



Shenington Exhaust Summer 2008 Edition

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Vodafone McLaren Mercedes driver Gary Paffett helped to launch the scheme at Buckmore Park



Shenington Kart Racing Club was awarded one of the places on the MSA sponsored Lets Go Karting scheme, where for a mere £5 a youngster can try a racing kart on the circuit. With the help of the £5000 grant, the club has invested in two Honda GX120 karts, a Comer S60 and a junior kart fitted with a Rotax MicroMax engine, very kindly donated by J.A.G. for which we are extremely grateful.

We have been running the scheme on Tuesday evenings once a month, so far about 70

Lets Go Karting at Shenington

youngsters have been through the scheme. The next evening is on 23rd September and we are planning a whole day on Thursday 30th October. Several of the attendees have already bought karts, or hired karts for open test days to take the experience a bit further. To book a place please contact

the Club Secretary or for more information see www.lets gokarting.net



The first group at Shenington

Looking ahead:

- Super One Series and British Championships on 3/4/5 October. www.s1series.co.uk
- Lets Go Karting day on 30 Oct
- Club meetings 21 Sept & 19 Oct
- Club meeting on 16 Nov & 7 Dec Note new date, not 30 Nov

The annual awards presentation is expected to have an exciting new format, put the date in your diary -
Saturday 31 Jan 2009

Chairman's Chat:

Firstly I would like to congratulate Richard Lloyd and his team on winning the King of Clubs meeting at Whilton Mill. As many of you return from holidays (or more karting!) my colleagues and I on the committee are well aware of the current economic difficulties and promise to do our best to keep costs down at the club. Already we plan to keep members weekend practice and entry fees unchanged for an unprecedented fourth year. That doesn't mean to say developments have stopped, far from it. We were successful in being granted a total of £3000 from the MSA towards the track re-surfacing and new timing gear. The free WiFi is a continuing benefit to members, and we were

the first UK club to have live timing on our website. We have invested in flat screen monitors to show the live timing in the club house and are now investigating a better tannoy system. We purchased a Speed Indicator Device to help control formation lap speeds and we are going to purchase a turnstile so mechanics can leave the dummy grid on their way to the grandstand (without coming back the same way!) The race indicator display has broken and we are looking into a cost effective replacement.

We are also planning a larger dummy grid and parc ferme area, which can be used during championships for parc ferme tyres.

The promised CCTV system has been installed (see picture opposite) and we are currently fine-tuning the cameras so the recorded pictures can be used as an aid to the judicial process. By the way permission will normally be refused for the fitment of a video camera on karts on race days.

May I close by thanking all members for their support - Mike Coombs



Your 2008 Committee:

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Committee: Mark Allen, Tony Bury, Paul Klaassen, Peter Cox, Steve Isham, Chris Smith (covers publicity & advertising) Richard Lloyd, Tom Whitehouse, Simon Walker and welcome to Jon McCaughan who was elected this year.

24 Hour race at Shenington:-

Yes, there was a 24 hour endurance race held at Shenington this year, the British Federation of Pedal Car Racing's annual event. The winning pedal car completed 1189 laps, (713km) which is a record for a 24 hour race.

KartMania

The club has a stand number 35 at the KartMania Show, being held at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire on 29/30 November. See www.kartmania.co.uk for details.

Cadet Classes

The committee is considering whether to continue having Cadet Libre - one class for a combined Comer, WTP and Honda - championship in 2009. The MSA have insisted that our 2008 championship is open to all three this year, but we could make it clear there are three different championships next year, subject to a minimum of 10 in each class. Comments please! The guidelines for setting up the Tryton carburettor are available on the Zip website, and the fiche for the Comer is currently available free on the MSA website. Links on www.abkc.org.uk Note we do not permit prolonged high revs on any kart in the engine start area. The 2009 rules about cleaning Cadet tyres are due to be discussed at the ABkC / Kart Regional Meeting later in September.

NO SMOKING

Please remember that all commercial team awnings are regulated by law, and no smoking is permitted within these awnings. All such teams must by law display No Smoking signs.

Spellfame SuperPrix & Historic Revival



Another successful SuperPrix with many historic karts taking to the track for demonstrations, including Dan Bury on a Dale kart with suspension as pictured above. The F1 simulator raised money for charity and a donation to the air ambulance. Our thanks to main sponsor Spellfame, and all others who helped out including Tal-Ko, Iztech and Pixelero. Lewis Williamson won the ABkC KZ2 O Plate at the meeting and the annually presented Gil Rixon memorial trophy went to Josh Waring.

Prokarting at Shenington:

Remember that Zone Motorsport (www.zonemotorsport.com) welcomes groups of karters for sprint or endurance racing on their fleet of Biz / twin Hondas. For further information or bookings contact Mark Street on 07968 582807



Many congratulations to the Shenington team, led by Richard Lloyd, who won the King of Clubs accolade at Whilton Mill. The majority of the team are pictured above, courtesy of Pixelero. Other images are courtesy www.kartpix.net and TSR Productions

Please do NOT go through the Shenington village unless visiting to use the facilities. We have had complaints from the Parish Council of 'boy racers' in the village en route to our circuit. If they are reported and found, we will ban them from the kart track. Please co-operate and be sensible.

Fire Safety: All competitors must have a fire extinguisher each, to a minimum size of 55B. There have been awning fires at some other tracks, so please take care. No smoking in awnings, space heaters must be used with extreme care, and never when fuel is being decanted.

What's new for 2009

- The club race meetings will be on the third Sunday of every month, except December, when it will be the first Sunday to avoid the Kart Mania Show. The club's Winter Series will run over the first three meetings, and the KF Winter Series will visit in January and March (registration forms on our website).
- Drivers please note that when running wet weather tyres they must not be inside the bodywork. It is measured with a straight edge across the outer of the tyre or wheel. TKM classes will have an exemption to this rule.
- Brake disc protectors will be mandatory in all non-gearbox classes and KZ1 when the disc is level with or below the chassis tubes. It will be recommended for KZ2 UK.
- Crash tested bodywork will be mandatory in TKM classes, but older pre-2006 karts will be able to use 'diagonal' bars.
- 125 Open karts that are non-ClK homologated or older than 2002 will be permitted to run without mandatory bodywork, just using double rail sidebars, like the 210 and 250 National.