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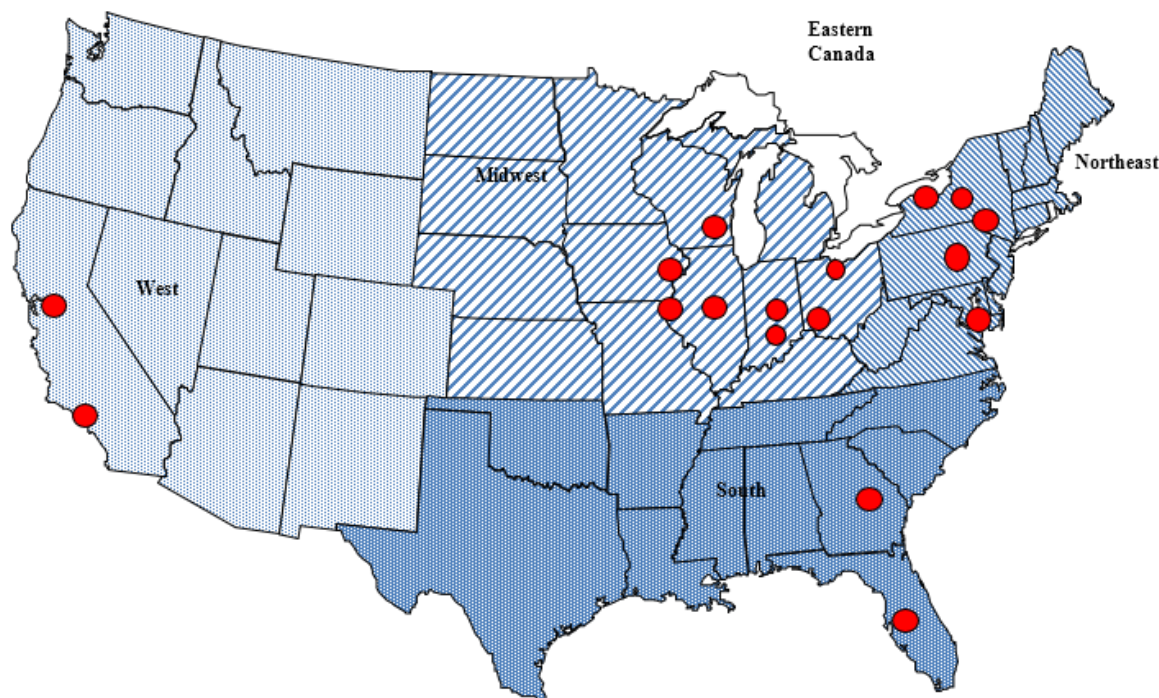
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INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE: 2019 NATIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE.

2019 VKA Regions & Events



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

2019: 63 Years of Vintage Karting and still going strong!

Welcome to the January 2019 Edition of *FIRSTTURN*®, the newsletter of The *Vintage Karting Association* (VKA), an organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of vintage karting equipment that was manufactured between 1956 and 1989.

The VKA serves as a technical and historical resource to our more than 430 members who hail from 37 States as well as our International members from Ireland to Australia. Our mission is achieved through our informative website, a directory of resources, the *FIRSTTURN*® magazine, and sprint and enduro kart activities spanning the country. Some of our members are true Legends of Karting, and they, and scores of other members, offer decades of historical expertise and mechanical skill to support the new enthusiasts who want to enjoy these special machines for generations to come.

If you are a current member, thank you for supporting VKA. If you are not, this special edition of **FIRSTTURN**® is your invitation to **Join the Fun!!** VKA Membership applications are available on-line at www.VKAkarting.com and www.facebook.com/groups/1394603367499268/

Be sure to check out the **VKA National Event Schedule (below)** and plan now to attend one or more of these 30 great events this year! Our teams of volunteer Promoters offer opportunities for vintage karting enthusiasts to participate in judging in many classes as well as on-track events in either **Tier I** (scored) or **Tier II** (non-scored) formats.

The VKA is supported by a dedicated Board of Directors -- volunteers who faithfully carry out the mission of the Association for the enjoyment of all. The time and energy that they cheerfully donate to VKA is amazing. Please refer to Page 12 below to see the people who maintain our finances, keep the membership rosters current, and guide our Association.

Sport without rules is chaos. This is certainly true of Karting. One of the most important responsibilities of the VKA Board is reviewing, maintaining, and publishing Guidelines for safety and classification of Karts and their equipment. The **2019 Guidelines** are a refinement of the guidelines that VKA has promulgated for many years. The **Guidelines**, which help establish consistency at all events, are posted on the VKA website: www.VKAkarting.com. For your convenience, the changes that have been made to each Class for 2019 are highlighted in this edition of **FIRSTTURN**® on page three.

While the VKA strives to maintain a “period correct” approach to the sport, we need to be responsive to safety and economics. For this reason you will see an evolution of the Guidelines, reflective of the desires of the membership. At some events we have seen an increasing number of sidewinder karts, especially Yamaha-powered machines. Last year the **Guidelines** attempted to address this phenomenon and provide even more opportunities for expansion of the sport with **YAMAHA LIMITED**. This year refinements have also been made to accommodate other evolutions including an optional Classic Division for karts 30-years old and two optional classes for, 4-stroke engines.

Future editions of **2019 VKA FirsTurn**® will showcase our full-color magazine format including VKA event photos and reports, technical articles, stories of personal interest, and informative news. Non-members can get an idea of the richness of the publications by viewing an example on the VKA Website (www.VKAkarting.com).

The conduct of the events that you see associated with VKA is under the sole jurisdiction of the respective Promoter. While VKA does not sanction events, we support anyone interested in becoming a promoter through our **Promoter's Package**. It provides essential information for holding a vintage karting event using VKA **Guidelines** to help foster consistency between events. 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 need to change their equipment for your event. Any changes should be announced well before the planned event date and should be part of the event flyer.

2019 Event Calendar

12/27 – 30/18	Daytona	7/13 – 14	Shenandoah
1/24 – 26	Bushnell, FL	7/26 & 27	Avon
1/31 – 2/2	Riverside, CA	8/1 – 3	Quincy, IL
3/8 – 10	*Roebling Rd	8/9 - 11	*Canaan, NH
3/14 – 16	Barnesville, GA	8/9 – 11	*Heartland Park, KS
4/ 13 & 14	Shenandoah	8/22 – 24	Camden, OH
5/2 – 4	Fremont, OH	8/24 & 25	Summit Point
5/17 & 18	Lafayette, NY	9/6 & 7	Oreville, PA
5/23 – 25	Springfield, IL	9/19 – 21	Delmar, IA
6/13 – 15	New Castle, IN	9/27 – 29	Pittsburgh Intrnl
6/14 – 16	Mid-Ohio	10/4 & 5	Cuddebackville, NY
6/21 & 22	Chestertown, MD	10/4 & 5	Whiteland, IN
6/21 – 23	Charlotte	10/10 - 12	Bakersfield, CA
7/11 – 13	Brodhead, WI	10/19 & 20	Roebling Rd
7/12 – 14	Grattan	11/8 – 10	NCMMP
VKA Sprint Events in BOLD		Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS	
NE Promoters' Cup Series (Tier I & II)		* TENTATIVE	

Event flyers will be posted on the VKA website and should be submitted to KartNumber4@yahoo.com well before the event.

Although most vintage events are for sprint karts, enduro karts are encouraged to participate wherever they can. 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. VKA also publicizes vintage enduro-only events held across the country.

The VKA **website** contains copies of the *Promoter’s Package*, Membership Form, *Guidelines*, Event Schedule, Event pictures and other information. You can also enjoy vintage karting by visiting our Facebook account: www.facebook.com/groups/1394603367499268/.

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.

Thanks to all those who helped in **2018**: VKA Officials, Promoters, Envelope labelers/stuffers, Track Owners/Operators, EMS personnel, registration staff, flagmen, corner workers, scorers, concession staff, track cook, vintage karters and all the others, behind the scene, who made the events work. A special “thanks” to those who have helped, but stepped-down in 2018, including our “Accouontant”, Jim Donovan, and our Emeritus Editor, Rolf Hill!

Cary Thomas, Editor, VKA FirstTurn ©

2019 GUIDELINES CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS

The complete text of the 2019 *Guidelines* are posted on www.VKAkarting.com.

- Driver must be in kart or kart on stand prior to starting.
- Carb triggers are not allowed
- **REMOVE** the “no tech” guideline from Sec. 5.
- **CLASS 2** – **REMOVE** “dry clutch”. **CHANGE**: (See Yamaha Limited pipe and clutch requirements) to highlight “and clutch;”
- No axle clutches on karts before 1989; OK on Classic Karts 1989 or later;
- **CLASS 11** – Single Foreign S/W: 150cc engines allowed;
- **ADD: CLASS 11A.** – **80-87 8.2 S/W Foreign** – Foreign or American engines mfg. before 1988; 150cc max. displacement; pipes OK; engine clutches only; modern tires (56 min. hardness); 1 ¼” axle OK; 50” max. width; engines listed in para. 6c(iii)
- **CLASS 13.** – Dual S/W: Engines prior to 1980; frames prior to 1983; 300cc max displacement allowed.
- **CLASS 15** – **Sportsman S/W**: Last year’s change to the tires used in this Class is being reversed. “Hard” tires will not be required.
- **CHANGE**: Optional Straight Front Axle S/W to **CLASS 18.** – **Straight Axle S/W** to include: Non-wishbone front axle; 6.1c.i., fan cooled, American, single carb; unlimited throttle bore; factory V4 manifold; box muffler; dry clutch; 48” max width; #35 chain; vintage tires.
- **CHANGE**: Optional Class – Classic Division to **CLASS 19. Classic Division**; Modern tires (56 min. hardness); axle clutches OK.

- **CHANGE:** 4-Cycle Stock Class to **CLASS 20. 4-Cycle Stock**; Modern tires (56 min. hardness)
- **CHANGE:** 4-Cycle Modified Class to **CLASS 21. 4-Cycle Modified**; Modern tires (56 min. hardness).
- **CLASSES 17, 18 & 23:** No carb triggers.
- **ADD: CLASS 23** -Dual Yamaha S/W 100cc same as Class 16 except, 56 min. tire hardness; allowable tires in para. 6b; engine clutches only; 1¼" axle OK if original; karts mfg. prior to 1987; no carb triggers.
- No **Steel Nytro** clutches.
- **AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO INCLUDING A LIST OF THOSE CLUTCHES THAT ARE CONSIDERED LEGAL IN EACH CLASS. CHECK THE FULL TEXT OF THE 2019 VKA GUIDELINES ON www.VKAkarting.com FOR DETAILS.**



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Guide to 2019 Events

Tiers: VKA Events are classified as **Tier I** or **Tier II** Events. **Tier I** Events are “scored” events. **Tier II** Events are not scored/practice-only events.

Enduro: If enough Enduro karts express interest in participating in a sprint event, promoters are encouraged to include them in appropriate classes. Static Kart Shows at both events are always a crowd pleaser.

Northeast Promoter’s Cup: The 2019 Promoters’ Cup Series consists of four events in the Eastern Region of VKA. Participants in certain classes are scored at each event. The participants with the best score at three of the four events are the event winners.

Suggested Gearing: The Event descriptions may make a suggestion for gearing indicated by an asterisk. Gearing suggestions are based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder.

Discounts: Promoters are encouraged to offer a discount to VKA Members. This will help promote not only VKA, but attendance at your event.

Events are listed by Region; West; South; Midwest; and Northeast (Promoter’s cup and other). Within Region, Events are listed chronologically.

2019 WEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

14th Annual Faye Pearson Vintage Kart
Reunion

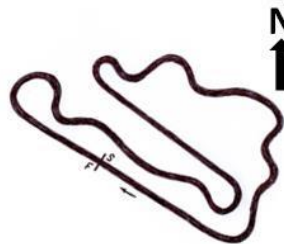
January 31 – February 2, 2019

Adams Kart Track, 5922 24th Street, Riverside,
CA 92509

Promoter Contacts:

Louie Figone (415) 297-0374 Louiemtb@aol.com or
Joe Swantek (310) 446-8624 joe.stonepros@verizon.net

www.adamsmotorsportspark.com



Tier I Event: 8/10 Mile, two Monza turns;
Suggested Gearing: 9 / 60 *

2019 Bakersfield

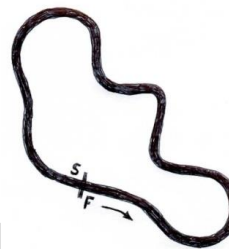
October 10 - 12, 2019

Bakersfield Kart Raceway, 4695 Alfred Harrell
Hwy., Bakersfield, CA 93306

Promoter Contact:

Joe or Rich Swantek (310) 466-8624
joe.stonepros@verizon.net

www.racingwhere.com/sprint-racing/tracks?key=225



Tier I Event: 1/2 Mile course;
Suggested Gearing: 9 / 54 *

2019 SOUTH VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

2019 Ice Breaker

January 24 - 26, 2019

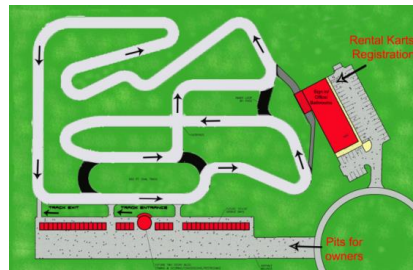
Bushnell Motorsports Park, 5821 Pit Road,
Bushnell, FL 33513

Promoter Contact:

Bret Spaude (352) 568-0778

info@bushnellmotorsportspark.com

www.bushnellmotorsportspark.com



Suggested Gearing: 9 – 66* A 2/3 mile asphalt
track with a bridge and underpass

2019 SOUTH (continued) VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

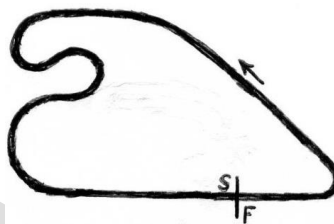
13th Annual Vintage Kart
Winternationals

March 14 - 16, 2019

Lamar County Speedway, 964 Highway 36
West, Barnesville, GA 30204

Promoter Contact:
Bob Barthelemy (478) 361-3048 (after 5:30
PM, please) bobb@lhthomson.com

<https://thegska.com/>



Suggested Gearing: 9 - 63 *

2019 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

2019 Fremont Raceway Park

May 2 - 4, 2019

Freemont Raceway Park, 708 Barston Road,
Fremont, OH 43420

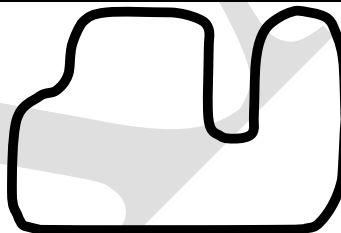
Promoter Contact: Kit (419) 217-5995

kit@henrymotorsports.com or

Scott Benton (440) 226-9063

bentonscott37@yahoo.com

www.facebook.com/FremontRacewayPark/



Gearing: 9 - 62

2019 Land of Lincoln Vintage Weekend
(Springfield)

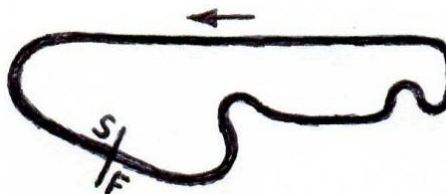
May 23 - 25, 2019

Midstate Kart Club, 160 Kender Lane,
Dawson, IL 62520

Promoter Contact: Tom Tapocik (217) 415-
9817; k.tapocik@comcast.net;

Class structure questions: Bill McCornack
(630) 400-2645 bill.mccornack@comcast.net

www.midstatekartclub.com



Gearing: 9 - 55

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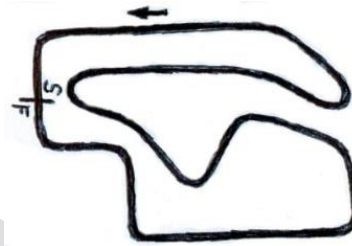
10th Annual Vintage Thunder Karting Reunion

June 13 - 15, 2019

New Castle Motorsports Park, 5816 S. County
125 West, New Castle, IN 47362

Promoter Contact: Jeff Brown (248) 613-5839
(after 4PM EST, please) invaderjb@gmail.com
or Mike Adams (765) 987- 8090

<https://newcastlemotorsportspark.com/>



Suggested Gearing 10 – 58

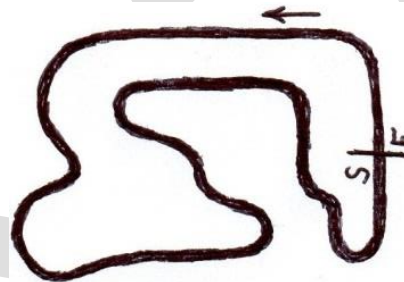
2019 The Brodhead Histories

July 11 - 13, 2019

Sugar River Raceway, N2236 Mt. Hope Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520

Promoter Contact: Marshall Fairman (608)
897-2898 srr@frontier.com or
Bill McCornack (630) 400-2645
bill.mccornack@comcast.net

<https://sugarriverraceway.com/>



Suggested Gearing: 9 – 65

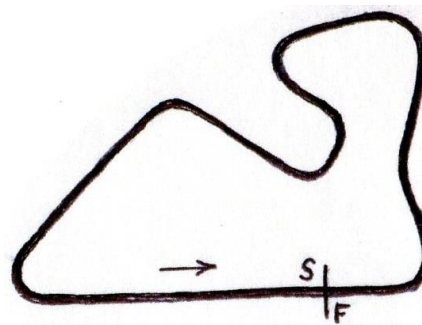
Quincy IL: Rumble by the River IV

August 1 - 3, 2019

TNT Kartways, Track Location: 8750
Highway 24, Taylor, MO 63471

Promoter Contact:
Jeff Miles (217) 440-6768
birel_kart_7@yahoo.com

<https://www.kartpulse.com/tnt-kartways>



Suggested Gearing: 9 – 62

2019 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS (continued)

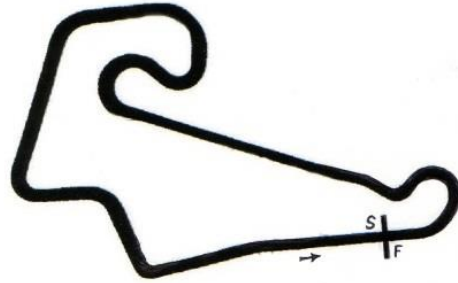
2019 Camden, Ohio

August 22 - 24, 2019

G&J Kartway, 1619 Barnets Mill Road,
Camden, OH 45311

Promoter Contact: Gary Gregg (937) 452-1218
or Jeff Brown (248) 613- 5839 (after 4PM
EST) invaderjb@gmail.com

<http://jeffbrownvintagekarting.com/>



Suggested Gearing: 9 – 58

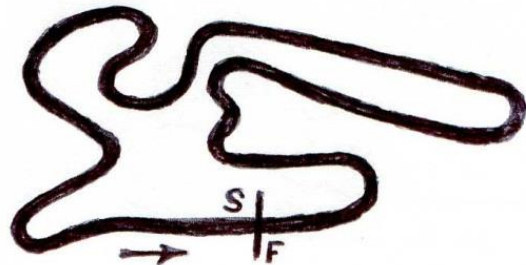
15th Annual Midwest Vintage Kart
Classic

September 19 - 21, 2019

61 Kartway, 1580 Highway 61, Delmar, IA
52037

Promoter Contact:
Scott Klingler (248) 533-7544
kling4213@hotmail.com

<https://www.61kartway.com/>



Suggested Gearing: 9 – 67. Way-cool extreme
elevation changes!

Indy Vintage Classic

October 4 - 5, 2019

Whiteland Raceway Park, 654 North Front
Street, Whiteland, IN 46184

Promoter Contact: John Copeland (765) 742-
0935 john@foxvalleykart.com or
Sonny Gerber (765) 714-5374
sonnygerber@comcast.net

<https://www.racewrp.com/>



Suggested Gearing: 9 – 65

2019 NORTHEAST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

2019 Lafayette NY

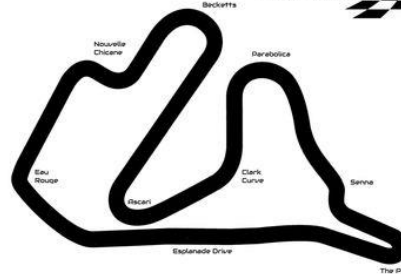
May 17 - 18, 2019

Lafayette Motorsports Park, 4930 US Highway
20, Lafayette, NY 13084

Promoter Contact: Tony Goddard
(315) 960-2723 info@lafayettemp.com

<https://lafayettemp.com/>

Track Layout



Suggested Gearing 9 – 65. Northeast
Promoter's Cup Series Event

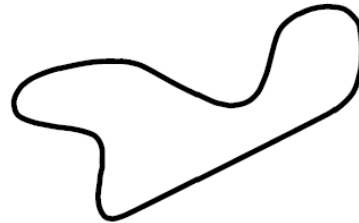
2019 Chestertown MD

June 21 - 22, 2019

Nicholson Speedway, 9805 Earl Nicholson
Road, Chestertown, MD 21620

Promoter Contact: Jim Kaufmann (717) 419-
6248 jkauf@sunrayselectric.com

<http://nicholsonspeedway.com/>



Suggested Gearing 9 – 65. Northeast
Promoter's Cup Series Event

The Northeast is still lucky to have Avon, NY on the VKA Schedule; however this venue will not be part of the Northeast Promoters' Cup Series in 2019.

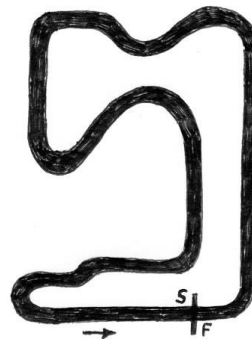
9th Annual Vintage Karting Reunion

July 26- 27, 2019

Avon Kart Speedway, 2123 Lakeville Road,
Avon, NY 14414

Promoter Contact: Scott Kneisel (585) 398-
3526 chuckie72us@yahoo.com or Al Gutberlet
(585) 872-1973

www.gvkc.org



Suggested Gearing 9 – 62. *NOT* part of
Northeast Promoter's Cup in 2019

2019 NORTHEAST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS (continued)

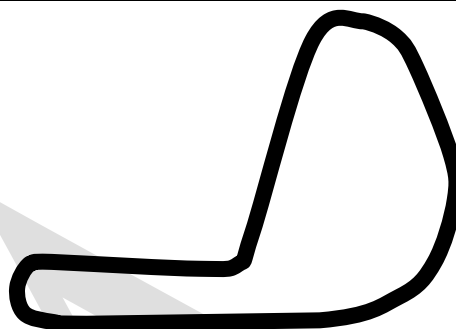
2019 Oreville Kart Raceway

September 6 - 7, 2019

Oreville Kart Track, 548 Old Tipton Road,
Mertztown, PA 19539

Promoter Contact: Barry Greenzweig (610)
657-5189 barry74@ptd.net; Alex Greensweig
(610) 762-0898 alex24@ptd.net; Kenny
Dengler (610) 844-5101
hillsidevinyl@verizon.net

<http://www.orevillekartclub.org/>



Suggested Gearing 9 – 65. Northeast
Promoter's Cup Series Event

2019 Cuddebackville NY

October 4 - 5, 2019

Oakland Valley Race Park, 305 Oakland
Valley Road, Cuddebackville, NY 12729

Promoter Contact: Rick Keller (631) 487-7595
(c) or (631) 665-0886 (O)
rkmotorsportsgroup@gmail.com

<https://www.ovrp.net/> (845) 754-8500



Suggested Gearing 9 – 59. Northeast
Promoter's Cup Series Event



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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

VKA Membership: FULL 12-Mo. Membership = \$35; ASSOCIATE Membership = \$10; FOREIGN Membership = \$45; EXPANDED/36 Mo. Full U.S. Membership = \$95; ASSOCIATE Membership = \$30

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

VKA Memberships are issued for a 12 or 36-month period. Current members should receive a reminder along with their VKA *FIRSTTURN*® at least two months before their membership expires.

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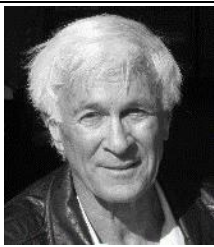

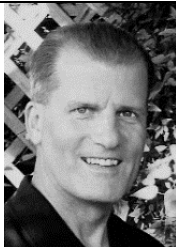












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1/24 to 1/26 2019	Bushnell, FL	VKA Sprint
1/31 to 2/1 2019	Riverside, CA	VKA Sprint
3/14 to 3/16 2019	Barnesville, GA	VKA Sprint

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Safety Dir.: Dean Kossaras safety policy and procedures; reviews and recommends <i>Guidelines</i> ; Chairs Safety Committee	Executive Director: Skip Owen- Organizes events with promoters, produces National Event Schedule.	Board Mbr: Sonny Gerber At Large	IT Director: Jeff Campbell Maintains VKA website.
			
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