



## Members Newsletter – July 2017

Welcome to the first TEKA Committee newsletter, aimed at keeping members informed of the behind the scenes work shaping our racing. The newsletter will be sent out between rounds to fill you in on the happenings in the other world we all live in, TEKA.

### *Post-Race News*

Port Macquarie – what a splash! It's fair to say not much went according to plan at our most recent outing. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties with the pit timing loop at the track, we were unable to complete Sunday's race. As most of you probably know, the faulty loop was not that of TEKA's but the one installed at the track. Cancelling the race wasn't an easy decision to make but one we tried to involve all racers in before making the decision. Despite all the difficulties, it seemed most still left with a smile on their face with some laid-back fun had on the track in reverse direction with the sun shining over us for the first time all weekend. As a committee we would like to thank you for the patience you showed and hope that we can repay it to you with some quality events to round out the year. There was still a cracking race on Saturday in atrocious conditions, the Outright Championship is closer than ever and our big local event of the year is just around the corner. Plenty to look forward to...

### *Pre-Race Update*

Preparations are well underway for our Eastern Creek round in less than three weeks' time. For those of you living under a rock, we have a 4th Preston Hire Racing kart entered being piloted by an all-star team made up of Preston Hire Supercar team owner Charlie Schwerkolt, endurance co-driver Karl Reindler and regular TEKA star Justin Ruggier. Justin made a return to our series last round in kart 15 but will step up to the show piece entry on July 23. Lee Holdsworth would have run also but unfortunately had a prior arrangement and can't attend.

## *New President*



Port Macquarie was also the location of our AGM, held over a few snags on Saturday night. The outcome was a new/returning president in Matt Hill, who's passion for TEKA cannot be questioned and together with the executive and general committee members is pushing hard to ensure TEKA is stronger than ever in the immediate future and coming years.

Welcome back Matt!

Thanks to Mitch Burke for the role he played as President to begin 2017. Mitch now moves into the treasurer role as well as the other hats he wears on race weekend.



The exposure TEKA is receiving from this entry through the various media outlets is sure to attract a few arrive and drive Karter's ready to test their skill against the best. The hire kart will be prepped and ready to race, so if you know of anyone interested please get in touch with the club.

Entries are coming in fast and this is shaping up to be not only our biggest race event of the year but our biggest event in a couple of years.

You don't want to miss this one, if anyone needs any help with getting there please let us know.

### *Membership Drive*

TEKA is currently running a membership drive, as advertised on Facebook and the website. The reason for this is to boost our footprint with Karting Australia to be able to continue to deliver and grow our great series.

Over the past few years many TEKA drivers have joined other clubs to gain their race license, basically because it was easier to do so, or in some cases they held licenses/memberships with other clubs from an earlier time and haven't swapped over when becoming part of the TEKA series because it is easier not to.

Now, we have very enthusiastic Licensing Officers in Steve and Karen Cameron sitting at home waiting to sign you up and help you make the process painless, easy and fast.

Many new memberships have been taken up in the last week. Be quick to cash in soon, as the free offer is only open till our Eastern Creek round. In addition to this, all membership cycles are going to be revised to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. Any renewing members from August 2017, will pay a pro-rata rate based on the months required to get their membership to June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will assist the club in processing and tracking memberships which will all run for the same period and be in line with the financial year and our AGM.

See our earlier Facebook post for more information on the membership drive or email form@teka to send in your completed forms now.

### *Karting Australia Endurance Meeting*

A few weeks ago, Matt attended a Karting Australia Endurance Future meeting at the Novotel Brisbane.

The meeting was attended by the KA CEO, KNSW CEO, KA rules reviewer, SP TOOLS director Kevin Davis and representatives from Subaru (SKANSW) and SEK QLD.

One of the main reasons for this meeting was to completely review the Endurance chapter of the KA rule book, line by line, word by word.



The 2018 rulebook will be a very different read.

The Endurance chapter contained a lot of "double ups" from within other sections of the general rule book. The good news is the Endurance chapter will be much smaller. The bad news, you'll have to read the entire rule book to wholly understand the karting rules and processes.

Who knows, you may even learn something.

All engine homologation information will be removed from the rule book, as with all other classes and will be available through the KA website.

Don't stress. While there have been some small changes the only major one that will affect us all in 2018 is that chain lube will not be allowed to be applied during a race anymore, regardless of the engines being on or off. This is an extension of the rule brought in for 2107 of not being able to lube with engines running. Most tracks are also against lubing chains on the out-grid due to the mess left behind. With the introduction of chain pastes like Motul (which many teams are already using), the need to lube during a race is over anyway.

Some other changes are up for review and are being negotiated at our next meeting. We will let you know more as things progress and outcomes are reached.

The other discussions held during the day were about growing and expanding the Endurance section into other states. While this is a way off it shows that the Endurance section well and truly has the attention of KA and things are looking good for our future as a club.

### *Looking Further – Orange and beyond*

We are now well into planning the remaining events of the 2017 calendar.

Orange is the penultimate round of the championship following Eastern Creek. Our original intention for this round was to run a twilight meeting under lights. Unfortunately, the task of installing lights has become a job too big for the Orange Kart Club in the short term. It is still on the cards but is more like a 2-3 year project, so maybe an option in the future but not achievable at this point in time.

Nonetheless, we have an exciting weekend planned for Orange. We'll be running a two-day event due to popular demand, with Saturday being a laid back morning of practice followed by an exciting three driver team qualifying format in the afternoon and a top ten pole dash to get everyone on the edge of their seats.

Sunday's race will be our longest of the year, a seven-hour sprint race requiring a minimum of three drivers.



Plenty of racing and more than likely plenty of beverages at the Canobolas Hotel on Saturday night if previous years are anything to go by.

The 2018 calendar is starting to take shape with the possibility of an exciting new track to add to the championship. It's early days in discussions with tracks but we'll keep you posted as we get more information. Watch this space...

The 2017 presentation night is also being planned by our Party committee with details released later in the year.

Any questions, suggestions or feedback please contact us through email or phone. See you at the Creek!

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