kart, VKA required 3rd Bearing supports for sidewinders. Also motor mounts and other machined accessories.  
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**Richie Engel** – Relining of Clutch & Brake Shoes, McCulloch Engine Repair  
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Tel: 618-792-8438

Email: [SpeedyChic@aol.com](mailto:SpeedyChic@aol.com)

**Scott Wigginton** - ASW R&D Machining, 3535 Victor St., Santa Clara, CA 95054;

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Tel: 408-748-6949

Email: [aswInc2@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:KartNumber4@yahoo.com)

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**LAND OF LINCOLN VINTAGE WEEKEND**  
**Springfield, IL**

**May 22 – 23**

**Springfield, IL**

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