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Losing something along the way... is there anybody out there?

It is motor sports season again and thank the heavens for it, after a long break the circus is back in town, with a new look! *"A splendid time is guaranteed for all, and tonight Mr. Kite is topping the bill."*

The recipe for racing this year is made up of new rules, schedules and very little environmental concerns, all said to be focused towards cost cutting and increasing television revenues. Some of this thinking spans across the different disciplines of motor racing be it two or four wheel. New additional rules regulate engines, tyres, practice sessions and so on. The changes to race times expected to grab better viewer ship have been decided, albeit without consulting with the Weather Gods.

All of this makes the sport more confusing and inconvenient for the die hard fan of many years and more difficult for the fresh crop of followers. *"A crowd of people turned away, but I just had to look, having read the book"*.

As we see "green" slowly go out of motor racing, one wonders if there ever was a place for it. We all know green doesn't work for motor racing and possibly may never do. The KERS system might be the biggest advancement in this direction.

One of the reasons that Honda apparently pulled out of F1 was because it soon learnt that it was greenbacks through sponsor logos and not green that made the mare go. Having stuck themselves in an embarrassing "green" situation at the cost of sponsor branding may have been a reason they looked for a way out.

At the launch of the Honda F1 Earth car in 2007, Button was recorded as saying that he wanted to raise awareness of environmental issues and that *"six million people watched the race last year and it can make a big big difference if those millions of people start turning off their lights"*. At the same time, Emily Armistead, a spokes person for Greenpeace stated that in the same year of racing, Button's car would be adding 50 tons of Carbon Dioxide to the environment multiplied 19 times by the others racing their F1 race cars and while Button wished people to turn their lights out, plans were afoot to turn the lights on at Singapore with the introduction of night racing.

Qatar did similar; hypothetically the power used for the Losail Moto GP night race could light up a street running from Qatar's capital, Doha, to Moscow in Russia. The power used to provide this huge quantity of light is said to amount to some 5.4 million watts believed to be enough to provide electricity simultaneously to about 3,000 homes.

Changing venues and timings has already resulted in weather related race program disruptions for F1 and Moto GP, heavy rain and low light to blame, including for the postponement of the Qatar GP to a day later.

With a concern towards reducing the costs of racing one cannot help but wonder whether costs might not be saved by scheduling venues like Bahrain and Abu Dhabi one after the other and Malaysia and Singapore similarly, instead of at the beginning and the end of the F1 racing season.

The huge cost savings from day racing and lower travel costs could be distributed amongst the teams instead, in an effort to bring the costs of racing down rather than by curtailing progress and development.

Makes one wonder if karting will see some of these paradoxes too[time will tell!](#)

NEWS

Baby Come Back - It is always heartening when a bit of history unfolds, karting got a boost looking like it may be making a come back in India.

Awesome Speedway, which was one of the first tracks that opened when rental karting hit India in 2000 and then closed due to some business problems has now re-opened under new ownership.

The track is now named Speed Racers and uses the same track layout and believe this, the originally supplied **KnK Genesis** karts of 2000 manufacture.

This is not surprising, since they are still in use at some tracks around India like Race Pace Karting in Bangalore and Go A Kart Racing in Goa running alongside newer karts.

How about that for build quality!!



KnK Genesis SK

The Genesis SK is a kart designed specifically for indoor and small rental tracks.

An electric version of the Genesis is also presently under development for indoor tracks.



Road Show – The Emerald Kart Club float in the Sunflower Festival Parade in Queensland had a KnK Interceptor as part of the float.



Cadet driver **Lewis Herwin** in his race winning **KnK Juvenile** at the Rockhampton Race Track (see **Racing with KnK** below) was also part of this show.



The **Ipswich Race Circuit** finally opened in Australia after being closed for resurfacing for what seemed like an eternity. The track was busy with drivers testing and amongst those seen testing in their KnKs were **Monica** and her brother **Scott Saunders** (of Snap-On Stars of Tomorrow fame) and **James Pratsch**. James set a blistering 50.8 sec lap in a RESA powered **KnK Trakhawk** on that day.



Monica Saunders



Scott Saunders



James Pratsch

RACING WITH KnK



Lewis Herwin

North Queensland - On April 4th & 5th the two-track Challenge at Gladstone and Rockhampton Kart Tracks saw **Lewis Herwin** in the Midget class blitz the field winning two out of four heats at the Gladstone Track and winning ALL FOUR HEATS at the Rockhampton Track the following day in his first ever drive with the **KnK Juvenile** with his Yamaha "J" engine. In the final at Rockhampton he won by the length of Pit straight!!

In the Rookie class **Kieron Davies** won at the Rockhampton track using his new **KnK Interceptor** for the first time. Kieron was also using a Yamaha "J" engine which ran a little "cranky" on the day but got the job done none the less. This was Kieron's first ever race Trophy!!

Busy Weekend – KnK Racing have a busy weekend of racing coming up in Australia and England on May 2nd and 3rd.

Track	Engine	KnK Kart	Driver	Class
Ipswich	Rotax Max	Trakhawk	Monica Saunders	Rotax Light
	Yamaha KT100S	JL302	Sabrina Saunders	Sportsman Light
	Yamaha KT100J	Interceptor	Byron Hocking	Junior National Heavy
(Possible)	Rotax Max	Trakhawk	Craig Matthews	Rotax Heavy
Ipswich Dirt	B&S World Formula	JL322	Ian Lozelle	Group 3
Gladstone	Yamaha KT100J	Juvenile	Lewis Herwin	Midget
	Yamaha KT100J	Interceptor	Kieron Davies	Rookie
	Yamaha KT100J	JL302	Sam Grierson	Junior National Light

Rockhampton - This is the Two Track Challenge - Race at Gladstone on Saturday and Race at Rockhampton on Sunday - tracks are about one hour distance apart from each other.

Yamaha KT100J	Juvenile	Lewis Herwin	Midget
Yamaha KT100J	Interceptor	Kieron Davies	Rookie
Yamaha KT100J	JL302	Sam Grierson	Junior National Light

Lismore - The Young Guns Championship – First Round

Yamaha KT100J	Juvenile	Raymond Jenkinson	Rookie
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Bundaberg - The Mack Trucks Classic – Second Round

Yamaha KT100S	JL302	Per Hansen	Tag 100 /and over 40's
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Canberra – Australian Capital Territory Rotax Max Classic

Rotax Max	JL322	Andrew Gillespie	Rotax Light
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Rye House - England

Rotax Max	Interceptor	Jake Mayes	Rotax Junior
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We wish the drivers great racing and all success.

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

Indrajeet Singh

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