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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Hurry, it's a slowdown.

A little after Honda announced it was pulling out of F1, Suzuki and Subaru followed with announcements of their decision to withdraw from the World Rally Championship. More recently Kawasaki announced that they will not field a team in Moto GP this year. The situation with motor sports is getting to be a matter of concern and many of the problems seem common to other disciplines of motor racing too, including karting.

The present karting scene is also seen as becoming overly complex and expensive.

Does the reality of the recession mean anything to the average driver in kart racing? Is it time to take a re-look at this angle of the sport and the kart racing scene? Understanding a situation and making the best of it is critical to seeing through such periods and it seems it may be time once again for the re-introduction at the beginner levels of the relatively remarkably simple and very affordable power units as used in TKM, ReSa and other similar classes.

Kids don't understand slowdowns and why should they be expected to? It is for us to soften the blow for them as much as we are able to.

Gurus are talking 18 maybe 24 months for things in the financial world to come back to normal, the issue is whether racing permits that sort of time frame for those striving to move ahead. Can a driver skip a year and wait for better times? The solution lies with making the best of what is available and using it to advantage.

Hardship comes in different forms, for a financially weak family it doesn't have to be recession; they live in a recession like condition all the time. F1 champion Lewis Hamilton started racing in a kart that had 7 previous owners, hard times couldn't stop him.

At a time when finances do not permit participation in every race event, it is prudent to select the few race meets within possible reach and plan on making it to those. It is also a great time to get a hold of an engine that is down on power to the one you race and spend time in the kart learning tricks about kart set up that is so important a part of being a good driver.

Clubs and tracks have a big part to play as well to keep the karting kettle on the boil by introducing programs to attract prospective karters. Simple events that are fun and easy on the pocket. Merging ideas of timed trials, parent child team endurances, simple technical contests et al, anything, to bring people to karting. Upper most to remember though is that it must be a fun thing to do.

If we stop for a moment to think about it, it's a great time to introduce something new. Cash flow is down so people are looking for economical ways to entertain themselves, local bodies are conducive to new ideas and people are searching bargains. Growth is balanced, it is great time to grab opportunities and try new things. Ideas, Innovation and Inspiration are key. Many great ideas and businesses were started during times of harsh conditions, perhaps karting has something big in store so let's go for it and think "out and away from the norm".

Chances are, history could be in the making.....[time will tell!](#)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

Practising what we preach;

Look out for the new 1000.00 Euro **KnK Evolution L1** kart from KnK, complete with Honda GX160 engine and race tyres; we expect it could kick off a new class for drivers looking at starting out in kart racing. More details soon.

New **KnK JL 322 & JL 302 Phantom**

The “All Black” version of the very successful and versatile KnK JL models are remarkably priced, easy to race and require the minimum of set up, as many new drivers are learning.

The KnK JL adapts readily to most conditions and it has proven itself with various engine and tyre combinations, making it truly versatile and suitable to the present conditions.

ReSa – MG Yellow tyres, Yamaha - KT100S – Bridgestone YJC tyres, Rotax Max – Mojo D2 tyres, Rotax Max – MG Yellow tyres – TaG class, Rotax Max – Mojo D1 tyres, Biland – Vega SL3 tyres and in dirt track with 4-stroke engines.



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The Phantom – “sends a chill down your spine”

A new **KnK Trailblazer GP** kart is expected to make its debut early in February 2009, built almost exclusively for the US dirt karting market, the Trailblazer is a purpose built kart for grass racing, aptly named Grass Pass and started by Mr. Trevor Hilliar, visit www.grasspass.org to learn more about it. This relatively very affordable sport is fast gaining popularity and is experiencing healthy followings from weekend karters and their families, looking to bring back some of the old magic to karting.

Other Developments

The Sprint version of the **KnK Dominator** prokart was recently tested Down Under; it was fitted with the new **KnK SAT** kingpin assembly and powered by a pair of two-stroke engines putting out a collective 50+ bhp.

New brake systems are currently being finalised as well, these include front wheel anchors and 8 pot rear callipers, some models of the 2009 KnK's will feature these as well as twin calliper rear brake systems.

KnK team shirts, caps, shoes and gloves will be available alongside the race suits in 2009.



Reasonably priced CIK style moulded plastic bodywork, CNC aluminium components and wheel rims are also expected to be part of the line up of goodies available from **KnK** this year.

RACING WITH KnK

AUSTRALIA:

Congratulations are in order to young **Sam Grierson** for winning a complete "Package" of KnK racing equipment which included a new KnK JL 302 chassis and race suit, helmet, gloves and boots. Sam won a raffle at the Emerald Kart Club. The prize was put up by **KnK importer Guy Tingey of KnK Karts Australia.**

Sam is eager to learn about kart racing. He has no prior experience with karting.



Craig Mathews finished second in his **KnK Trakhawk** at the January 2009 Cooloola Coast Kart Club meet in spite of being shunted off.

Cadet Racing: New **KnK Juvenile** driver **Raymond Jenkinson** came **fourth** in his first time race in the "Rookie" class at **Warwick International Raceway**. He missed 3rd by a single point. In the "C" Grade Class Raymond came **first** against some stiff competition. Great start to the year by Raymond.

Dirt Track Racing: At **Ipswich Dirt Track kart Club** on January 25th, Ian Lozelle drove his **KnK JL322** powered by a Briggs &

Stratton World Formula engine and came **third** for the day. Ian was racing against the more powerful Yamaha Burris engines and other modified 4 stroke engines and did not have the straight line power and speed needed to take the 1st place but the **JL322** chassis was in Ian's words "incredible"!!! His Briggs & Stratton World Formula engine is "straight out of the box" with no modifications at all. Modifications are permitted.



Until next time then, thank you for reading with me, we will talk some more soon!

Indrajeet Singh

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