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2018 SCHEDULE BY SCOTT KLINGLER & DICK CHAREST

	2018 Event Schedule			
12/27 - 30/1	7 Daytona	7/20 – 22	VIR	
1/25 - 27	Bushnell , FL	7/26 - 28	Avon, NY (Tier I & II)	
2/1 - 3	Riverside, CA	8/2 - 4	Quincy, MO	
3/9 - 11	Roebling Rd	8/10 -12	Hartland Pk, Topeka, KS	
3/15 - 17	Barnesville, GA	8/23 - 25	Camden, OH	
4/21 & 22	Shenandoah	8/25 & 26	Summit Point	
4/26 - 28	Fremont, OH	9/14 & 15	Oreville, PA	
5/4 - 6	AtlantaMotorsports Pk	9/20 -22	Delmar, IA	
5/4 & 5	Chestertown, MD	9/29 & 30	Shenandoah	
5/24 - 26	Springfield, IL	10/5 & 6	Cuddebackville, NY	
6/2 & 3	Summit Point	10/11 - 13	Bakersfield, CA(Tier II)	
6/14 - 16	New Castle, IN	10/20 - 21	Roebling Rd	
6/16	Mid-Ohio	11/3 & 4	Atwater, CA (Tier II)	
7/5 - 7	Brodhead, WI	11/9 – 11	NCMMP	
VKA Sprint Events in BOLD Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS				
NE Promoters' Cup Series (Tier I & II)				



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS BY ROLF HILL

<u>CORRECTION</u>: In last month's "SCANDAL" article, I referred to Dick Teal as <u>my</u> "protégé." I used the wrong *big word* to describe Dick. He was my mentor ... I was his protégé. Sorry Dick.



FEB. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY BY BILL BLOODWORTH

SYNOPSIS: There are 389 total members, 352 full members and 37 associate members. The ending January balance is \$19,260.03 which reflects revenue of \$2,530.00 and expenses of \$3,665.34. The first two events have been successfully completed. Two safety related issues were raised at the Bushnell event and are



expected to be addressed at future VKA events. At the Riverside event, promoter intervention was required in a couple of cases in order to maintain a safe environment for all participants. A "VKA Documents" tab has been added to the VKA website to ensure that the latest versions of documents are easily located. Documents are posted to just this page such that the latest version should be in this singular location. External links should refer to the page and not a document. The VKA promotional brochure created by members of the Northeast region is available for use by all regions. Barnesville is preparing for the combined 4-cycle & 2cycle event. A large turnout is expected. Several members have expressed the need to finalize the scoring section of the *Guidelines* which is currently tentative pending inclusion of wording for DNS & DNF penalties within the CIK scoring framework. By unanimous vote, John Copeland was elected to serve on the VKA board of directors. The general discussion regarding use of membership information concluded that information shared at an event for membership verification where discounts are offered, should just contain name and state, not street address, nor phone number, nor email address. For situations where a promoter fails to act when a safety issue is brought to their attention, it was suggested that the promoter should be put on notice that they are putting future VKA events at risk

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FREMONT SUMMARY BY SCOTT BENTON

Thank you for posting this in your magazine. Just a bit of information: this was our 1st VKA event. We had 43 entries representing six different states (IL, IN, MI, MD, OH, NC) and a visitor from Toronto, Canada (Paul "Gooch" Billson).

We had two days of great karting weather, but it rained early Saturday morning when a cold front moved in and the karters broke out the jackets, hats and sweatshirts, but that's how karters cope. All-in-all it was a great event and we look forward to hosting VKA next year.

THANK YOU VKA and **THANK YOU** to Gary Wlodarsky and his helper, Jim Donovan for a great fish dinner and all the items that went with it and the deserts donated by Joanne Hertzig.

DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS*			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Juniors/Women	Kyle Stropko	Ella Rice	Taylor Swift*
Over-60	Jerry Nagel	Bill Stocksdale	Tony Stewart*
Rear 6.1	Jerry Nagel	Rolf Hill	Stormy Daniels*
Rear 8.2	Lyle Caswell	Marc Nagel	Stormy Daniels*
Sportsman Rear	Romero Llamas	Kevin Rice	Roy Fenwick
Yamaha S/W	Sandy Stropko	Scott Benton	Donald Axe
Yamaha Limited	Dean Sauder	Mike Birdsell	Bernie Sanders*
S/W 100 Foreign	Bill Walters	Bill Walters	Bill Walters
S/W 135 cc For.	Marc Nagel	Marc Nagel	Marc Nagel
SW 80-87	Scott Nagel	Scott Nagel	Scott Nagel
S/W Straight Axle	Joanne Hertzig	A.J. Foyt*	Mario Andretti*
Dual Rear	Jerry Nagel	Scott Benton	Hillary Clinton*
Sportsman S/W	Al Hasenfratz	Don Renton	Bruce Samuel

^{*} Race Results Edited by the editor. My apologies to the REAL drivers.

FREMONT SHOW RESULTS BY GARY WLODARSKY			
	HISTORIC		
Restored	'61 Hancock Lancer; WB-820; Gordon Juhasz		
	REAR		
Restored	'67 Rupp Chaparral;Dual WB820s;Butch Stewart		
Modified	'66 Rupp; MC-91; Keith Naufzinger		
	SIDEWINDER		
Unrestored	'78 Panther X; Yamaha; Bill Stocksdale		
Restored	'73 Margay Chaeta III; Travis Stevens		
Modified	'80 Expert; K35; Scott Nagel		
Peoples' Choice	Invader; Dual K99s; Rick Parsons		











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CHESTERTOWN SUMMARY BY JOHN WOLKIEWICZ



As I made my way down the long winding farm filled road, I almost felt as if I was back in 1963. With a single kart in the back of my truck, a few tools to make repairs and three gallons of gas, I was finally going to race the legends I have read about. I spent the better half of a long winter, grinding, welding and buying parts to put together a humble racing go kart. now, as I make the final turn into the pits of Nicholson Speedway, am filled with nervous butterflies entering mv first vintage go kart race. I barley know anyone, I don't have a starter, would the kart even run? Thankfully, the vintage kart community is filled with tons of help and I needed all of it. hooked up with the Long Island Team led by Rick Keller and Freddie Rotela and they were instrumental in my success of the weekend, from extra parts, to starting me up, and a ton of laughs all weekend.

Nicholson Raceway is set near the picturesque town of

Chestertown, Maryland. flowering dogwood trees, technical old school race track, and a newly renovated tower, the track officials offered perfect setting for a weekend. Most of day-one was very quiet as the competitors opened up the trailers and set up shop preparing their machines for testing. I personally did not have much to do so I lent a hand to the Long Island crew where I could and made some new friends walking around the pit checking out the amazing machines you guys have created. After a prerace meeting, the drivers retreated to their karts and the real fun was about to begin. I rolled my kart up to the staging area and suited up as my group was second to practice. With a push of the button, my kart roared to life and I was on the track heating up the tires and feeling out the turns. raced cars before but being a few inches off the ground with no protection except your race jacket, gloves, neck brace and a helmet on a tight radius track really makes you work and have a new appreciation of speed. Pulling off the track after 10 laps of practice my rookie smile was a mile wide ... "that was cool". Rick went through post practice procedures with me and I learned a ton. I made a gear change and I was off again for a second round. The kart felt a bit quicker and I was really feeling the tracks flow. While I ate lunch, I sat in the bleachers learning the sights and sounds of vintage kart racing, watching the lines other karters took; there is always something to learn.

At the conclusion of day-one, we placed out karts on the track for

Jorgensen and his citron orange kart really stole the show and it was well deserved; it was a meticulously crafted machine. Another standout was Kurt Bogerman's merlot wine colored Rupp a kart that he has had a long time and he restored to perfection with some really neat parts. With the awards handed out and the sun setting in the distance, this concluded day-one and a good night sleep was had by all.

I got an early start with a great local breakfast and was off to the track to set up and get ready. The forecast looked OK and we should get some racing in. The



Kart Show judging. During the Show we enjoyed a well-earned great meal supplied by the Nicholson team. After dinner the judges were ready to announce the winners and with so many kool karts I am glad it wasn't me trying to pick. Doug

morning went by fast and the first round of practice was off. My kart felt great. Again, I meticulously checked everything, put in a bit of fuel and waited for the third round of qualifying! This is when it counts. I rolled out on the track,

did a set up lap, got comfortable and let it rip. I did about six laps and on each one I felt had an issue; not one clean lap, but when the times were posted I qualified third of eight ... "all right!"

Qualifying was over and now it's time to race. We rolled out and grouped together under the guidance of the starter. With a solid green flag in my sights, I was on full throttle and the race had begun. On the second lap coming into the straight I stayed way too wide and was taken easily on the inside and I slid back to fifth place. competitors were gone ... "man, they are fast." Then there were three of us battling for that elusive third spot. It was a great Heat and although no moves were made, it was well fought, and I finished fifth.

Just as the second round was starting, so did the raindrops, and we covered the karts. With a brief meeting, the track officials called the race. I was a bit disappointed I wanted as redemption on the track, but my smile could not be removed as I am now a vintage kart racer. Trophies were given out to all the winners and even one for most broken parts. We packed up the trucks and trailers for the long-haul home and I was off on that farm lined road going back to Long Island filled with the excitement of the next event at Avon (July 26-28).

John Wolkiewicz

CHESTERTOWN ADENDUM BY SAL PALATUCCI & AL POSTIGLIONE

First, **THANKS** to John Wolkiewicz for his write-up of the event. Coming from a newcomer gives the event a whole new perspective.

What we want everyone to know is ... it was a huge, first-time success, and Joe Weissner and the Nicholson track personnel were extremely cooperative, especially under the difficult weather circumstances.

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We had 60 Tier I entries and signed-up four new members and one Associate Member. Some other stats we found interesting were:

KARTS		ENGINES	
Fox	8	McCulloch	20
Rupp/Dart	7	West Bend	9
Margay	7	Yamaha/KT	20
Emmick	11	Komet	1
Fantic	1		
Bug	4		
Bonanza	1	TAGE KARTA	
Hartman	1		
Percivel	1	00000	
Blitz	1	ASSOCIATION	
Dap Greyhound	1		
Shark	1		

DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
	1 st	2 nd	$3^{\rm rd}$
Historic	William Salvensen	Bruce Ristow	Doug Jorgensen
Rear 6.1	Federico Rotela	Rolf Hill	Eric Krobath
Rear 8.2	Federico Rotela	R.deFrancisco	Rick Balliet
Yamaha S/W	Skip Owen	Alan Davidson	Karl Ginter
Yamaha Limited	R. deFrancisco	Kent Windham	Alan Davidson
S/W 100 Foreign	Perry Archer	Steve Calabrese	Chris Postiglione
S/W 8.2 Amer.	Karl Ginter	Rick Keller	Skip Owen

CHESTERTOWN SHOW RESULTS BY GARY WLODARSKY			
HISTORIC			
Unrestored	'64 Dart; WB-580; Al Postiglione		
Restored	Fox; Ginny Hunter		
Modified	Blitz Kart; Dual MC-75s; Doug Jorgesen		
	REAR		
Unrestored	Robron Rupp/Dart; MC-9; Eric Krobath		
Restored	Rupp Grand Prix; MC-90; Kurt Bogerman		
Modified	Fox Go Boy; MC-101; Federico Rotela		
SIDEWINDER			
Unrestored	'82 Emmick Star; Yamaha; Jeff Tregler		
Restored	Emmick Express; Yamaha; Skip Owen		
PAST CHAMPION			
Past Champion	Bug Sprint; Rick Balliet		
Peoples' Choice	Blitz Kart; Dual MC-75s; Doug Jorgesen		

See picture on next page.



Doug also won Rear Modified AND the [Nicholson] President's Cup award for Best At Show.

Thanks to all who came. Hope to see you at the next **THREE** events: Avon, NY 7/26-28; Oreville, PA 9/14 & 15; Cuddyback, NY 10/5 & 6.

Al Postiglione and Sal Palatucci





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SPRINGFIELD SUMMARY BY TOM TAPOCIK

With the end of May upon us, there are three things that are for certain:

- 1. Memorial Day,
- 2. The Indianapolis 500, and
- 3. The Land of Lincoln Vintage Karting event at Mid-State Kart Club in Springfield, Illinois.

The 13th annual edition of the event was held Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th. 2018. There was an additional practice allowed open Thursday, May 24th, with almost 20 competitors in attendance on Thursday looking for an additional advantage. By the time all the racers had signed in on Friday, there was well over 50 entries in the pits with competitors from nine different states, and as far away as Texas.

After several hours of practice to allow the racers to fine tune their classic machines to their optimum performance level, a brief break was held followed by a drivers' meeting. After the meeting was over, the first of two rounds of Heat races began. The only thing hotter than the Mid-July weather in May was the action on the track. Several

races were decided by last corner passes and narrow margins of victory. About halfway through the second round of Heats, Mother Nature had other ideas and decided to allow the skies to open and put an end to any more track activity for the day.

Even though the track activities were done for the day, the staff of MSKC provided a delicious dinner for all those who dared to stay around during the storms. Even though the dining plans had to be changed due to the weather, all those that stayed to participate seemed to enjoy the club hospitality.

Saturday morning, the competitors returned to the track, welcomed by bright sunny skies and a nice breeze. The bright sun was an added bonus for the kart show. The meticulously restored machines glistened beautifully in the bright sunshine. With nine entries in the show arena, the judging was very tight. The Peoples' Choice winner Randy Duncalf, from Taylor Ridge, Illinois, with a Margay Expert with a West Bend 820.

After a brief round of practice, the action picked up where it left off when the rains came. Three classes had to run their 2nd Heat to establish the line ups for the third Heat. When the third Heat began, the only thing hotter than the temperature was the action on the track. Several of the third Heats were decided by last laps passes. After all the points were tallied, the overall class winners were announced. The racers all gathered under the pavilion to receive their trophies, medallions and to draw for many, many door prizes.

After all the hardware and prizes were distributed, the racers were thanked for their participation and told to have a safe trip home, and they could count on being invited back to MSKC next Memorial Day weekend.

And the best thing of all, the track medical staff was reduced to the role of **SPECTATORS** and that all the machinery will race again.

Tom Tapocik

SPRINGFIELD DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS*			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Juniors/Women	Ella Rice	Britney Spears*	Katy Perry*
Over-60	Jerry Nagel	Marty Western	Kirk Gustafson
MAC-49	Shawn Welte	Rick Magnigson	R. Blagojevich*
Rear 8.2	Marc Nagel	Vincent Arconati	Bryson Porter
Sportsman Rear	Steve Welte	Bernie Sanders*	Joe Biden*
Dual S/W	Jerry Nagel	Daniel Birge	Steve Jamison
Yamaha Piston Port	Kevin Rigg	Reg Rowsey	Troy Cozad
S/W 6.1 Amer.	Gary Young	Bruce Samuel	John Houseman
S/W 100 Foreign	Matt Morgeson	Marc Nagel	D. Patrick*
S/W 135 cc For.	Larry Pike	Hillary Clinton*	Stormy Daniels*
SW 80-87	Hal Orendorff	Darin Burge	Kayla Burns
Dual Rear-B Open	Jim Merritt	Scott Klingler	Tom Day
Dual Rear-C Open	Jerry Nagel	Don Renton	Marc Nagel
Sportsman S/W	Sandy Daniel	Bruce Samuel	Don Renton
Sportsman S/W WB	Tom Day	Kevin Rice	Randy Duncalf
* Race Results Edited by the editor. My apologies to the REAL drivers.			

Youngest driver: Ella Rice (Fairmount, Indiana) Oldest Driver: Ted Klingler (Clarkston, Michigan)

Farthest Traveled – 761 MILES: Richard Sohn (Midlothian, Texas)

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SPRINGFIELD SHOW RESULTS BY TOM TAPOCIK		
	HISTORIC	
Best In Show	GK 800; Dual MC-7s; Todd Mayberry	
REAR		
Best In Show	Alley Kat; MC-49; Shawn Welte	
SIDEWINDER		
Modified	'77 Margay PantherX; MC-91B1; J.Mammueller	
PAST CHAMPION		
Past Champion	Margay Cheetah MK III; MC-91B1; Sandy Daniels	
MINI BIKE		
Best In Show	Monster Moto 80cc; Marsha Jamison	
Peoples' Choice	Margay Expert; WB 820; Randy Duncalf	





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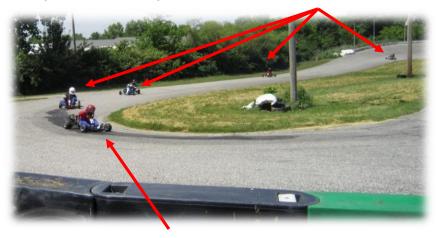


THE BATTLE OF THE FOXES BY JIM DONOVAN

The place ... Whiteland, IN. The date ... June 1st and 2nd, 2018. The challenge ... who was the best **FOX KART** driver. The engine didn't matter as long as it was on a **FOX KART**. There were eight karts in the lineup. There was an assortment of engines to say the least ... 820 West Bend with three top carbs (Roy Fenwick); dual MC-6s (Ralph Fenwick); dual MC-20s (Merv Fenwick); MC saw motor (Kevin Rice); Power Products 58 (Billy Dalton); Power Products 58 (Dean Scarborough); West Bend 610 (John Stults); oh, and Ella Rice with an MC-91 with small carb and a pipe.

After one full-track warm up lap, the pack was together as they dropped the green flag to get this race on its way. Was it a close race? It could have been if they had put a horse on Ella's kart to make up a little weight difference. With Ella at 70 pounds, it was clear who the winner would be. I was back in the trailer by the forth lap engraving **ELLA RICE** on the FIRST-PLACE trophy. This little FOX could certainly out run the pack.

Coming down from the high banked turn on the first lap there were four



karts in the picture behind Ella. At lap two, no one could be seen behind her, but everyone in the race was still having a great time because that is what vintage karting is all about ... keeping the history of karting alive with the collection of karts out on the track showing what they could do ... and did in their heyday of the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

Ella has a great teacher in her Dad who walks her around the tracks and shows her where she should be going into the turn and where she should

be coming out of the turn. He did this at Springfield and again at Whiteland.

We have all watched Ella grow up at the track and remember her first time in the kart at Whiteland when the Fenwick's and Steve Seewer helped to build her confidence on the track, but that certainly was no longer needed three years later when she got behind the wheel and knew she was the one now that they had to beat.



Her Mother, Marie, up in heaven, was looking down and smiling on Friday and Saturday seeing her beautiful little girl take the checkered flag in all three Heats. The cutest FOX won (and I don't mean kart). Jim Donovan

[Editor's Note: Thanks to Donnie Cain for the cartoon.]



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