

June 2019 Kartorque



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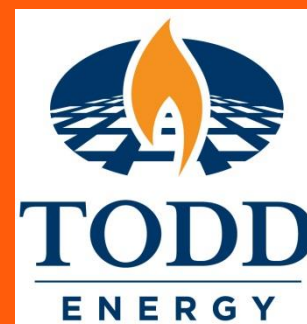
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Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi All

I hope everyone enjoyed the enduro last month. I thought the racing looked really good, and the results were surprising too. This month we kick off the Winter Series and resume the second half of the Grand Prix series too. The Winter Series points system heavily favours attendance to all four rounds, so if you were thinking of skipping a wet club day I highly encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and come out to the track anyway – you could wind up with a trophy at the end-of-year prizegiving.

Peter Cottam has been hard at work building a new shed at the end of our covered pitsites near the club room. This gives us a lot of extra storage space for equipment which has been filling up the tech

shed for a while now. Thanks Pete, for your time and effort putting the shed together, it looks really good and solves a growing problem for the club!

It is time to reveal other projects the club has been working on this year. We've felt for a while now that the boundary fence around the track is a weak point in our track safety, we've been gathering quotes to replace the fencing and crash protection, as well as sourcing new sponsors who will have a spot on the new fence for their signwriting. We are most of the way there gathering quotes for this and will soon be applying for funding. We don't have a time frame this work will take place yet, but watch this space, since there will be track closures while segments of the work take place, and this will affect our members who use the track for practice.

Our AGM is fast approaching, and I have decided not to stand for president this year. It was a tough decision, but this year I feel that I will be handing over a strong, hardworking and committed group of volunteers to the next person who steps up for this role. Our membership is at a healthy level with 109 members. This number has had a huge boost with growth across most classes, and the addition of our rapidly growing bucket bike contingent. With that said, the president position needs to be filled. The name sounds onerous, but it is not any more demanding than other committee positions. If you have business or management experience, I can guarantee you're stepping into the role strides ahead of myself!

See you all soon,

Campbell Jamieson



Club News

As Cam has mentioned, our club enduro was held last month. As is always the case in those long races, mechanical issues, driver fatigue and long pitstops made for an exciting day, with the senior enduro being decided on the last lap, with a come from behind charge at the end from Brad in Adam's KZ2! I know I wasn't all that bothered when my gear shift linkage decided to part company from the rod after 80 odd laps. I needed a rest by then anyway! Solo in a KZ2 is really tough when you're over 40! Well done and congratulations to the winners and everyone who took part and better luck next time to everyone who had a drama.

Enduro Winners:

Cadet ROK – Ryann Windley

Raket 120 – Nathan Nolly

Mini ROK – Jacob Bellamy

Junior – Ben Isaac

Senior teams – Adam Smith and Brad Still

Senior solo – Nathan Cox

Senior Overall – Adam and Brad

The WPKA goldstar championship round was held at Manawatu a couple of weeks ago. We had some really good performances across the series and its great to see some of our young drivers making real progress against the next level of competition above club days. The results show that consistency and doing every round really pays

dividends. A lot of our members didn't do every round.

Championship Round

Cadet ROK – 9th Ryann Windley

Mini ROK – 6th Jacob Bellamy

Senior DVS – 2nd Brad Still

Senior DVS – 3rd Robbie Johnson

Open – 4th Brendon Jury

Open – 12th Niklaus Kiser

Raket 120 – 4th Nathan Nolly

Raket 120 – 9th Sam Reardon

Goldstar overall results:

Senior DVS – Brad Still 1st

Open – Brendon jury 6th

Raket 120 – Garth Lacey 8th

Raket 120- Derek Lawrence 10th

Raket 120 – Nathan Nolly 11th

Raket 120 – Dave Hammond 13th

Rotax Light – Nathan Cox 8th

Rotax Light – Adam Smith 15th

Rotax Heavy – Simon Wilcox 8th

DVS Junior – Ben Isaac 5th

Mini ROK – Jacob Bellamy 12th

Mini ROK – Euan Dwyer 24th

Mini ROK – Hamish Dwyer 25th

Cadet ROK – Ryann Windley 6th

Note: Our next club day is going to be run in the clockwise direction. Duty class is juniors. This is a small class so please lend a hand.

Transponders

Please charge your transponders for a couple of days before you go racing. We are getting a few people who's transponders haven't been adequately charged which makes the race secretaries job hard. If you take the transponder out of the cradle it will tell you how much charge it has. Every time the light flashes means it's got that many days charge left. If it's flat, it usually takes a couple of days to charge. If you leave it in the cradle between meetings, it will hold it's charge a bit better. If we can be a bit more diligent in this area please.

Flagging

Everyone likes to go out onto the track where all the action is and do some flagging. We do encourage people to help out and we appreciate the help. However, there are some expectations on you if you are going to man a flag point.

Firstly, you are responsible for the section of track between your flag point and the next one in the direction of the racing. You must pay attention to this section of track. Too often, we see flag marshalls too busy watching the racing and not paying close attention to their section of track. This results in a missed incident and the appropriate flag not being displayed.

Secondly, in longer races, you must pay attention to who is leading the race, if they are closing in on a



slower kart to lap them, you must display the blue flag to the slower kart. This goes for other karts who catch the back marker as well, so you do really need to keep an eye on who is where in the race.

Thirdly, you shouldn't leave your flag point to assist a kart. We do accept that on our club days, a cadet may require help but please use a safety first approach to this and apply common sense. Your first priority is to warn other drivers of the hazard.

Lastly, when displaying a flag, it should be held out on the track side of the flag point at arms length.

On the whole, we do a reasonable job, we just need to tidy up in this area a bit to keep everyone safe.

Congratulations to Jacob Bellamy for his first Goldstar race win at the Goldstar Champs round! It must be that flash new helmet paint job Jakey!

By all accounts, Jacob drove an exceptional meeting, having to recover from poor starts in each race to finish 6th overall for the event. Having a race win with all of those fast young guns breathing down his neck must have been very exciting, and would have been a fantastic learning experience, on how to keep cool and concentrate under pressure when it matters. Keep up the good work Jacob and we look forward to hearing about it. Jacob, his Dad Brendon, and Mum Sarah, along with the rest of the Bellamy family have done a lot of travelling over the past couple of years, you'll find them at a kart track somewhere around the countryside most weekends trying

to get faster and improve. It hasn't always been easy but the good weekends make up for the not so good ones eh guys. Jacob had a really cool weekend at the nationals hanging out with the current V8 supercars champion, Scott McLaughlin and is really starting to show some improvement thanks to everyone who supports him, including one of our old members, current V8 racer, Matt Podjursky. Continue going well Jacob and we look forward to more results.



On a final note, we have the AGM approaching in August, if you would like to help out on the committee then think about getting a nomination sorted out. As Cam has mentioned, he is stepping down from the President's role and we need someone to fill this spot. Talk to Cam if you think you're interested in any of the roles that make up the committee. It's a team effort. If you'd like to have a go at doing the newsletter etc then by all means, put your hand up.

That's it from me, see you at the track.

Nick.

NEXT EVENT

**Round 1 Winter Series
SUNDAY 30 June 2019**

Duty Class : Juniors

Direction: Clockwise
Convenor(s) : Stuart Frew
Gates open: 8.00
Scrutineering: 8.30 – 9.00
Drivers briefing: 9.15
Racing Starts: 9.30
Lunch: 12.30
Prizegiving at the conclusion of the day!

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