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2021 SCHEDULE BY K. GINTER , D. CHAREST, J. COPELAND

TENTATIVE 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

This schedule was update 11/4 for electronic publication on VKAkarting.com.

<i>12/28-30</i>	<i>Daytona</i>	<i>7/10 & 11</i>	<i>Shenandoah</i>
2/4-6	Riverside, CA	<i>7/23-25</i>	<i>Nelson Ledges</i>
2/4-6	Jacksonville, FL	7/29-31	Avon, NY
<i>3/?-?</i>	<i>Roebing Rd.</i>	8/5-7	Quincy, IL
3/18-20	Barnesville, GA	<i>8/14&15</i>	<i>Black Hawk Farm</i>
<i>3/22-23</i>	<i>Summit Point</i>	<i>8/21-22</i>	<i>Summit Main</i>
<i>4/?-??</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>	8/26-28	Camden, OH
<i>4/17 & 18</i>	<i>Shenandoah</i>	9/2-4	Saltillo, MS
<i>5/7-9</i>	<i>Gateway</i>	9/9-11	Oreville, PA†
5/13-15	Springfield, IL	9/10 & 11	<i>Gingertown</i>
5/20-22	LaFayette, NY	9/16-18	Delmar, IA
<i>5/22 & 23</i>	<i>Summit Main</i>	<i>9/24-26</i>	<i>Pittsburgh Intrnl.</i>
<i>6/8-10</i>	<i>Mid-Ohio</i>	9/30-10/2	Whiteland, IN
6/17-19	New Castle, IN	10/7-9	Bakersfield, CA
6/24-26*	Chestertown, MD	10/16-17	Street, MD
7/8-10	Brodhead, WI	<i>Oct ??&??</i>	<i>Roebing Road</i>
<i>7/9-11</i>	<i>Grattan</i>	11/4-6	Bushnell, FL
VKA Sprint in BOLD * Indicates tentative			
Enduro in <i>italics</i> † FIRST ANNUAL VINTAGE GO KART DAY			



WHERE IT'S STARTING ... ALL OVER AGAIN!

COVID-19 vs. VKA BY ROLF HILL

Well, we made it through a crazy season. Just keep your fingers crossed we don't go through that again. STAY SAFE.

20th ANNIVERSARY – THE FUTURE BY ROLF HILL

Where do we go from here? I've said it before, and I'll say it again. VKA needs volunteers ... at the track as corner workers, grid managers, photographers (get your cell phone out) and more ... and in the "management" of VKA. Start as an assistant to one of the Board members or Committees. Get out! Get involved! The FUTURE of VKA is at stake!

Over the last 10 years, VKA has nearly doubled in size. *Membership* is one of the critical jobs. *Guidelines* can be a real challenge. The *accounting* and *administration* doesn't happen by itself. With all the "vintage talent" out there, share it with the rest of us.

Oh, did I mention the VKA FIRSTTURN®? We are going electronic! If you want paper, we need to know. But keep in mind, the money we save can be used to pay for some services currently done by volunteers. With the growth of VKA, we need help that volunteers can't or won't provide.

OREVILLE SUMMARY BY KURT BOGERMAN

This year's VKA event at the Oreville Kart Club in Mertztown, PA was another great weekend of karting, VKA style! Due to their municipality's strict noise ordinance, Oreville is limited to being a two-day event. The club actually needs to get special approval in order to allow us to run on Fridays, so the Friday/Saturday schedule is rather compressed compared to the other three-day events on the calendar.

So, the format was one of Test/Tune/Practice on Friday afternoon, with the Kart show in the late morning on Saturday, followed by one round of 8- lap Heats and then 12-lap features. I really enjoyed Friday's activities quite a bit. Not only were my karts running fairly well, which has not been a given at all this season, but I was able, this time, to offer assistance to two of my peers whose karts were not running so well. It was a great feeling to realize that I was able to help salvage the weekend for those

guys who were not having much fun up to that point. After a day well spent, many of us dined together at Florence Italian Grill in Fogelsville.

Saturday morning's kart show had a really great turnout of beautiful rear engine machines, including standout restorations by Michael Kerber and Mike Jarosik, as well as some very well cared for sidewinders. Alan Davidson and Russ Jennings volunteered to judge the kart show alongside me. I know just enough about rear engine karts to be dangerous, but I definitely appreciate having some sidewinder knowledge on the panel!

I have to say, even though Oreville's course is somewhat short, the longer Heats and the even longer features allowed quite a bit of drama to unfold as you could watch positions change, and leads grow or shrink with each passing lap. I personally took advantage of this in the Historic feature, when I was able to overcome a boggy start, lap by lap, by whittling away at the leaders until I was able to edge out John Wolkiewicz Sr in the last corner to take the win. There were feisty battles of this kind to be seen in all of the classes.

Once again, the staff and volunteers at the Oreville Kart Club were amazing hosts. Their comradery and professionalism are evident, and they made us feel not only welcomed but essential to their racing schedule. It was a great weekend.

Kurt Bogerman

OREVILLE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Junior	S. DeFrancisco	D.DeFrancisco	* * * * *
Historic	K. Bogerman	Wolkiewicz, Sr.	D. Jorgensen
Sportsman Rear	R.DeFrancisco	A. Greenzweig	K. Bogerman
6.1 Rear	Garrett Krome	Rick Baliet	A. Greenzweig
8.2 Rear	Jim Walter	Carl Haydt	Rick Baliet
8.2 SW Amer.	Karl Ginter	S. Calavrese	Perry Archer
Sportsman S/W	Karl Ginter	M.Petraccoro	K. Windham
Yam Stock Appear.	Doug Tenney	* * * * *	* * * * *
Yam Ltd.	Kent Windham	J. Gustavino	R.DeFrancisco
Over-60	Alan Davidson	G. Beidler	Jon Fair Oaks
Round Head WB	John Clark	Bruce Ristow	Mike Kerber
4-Cycle Limited	Garrett Krome	Cary Stubhar	Russ Jennings

OREVILLE SHOW RESULTS BY KURT BOGERMAN	
JUDGES: Kurt Bogerman/Alan Davidson/Russ Jennings	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	'64 Fox; MC-45; Doug Jorgensen
Restored	'57 Homelite; WB-580; Mike Kerber
Modified	'64 Rupp Dart; WB-580; Mike Jorosik
REAR	
Unrestored	'65 Rupp Grand Am; MC-93; Sal Palatucci
Restored	'62 Fox; WB 580; Jim Walker
Modified	'64 Fox; WB-580; Rodrigo DeFrancisco
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	'85 PCR F-1; KT-100; Kent Windham
Restored	'79 Emmick Arrow; MC-92; Mark Petraccoro
Modified	'82 Star; Flathead Briggs; Russ Jennings
PEOPLES' CHOICE	
Best in Show	'57 Homelite; WB-580; Mike Kerber



*** * NOTICES * ***

*** HELMET CERTIFICATION NOTICE ***

2015 or later Snell Certified helmets will be REQUIRED in 2021.

*** ACCEPTABLE TIRE NOTICE ***

Hoosier R60-series tires are acceptable until 12/31/2020.

*** MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP NOTICE ***

VKA Membership is required for any on-track activities/returning vendors.

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*** Family Member must be living in same home. ***

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DELMAR SUMMARY BY SCOTT KLINGLER

Had a good turn out; 41 drivers and 57 entries. Weather was mid-60's all three days and dry. Great food with lots of donations and hard work by Jim Donovan and others. Jessy James brought 125 Italian sausage and Scott Klingler brought 50+ burgers. Jim cooked breakfast for those who brought "offerings" ... bacon, eggs, *etc.* Oh....



DELMAR DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Sportsman Rear	Dave Romaine	* * * * *	* * * * *
6.1 Rear	Shawn Welte	* * * * *	* * * * *
8.2 Rear	Marc Nagel	Vince Rotole	Scott Klingler
Dual Rear C	Vince Rotole	Marc Nagel	Shawn Welte
Sportsman SW L	Bruce Samuel	* * * * *	* * * * *
Sportsman SW H	Vern Bergman	Jessey James	Don Renton
6.1For/8.2 Amer.	Scott Ader	Scott Campbell	Vico Prelogar
6.1 Amer. SW	David Fisher	Dean Didion	* * * * *
8.2 Foreign S/W	Marc Nagel	Brandon Dhuse	* * * * *
Yam PistonPort	Tony Neilson	Scott Ader	Josh Fisher
80/87 SW	Brandon Dhuse	* * * * *	* * * * *
Yam Ltd.	Kyle Sauder	Dean Sauder	Reed Fair
SASW	Gene Lang	Michael Day	* * * * *
Over-60 SW Ltd.	Marty Weston	David Fisher	Kurt Nichols
Sportsman WB	Kirk Gustafson	Randy Duncalf	John Schutt

.... the racing was fun, too.

DELMAR SHOW RESULTS BY SCOTT KLINGLER

JUDGES: Scott Klingler/Don Renton

HISTORIC

Unrestored	'63 Sears; Jim Hansen
Restored	'65 King Kart; Dave Romaine
Modified	'60 Sears; John Schutt

REAR

Restored	'64 Bug Sprint; Vinny Rotole
Past Champion	'62 Alley Kat; Steve Welte

SIDEWINDER

Unrestored	'72 Meyers Lancer; Reed Fair
Modified	'89 Margay Expert; Andrew Glenn
Past Champion	'82 Emmick Star; Bill McCornack

MINI BIKE

Best in Show	Huffy Hustler; Jesse James
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PEOPLES' CHOICE

Best in Show	'60 Sears; John Schutt
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WHITELAND PEOPLES' CHOICE

'73 Bug Wasp LH; MC-101;
Gordon Juhasz

JOIN THE FUN



Delmar: Watkins Glen
of the Mid-West.

With the racing season in the Midwest coming to an end, Vintage Karters again converged on Whiteland Raceway Park in Indiana to share their love of old karts and old karters. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the event saw 84 entries, making it one of the biggest this season.

The facilities at Whiteland, the oldest continuously operating kart track in the nation, continue to get better and better. The Whiteland staff makes sure everything goes smoothly and is ready to do whatever it takes to take care of the racers. Indiana pandemic regulations meant that the track couldn't serve hot food, but Whiteland arranged for a food truck to be on site with delicious options to choose from.

Fall weather can be tricky in Indiana and Thursday alternated between bright sunshine and spitting rain. There was plenty of time for practice for those who came early, then time to fix and fiddle with things. Friday and Saturday, by contrast, couldn't have been better; brilliant sunshine and temps in the low 60's.

Friday's 1st Heats went off smoothly and gave the racers a good idea of who would be strong in the 2nd and 3rd Heats on Saturday. The kart show followed Friday's Heat and brought out some very high quality entries. Kart Show participation continues to decline as more and more Vintage Karters seem to be focused on racing their karts rather than showing them.

Saturday was when it all mattered and some of the Heats were intense. The Over 60 Yamaha Limited class, the weekend's largest with 15 entries, had spirited competition throughout the field, but the best battle of the weekend was the 2nd Heat in Piston Port Yamaha where veteran drivers Ron Funkhouser and Mike Giessen raced nose-to-tail from start to finish. Never separated by more than a kart length, these two left it all on the track. Before the start Lynn Haddock muttered, "This'll be a show." And it was. At the flag, Funkhouser edged Giessen by a whisker for the win.

Mike Giessen (Yamaha Piston Port, Sportsman Sidewinder), Jerry Nagel (Dual Rear, Over 60), and Morgan Healey (8.2 Rear, Sportsman Rear) were all double winners.

Plans are already underway for a return to Whiteland next year at the end of September, so mark your calendar. In only two years, this has become the "must attend" event of the season. Don't miss it next year. *J. Copeland*

WHITEAND DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Historic	Dean Scarbrough	Roy Fenwick	Robert Cain
Sportsman Rear	Morgan Healey	Shawn Moore	Romero Llamas
6.1 Rear	A Hassenfratz	Mike Dobie	Jerry Nagel
8.2 Rear	Morgan Healey	Scott Klingler	Mike Grigsby
Over-60 Rear	Jerry Nagel	Bil Stocksdales	
6.1/8.2 Amer8.2F	Jim Rowe	Bill Walters	Bill Arrandale
Sportsman S/W	Mike Giessen	Amy Scoggins	A Hassenfratz
Yam Piston Port	Mike Giessen	Ron Funkhausen	David Drews
Yam Ltd.	Ron Funkhausen	Amy Scoggins	Mike Dobie
Over-60 SW50cc	Monty Weston	Guy Roberts	David Drews
150cc SW	Kevin Myers		
Straight Axel SW	Romero Llamas	Ron Brockman	Gene Land
West Bend SW	Rowdey Duncalf	Code Brinkman	Cal Stafford
Classic 100cc	Dennis Crouse	Mike Campbell	
C-Open	Jerry Nagel	Vince Rotele	Scott Kerestes

WHITELAND SHOW RESULTS BY JOHN COPELAND	
JUDGES: John Stults; Donnie Cain; Romero Llamas	
HISTORIC	
Restored	'60 GoKart 800; Dual MC-9s; Scott Kerestes
Modified	'67 K&S A-Runner; MC-91; Shawn Moone
REAR	
Restored	'62 GoKart 1200; MC-91b1; Scott Kerestes
Modified	'67 King; MC-91; Doug Sharp
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	'79 Hornet WB-3; KT-100; Dennis Crouse
Restored	'73 Bug Wasp LH; MC-101; Gordon Juhasz
PAST CHAMPION	
Best in Show	'82 Emmick Star; KT-100; Bill McCornack
MINI-BIKE	
Best in Show	Terry Schmitz
PEOPLES' CHOICE	
Best in Show	'73 Bug Wasp LH; MC-101; Gordon Juhasz

Part Four of this series focuses on the years 1970 and 1971.



1970 would be the second time in four years that the Grand Nationals were held at TNT Kartways in Quincy, IL.

This time, Quincy had 533 entries competing in twelve classes. The major players this year were Dave Knapp, Frank Harbin, Pete Michel, Jeff Brown, Terry Traeder and Gary Emmick. In those days, IKF memberships were \$10.00.

The Traeder family had made some major improvements since 1966. The track had been resurfaced. Pit spaces had doubled, and the tower was now air conditioned. But the main improvements the drivers enjoyed were – the main straightaway was extended to 600 feet and included a high speed banked turn.

Dominant Karts were K-P's "Bug Stinger" and Margay Karts.

The race was halted for one day (Wednesday) in order to make needed repairs to damaged asphalt turns.

Chuck Hammond manned the McCulloch booth and John Klotz (Klotz Oils) was on hand. He gave one of his products to every driver entered.



THIS IS VINTAGE KARTING !



*Tony Atkins (l)
and Dave
Knapp (r)
leading Stock
Junior Class in
pace laps*



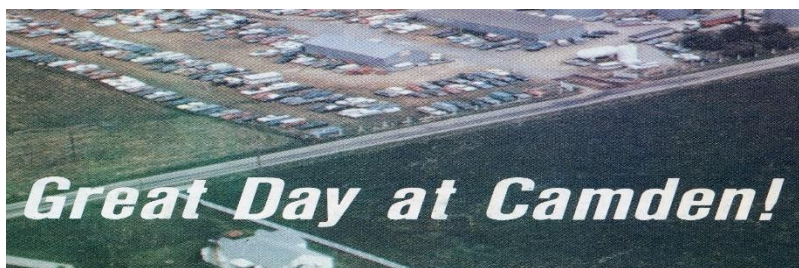
*The famous
Goodyear
Family
converted a
hearse into a
kart hauler.*



A “brother act” – Tony and Kyle Atkins

It was quite a sight to see the Holiday Inn’s parking lot filled every evening with karters who were working on equipment until the wee hours of the morning.

TNT Kartways is still one of the most famous tracks on the VKA circuit.



The 1971 Grand Nationals

In 1971 G & J Kartways in Camden, Ohio hosted 608 entries competing in 13 classes. Twenty-five states were represented, as well as Canada and China!

The major players at this event were Lake Speed, Kathy Hartman, Kyle and Tony Atkins, Lynn Haddock and Junior Neal. The Margay "Cheetah" was the dominant kart.

The Gregg family was the host of this event and is still in VKA's family of tracks.

The top five entries by state were: Ohio (86), California (81), Florida (50), Illinois (49) and Michigan (43). Oklahoma had one!



Lake Speed (l) and Terry Traeder (r) on the pace lap in Open Heavy Class

A number of classes had so many entries they had to have consolation, semi then main Heats, in order to narrow the class down to 30 for the main event.

The American Junior class was the largest with 75 entrants.



Rookie Class Action



Gary Emmick leading the C-Opens out of the Monza

This was the last year there was only one organization and one National Championship. A new organization, WKA, started up in 1972 ... at Camden. (See October VKA FIRSTTURN®.) *Bill McCormack*

RESOURCES WILL RETURN IN JANUARY ISSUE.

THIS IS VINTAGE KARTING !

Upcoming Events ...

Barnesville

Riverside

Jacksonville

See VKA website for more
Info. : www.VKAkarting.com

11/5-7 Barnesville, GA
www.TheGSKA.com

2/4-6/2021 Riverside, CA
AdamsMotorsportsPark.com

2/4-6/2021 Jacksonville, FL
<https://www.NorthFlKarting.com/>



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