



Members Newsletter

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Welcome to the third 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

Orange – cold but nowhere near as cold as the fear the early week weather forecast instilled in us. What an action-packed event. A fun filled Saturday that Orange often brings and one hell of a race on Sunday. Congratulations to all involved. The unfortunate incident with Michaela is a friendly reminder to all of us that kart racing can be dangerous. So often we walk a tight rope on track and while most incidents like this one are “racing incidents”, we should all consider it a gentle nudge to remind us that safety needs to be in the forefront of our minds always. Thankfully Michaela came through relatively unscathed and we look forward to seeing her back on track at Lithgow.

Pre-Race Update

Lithgow – the final round of the 2017 Championship is almost upon us. It feels like a shame that it must come to an end, as the battles at the top and throughout the field have been nothing short of sensational to watch.

Lithgow is a Saturday only, 444 laps, two driver minimum race. Following the race, we will be putting on a sausage sizzle and a few drinks to get everyone together and reminisce on what has been a great year.

Practice is available on Friday from 9am to 4pm through Combined District Kart Club but will be open to all kart classes. The cost is \$60 per kart and must be paid direct to CDKC before entering the track, unlike

Girl Power



The highlight reel from Orange is long and full of thrills and spills. Something that may have slipped under the radar though was the female participation on the track. Michaela in kart 16 didn't go unnoticed for obvious reasons aside from her speed. Kirsten in kart 45 consistent as always has come a long way since joining us a few seasons ago. Madi in kart 49 is improving every time she hits the track and our most recent member Ashley in kart 29, bringing her wealth of Subaru experience over to TEKA. Four girls in one race – have we ever had a larger female participation? Well done girls. Maybe sometime in 2018 we could create a female super team, even if it is a one off it would be awesome to see!



other tracks where we have collected the money for them.

Camping is available. Power is also available in the pits, however lately the club have had issues as people keep bringing equipment that uses a lot of electricity, so if you plan on plugging things in be aware there is only so much power and if overloaded, will trip the switch and there will be no power for anyone.

Briggs & Stratton Animal Engine Homologation

It's a long paperwork process but we are edging closer to completion of the technical information sections and sign off from Briggs & Stratton. As previously advised, the new homologation is for a further 6 years by which time many of us will have a lot more grey hair and will no doubt see another era of enthusiastic members ushered in.

Member Feedback Item 1 – Fuel Stops

Here we are again. This time we want to hear from all of you. An email from a member of every team considering racing with us in 2018.

What is your preference – Mandatory numbered fuel stops OR unlimited fuel stops? Perhaps you would like to see a mix of both, which has been the case in 2017 and the idea proposed for 2018.

It's extremely important that you have your say. Majority will rule, so make sure you are heard and your vote is counted.

At Orange we ran unlimited fuel stops for the first time since round 1 at Newcastle. The same issues raised last year and at Newcastle have been raised again by several teams. The main concerns with running unlimited stops are, a) regulating/controlling the delivery of 7 litres into every tank, and b) the congestion in the fuel bay within a short period of time when the majority of karts find the bottom of their fuel tank. It has been said that we are complicating a series that in every other way is very controlled.

Other teams believe that mandatory fuel stops eliminate an element of strategy, therefore they are for the unlimited stops. The idea of conserving fuel with the potential of gaining an advantage appeals to them, while some might not have it within them to race at anything less than 100%.

Over the course of the year we feel like most teams prefer mandatory fuel stops, however until now we have only gathered mostly verbal feedback. Now is your chance to speak up. Please email Matt and Paul with your team's preference at president@teka.com.au and vicepresident@teka.com.au and have a say in your series.



Member Feedback Item 2 – Potential Victorian Round in 2018

As advised in last month's newsletter, we have the opportunity to hold a round of our 2018 series at one of the best tracks in the country, Todd Rd, in the heart of Melbourne. The ball is in our court, if we want it to happen it will happen. That's where you, as members, come into play. As with the previous topic, we would like to hear from one member of every team to let us know your thoughts. If half of our members decide against the idea, it won't be a viable event. Obviously, cost is at the forefront of everyone's mind, which includes time away from work and family commitments. The committee are currently looking at options to assist with kart transportation, which can hopefully be arranged to allow those who can't afford the time away from work/family to fly down. There's a lot to consider before locking in a deal, however we feel it's too great an opportunity to create further exposure to our series in what is the biggest karting state in Australia. We've had great interest from several Supercars drivers and team members, stemming from the participation of Karl Reindler and Charlie Schwerkolt at Eastern Creek.

Yes or no? Please send in your email and let us know your vote. 2017 has been great but let's take 2018 to the next level.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or feedback please contact us through email or phone.

See you at Lithgow!

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