

August 2019 Kartorque



Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

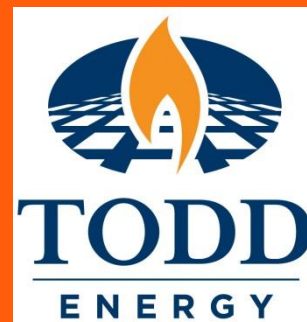
In this issue:

President's report

Event reports

Coming events

And more.....keep reading



Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi All

This will be my last presidents report to you since our AGM is fast approaching. So far we have not found a successor for this role, so I am inviting all of you to consider taking this opportunity to step forward and volunteer. Being in this role has given me an opportunity to work on the direction I feel the club should take 1) through development of our grassroots karting with our have a go kart fleet, and 2) by hosting enjoyable learning-oriented club days, fostering growth of new members and volunteers. Perhaps your vision is different, or you feel the club could be doing more? If so then this position is for you! Our AGM will be held on Sunday 18 August, please turn up with an openness to filling this role.

Round two of our winter series kicks off this month, and after a lengthy two month break it definitely feels like the time has come to pull the kart back out of the shed. Round one had a great turnout which led to close racing on track that was really good to watch. The winter series can always throw curveballs at us with unpredictable weather, and that is what makes our winter events so enjoyable. I hope all of our members present at round one will continue to fight for series points through all four rounds. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I'll sign off this report with a huge thank you to our committee. It has been a real pleasure to work with each of you over the last four years.

Thank you,
Campbell Jamieson

Club News

Not a lot of racing happening locally over the last couple of months with the July break but we've had a few people racing away at different events. We had a few guys head down to Manawatu for their July club day and it looks as though Simon Wilcox had a good day out, winning his class. Well done Simon!

Jacob Bellamy was racing his mini-roc at the National Schools in Wellington in July. He showed really promising speed on the practise day and had some good pace in the races, however, the weekend was a tough one, with a couple of DNF's which left him with a disappointing result. You need to look for the silver lining when you have a tough weekend, and for Jacob, it would be knowing he has the outright pace to compete at that level, so chalk it up to

experience guys and come back harder next time!

David Cox and Myself were down at Manfield last weekend for a round, racing in the KZ2 class of the Superkart series. Dave has done every round and is in a battle for the lead in the series, but didn't have one of his better weekends, with 4th place finishes in 3 races and a single 3rd left him 4th overall for the weekend and with a bit of work to do at Hampton Downs next month, if he's going to win the series. As for me, I was there to do some laps before the nationals in December, and the vortex engine had great pace once I got the engine tuning in the window. Qualifying first and winning every race by good margins made it a pretty pleasing weekend. Things are heading in the right direction for the title defence in December. Now to lose some kg's to get a bit closer to MAW!

We bumped into the Boniface family who were there with Thomas racing his newly acquired Formula Ford. It was Thomo's first decent drive in the car since picking it up and was a good weekend, getting used to the car and giving it a shake down. They'll be racing the series shortly, and they'll be on track at Pukekohe when the V8's hit town, so keep an eye out for him.

Speaking of V8's. Those of you who like to follow the V8 supercars would have seen a few familiar faces in the DJR team Penske hospitality area on TV at the last round in Ipswich. Maurice, Kane and Brad were invited over by Scott McLaughlin to hang out for the weekend and managed to get themselves on TV as well as go for a

few laps with Scott after the weekend was over. What a cool weekend and we can't wait to hear all about it!

As Cam has mentioned, he is stepping down from the Presidents role at the AGM. Cam has done a great job just as past presidents before him, and the club is better for his efforts. For that Cam, we thank you. However, we can't keep relying on the same people all of the time. Clubs rely on people giving up their time, it's just how it is. Please consider a role on the committee. It's a team effort so no job is too onerous. All nominations need to be sent to Maurice this week.

On a final note, Congratulations to Logan Boyde, who married his new wife Megan last month. All the best for your new life together guys!

That's it from me, see you all at the AGM and club day on the 18th.

Cheers, Nick.

NEXT EVENT **AGM and Round 2 winter series** **SUNDAY 18 August 2019**

Duty Class : Seniors

Direction: Anti- Clockwise
Convenor(s) :
Gates open: 8.00
Scrutineering: 8.30 – 9.00
Drivers briefing: 10.15
Racing Starts: 10.30
Lunch: 12.30
Prizegiving at the conclusion of the day!



Tech tips:

This months tech tip is about caster. Caster is a useful tuning tool. Adding caster to your front king-pins helps the kart "jack" and lift the inside rear wheel off the ground during the initial cornering phase. Caster can be added to your chassis by leaning the king-pin towards the rear of the chassis at the top and towards the front of the chassis at the bottom. This mechanical change in geometry forces the inside front wheel down into the track surface more when you turn the wheel, creating more front grip and more flex in the chassis, to lift the inside rear wheel off the ground further and faster. Adding caster is handy when you're struggling for front end grip or the kart is "pushing". It's a good tuning tool to get around a circuit with lots of tight turns, or a rubbered up track with too much rear grip, and in the wet, when a kart will tend to understeer. A kart with a lot of caster will feel heavier in the steering and will be very reactive to steering inputs. A kart with a lot of caster will also be quite loose in the rear during mid and corner exit. Try it next time you're out testing or if you're struggling for turn-in and see what it does.

*CONGRATULATIONS LOGAN AND MEGAN
THAT'S ONE SHINY TRUCK!, THE BRIDE AND GROOM SCRUB
UP PRETTY WELL TOO!*



Nick and Dave racing at Manfield



Maurice fresh from a skid with Scott McLaughlin! Givin it the jandal!



KARTSPORT TARANAKI SPONSORS



TSB
COMMUNITY
TRUST





www.kartsporttaranaki.co.nz

Do you have what it takes to drive a real racing Kart?

Do you have a young person bugging you to try karting?

Our Cadet kart is suitable for 6-12 year old drivers.

The 120cc kart suits drivers 12 to 80 years old....

Come and experience the thrill of driving at speed at the Todd Energy Raceway, you will leave with a smile!

It only costs \$60 to climb aboard an 85cc Cadet or 120cc Senior racing kart and turn some laps at the Todd Energy Raceway. This includes an introduction, full safety briefing and 20 minutes on the track!

Bookings are essential...contact the club to be "buddied-up" for an introductory session.

If you feel karting is for you, the kart is also available to hire for a full race day sortie, with support and mentoring from an assigned club member once you've had an introductory session.

IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT!



All race gear will be provided and use of the kart is by appointment only. Contact us now by email to book your session!!

What a perfect gift for the petrol-head of the house!!!

htbauto@xtra.co.nz

TSB Community Trust

