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2018 SCHEDULE BY SCOTT KLINGLER & DICK CHAREST

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

JOIN THE FUN.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS BY ROLF HILL

New Castle cover photo courtesy of Gary Wlodarsky. New hats (and shirts) for **TEAM HILL** courtesy of Kent Windham. Check out www.VKAkarting.com for full photo coverage.



In the July Board Meeting, I was asked to post a reminder to the Yamaha Limited Class. The VKA *Guidelines* say: “WKA stock specification guidelines to apply.” Promoters, therefore, have the option of performing a full-tech. Violation may result in disqualification at that event and sanctions at future events.

For those of you who think we should do something “with all that money” in the Treasury, consider this. Even though the Treasury contains about \$20,000, not all of it is available to spend. Putting out the **VKA FirstTurn** is not cheap; between printing and postage (and my HUGE salary)*, currently the estimated future costs are over \$6,000, based on current membership levels and expiration dates. Then the debate over what to do with the rest can begin. And don’t forget the debate on making the **VKA FirstTurn** ... electronic ... **VKA e-FirstTurn!** (See p.19)

JOIN THE FUN

Join the McCormack Family (left to right: Mack, Missy, Walker, Ty and Max) and the rest of the Vintage Karting Family at the next event.



[* My huge salary was doubled last year. (2 x \$0 = \$0)]

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY BY BILL BLOODWORTH

March SYNOPSIS: There are 395 total members, 356 full members and 39 associate members. The ending February balance is \$20,029.13 which reflects revenue of \$2,045.00 and expenses of \$1,275.90. Director John (Skip) Owen was elected to fill the vacant VKA Executive Director position. The board voted to permit posting of electronic versions of only previous VKA publications that were at least one year old. The Facebook cover photo has been updated to reflect the VKA Banner. The unscheduled Circleville event flyer will not be posted on the VKA website since the event conflicts in both time and distance with scheduled VKA events. At several events during the year, surveys will be conducted regarding the proposed tire hardness rule change for the Sportsman Class. The rule change is scheduled to take effect in 2019. Only class participants will be surveyed. The survey results will be compiled and addressed in the fall. It is expected that in the future both MG Red and Evinco Blue tires will have a softer compound. VKA personnel will monitor future activity and report any changes should they occur. Preparations including judging activity are on schedule to support the Barnesville event and the Northeast Region participation in a motorsport exposition. South region personnel are expecting and preparing for a very large turnout at the Barnesville event. The combined April – May issue of the VKA magazine is on schedule and is expected to contain Barnesville results, Enduro and Northeast region articles, and a listing of new VKA board members.



April SYNOPSIS: There are 411 total members, 369 full members and 42 associate members. The ending March balance is \$22,889.53 which reflects revenue of \$3,067.50 and expenses of \$207.10. Two actions at the recent Barnesville event observed and deemed unsafe by Gary Wlodarsky, spurred a lengthy safety related discussion. While it was agreed that enforcement of safe driving is the promoter's responsibility, it was decided that VKA should draft a non-individual specific letter to promoters addressing VKA's concerns by listing the types of unsafe actions which have occurred at recent events. The letter will be consistent with actions taken for similar circumstances which have occurred during the past few years. Posting to the VKA website of electronic copies of VKA magazines that are at least one year old is in progress. It was noted that event photos posted to a Facebook account may not be usable by VKA because of format and download time issues. The preferred transfer method is to use Dropbox. Skip Owen has assumed the Executive Director's duties and Skip asked that regional coordinators contact him with their questions and comments. Skip reported that VKA was well represented at the recent Northeast Motorsport Exposition with a varied display that included six karts. Skip stated that unfortunately the first-year expo was not well attended with possibly only 200 attendees. Rolf Hill announced that Cary Thomas has agreed to assume the VKA Editor's position following Rolf's departure at the end of the year. Rolf and Cary will function as co-editors for the remainder of 2018. Rolf thanked the board for their support during his fund-raising calendar effort.

[Full Minutes are posted on www.VKAkarting.com.]

... where it's starting all over again!

Vintage karting is alive and well in New Castle. We experienced a record turnout this year ... 149 registered entries and 47 Kart Show entries. A delicious dinner prepared by Donna



Dismore and her crew. The facility and its workers were organized and treated us like family. The on-track events were well run, and everyone had a wonderful time. At the banquet Friday night, we recognized several VKA Members who have contributed to vintage karting. Notably, three inductees to the Vintage Karting Hall of Fame:

Jerry Solt the inventor of the SAE kart who was unable to attend. Jerry is one of the true innovators of karting.

Bill McCornack (past President and Executive Director for VKA), started karts in '66 and progressed through Briggs on dirt, McCulloch's on asphalt at age 15 - raced straight through until '90. He placed at many Nationals and won a National Championship in 1984. Bill is a tool & die maker by trade and lived in Chicago area his whole life until this year. He just moved to Wisconsin. Bill started his vintage karting in '04 and has been involved in VKA from its beginning.



Mark Shepard who started racing karts at the age of 12 in southern California with his parents as his pit crew and engine builder in 1958. He drove a Caretta for Art Ingels and Lou Borrelli (Caretta Works) from '65 to '69. He also drove for Dan Lummelo '68 to '69, and for Christensen Engineering in '65. He ran at Butler Speedway, Agora and the original Go Kart raceway. Shepard also competed many national events and won four National Championships; two in 1964 and two in 1969. Shepard has his original 1962 Caretta that he drove in the Nationals Championships. He has attended and competed in many VKA events and The Big One at

Fremont with his Caretta. His health has held him back from attending lately. [More pictures on www.VKAkarting.com]

Special recognition awards were given to **Kent Windham**, **Terry Ives** and **the Nagel Family** for their support in vintage karting over the years.

Mark Dismore spoke at the banquet about his past and present racing career which was exciting to hear. He welcomed us back and mentioned that the vintage weekend is the favorite event of the year for the facility.

Thanks to everyone who attended and God Bless you all.

Sherri and Jeff Brown

SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO ALL TEN JUNIOR DRIVERS: Kyson Barger, Cale Boorman, Kamran Jobe, Adam Maxwell, Ben Nagel, Makenna Pease, Vico Prelogar, Ty Porter, Walker Porter, Kyle Stropko.



The winner of the blueprinted motor that I donated and was burnished by Sam Bennett was won by Robert McKnight.

NEW CASTLE SHOW RESULTS BY GARY WLODARSKY	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	'59 Hoffs; dual WB-580s; Susana Hoff
Restored	'60 Go Kart 800; PP-28; Gordon Juhasz
REAR	
Restored	'65 Dart A-Bone; MC-93; Bill Stocksdales
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	Birel T-2; K-88; Terry Austhouse
Restored	Meyers Lancer; MC-92; Terry Ives
Modified	Hartman TV14; Yamaha; McGloughlin Group
PAST CHAMPION	
Best In Show	'72 Big J Lancer; K-88; Tom Bowman
ENDURO	
Best In Show	Rupp Chaparral; MC-91b; Jim Walther
MINI BIKE	
Best In Show	Honda 5; Paul Bilson
Peoples' Choice	Invader; Quad (i.e., four) BM-130s; Leah Bennett



BRODHEAD SUMMARY BY BILL MCCORNACK

Another great “Brodhead Historics” ... Weather, wine/cheese tasting, track-time, bench racing ... oh, and vintage karting stuff, too.

Seventy-five entries (plus 6 practice-only) enjoyed the 80° weather and blue skies. The Kart Show had 58 spectacular karts. A good showing.

Special Awards were given to the Oldest Driver (Kirk Gustafson), Outstanding Vintage Karter (Jim Donovan) and Longest Distance Travelled (Butch Stewart). The Midwest Dual Rear Championships went to Jerry Nagel (C-Open) and Scott Nagel (B-Open).

The “always welcome” wine/cheese/beer tasting was held during the Kart Show ... and enjoyed by all.



**In-the-pits at
Brodhead**



BRODHEAD SHOW RESULTS BY GARY W./JACK MURRAY	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	Percival; Clinton A400; Jack Murray
Restored	'61 Fox; MC-9; WB700; Dick Teal
Modified	'63 Alley Cat; WB820; Steve Welte
REAR	
Unrestored	'67 Fox; MC-9; Marshall Fairman
Restored	Fox; WB-820; Dick Teal
Modified	Alley Cat; MC-91; Vince Arconati
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	Coyote; BS 5hp; Dorthy Chatis
Restored	James Kamrekeller
Modified	Trick; BM-130; Jeff Belter
PAST CHAMPION	
Best In Show	Rupp CEI Chaparral; MC-91; Richard Waldherr
ENDURO	
Best In Show	Rupp Mean Machine; {no name provided}
MINI BIKE	
Best In Show	Roadster by Rupp; Vern Bergman
Peoples' Choice	Emmick Elite; TKM 135; Jim Ryder



**On-the-track at
Brodhead**



**In-the-turns at
Brodhead**



**Iconic vintage
demonstrations**



AVON SUMMARY BY JOHN WOLKIEWICZ

The second instalment of the Northeast Promoters' Cup Series has come and gone and was a HUGE success. Despite the threat of a rainout ... the weather was perfect! The Kart Show offered one of the highest totals ever with 82 official entries; 75 + karts entered in the 14 different classes. There was no shortage of excitement.

This was my first trip to Avon and I learned this year they made some significant changes in the track layout to improve safety, and safety was highlighted in the drivers meeting followed by exciting Heats for everyone. Avon's first turn was widened which created space for safe starts and clean passes, also a wide left-hand turn was added at the back of the course. The track offers so much variety from fast sweeping sections to a technical hairpin, and a giant banked turn. I made a ton of laps trying to master the fine points of each portion of this great track, and I can't wait to come back and make more.

As the oil in the air settled, karts were loaded away. Avon has been put in the rear-view mirror for this year. It was a great kart show, fast Heats, and great people. I hope you will join me in thanking Scott and Sam for running this amazing event and all the volunteers that gave up their time and Avon for letting us use their great facility.

John Wolkiewicz



AVON SHOW RESULTS BY GARY WOLDARSKY	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	'63 Bug Wasp; WB-820; Michael Drechnowilz
Restored	Kavalla K-40; WB-580; Bruce Ristow
Modified	GoKart 800; MC-6; Laura Phippen
REAR	
Unrestored	Dart A Bone; MC-92; Doug Tenney
Restored	'66 Rupp Chapparral; MC-91; Mike Schlagel
Modified	Rupp Grand Prix; MC-9; Sam Polito
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	Emick Elite; KT-100 Yamaha; McKenna Pease
Restored	'84 Emmick; KT-100 Yamaha; Skip Owen
Modified	MXK Wedge; MC-91; Scervoni
PAST CHAMPION	
Best In Show	Cates Go-Chassis; MC-9; John Phippen
ENDURO	
Best In Show	Rupp K-Series; Dual K-99s; Mike Schlagel
MINI BIKE	
Best In Show	'71 Rupp Enduro; Erick Krobeth
Peoples' Choice	Putt-Nik Tarra S; Clinton A-400; Alleen Santee





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QUINCY SUMMARY BY ROLF HILL

HOT! HOT!! HOT!!! ... and so were the on-track demonstrations and Kart Show!

VKA Returns to Quincy.



Plenty of track time on Thursday and Friday. Yummy, HOT, plain, veggie and meat lovers' pizza closed the festivities on Friday night. Great track, great fun, great show, great demonstrations.

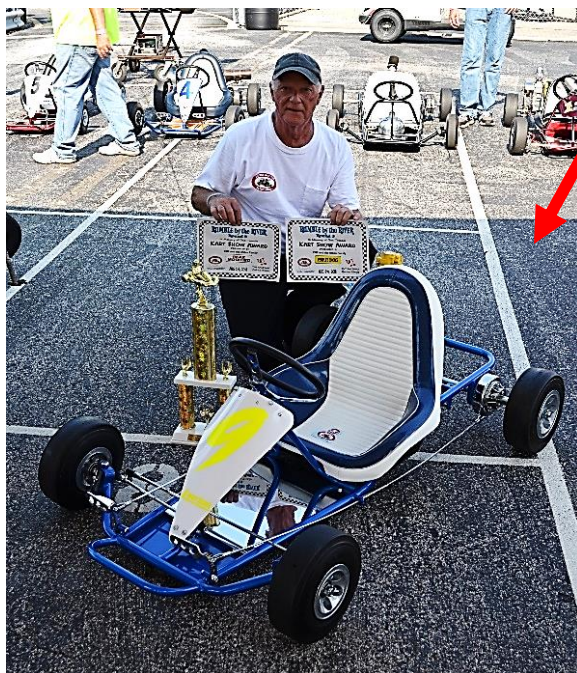
There were 78 entries in the demonstration Heats and about 25 stunning karts in the Kart Show. A huge canopy set-up over the grid made the grid line-up and Kart Show bearable. (Thanks to Jeff Miles, Terry Traeder and the TNT track crew.)





Pictures courtesy of Lori Biehl Photography

QUINCY SHOW RESULTS BY JEFF MILES	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	'61 Townsend Special; Paul Booth
Restored	'61 Fox Mak Kart; Dick Teal
REAR	
Unrestored	Rupp Grand Prix; Robert Cain
Restored	Fox; MC-9; Dan Lawton
Modified	'62 Fox Mak Kart; Dick Teal
SIDEWINDER	
Restored	Margay Concept Dual; Brian Espeset
Modified	Meyers Lancer; Steve Welte
FOUR CYCLE	
Stock	Aaron Kruger
Modified	Nathan Hamilton
PAST CHAMPION	
Best In Show	Blackhawk Chop; Mike Morrall
MINI BIKE	
Best In Show	Grand Prix; Aaron Kruger
Peoples' Choice	Fox; MC-9; Dan Lawton



The big story at the AKRA Road Race at Mid-Ohio was heat. Temperatures in the 90's greeted what may have been the largest road race event of the year with estimates of more than 500 entries. But while "modern" enduro racers sweltered inside their fiberglass bodywork, the Vintage Karters in attendance enjoyed some relief from the heat once they hit the track with no bodywork to disrupt the cooling airflow.

Vintage Piston Port had five entries on Saturday and shared the track with eight other classes! With big classes of TaGs and 4-cycles, as well as Piston Port Sprints and Junior Sprints, the Vintage Enduros were shuffled throughout the field. Thankfully everyone kept their heads and there were no incidents. Ben Eberhart was the class of the field with his Yamaha and romped away to an easy win over Dave Corwin's K-71.

Vintage Twin Engine boasted four entries Saturday including previously unbeaten Greg Wright with his twin Yamahas and Ben Eberhart driving Arthur McKinney's twin LMRs. Eberhart was off like a shot when the flag dropped with Wright and Bob Cole in hot pursuit. Cole's challenge didn't last long, and by half-distance, Wright suffered heat exhaustion and retired. Eberhart cruised to victory.

The five entries in Vintage Unlimited showed plenty of diversity as Mike Schlager gridded his venerable Rupp Mean Machine with two B-Bombs alongside John Copeland's K-88, Martin Powers with his K-55, and Dick Charest and his Dap, and Louis Magiera. On the surface it didn't seem to be a fair fight, but when you factor in the Goodyear Blue Streak tires and chain-drive engine clutches on Schlager's Mean Machine, things balanced out. Powers took the win, with Schlager in 2nd and Copeland 3rd. Charest, suffered from fuel feed problems, starting at about the half-way point of the race. Magiera failed to finish.

Sunday was even hotter than Saturday, with a reported temperature of 96 degrees and a heat index of 117! A number of racers chose to head for home rather than endure the brutal heat.

Sunday's Piston Port race featured the same cast of characters as Saturday, and with the same result as Ben Eberhart smoked the field with his Yamaha. Fred Stoll finished 2nd and Dave Corwin third, followed by Collin Johnson.

The Vintage Twin class on Sunday came at the peak of the day's punishing heat and none of the 4 entries made it to the grid.

And in Vintage Unlimited, only John Copeland braved the heat to turn some laps, handing him the win more or less by default.

In all, the Mid-Ohio event boasted 28 Vintage entries. Since the event typically draws a good showing of vintage karts, most of the regulars have gotten accustomed to seeing the older machinery, but it's always fun to see "modern" karters when they see vintage karts for the first time. Of particular interest was Chuck Heinrich's Hornet Marauder knock-off, a kart that Chuck built himself in 1963 because he couldn't afford to buy a genuine Hornet. It really is a wonderful piece of work and, did I mention, Chuck is looking to find a new home for it.



Chuck Heinrich's Hornet Marauder copy



Art McKinney's Yamaha and Twin LMRs



John Copeland's K 88 Coyote



Vintage Piston Ports on the Grid

John Copeland

When I first started helping with the VKA publication, I had a brilliant idea! ... let's save money and distribute it electronically. Yikes, you would have thought I had two heads. Then it was explained that the publication is "the main reason people join VKA" and "if we made it an electronic publication, friends would share, and membership would drop."

Recently, the Board agreed that we **could** publish an electronic version if it was 12-months old. (They are now on the VKA website.) The notion that the **VKA FirstTurn®** continues to be a "big draw" for VKA membership does make **ME** feel good, but I don't have a crystal ball, so I'd like **YOUR** opinion.

Here are some of the issues to consider: Printing costs could go down, but postage could go up if we don't have enough (200) to justify the BULK RATE. Some people don't have access to a computer (or know how to use one). Some people "just like the feel of flipping through the pages while drinking a cup of coffee." "I consider mine "collectors' items." I hope to retire on the sale of them in a few years." If a member "opts in," and their membership has not expired, do they get a refund? How much? Should there be a different membership fee for "opt in" and "opt out?" How much? Who is going to hit the SEND button? Who is going to maintain the list of email addresses? (I'm retiring!) There could be other questions, but those are the ones I've heard.

Bottom Line: Would you **Opt Out** (hardcopy) or would you **Opt In** (e-copy)? Send me an email ... KartNumber4@yahoo.com. I will ASSuME people who don't email, don't have a computer and want hard copy! 🌀

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Upcoming Events...

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Info. : www.VKAkarting.com

Oreville

9/14 & 15 Oreville PA
www.OrevilleKartClub.net/

Delmar

9/20 – 22 Delmar, IA
www.61Kartway.com

Cuddyback

10/5 & 6 Cuddyback, NY
www.OVRP.net

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