

## CALENDAR 2008

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	TRACK	COMP
March	2	Club Day / Working Bee	3	WET
	9	Club Day / Working Bee		
	16	Sign on / Engine sealing day		
	29	Championship Round #1		
April	12	Championship Round #2		WET
	25	Championship Round #3		WET
May	10	Championship Round #4		WET
	24	Championship Round #5		WET
June	7	Club Day / Working Bee		WET
	14	Championship Round #6		
	22	Club Day / Working Bee		
June	26 - 29	2008 NT SPRINT KART TITLES		
July	20	Closed		
August	3	Championship Round #1		DRY
	16	Championship Round #2		DRY
	30	Championship Round #3		DRY
September	14	Championship Round #4		DRY
	27	Championship Round #5		DRY
October	12	Championship Round #6		DRY
	26	Club Day		
November	9	Club Day		
	23	Club Day		
December	7	Club Day		
	21	Club Day		

### 2008 DKA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Grant Hamon	Public Officer	Wendy O'Dowd
Vice President	Clint Barker	AKANT Rep	Mike Moore
Secretary	Kerry Berry	Social Officer	Vacant
Treasurer	Michelle Gatt	Publicity Officer	Tracey Driscoll
Club captain	Bill Breed		<b>DKA Phone 89843729</b>

# DKA

FEB 08

# NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE DARWIN KARTING ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen oh! And ladies of course- START YOUR ENGINES with a new season upon us and new karts unwrapped its time for all the action to start.

Test and tune day is **16th March** starting at **8am**, there is also driver training available on the day for anyone unsure of how, why or when things need to be done.

Training for officials will be held on the 16th of March at 11am in the clubhouse we really need officials to be able to run a meeting so if you can help out please come along. The more officials we have the less burden it will be.

### WORKING BEE - 9TH MARCH

Start time is 9am please come along and help out the track will not pass inspection without the work done and that means no racing.

Sarah Driscoll is creating a time capsule as a way of showing future generations of motorsport nuts what it was like in times gone by, therefore she would be appreciative of any motorsport memorabilia you may possess. If the item is of a sentimental nature copies can be made. Sarah will be at the track most race days/nights and will be willing to take memorabilia then. She has already uncovered quite a few vintage kart photos and some very disturbing hairdos ( see picture enclosed).

### NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

Find the smiley face, circle it and return the newsletter at the next meeting to the Publicity Officer-Tracey for the chance to win.

Write your name above the smiley



### DKA SPONSORS FOR SEASON 2008

IF YOU CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE CLUB WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS.

YOUR SPOT IS RESERVED HERE



### ROUND ONE 2008

Saturday 23 March – scrutineering commences at 3pm. Racing starts at 4pm on the dot.  
 Sportsman Class  
 Rotax Light and Heavies will be a "Sportsman Class" this year which means that Leopard and Fireball motors will be able to race in this section.

Note that these classes will be running together as will Clubman Light and Heavy in order to expedite racing now we are under lights.

### TRAFFIC LIGHTS

We will be using the installed traffic lights instead of flaggies as a trial in order to reduce the number flag points requiring flag marshals.

### CANTEEN

An exciting development in that Suzanne Bost is returning to the canteen. Although she wants to "talk to me" first! *Yes M...*

However, we are in need of help in the canteen for at least the first two rounds of the competition.

### WEB SITE – 2008 CALENDER

Our web site has been updated and is looking very good thanks to KB. Check it out – [www.dka.org.au](http://www.dka.org.au)

During the off season, Smiley and Annie have been keeping the place looking good – thanks to all our fantastic helpers.  
 Grant Hamon

President

### Welcome to 2008.

The 2008 Darwin Karting Association year looks to be set for a big one particularly if the number of new people that have made inquiries about racing over the off season come out to play!

### WORKING BEE

Please note that the DKA has a working bee on Sunday 9 March commencing at 9am.

Many hands make light work and there is a fair bit to be done including weeding and redoing the gravel traps, tying together old tyres at certain points, cleaning out the pits, taking away unused tyre barriers etc, etc.

Please bring your rake, gloves, sunscreen and a hat. No practice will take place on that Sunday until the working bee is completed.

**Please support your club** and other members by turning up to pitch in. It is unfair that the same people always end up doing the work.

### TEST AND TUNE

Sunday 16 March is "Sign on day" and "engine sealing". The plan is to have all members new and old ensure that their karts are compliant.

**DON'T FORGET YOU WILL NEED TRANSPONDERS – SEE MICHELLE**

You will also be able to pay for your pit space on Sign On day. See Michelle who can negotiate your pit space.

## PRESIDENT'S VIEWS & NEWS

# DKA TRACK TALK

To all **midget** drivers please ensure that your **comer s80** engine complies with the new exhaust, intake and transfer ports rulings as per the **A.K.A rule 41.15 COMER S80 EXHAUST DURATION—MAXIMUM PISTON TRAVEL(CHECK WITH A DIAL GAUGE) 31.80mm FROM TDC TO TOP OF EXHAUST PORT USING THE A.K.A 5mm ROD AS THE STOP GAUGE.**

This ruling will be tech inspected on test and tune day 16th March.

Practice/carby sessions on race days/nights will consist of two laps only—it is your responsibility to remove your kart from the track, the session will not be delayed for removal of karts ( parents and/or guardians of midgets and rookies this also includes you) There is no requirement to have flaggies for practice/carby session so a few parents inside the track would help keep everything to schedule.



## PRACTICE

Are you unsure what setup to use under lights— well there is a solution

Practice sessions under lights will now be held the **third Friday** of the month, so come out and test that setup or just have some fun. Session is **7pm-10pm.**

Please see Smiley for the activation of the lights (please note only one bank of lights will be on)

## RACE FORMAT 29TH MARCH

3PM - SCRUTINEERING

3.30PM— RACE ENTRIES CLOSE (RACE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN PRIOR TO RACE DAY AT CALIPSO POOLS AND SPAS —SEE MICHELLE)

3.30PM CARBY SESSION

4PM - RACING STARTS



We would like to thank Steve Green for this ripper of an entry into the time casual. Age shall not dampen our enthusiasm but time shall enlighten us as to how bad the Mullet was.

Cheers Steve



## What was really said

I have made all of the traits of a driver; licence, kart, ability, above weight minimum... What do you mean 20Kg's above is to much for lights?



## What was really said

How do I make it look good!

PRACTICE!

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**SEEN AND HEARD**

Heard around the traps - Bill Breed hinting at a come back!



**AKANT Notice** The AKANT has filled the position of President. The nomination was forwarded by DKA members and accepted with no opposition by Tim Driscoll, no other nominations were forwarded. He also accepted the position of State Track Inspector. The AKANT thank him for his acceptance .

**FOR SALE** Rotax engine 4 sale. must sell \$1999 ono. good engine well maintained ph Shane on 0438324508

The notice board is for you; the members, to bring points up for Club discussion and / or items wanted or selling.

To enable this to happen ..tell Tracey -

Home phone -89817773

Mobile -0438797097

Email-tractim@bigpond.com

**DKA / AKA NOTICE BOARD**



**REMINDER**

**AMB 160 TRANSPONDERS ARE A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE D.K.A. IF YOU INTEND TO COMPETE YOU MUST HAVE A TRANSPONDER. TRANSPONDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON TEST AND TUNE DAY 16TH MARCH OR PRIOR AT CALIPSO POOLS AND SPAS, TOUPIEN RD YARRAWONGA .**

**PLEASE SEE MICHELLE.**

THE COST IS \$200 EACH

NORMAL COST IS \$375

VARIOUS PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

A TRANPONDER IS A GOOD WAY TO SEE HOW YOUR LAP TIMES COMPARE TO OTHER COMPETITORS VIA THE MY LAPS.COM WEB SITE