

CALENDAR 2008

Day	Date	Comp	Event	Track / Time
Sunday Sunday	06/01/2008 20/01/2008		Club Day Club Day	
Sunday Sunday	03/02/2008 17/02/2008		Club Day Club Day	
Sunday Sunday Sunday Saturday	02/03/2008 09/03/2008 16/03/2008 29/03/2008	Wet	Working Bee Working Bee Sign-on Round 1	Track 3 / Night
Saturday Friday	12/04/2008 25/04/2008	Wet	Round 2 Round 3	Track 2 / Night Track 3R / Night
Saturday Sunday	10/05/2008 25/05/2008	Wet	Round 4 Round 5	Track 3 / Night Meeting Cancelled
Saturday Sunday Sunday Thu-Sun	07/06/2008 15/06/2008 22/06/2008 26-29/06/2008	Wet	Working Bee Round 6 Working Bee NT Titles	Track 4 / Day Track 4 / Day
Sunday	20/07/2008	Dry	Club Day	Come 'n Try Day
Sunday Saturday Saturday	03/08/2008 16/08/2008 30/08/2008	Dry	Round 1 Round 2 Round 3	Track 3 / Night Track 2 / Night Track 3R / Night
Sunday Saturday	14/09/2008 27/09/2008	Dry	Round 4 Round 5	Track 4 / Day Track 3 / Night
Saturday Sunday	11/10/2008 26/10/2008	Dry	Round 6 Club Day	Track 4 / Night DKA Closed Titles
Sunday Sunday	09/11/2008 23/11/2008		Club Day Club Day	
Sunday Sunday	07/12/2008 21/12/2008		Club Day Club Day	

2007/2008 DKA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE DARWIN KARTING ASSOCIATION

The two meetings to take place within the last month has been one on Friday night ANZAC day and the other was held Saturday May 10th with both meetings being twilight meets spectators were treated to some very close battles with lots of our junior competitors racing consistently and cleanly, Midgets driver Blake Adcock is one such driver and has even taken a mentoring roll with Jack Tippet. Speaking of Jack Tippet we would like to wish him and his family well and hope the move to Queensland proves beneficial to Jack's future motor racing ambitions. Rookies Kirby May's accident on Anzac evening resulted in a broken arm, but that hasn't dented her ambition as she was heard to say the plaster comes off in two weeks just in time for racing at the Titles (you go girl!)

Whilst on the subject of accidents another member of our karting family is Martin Foscaro who is in hospital as a result of the accident he had on Saturday night we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back behind the wheel soon.

It is great to see the many faces in the spectator area enjoying what is a very fast paced and sometimes very spectacular sport to watch and participate in and with a lot of the meets being held at night it gives people somewhere else to go and enjoy watching motorsport up close. The next race meeting has been changed from a night meeting which was to be held on the 24th May to a day meeting on the 25th May as to enable more practice for the upcoming NT Titles

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The Dry Season is most definitely here, lovely cool breezes, balmy days and smoke on the horizon.

Round's 3 & 4 of the Wet Season Championship have already flown past with some great racing and interesting times....

Condolences to Kirby May who had an unfortunate crash in Round 3 in the Mid-gets and broke her arm – she was amazingly brave as she was cared for wonderfully by our terrific St John's Ambulance Volunteers.

It's always a scary time when your children are involved in a crash but ask the kids if they want to stop racing – most times it's a resounding "NO"!

In another unlucky "off" Martin Foscaro came to grief in Round 4 in the Clubman Light and Heavy Race – another broken arm?

Members are reminded about the Club's Code of Behaviour. Yes, from time to time things may get heated and there may be disagreements BUT there is no need for abusive language or displays of bad sportsmanship. *"TAKE A DEEP BREATH!"*

Thank you to Daryl (interstate visitor & friend of Tony Willes) for taking on the Out-Grid role in Round 4 and to Dave Hender doing the Start/Finish as a result of son Mason breaking his leg – and no it wasn't karting this time!

Thanks also to those karters who made the effort to come up and volunteer their services for various tasks on the day – it was very much appreciated and makes it so much easier for all of us.

Sadly, there are still some people who are happy to simply turn up, race and not contribute. Most of the time these are the same people who do most of the complaining. On the up side, they are outnumbered by

2 very nice people that make up the club.

NT TITLES

With only about a month to go to the Titles, there is a bucket load of work to do for the Committee and other volunteers.

There are 2 scheduled Working Bee's and we look forward to many helpers to get the place looking even better than it does. Tasks such as painting the track curbing, painting tyres, guerny toilet outside and clubhouse including paved area, general weeding, gravel traps etc, etc..... a list will be sent out shortly.

We very much need people to take on full time roles of commentator, AMB Timing operator, Out Grid and Flag/Lights Operator.

RESIGNATION

Most of you would probably have heard by now that I have decided to step down from the position of President. After more than 8 years, I think it is time to move on and allow fresh blood to bring new ideas and thinking to the club.

I must say that I have enjoyed the time spent on the committee and have met some wonderfully dedicated and talented people. All of whom have only had the club's interest at heart and spent many long hours working for all members – thank you for your support and patience.

As I was told, "the club will survive" and with some sadness it is time for me to let go the reigns. It doesn't mean that I won't come down to track as Patrick will still be racing and this will allow me some quality time with him – he would say "about time!"

I am very proud to have been President of the Darwin Karting Association which has a long and rich history and has always been known as one the most progressive motor sports in the Territory. This is sure to continue.

Thank you all so very much for a wonderfully rewarding and significant part of my life.

Grant Hamon

DKA / AKA NOTICE BOARD

It is with expected disappointment and amazement to read about the resignation of the DKA President, Mr Grant Hamon; after some 8years of voluntary commitment and dedication to the DKA. I understand that he will still be an associate member of the DKA and an avid supporter of his son, Patrick; on race days.

The King is dead,

Long live the King.

To be affiliated with the AKA the Club requires to be headed by an elected committee comprising of the minium bodies required to form a committee. With this in mind I would expect an **EXTRA ordinary AGM** to be convened in the not to distant future, NEXT MEETING perhaps.

All members would be urged to submit nominations or individuals volunteering their service to the Secretary DKA.

Regards

Tim Driscoll

AKANT President

Interest has been shown in starting an over 40's class for club rounds, if you are interested in having a go at a pace more conducive to a mature group please tell Tracey Driscoll so that she can take it to the committee. It's your chance to race around so come on give it a go.

Please ensure your Email address is correct on your forms and that you fill out entry and scrutineering forms completely prior to submission. Suggestion is to fill out all data on line leaving out the date and round number and

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

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TRACK TALK

Next race meeting to be held 25th May Day meet format for race day will be as follows -

Scrutineering - 7.00-8.00

Entry closes- 8.00

Carby session -8.00-8.30

Racing -9.00

Please note carby session consists of two laps only, you must participate in carby session otherwise you are unable to race.

There is only two meetings before the titles both will be held on a Sunday during the day and are on track 4.



Seen and Heard

Miss Shannah Robinson was heard to say she has "sticky bits" and that "Royce Nott stinks"... OK lets just leave that one alone. Martin Foscaro is after anyone that can give him a hand or even an arm up.



DARWIN KARTING ASSOCIATION HELPERS NEEDED

From the President

The Darwin Karting Association requires a number of activities to take place each and every race meeting, without these functions being carried out, we can not go racing!

So we appeal to members to give more than just some thought to this. Maybe you know someone who is interested in getting involved.

The following are a range of tasks and activities that need to take place;

Time Keeper – using the AMB timing system, some one with reasonable computer skills to take on this role on a permanent basis. KB will provide necessary training. Fairly easy and very interesting.

Commentator – someone who doesn't mind a chat and happy to entertain the spectators. There may be some compensation for this job.

Outgrid Marshall – organise and arrange racers on the outgrid on race day and keep the flow of racing happening. A vital component to making it all come together but not overly difficult.

Traffic Light controller – this is easy, point and click to the required traffic light indicator to show either yellow or red on instruction from the relevant AKA Official. Training provided – very simple and not hard to do.

Official Starter – out in the thick of the action. An important job that requires consistency and an understanding of the basic rules.

Assistant sign on official – basically assist Michelle with entries to ensure all paperwork is in order prior to the commencement of racing.

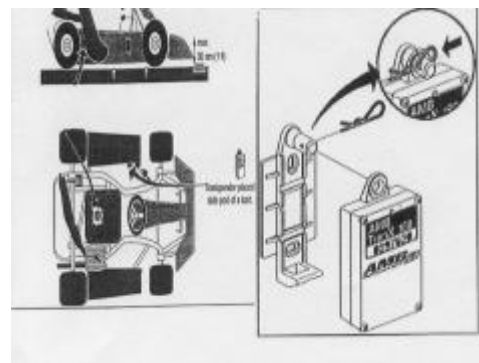
Chief scrutineer – someone who is interested in carrying the role of checking karts for compliance and offering advise to new people in the preparation of their karts for race day.

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE DONE IN PREPARATION FOR RACE DAY.

CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER IF YOU CAN HELP!



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In accordance with the supplementary regulations all transponder units will be in a transponder holder bracket which is to be located facing the driver on the left hand sidepod 300mm from the kingpin. If required transponder holder brackets are available for purchase at the circuit for \$10 each inc GST, all screws and retaining clips included.

The club will hold a small number of spare transponders available in the event of emergency.

All competitors it is your responsibility to ensure that your transponder unit(if owned by you) is fully charged and operational before race day. In accordance with Aka rule 19.17(d) - when a transponder system is in use at race meetings for qualifying and/or lap scoring, it is the driver's responsibility to obtain, fit and correctly use their allocated transponder. Please also ensure that the correct number is on your entry form—if the ladies in the tower don't know who you are you wont get points for the race maybe even the

