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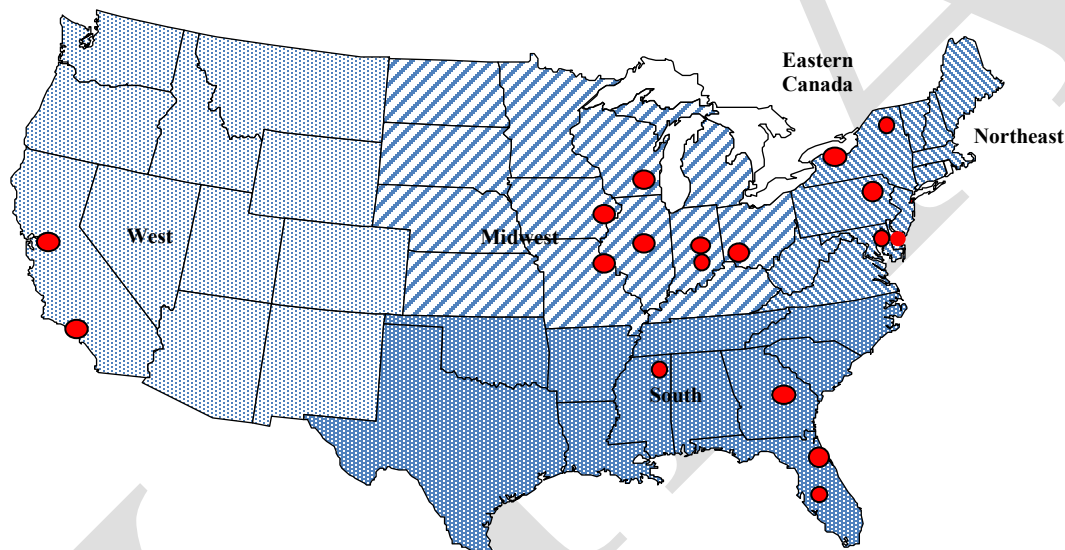
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2021 VKA NATIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE



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**International
Vintage Go Kart Day[†]
2nd Saturday in September**

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INTERNATIONAL VINTAGE GO KART DAY

On **October 11, 2020**, the president of the Vintage Karting Association (VKA), with unanimous consent by the VKA Board, declared the Second Saturday in September as **INTERNATIONAL VINTAGE GO KART DAY**. This date was chosen because from every indication, it was “in early September 1956,” that Art Ingles took the first go kart to the Rose Bowl parking lot to test drive it. The rest is history.

In the early '60s, go kart racing became extremely popular. Today, young and old alike enjoy karting. Modern karting shares the DNA of Art's first go kart and the fun that is part of the experience. Some of the most popular professional race drivers got their start on a go kart. **INTERNATIONAL VINTAGE GO KART DAY** is a day to celebrate the people, the events, the equipment, the innovations ... our history.

Many go kart enthusiasts in the United States gather throughout the year and enjoy their **VINTAGE** go karts (some of them more than 50 years old) at events across the country. We are not alone. Vintage/Historic go kart organizations in Canada, the UK/Europe, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere also enjoy the excitement of the most economical of all powered racing sports. Even more **MODERN** karts fill the pits on weekends and turn in laps at go kart tracks around the world. They all share the DNA of Art Ingles first go kart.

VKA celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year and next year we hope everyone will help us celebrate vintage karting on this special day ... the 2nd Saturday in September ... September 11, 2021 This year we will join the rest of the country remembering those who died on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Whether or not you go to Oreville on Saturday, September 11, set one of your karts on the front lawn with the American flag and take a picture of it. Throughout the year you can post your pictures on the **NEW facebook VINTAGE GO KART DAY** page. We can celebrate and commemorate together. Modern kart events are encouraged to hold a special event on every 2nd Saturday in September. (At the time of printing, the **NEW VintageGoKartDay.com** website was “under construction.”)

The official announcement will be made in the home-state of karting at the Adams Kart Track in Riverside, CA, at the first 2021 VKA event February 5, 2021. Throughout the year, we hope **ALL** VKA events will honor the inaugural event by holding a 5-minute session where all the karts parade the track with an American flag. Also, modern karting events will be encouraged to include Parade Laps to recognize the history their karts share with Art Ingles' creation and to commemorate those who were killed 20 years ago. On September 11, 2021, **JOIN THE FUN** at Oreville, PA, for a special event, on a special day.

*Rolf Hill, Executive Director
Vintage Go Kart Day*



JOIN THE FUN
- HAPPING KARTING -



BAKERSFIELD SUMMARY BY LEN EMANUELSON

Bakersfield's VKA event is a favorite vintage west coast kart event for a number of reasons. First, there's the track – the karting equivalent of F1s SPA-Francorchamps with huge elevation changes, and unlike SPA, virtually no straightaways. A large downhill off-chamber sweeper is the straightaway – if you're brave enough to keep it pegged. The track's got history too with karts racing on it for more than 40 years. Track owner, Rusty Sanders, resurfaced the track a couple of years ago; it now has excellent grip and a smooth surface. Simply put, Bakersfield is the reason race karts were invented.

Then there are the people – starting with promoters Richard (R) and Joe Swantek (L).



and many more. Not all were in attendance this year due to medical and Covid issues, but the low-key atmosphere ensured that some good times were shared.

This year's event had perfect 70-80-degree weather with a slight layer of smoke from the many California fires. About 30 karts were entered, which was good considering the Covid 19 concerns and heavy

smoke warnings from the California wildfires. There was nearly unlimited track time on Thursday and Friday for racers to dial-in their karts. Saturday brought on some excellent race exhibitions in four categories: Single and Dual Rear, Yamaha Sidewinder, Single Sidewinder and Dual Sidewinder. The exhibitions were run as a 6-lap Heat and a 6-lap Final with a lunch break in between.



Following the laid-back atmosphere, Bakersfield's kart show was unstructured with no pre-determined classes. Instead, the judges simply picked out 5 outstanding karts and awarded them generous cash prizes.

Saturday afternoon rolled around all too soon as karters packed up for the trip home. After lots of track time, bench racing and long lunches at Ethel's roadside restaurant across the street, everyone looks forward to doing it all again next year. If you haven't been to a Bakersfield VKA event, you should definitely put it on your schedule for next year ... **10/7-9!**

Len Emanuelson

They almost totally bear the financial responsibility of this race including substantial cash show prizes and a great Saturday lunch provided by Teresa Swantek. One of the best parts of Bakersfield is that you get to rub shoulders with karting greats like Howard Combee, Terry Ives. Steve O'Hara, Rocky Buff, Bobby Shiffert

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



Show winner, Jack Murray's '61 Evans Flyweight/Max-Torque Special was a real hit with its 3 Mc10s and flip up center motor for starting. It's original as driven by Melvin Hilligos at the Nationals in Mid-Ohio.



THIS IS VINTAGE KARTING !

Bakersfield's VKA rear engine contingent was well represented. What may have been lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Duane Dalke's fat tire, open header, dual West Bends was the power player, with Al Paolercio's dual Mac 20 McCulloch kart dicing for the remaining positions.



Four Dual Sidewinders made it to the grid: Richard Swantek's dual K29s, Paul Ffields' K35s, Alan Paolercio's BM130s and Mel McEndree's Yamahas. In both Heats the action was between Ffields and Swantec with Swantec taking the first Heat and Ffields on top when Richard suffered engine damage in the final.

The burgeoning VKA Yamaha Sidewinder class was no exception at Bakersfield with 7 karts running in the Heats. Matt Jones dominated both Heats with John Woods getting two seconds and Dennis Faust from Phoenix grabbing a 4th and a 3rd.





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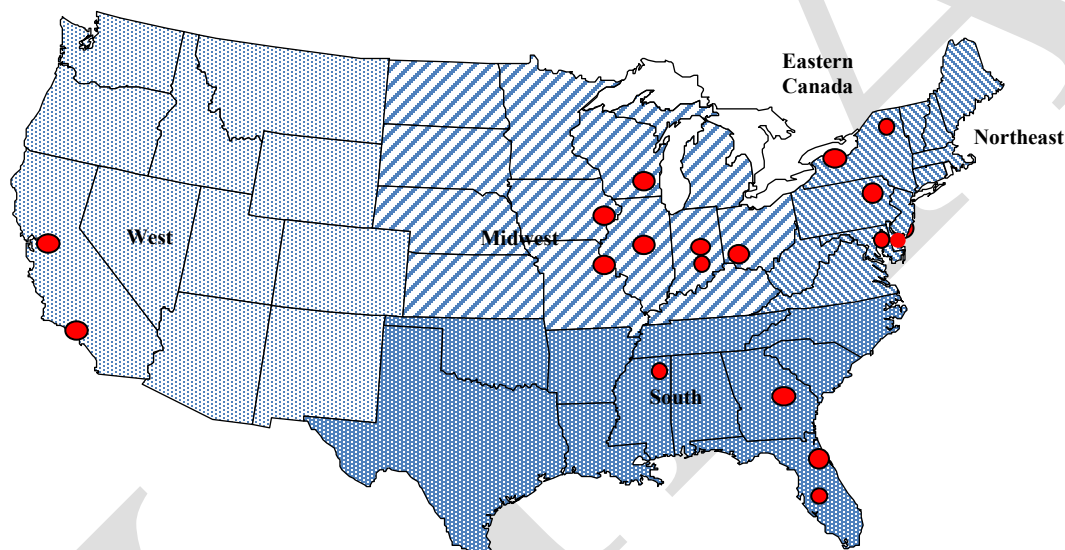
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12/28-30	Daytona, FL	5/22 & 23	Summit Main	8/26-28	Camden, OH
2/4-6	Riverside, CA	6/8-10	Mid-Ohio	9/2-4	Saltillo, MS
2/4-6	Jacksonville, FL	6/17-19	New Castle, IN	9/9-11†	Oreville, PA
3/?-?	Roebling Rd.	6/24-26*	Chestertown, MD	9/10 & 11	Gingerman
3/25-27	Barnesville, GA	7/8-10	Brodhead, WI	9/16-18	Delmar, IA
3/22-23	Summit Point	7/9-11	Grattan	9/24-26	Pittsburgh Intrnl. PA
4/??-??	Charlotte, NC	7/10 & 11	Shenandoah, VA	9/30-10/2	Whiteland, IN
4/17 & 18	Shenandoah, VA	7/23-25	Nelson Ledges	10/7-9	Bakersfield, CA
5/7-9	Gateway	7/29-31	Avon, NY	10/16-17	Street, MD
5/13-15	Springfield, IL	8/5-7	Quincy, IL	Oct ??&??	Roebling Road
5/20-22	LaFayette, NY	8/14 & 15	Blackhawk Farm	11/4-6	Bushnell, FL
		8/21&22	Summit Main		

VKA Sprint in **BOLD** Enduro in *italics* * Indicates **tentative** † International Vintage Go Kart Day

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Guide to 2021 Events - - What you can expect ...

The specific *Guidelines* will help you prepare for a VKA event. Here is what you can expect when you go to a VKA event:

VKA events are **not** sanctioned by VKA. The Promoter/Track Owner are the final decision-makers. VKA's role is to establish *Guidelines* that are consistent between events, all across the country and to assist promoters at the events. VKA publishes a **Promoters' Package** for Promoters/Track Owners to use as a guide on what is expected of them as a Promoter for consistency between events. It is available online (www.VKAkarting.com under the Guidelines & Documents Tab.

As a rule-of-thumb, here is what vintage karters expect of Promoters:

1. Vintage karters expect the *Guidelines* to be followed ... again, to ensure consistency between events, all across the country. Any changes should be requested prior to the events and deviations should be spelled-out in the event flyer.
2. Generally, events are three days: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday is intended to be a test & tune opportunity and a time for extra track-time. Generally, one Heat, a Kart Show and a track-held "dinner" are scheduled for Friday, and two Heats are run on Saturday. The event flyer, and event conditions, will determine the event schedule on "race day."
3. Events are categorized as Tier I and Tier II events. Tier I events are scored demonstration Heats with awards. Tier II events are not scored, and awards are not made. Most VKA events are classified as Tier I. The flyer should identify the category the event will follow.
4. **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. (Several enduro events will include vintage enduro karts. Check the schedule on p. 16)
5. Event flyers, registration forms and other information will be provided by the Promoter in pdf format to VKA and posted on the VKA website, **VKAkarting.com** well in advance of the event. The flyers and forms will typically include event schedule, pricing, GPS address, hotels, and any special ancillary events (*e.g.*, pre-event gathering/dinner, tours, *etc.*)
6. **Members Only:** Starting in 2020, all drivers, kart show entrants/judges and returning vendors must be a member of VKA.

Events below are listed by Region; West; South; Midwest; and Northeast. Within Region, Events are listed chronologically.

2021 GUIDELINES CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS

The complete text of the 2021 *Guidelines* are posted on www.VKAkarting.com. The specific wording is posted there. As of the printing of this issue of the **VKA FIRSTTURN**® here is a summary of the changes:

1. Hoosier R60 tires are no longer allowed (announced last year);
2. Snell 2015 or later certified helmets are required (announced last year);
3. Added a statement regarding spirit and intent and expected behavior guidelines;
4. Class 3 (SPORTSMAN REAR) 0.813" dia carb required on WB-820; WB-610 added;
5. Class 3 (SPORTSMAN REAR) and Class 15 (SASW)- After-market stuffers and BDC carbs OK;
6. Class 4 (MAC 49 / SAW)- Separate into two classes ... basically stock and modified;
7. Class 7 (DUAL REAR)- run and scored together;
8. Class 8 (6.1 & 8.2 AMERICAN SW + 6.1 FOREIGN SW) Separate into two classes ... A & B ... primarily dependent on frame age, engine, axle;
9. Classic Division 19- split into A & B primarily dependent on engine and set-up.

2021 WEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

2021 16th Annual Faye Pearson

2/4 - 6

Vintage Kart Reunion

5922 24th Street

Riverside, CA 92509

www.AdamsMotorsportsPark.com

Contact: Joe Swantek (310) 466-8624

joe.stonepros@verizon.com

Gearing: 9-60*



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2021 Bakersfield Kart Raceway 10/7 - 9

4695 Alfred Harrell Hwy.

Bakersfield, CA 93306

www.facebook.com/bakersfield.kartraceway/.com

Contact: Joe Swantek (310) 466-8624

Gearing: 9-54*

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2021 SOUTH VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

2021 North Florida Kart Track 2/4 - 6

10244 103rd St, Jacksonville, FL 32210

Jim Hindery, www.NorthFlKarting.com/ 386-316-9196

Or Bob Barthelemy, bobb@LHthomson.com

478-361-3048 (after 5 PM)

Gearing: 9-58*



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2021 *SOUTH* (continued) VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

2021 Barnesville/Lamar County Speedway 3/ 25 - 27

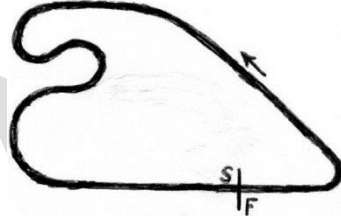
14th Annual Vintage Kart - Winter Nationals

930 Highway 36 West
Barnesville, GA 30204

www.thegska.com

Contact: Bob Barthelemy 478-361-3048 (after 5 PM)
bobb@LhThomson.com

Suggested Gearing: 9 - 63*



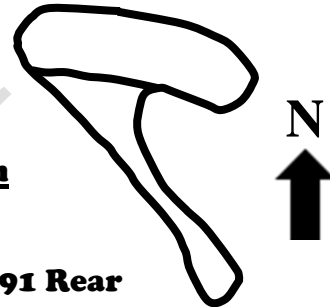
2021 Rebel Raceway Park 9/2 - 4

594 Old Saltillo Rd. (CR811)
Saltillo, MS

www.facebook.com/Rebel-Raceway

or contact Brian Carr 662-871-1147 or 662-844-5778
ajeb65@yahoo.com or RebelRacewayCarr@gmail.com
or Bob Barthelemy 478-361-3048 (after 5 PM)
bobb@LhThomson.com

Suggested Gearing: 9-78 for MC-91 Rear



2021 Bushnell Motorsports Park 11/4-6

5821 Pit Road
Bushnell, FL 33513

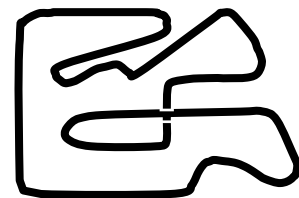
www.BushnellMotorsportsPark.com

Contact: Bret Spaude (352) 568-0778

info@BushnellMotorsportsPark.com

Or Bob Barthelemy 478-361-3048 (after 5 PM)

Gearing: 9-66*



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2021 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

2021 Land of Lincoln Vintage Weekend **5/13 - 15**

160 Kender Lane (SPRINGFIELD)

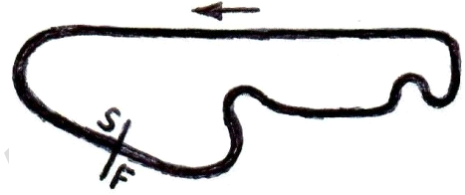
Dawson, IL 62520

www.MidstateKartClub.com

Contact: Ken Wooldridge (217) 202-4908

Wooldridge4@comcast.net

Suggested Gearing: 9-55*



2021 13th Annual Vintage Thunder **6/17 - 19**

5816 S. County - 125 West

New Castle, IN 47362

www.NewCastleMotorsportsPark.com

Contact: Jeff Brown (248) 613-5839

invaderjb@gmail.com

Suggested Gearing: 9-58*



2021 Brodhead Historics **7/8 - 10**

N2236 Mt. Hope Road

Brodhead, WI 53520

www.SugarRiverRaceway.com

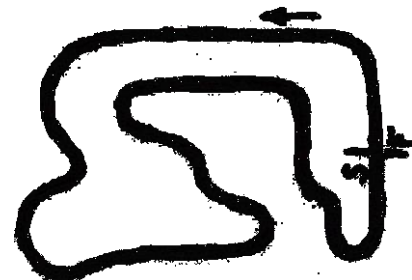
Contact: Marshall Fairman (608) 897-2898

marshall@sugarriverraceway.com

Or Bill McCornack (630) 400-2645

Bill.McCornack@comcast.net

Suggested Gearing: 9-65*



2021 Rumble by the River **8/5 - 7**

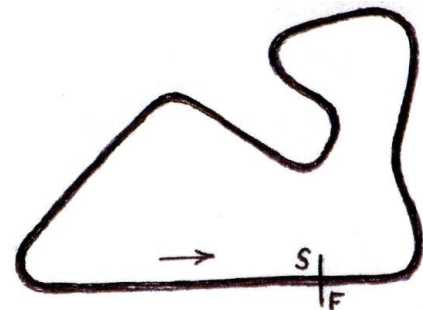
8750 Hwy. 24, Taylor, MO 63471

SEARCH [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/TNTKartways) for "TNT Kartways"

Contact: Jeff Miles (217) 440-6768

birel_kart_7@yahoo.com

Suggested Gearing: 9-62*



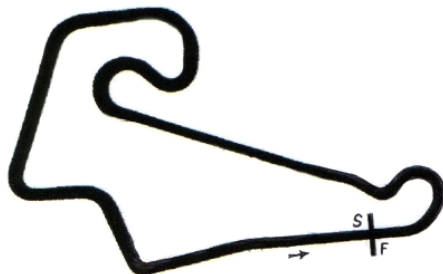
* Based on 100cc fan cooled SW, pipe & wet clutch

2021 MID-WEST (continued)

2021 Camden, OH 8/26 - 28

G&J Kartway
1619 Barnets Mill Road
Camden, OH 45311
www.GandJkartway.com
Contact: Jeff Brown (248) 613-5839
invaderjb@gmail.com

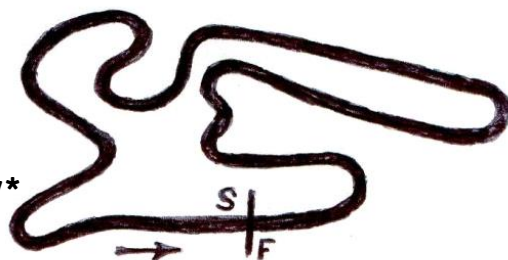
Suggested Gearing: 9-58



2021 17th Annual Midwest Vintage Kart Classic 9/16 - 18

61 Kartway
1580 Highway 61
Delmar, IA 52037
www.61kartway.com
Contact: Scott Klingler (248) 533-7544
klings4213@hotmail.com

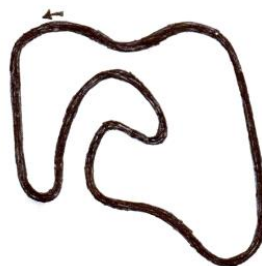
Suggested Gearing: 9-67*



2021 Indy Vintage Classic 9/30 - 10/2

Whiteland Raceway Park
654 N. Front Street
Whiteland, IN 46184
www.racewrp.com
Contact: John Copeland (765) 742-0935
john@foxvalleykart.com
Or Sonny Gerber (765) 714-5374
sonnygerber@comcast.net

Suggested Gearing: 9-65*

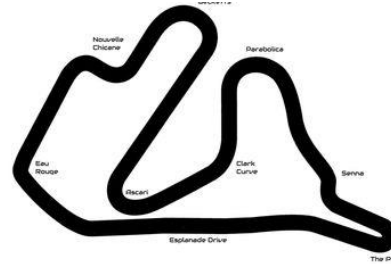


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2021 NORTHEAST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

2021 LaFayette 5/20 - 22

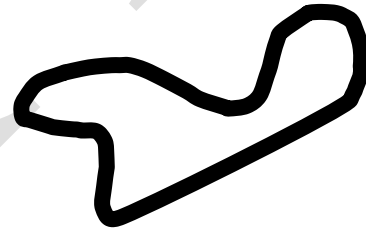
LaFayette Motorsports Park
4930 US Hwy. 20
LaFayette, NY 13084
www.LaFayetteMP.com
Tony Goddard (315) 960-2723
info@LaFayetteMP.com
Or Sal Palatucci (703) 787-8353
sal.vo@verizon.net



Suggested Gearing: 9-65*

2021 Chestertown/Nicholson 6/24 - 26**

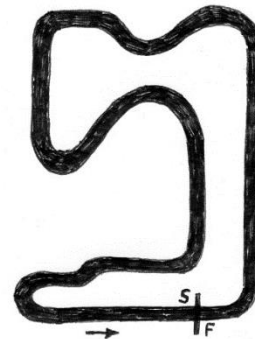
Nicholson Speedway
9805 Earl Nicholson Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
CONTACT: www.NicholsonSpeedway.com
Joe Weissner (443) 336.0640
info@NicholsonSpeedway.com
Or Sal Palatucci (703) 787-8353
sal.vo@verizon.net



Suggested Gearing: 9-65*

2021 Avon Kart Speedway 7/29 - 31

Avon Kart Speedway
2123 Lakeville Road
Avon, NY 14414
CONTACT: www.gvkc.org
Scott Kneisel (585) 398-3526
Chuckie72us@yahoo.com
Or Sal Palatucci (703) 787-8353
sal.vo@verizon.net



Suggested Gearing: 9-62*

*** Based on 100cc fan cooled SW, pipe & wet clutch**

2021 Oreville Kart Raceway 9/11 & 12

548 Old Tipton Road

Mertztown, PA 19539

www.OrevilleKartClub.org

CONTACT: Barry Greenzweig (610) 657-5189

Barry74@ptd.net

Or Alex Greenzweig Alex24@ptd.net

Or Sal Palatucci (703) 787-8353

sal.vo@verizon.net

First Annual VINTAGE GO KART DAY.

Suggested Gearing: 9-65*

2021 SandyHook Speedway (Street, MD) 10/16 - 17

3050 Sandy Hook Rd

Street, MD 21154

CONTACT:

Robert & Brianna Miller

(717) 615.1820

Info@sandyhooksspeedway.com

Or Sal Palatucci (703) 787-8353 sal.vo@verizon.net

Suggested Gearing: 9-68 (Rolf's best guess – Rear 6.1, pipe, dry clutch)

*** Based on 100cc fan cooled SW, pipe & wet clutch**

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Vintage Enduro Race Summaries – 2020 BY DICK CHAREST

After the Vintage enduro race at Roebing Road in March 2020, everything was put on hold due to the Corona virus pandemic. The April road race at Charlotte was postponed and rescheduled to the July 4th weekend. The April road race at Shenandoah was

cancelled and the May road race at Summit Point was cancelled.

Enduro road racing resumed on June 19-21 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course near Lexington, Ohio where the Dart Kart Club hosted the event. The place

was packed as many road racers were anxious to get back on track. Covid-19 protocols were in place at the track including temperature checks as you entered the track, use of masks at drivers' meetings, and social distancing as practical. Friday was a practice day. On Saturday three vintage classes were run. In Vintage Piston Port / USA 1, Arthur McKenny took 1st place followed by Fred Stoll in 2nd. Ben Eberhart finished in 3rd place although he had fast time for the class a with a best lap time of 1:49.100. Bob Kurkowski finished in 4th place running an old Hornet Marauder with an MC-101 engine. Bob came in early because drivers in the other classes were driving crazy and hit him in the left front wheel. He said they would probably have crashed into one of his fuel tanks if he stayed out on track. In Vintage Twin Final 1, Michael Schlager finished 1st place running dual B-Bombs on an old Rupp kart. Ben Eberhart finished 2nd running dual LMRs on a Margay dual kart. Ben was much faster than Mike but he broke a coil wire, pitted to repair it, then broke it again, and pitted again to repair it. In Vintage Open 1 Fred Stoll finished 1st followed by Martin Powers in 2nd, Dick Charest in 3rd, and Todd Giles in 4th. Arthur McKenny did not start the race. The race was red flagged after 20 minutes of the 30-minute race. There were so many red flags during Saturday's races that they had to move Saturday's race #5 and race #6 to Sunday. Since my Sunday race was race #4 that would have effectively made it race #6 on Sunday. Also the forecast called for an 80% chance of rain later on Sunday. Consequently, I decided to head home on Sunday morning, so I do not have any information on Sunday's vintage races. Attendance at the event was very good but there were a lot of red flags at this race.

The World Karting Association hosted the rescheduled road race at Charlotte Motor Speedway near Concord, NC on July 3-5. I did not like the configuration of the road course they decided to use for this event. It was very tight and twisty. Then you came out onto the Charlotte Motor Speedway oval for the high-speed portion of the track. It was probably OK for shifter karts, but the tight road course and the long oval were not well suited to conventional single gear enduro karts. I had an

engine failure during practice and did not have time to swap engines before the race, so I did not run. In addition, it was very hot, and we were pitted in the paddock on asphalt which made it even hotter. I decided not to put up with the heat and packed up and went home. Tony Ellison won the Vintage Open race and Terry Armstrong was 2nd. Chris Foskey won the Vintage Piston Port race. I do not have any results for Sunday's races.

The next vintage road racing event was hosted by the Woodbridge Kart Club and was held on July 11-12 at the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, WV. On Saturday, Dick Charest won Vintage Open 1 race and Charles Cassell finished 2nd. Bill Anderson won the Vintage USA race. On Sunday, Dick Charest won the Vintage Open 2 race. Ed Dolbo won the Vintage Euro race followed by Fiona Anderson. Bob Anderson, and Charles Cassell.

On August 22-23 the Woodbridge Kart Club hosted a road race at Summit Point Raceway's Main Circuit, Summit Point, WV. On Saturday, Ben Eberhart won Vintage Open 1 race followed by Dick Charest, Terry Armstrong, Charles Cassell, Phillip Copeland, and Arthur McKenny. The Vintage USA race was contested between the Anderson brothers with Bill winning and Bob finishing 2nd. On Sunday, Dick Charest won the Vintage Open 2 race beating Ben Eberhart by only 2.368 seconds. Arthur McKenny was 3rd. Ed Dolbo won the Vintage Euro race followed by Ben Eberhart, Terry Armstrong, Charles Cassell, Chuck Morgan, Arthur McKenny, and Phillip Copeland.

The Dart Kart Club hosted the next event on Sept 25-27 at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex, near Wampum, PA. Like the Mid-Ohio event, the place was packed. On Saturday, Mike Schlager won the Vintage Twin 1 race uncontested running an old Rupp K kart with dual B-bombs. In the Vintage Open 1 race, Lou Magiera won the race with Ben Eberhart finishing 2nd, and Dick Charest finishing 3rd. Fred Stoll was credited with 4th after dropping out with a broken Motoplat lead wire. Arthur McKenny did not start. On Sunday, Tom Tretow won the Vintage Twin 1 race uncontested. In

Vintage Open 2 race, Ben Eberhart won the race with Jeff Schreiber finishing 2nd, and Robert O'Dell finishing 3rd. Dick Charest broke a coil ground wire and dropped out on the first lap. Fred Stoll had ignition problems and also dropped out on lap one.

The next event will be held on October 17-18. The Southern Kart Club will host a race at Roebing Road Raceway, near Savannah, GA. This is always a special event for vintage enduro karters because for

one entry fee, vintage karters get to run four 15-minute races over the weekend, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. In addition, the vintage karts run by themselves without any modern enduro karts on the track at the same time. Also, vintage sprint karts are welcome to participate along with the vintage enduro karts.

Dick Charest

SANDY HOOK SUMMARY BY KURT BOGERMAN

On 10/10/2020, Sandy Hook Speedway opened its gates to host the final event of the NE Region's 2020 season. The event was cleverly dubbed "VKA Dessert Nationals: Saving the Best Course for Last". Given the fantastic variety of tracks we get to drive in the Northeast, that is aspirational billing, which I will leave to the participants to judge for themselves. All hyperbole aside, the track operators, Robert and Brianna Miller, put on a great event.

Unique among the other weekends on the Northeast Region's 2020 schedule, this was the only event that was scheduled with a Saturday/Sunday format. There was the opportunity for early arrival on Friday evening, but the event officially opened at 7:00 Saturday morning. We arrived to damp, cold Fall weather, with the looming threat of rain on Sunday. The original schedule called for practice sessions before and after lunch, followed by Heat One, the

Kart Show, and dinner. It was decided at Saturday's drivers' meeting that we should accelerate the schedule, abbreviate the practice sessions, and ensure that Heats One and Two could be completed on Saturday. The Sandy Hook team kept us moving, and on schedule.

SANDY HOOK SHOW RESULTS BY KURT BOGERMAN

JUDGES: Kurt Bogerman/John Wolkiewicz/Bruce Ristow

HISTORIC

Unrestored	'64 Fox; MC-75; Doug Jorgensen
Restored	Bug Sprint; West Bend 580; Paul Hunter
Modified	'62 GoKart 1200; MC-45; Doug Jorgensen

REAR

Unrestored	'65 Rupp Grand A; MC-93; Sal Palatucci
Restored	'65 Fox Flyweight; WB-580; Jay Ristow
Modified	Grand Prix G6; WB-820; Jonathan Fair Oaks

SIDEWINDER

Unrestored	'85 Dap; Yamaha KT-100; Rodrigo DeFrancisco
Restored	'75 Margay Panther X; MC-92; Skip Owen

PEOPLES' CHOICE

Best in Show	'63 Rupp; MC-92; Diego DeFrancisco
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The Kart Show was another NE Region reassertion of the vintage Rear Engine Kart. What an assortment of warhorses we assemble at our events! And most of them are real live karts that see authentic track time. At this event, Bruce Ristow and John Wolkiewicz, Jr. joined me to evaluate the Kart Show entries. Drumming up participation and wrangling the karts into position for the kart show could be likened to “herding cats”, not to mention the mincing of details that goes into allocating the awards! Thanks to those guys, and to my wife, Natalie, for ensuring the kart show’s success! Thanks, too, to Justin Fleischer for stepping in to document the show photographically.

After the kart show, dinner was served. In addition to the savory kraut dogs, meatball subs and other fare, there was a beautiful sheet cake that celebrated this 20th anniversary season of VKA karting.

Sunday’s weather had the hallmarks of rain, as the remains of a tropical storm were making their way through the region. Once again, we agreed to abbreviate the practice schedule to complete the third Heat before the rains came. The trade-off would come in the form of open track time later if the weather held out. Once again, Robert and his staff kept us on task, and we finished the final Heat in record time. With the scores tallied and the winners recognized, and the precipitation still holding out, the track was opened for practice.

While many members opted to get a head start on their packing and departure, many of us took advantage of the opportunity to get more laps in. In addition to swapping karts amongst each other to experience each other’s rides, we were offered the opportunity to drive the track backwards. This was a surprisingly interesting experience, because as you may or may not be aware, Sandy Hook’s signature feature is its 20-degree banked turn. Normally, that banked turn is a left-handed acceleration lane, on the heels of a LH/RH chicane. Under those circumstances, the banking is fun, as it launches you onto the track’s longest straight. Now, reverse it:

You come flying, flat out, along that long straight, and you are pressed into your seat as you are redirected by a banked RH semi-circle that then spits you into what’s now a LH/RH combo. It is hard to express how exhilarating this really was. In my Sportsman Rear prepped Rupp Grand Prix, I was squealing “WHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!!” inside my Bell helmet, and then quickly transitioning to a gritted tooth, white-knuckled negotiation of the chicane.

By the time the drizzles began, we had had our fill. Perfect timing. And a great finale ... **DESSERT** ... for our 2020 season.

SANDY HOOK DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Junior	Sebastian DeFrancisco	Diego DeFrancisco	
Historic	D. Jorgensen	K. Bogerman	J. Wolkiewicz, Sr
Sportsman Rear	R.DeFrancisco	K. Bogerman	Paul Hunter
6.1 Rear	Doug Tenney	Sal Palatucci	
8.2 Rear	Sam Polito	J. Fairoaks	Jim Walter
Sportsman S/W	Karl Ginter	Skip Owen	
Yam Stock Appear.	Alex Tenney		
Yam Ltd.	Kent Windham	J. Guastavino	R.DeFrancisco
Over-60 SW	Gordon Beidler	J. Fairoaks	



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