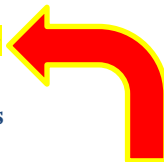


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2020 SCHEDULE BY S. OWEN , D. CHAREST, J. COPELAND

2020 VKA EVENT SCHEDULE	
12/25&26 Daytona 1/30-2/1 Riverside 2/13-15 Bushnell <i>3/6-8 Roebling Rd.*</i> 3/19-21 Barnesville <i>4/17-19 Charlotte</i> 5/7-9 Fremont <i>5/x-y Atlanta*</i> 5/21-24 Springfield 5/28-30 LaFayette <i>6/x-y Summit Point*</i> 6/18-20 New Castle <i>6/12-13 Mid-Ohio*</i> 6/25-27 Chestertown 7/9-11 Brodhead 7/23-25 Avon	<i>7/10-12 Grattan*</i> 7/30-8/1 Quincy <i>8/6-8 Cannan, NH*</i> <i>8/6-8HeartlandPark, KS*</i> 8/27-29 Camden, OH <i>8/21-22 Summit Point*</i> 9/3-5 Saltillo, MS, 9/11 & 12 Oreville, PA 9/17-19 Delmar, IA <i>9/25-27 Pittsburgh Intrnl.*</i> <i>9/25&26 Shenandoah*</i> 10/8-10 Whiteland, IN 10/TBD Sandy Hook, MD* 10/8-10 Bakersfield, CA* <i>10/15-17 Roebling Rd*</i> <i>11/5-7 NCMMP*</i>
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Where it's starting ... all over again!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS BY ROLF HILL

VKA is run by volunteers, all of whom are dedicated to our sport. They spend a lot of time to support our association. Sometimes volunteers are unable to meet the demands of the various jobs, and they turn to others for help. At the request of Cary Thomas, I have returned to assist with the Editor role, temporarily. We thank Cary for the time and energy he exerted for our benefit. If anyone is interested in being the VKA Editor, please let a Board Member know.



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY BY BILL BLOODWORTH

March 2019 Synopsis: There are 427 total members, 377 full members and 50 associate members. Rolf Hill has been added to the VKA Facebook account as an administrator. Some inappropriate email has been deleted. John Copeland is continuing to work with other organizations for the inclusion of vintage karts. Dean Kossaras confirmed that in the Over 60 Yamaha Class, the wording “Vintage Speed Tires Only” is what was intended and not “Vintage Style”. Lynn Haddock followed up his email with a brief discussion of the two sets of Hoosier tires which he has for evaluation. One set is a replacement design and the other set is a new design with a very hard tread and a soft sidewall. Midwest Region coordinator Bill McCormack is working with promoters to emphasize safety with the dual Yamaha class where there will be drivers who are new to dual engine karts. Per Dean Kosarras’ concerns, a recommendation will be added to the *Guidelines* suggesting that drivers new to the twin engine classes have a minimum of three years’ experience in single engine classes. Show Certificates for the Barnesville and Fremont events are ready and will be delivered in person. Bill McCormack reported that he is assembling info packets for the eight Midwest events. Bob Barthelémy reported that he has received 41 advance entries for the Barnesville event. Gary Wlodarsky has a sample t-shirt design and he will send one to each Board Member.



Bill Bloodworth

OREVILLE SUMMARY BY KURT BOGERMAN

On September 6th & 7th, 2019, the Oreville Kart Club in Mertztown, PA again hosted the Vintage Karting Association and the Northeast Promoter's Cup Series. Unlike the weather during last year's event, the looming threat of a hurricane's fallout did not douse us with rain this time, and we were blessed with sunny, clear skies and dry surfaces. Perhaps the perfect weather contributed to the excellent turnout of 84 for the event!

Despite the favorable weather, Barry Greenzweig was unavailable to work this event, due to what was described as "a long overdue back surgery". The news at the time was that Barry's surgery was a success, and we all wished him well by individually signing a "Get Well Soon" card. I'm sure we're united in the hope that his condition continues to improve. In Barry's absence, Alex Greenzweig and Kenny Dengler, Jr., and the rest of the club's staff and volunteers, stepped up to the plate and treated us to a well-organized and professional event.

Friday was the day for arrivals, tuning, and practice. Practice sessions, by kart type, ran like clockwork throughout the afternoon. The normal gamut of successes and setbacks ensued, with most karts ready to rock by the days end, and a few with more issues than they started with! Fortunately, there would be a couple more sessions to shake things out on Saturday before the timed, qualifying Heats.

Compared to the other three-Heat events in the northeast region, Oreville offers a condensed two-Heat format. The noise ordinance is strict, so all tuning, practice and engine flushing must occur between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00PM. The track staff are pretty good at packing maximum track time into those hours. I noticed last season (my first) that Oreville's was probably the best run grid on the schedule. Also, due to the noise restrictions, Saturday morning featured the kart show at 11:00AM,



before the day's Heats. Al Postiglione displayed the depth of his vintage kart knowledge by helping arrange the karts into groups by age and class. There were several notable karts on display, including a fully restored Simplex MKII with dual Clinton E65s, owned by Michael Tarosik, as well as a pair of triple-McCulloch powered machines, courtesy of Carl Haydt. Alas, these three did not see track time on this occasion: That would've been an extra treat!

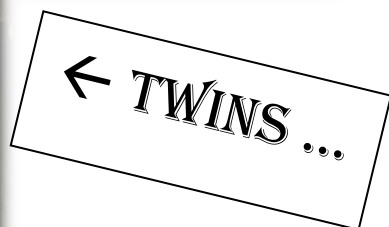
In addition to those standouts, the show contained a wide assortment of other very nice originals, old warhorses, and restorations to behold. I've been one of several participants who has been tapped to be a show judge throughout this season. It gets very difficult to choose "the best one" for any given category. On numerous occasions we end up mincing details like "but, are the wheels original?", or "were the brakes updated to make them safer, or was it just 'easier'?" There are always so many lovely machines to consider, and Oreville featured a broad assortment.

Once the kart show was judged and awards were presented, we could get into the Heats. Here are the results for the event:

OREVILLE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
Class	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Rear	D. DeFrancisco	S. DeFrancisco	* * * * *
Historic	Rick Keller	Scott Kneisel	Rusty Becker
Sportsman Rear	R. DeFrancisco	A. Richardson	Sam Polito
Rear 6.1	A. Greenzweig	A Richardson	Jim Walter
Rear 8.2	Carl Haydt	Jim Walter	Jon Fair Oaks
Sportsman S/W	Skip Owen	Scott Kreiser	M. Petraccoro
Yamaha Limited	Mike Daidone	Kent Windham	R. DeFrancisco
S/W 100 Foreign	Perry Archer	Kent Windham	Matt Klunk
S/W 135 cc For.	Karl Ginter	Skip Owen	Steve Calabrese
Yamaha Stock	R. DeFrancisco	Mike Daidone	Skip Owen
4-Cycle	Dave Ely	Scott Kreiser	Gary Edwards
Dual Yamaha	Mike Daidone	Federico Rotela	Chris Postiglione

Regarding the Oreville track, itself, I believe that it would be accurate to say that its "simple" layout is deceiving. It's laid out in a "P" shape, with a tight hairpin followed by a flat-out straightaway that ends with a broad turn, a short straight, and a RH turn before

returning to the hairpin. I find it to be much more fun than it looks on paper, with more technique required than I expected. The hairpin has bucked many a driver onto the grass, and negotiating the LH curve after the straight, past the Start/Finish line, has befuddled many drivers with lifetimes more experience than me. Whether it's the club, the track, or the personalities involved, that environment has bred drivers that are notably fast.



OREVILLE SHOW RESULTS BY AL POSTIGLIONE

Judges: Steve Calabrese, Paul Hunter, Kurt Bogerman, Jon Clark

HISTORIC

Unrestored	1963 Fox; MC45; Doug Jorgenson
Restored	Simplex MKII; Dual Clinton E65s; Michael Tarosik
Modified	Fox Mak Kart; WB 580; Jon Clark

REAR

Unrestored	Go Kart 800; Kent Windham
Restored	Rupp – Chaparall; Dual 101Bs; Sam Polito
Modified	1963 Fox; WB820; Rodrigo DeFrancisco

SIDEWINDER

Unrestored	1986 Dap; KT100; Karl Ginter
Restored	1979 Emmick Arrow I; MC92; Mark Petraccoro
Modified	Margay; KT100; Bob Wood

4-Cycle

Best in Show	Homebuilt (89); Briggs; Dave Ely
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PAST CHAMPION - REAR

Best in Show	Dart; MC91; Gary Anthony
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PAST CHAMPION – S/W

Best in Show	Yamaha RC100; KT100; Kurt Bogerman
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PROMOTER'S CHOICE

Best in Show	Fox Mak Kart; WB 580; Jon Clark
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PEOPLES' CHOICE

Best in Show	Simplex MK II; dual Clinton E-65; Michael Tarosik
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As the Heats finished up, with only a minor incursion beyond the noise ordinance cut-off, the picnic could begin! I really enjoyed the picnic last year and I was hoping that this year's would be it's equal. I was not disappointed. The chicken, pasta, salads, etc. were quite good, indeed, and there was plenty to go around. So, as the sun was setting, and the caravans of karts began to roll out, everyone was full of food and exhausted, and that's exactly how a great weekend should end.

Thanks again to the Oreville Kart Club, volunteers and staff, also to the VKA, Skip Owen, and Sal Palatucci, and to Al Postiglione and Rick Keller of the Northeast Promoter's Cup Series, for another first-rate weekend of karting fun and nostalgia!

Kurt Bogerman

CAMDEN SUMMARY BY JEFF & SHERRI BROWN



We had a record 106 entries; many new faces and some familiar faces. Entries were from North Carolina, Maryland and even Texas. Great weather all three days with temperatures in the 70's which made for excellent track conditions.

The Ohio Valley Kart Club staff did a fantastic job running the program and serving the pulled pork dinner on Friday evening. The owner Gary Gregg from the original family who built the track in the 50's still operates the track and a business on site. The track is open 365 days a year for \$15 on practice days. **(cont. on p.16)**

FANTASTIC! SPECTACULAR! UNIQUE! ONE-OF-A-KIND! AND F-U-N! DELMAR IS LIKE A ROLLER COASTER WITH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL G-FORCES ... EXCEPT YOU GET TO STEER! WHAT A THRILL!
Can you tell I'm indifferent in my opinion? Not!

Sure, we had a threat of rain ... it was a VKA event. The bottom line, though, was we got in plenty of practice time on Thursday afternoon and practice and three Heats on Friday. Temps in the 80s and a constant breeze made for perfect conditions. Promoter Scott Klingler and the track crew managed the compressed schedule with precision.

Kinda like last year, food was AT the track. Dogs, brats, sausages "charred" on the grill and slow cooked in a case of beer. (Strangely, the recipe calls for 23 cans. Hmmm?) Absolutely **DELICIOUS**. Jim made sure everyone was fed Italian beef on Thursday, but people were surprised at the cook on Friday ... it wasn't **JIM DONOVAN**. He was goofing off at some school reunion in Chicago. (I'll talk to him about that later.) But Jim made sure there was plenty of help Friday. He recruited four of the wives who all pitched in at some point: Sally Day, Diane Magnuson, Kay Merritt and Sandy Welte. (Watch out, Jim. You may lose your "job.") I didn't hear any complaints. As a matter of fact, I did here a couple of "yummies," "delicious" and "mmmmmm." (Propane, Italian beef and supervision by Jim Donovan; brats by Sonny Gerber; dogs by Jim Kammuegger; and sausages by Jessey James and Tod Hanold. A BIG "thank you" goes to those who donated and helped with the cooking.)

The demonstration Heats came off without a hitch ... or transfer of paint. A true demonstration of what our vintage karts can do. Several of the Classes were combined so each Heat only took about an hour and 15 minutes. Plenty of event pix on **www.VKAkarting.com**. We got all three Heats done in one day, with plenty of time for a Kart Show, dinner and awards under the lights.

With three Heats under our belt, and a full stomach also under our belt, we moved on to the Kart Show and awards. As the sun sunk in the West, temperatures cooled and so did the ... adult beverages.

Thanks to the Neilson/Hughes families and friends who made this a spectacular event.



Rolf Hill

DELMAR DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS*			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Mac-49	Shawn Welte	Boone Rule	Rick Magnuson
Sportsman Rear	Shawn Moore	Steve Welte	Jim Kammuelier
Rear 6.1	Jerry Nagel	Rolf Hill	Dave Romaine
Rear 8.2	Marc Nagel	Scott Klingler	*****
Sportsman Mac	Vern Bergman	Troy Cozad	Tom Day
Sportsman WB	Dan Reinbold	John Schutt	Randy Duncalf
Yamaha Limited	Marty Westen	Ried Fair	Michael Day
S/W 100 Foreign	Andrew Glann	Dave Borkowski	*****
S/W 135 cc For.	Marc Nagel	Tom Tretow	David Sagen
SW 80-87	Tony Neilson	Brandon Dhuse	Bill McCornack
Piston Port	Tony Neilson	Troy Cozad	Jake Tuel
B-Open	Jim Merritt	*****	*****
C-Open	Jerry Nagel	Marc Nagel	Steve Welte
Dual Yamaha	Jim Ryder	Vern Bergman	*****



DELMAR SHOW RESULTS BY GARY WLODARSKY	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	Gopher; WB-700?; Chad King *
Restored	Percival Wildcat; WB-580; Larry Killam
REAR	
Unrestored	Dart Grand Prix; MC-45; Shaun Myers
Restored	R&S A-runner; MC-91A; Shawn Moore
Modified	Bug Fly; MC-91b; Jim Kammueeller
SIDEWINDER	
Restored	Margay Bandito; Yamaha KT-100; Larry Killam
Modified	'75 Invader; CR6; Jim Hansen
MINI BIKE	
Best in Show	Rupp Roadster; Mc-101A; Mark Andermann
PAST CHAMPION	
Best in Show	'63 Alley Kat II; dual WB-820; Shawn Welte
Peoples' Choice	Buller Arrow; Yamaha 100cc; Al Johnson



* **Author's Note:** If I understood Chad correctly, he was not a karter, but purchased the building in which the Gopher was manufactured. Delmar was his first VKA event. Hope to see more of him ... in the seat!



Boy, have things changed! Three new buildings (with new toilets), kart garages and shop for rental karts; expanded pit area with gravel to cover mud; and they did something, not sure I can put my finger on it, but the last turn before the Start/Finish Line **doesn't** lead you to the safety barriers. Much better. Promoter John Copeland confirmed the rumor they are going to pave the track for next season. Sarah (Fisher) and Andy O'Gara have done a wonderful job. "Lots of work by lots of people," according to Sarah. **NEWS FLASH ... PAVING SCHEDULED TO START THIS MONTH!**

It was crowded ... even with all the new pit space. Don't blame the track. Blame the 100 entries! It was huge. John Copeland managed the crowd and the event like a pro. There are plans to acquire additional property to the north to further enhance the capability of Whiteland to accommodate even larger vintage karting events next year.

The weather was perfect for vintage karts; cool in the morning but sunny and dry for practice, lunch, show and Heats. For me, it had been several years since I'd been there, but "the line" came back pretty quickly. What helped me in my Rear 6.1 was falling in behind a dual during practice. Not that I could stay up with him, but it sure gave me the confidence to try to go through the turns a little faster. But I digress ...

Jim Donovan was on the grill, and as usual, perfection was his goal. Fresh Angus burgers donated by John Konkle and some culinary assistance provided by Kay Merritt got the succulent burgers off the grill to



perfection. (I hope everyone noticed how clean the grill was when they picked up their FREE burger. Jim spent quite a while scrapping out MONTHS of grease and char build-up. I was pitted right next to him. Even the grease drain holes were clogged. THANKS JIM.) (Not so subtle hint that ALL tracks need a “clean grill” policy before the next event.)

WHITELAND DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Historic	Kyle Moody	Robert Cain	Donnie Cain
Junior	Ben Nagel	Cale Boarman	Landon Boarman
Sportsman Rear	Shawn Moore	Melanie Giessen	Romero Llamas
Mac-49	Shawn Welte	Steve Welte	* * * *
Rear 6.1	Jerry Nagel	Melanie Giessen	Romero Llamas
Rear 8.2	Marc Nagel	Scott Nagel	Vincent Rafole
Over-60 Rear	Jerry Nagel	JoAnn Hertzig	Rolf Hill
Over-60 S/W	David Drewes	Marty Weston	Gene Lang
Sportsman Stock	Mike Giessen	Amy Scoggins	Tom Day
Yamaha PP Hvy	Scott Nagel	David Drews	Mike Grigsby
Yamaha PP Lite	Mike Giessen	S. Damen-Geare	Dirck Berger
Yamaha Ltd Hvy	Cory Patterson	Dave Bucher	* * * *
Yamaha Ltd Lite	Mike Giessen	Dean Sauder	Morgan Healy
S/W 100 (Amer.)	Marty Weston	Jesse James	* * * *
S/W 6.1/8.2 (For.)	Morgan Healey	Bill McCornack	Don Axe
S/W 135 cc (For.)	Marc Nagel	Mike Giessen	Bobby Brown
SW 80-87 (135cc)	Scott Nagel	Jim Rowe	Bob Noel
B&C-Open	Jerry Nagel	Steve Welte	Al Hasenfratz
Dual Yamaha	Jeff Snelling	Vern Bergman	Scott Nagel

John Copeland did something different. He ran two Heats on Friday! Some people liked it ... some did not. On the plus side, we got out early on Saturday. For long-distance drives that was good. On the



negative side, IF you had a problem on Friday, there wasn't as much time to deal with it. For anyone who had a problem, this was bad.



WHITELAND SHOW RESULTS BY GARY WLODARSKY	
Judges: Romero Llamas, Donnie & Robert Cain, Bobby Brown	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	Moss; MC-45; Kyle Moody
Restored	Blitz F-100; MC=91; JoAnn Herzig
REAR	
Restored	Dart A-Bone; MC-91; Gene Lang
Modified	SAE; Dual MC-101s; Vinny Rotor
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	'87 Trick; Yamaha KT-100; Terry Schmiter
Restored	Bug Stinger; MC-49; Landon Boarman
Modified	Invader; BM-130; Doug Sharp
MINI BIKE	
Best in Show	Lil Indian 400; Power Products; Kyle Moody'62
PAST CHAMPION	
Best in Show	'62 Fly; MC-91b1; James Kammueeller
Peoples' Choice	Brand X-400; Clinton; Gordon Juhasz



Whiteland was a blast. Good racing ... oops I mean “demonstrations.” Plenty of track time, great food, wonderful people, beautiful vintage karts and so much fun ... **VKA do it again in 2020.!**

CAMDEN SUMMARY (CONT'D FROM P.8)

We started the program with one Heat on Friday, but I kicked off the day with a prayer, the National Anthem and introduced the VKA Board members. We followed that with a long line of attendees on the front straight and gave them an opportunity to meet each other. Heat #1 was run on Friday, followed by the Kart Show and dinner. Thanks to the Show Judges: Romero Llamas, Donnie Cain and Robert Cain.

Heats #2 and #3 were run on Saturday. Awards were passed out and goodbyes were said, trailers were packed and vintage karters were on-the-road. Results and photos are on VKAkarting.com. The event is held every year the weekend before Labor Day. Hope to see you next year.

Thanks to all who came to make it a great event.

Jeff and Sherri Brown

CAMDEN KART SHOW	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	Hoffco Hurriane; WB-580; Gordon Juhasz
Restored	Rupp Grand Prix; MC-9; Sam Polito
REAR	
Unrestored	RobRon Chapparel; WB-820; Paul Billson
Restored	Dart Grand Prix; MC-91; Charles Howland
Modified	Hornet C-Sprint; MC-91b1; Curt Gruber
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	DAP; Yamaha; Karl Ginter
Restored	Margay Concept; MC-91; Brian & Mike Giessen
Modified	ProLine X24; Yahaha; Bill Arrandale
PAST CHAMPION	
Best In Show	Invader; Dual Parilla TT25; Ralph Alexander
MINI BIKE	
Best In Show	FAAS Kingolawn Aggie 98; Briggs; Robert Cain
Peoples' Choice	Homebuilt; WB-580; Bill Snively (see picture, next page)



Camden: Peoples' Choice

CAMDEN DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Juniors	Jack Sullivan	****	****
Historic	Pam Orndorff	Roy Fenwick	Jimmy Gay
Rear 6.1	Mike Giessen	Kirt Bennett	Jerry Nagel
Over-60	Ralph Alexander	Dean Kossaras	Bill Stocksdale
Rear 8.2	Scott Klingler	Butch Stewart	Vince Rotole
Sportsman Rear	Mike Giessen	Sam Polito	Scott Kneisel
S/W 6.1	Kory Bennett	****	****
S/W 8.2	Bill McCornack	Karl Ginter	Marc Nagel
Sportsman S/W	Mike Giessen	Amy Scoggins	Al Hasenfratz
SW 80-87	Matt Morgeson	Hal Orndorff	Bill Arrandale
Over-60 Yamaha	David Drewes	Clayt Abercrombe	Brian Giessen
150 cc	Mike Dobie	Steve Mox	Don Axe
C-Open	Jerry Nagel	Scott Klingler	Vince Rotole
S/W 135 cc For.	Hal Orndorff	John Pagans	Amy Scoggins
Yam. Piston Port	Mike Giessen	Troy Brown	Skip Owen
Yamaha Limited	Troy Brown	Kyle Sanders	Dean Sauder
Dual Sidewinder	Jerry Nagel	Mark Story	Craig Bennett
Dual Sidewinder	Scott Nagel	John Griffin	****
Classic Unlimited	Mike Giessen	****	****
Classic 150cc	Mike Dobie	****	****



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