



April 2013 Kartorque



Newsletter of Kartsport Taranaki

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by Robert Boniface

Once again, sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter completed. We have been busy running from one end of the country to the other and work has become pretty busy with Plant & Platform opening an office in Brisbane, which has robbed me of any spare time I thought I may have had. Toss winter sport into the mix and trying to make some progress on my aeroplane (yeah right!) and the only time left is reserved for some sleep and farm chores....whew!

The coming months are shaping up to be quite full for us too, with 2 rounds of Goldstar, 3 rounds of Top Half, Schools and North Islands to go, but at least we're still enjoying it!

The committee has been busy trying to put together a questionnaire which is going to be distributed to all members to ascertain why 2/3 of our club own karts, pay a membership but don't turn up to race. We are hopeful that the reasons may well be something simple we can fix, with the goal being getting as many to race-days as possible. This sport is all about fun and testing yourself against others, so we'd love to have you all race with us. It wasn't

that long ago that we had 50 people racing on club days and it would be fantastic to get back to this again. Places like Rotorua and other central north island clubs get massive numbers across all classes, so the challenge has been laid down! Watch this space for your copy of the questionnaire, if you don't get one, please get in touch and we'll get one to you.

2013 National Sprint Championships, Wellington

Congratulations to the Taranaki members from out of town and the six Taranaki-based drivers and crews who travelled to the GoPro NZ Sprint Nationals over Easter. All our drivers fared well and displayed some driving brilliance, recording some excellent results. The weather was hot and the track was challenging making for a lot of head-scratching, as always.

The following results were obtained:

Callum Hedge (Cadet) drove a great event and came out as 1NZ after a fantastic team effort to win the final by a commanding 11.6s over Jackson Rooney from Manawatu. This was a brilliant effort to compliment the NI plate Callum won at the Pace

Engineering NI Sprint Champs at Taranaki in October 2012. Well done to Callum and his team for two outstanding performances.

Thomas Boniface had a frustrating start to the event, but the team managed to figure out a way around the setup issues that plagued them early. Thomas was only placed 9th after a poor result in one of the heats. He then finished 5th in the Pre-Final and completed the 20 lap final to become 3NZ. A great result on the back of winning the CIK Trophy in January.

Blake Evans drove hard all weekend and showed great tenacity to place his kart 8th during the heat races. He finished 6th in the Pre-Final and then Blake had a tough final and managed to bring his kart home in 6th. A great result considering the calibre of the field, and he can be very proud of his efforts.

Hunter Cheetham had a good weekend after a short time in the JR class. He found himself in 11th after H1 & H2 and placed 10th in the Pre-final. He drove a great final to finish

11th overall and only 7.8s behind new 1NZ, Caleb Cross from Christchurch.

Sebastian Bainbridge had a better meeting than his CIK weekend in Junior Yamaha, qualifying 6th in the heats, going on to finish 4th in the Pre-Final. He drove a great race and completed the 20 lap Final in 8th overall.

Matthew Podjursky was hoping for a good finish. This was the first event in the new Sodi kart, so the team was not sure how the weekend would pan out. Matt surprisingly only ended up 17th following both heats and was lacking the serious speed that Team Podjursky needed. Matt drove the wheels off the kart but dropped a few places to complete the Pre-Final 20th, 13.4s behind Marcus Armstrong from Christchurch. No matter what changes were made, Matt could only manage 20th in the Final. A tough day at the office for the team, no doubt they will get the kart sorted.

Alex Geary drove a very consistent weekend, qualifying 7th and finishing 4th during the heat races. He then finished 4th in the Pre-Final and drove a smooth Final to place 4th overall. This was a very competitive class, with the gap between Alex and new 1NZ, James Penrose, 3.5s after 20 laps.

Scott Williams was solid all weekend, amassing enough points to place his kart on grid 5 for the Pre-Final. Scott was not as quick in the Pre-Final and finished 8th. He then went on to finish the event in 7th position.

Brad Still drove hard, but was unlucky to be on the receiving end of some bumper action, forcing him to 21st in H1, and meaning he had to start the Pre-Final in 13th. He dropped 1 place and then started the Final in 14th. Even though he drove well, Brad did not have the pace to catch James Penrose.

Brad also entered the Rotax Light class, after securing a drive in Pete Baylis's machine. He showed good speed in the practice days, but was unfortunate on the day that really mattered. He placed the Tony Kart in 12th after both heat races and finished the Pre-Final 13th overall. After a good start to the Final, Brad somehow managed to knock his arm on the spark plug and he lost all feeling in his right hand, forcing him to retire in 25th position.

Aaron de Ridder had also entered two classes, Yamaha Heavy and Rotax Light. Aaron was 7th in Yamaha Light after the heats and was looking good. Finding himself in 11th and facing the Final was not ideal, but Aaron was determined. He drove hard and managed to get his kart up to 8th after a great race. The following day, Aaron switched to the Rotax kart and unfortunately had a bad couple of heats, meaning he had to start the Pre-Final from 24th. He secured a 16th position finish the Final saw him drop back to 19th after a long battle.

Easter was a great weekend of hot and dry weather and all classes displayed some awesome racing.

Well done and congratulations to Callum Hedge and Thomas Boniface who were the best of our club members and get to change their number plates for the next 12 months.

G-Force Photography (Lydia Frere) took some amazing shots of our boys over the weekend and these can be viewed on her Facebook page. Be sure to take a look, and thanks Lydia for these great photos.

Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar Series

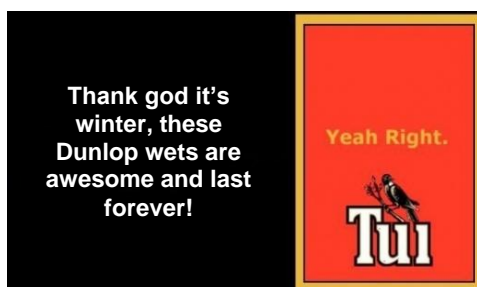
Round 3 of the Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar series was held in Hawkes Bay on 3 March 2013. The weather was hot and dry, making for a furious pace over the entire weekend with plenty of action. The local drivers did the club proud. Results of the meeting were as follows:

The Cadet class was filled with 20 of the best and most eager drivers in the country. Taranaki's Callum Hedge placed 3rd and Thomas Boniface was 5th. Blake Evans finished 7th and Logan Evans was 17th. Thomas then sprinted through the field from 12th position in the GP to claim a solid victory.

The Junior Restricted class was represented by Hunter Cheetham, Dylan Frere, Ryan Jury and Zane Riddick who finished 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th respectively after a torrid day behind the wheel in a very competitive class. Zane Riddick finished 2nd in the GP, in front of Ryan (5th), Dylan (10th) and Hunter (11th).

Four Junior Yamaha drivers battled all day with each other with Matt Podjursky finishing 6, despite a crash. Brendan Jury ended up in 10th, Sebastian Bainbridge was 14th and Brittany Riddick rounded out this class in 15th. The GP was full of action and Sebastian Bainbridge was the best of the Taranaki contingent in 6th. Brittany Riddick was 10th, Brendan Jury 15th and Matthew Podjursky did not start the GP.

Only four drivers from Taranaki raced in the 125cc Rotax Max Light class, with Mitch Baker bringing his machine home in 3rd, Ben Thom was 4th, David Cox in 8th and Morgan Dietschin finished 9th. The GP was good for Mitch Baker, ending up 3rd with Ben Thom in 5th, David Cox finishing 12th and Morgan Dietschin did not start the GP.



The Yamaha 100cc Light class never fails to excite and this weekend was no different. Logan Boyde was knocked off the track in 4 of the 5 races, ending the weekend for him in 6th place. Brad Still was 1st, Scott Williams 2nd and Aaron Marr came home in 3rd. The Senior GP was exciting to watch and Brad was 7th, Scott Williams 8th and Aaron Marr 9th. Logan Boyde finished 16th in the Senior GP.

Clubsport 120 was well represented by Derek Lawrence, Gary Soper and Garth Lacey, with the three drivers finishing up in 5th, 6th and 9th respectively. Always a competitive class, the Clubsport drivers put on a great display of very close racing with some paint being exchanged each lap.

There is one round remaining to be held at Wellington on 4 and 5 May. The 5th and final non-points "Trophy round" is to be held at Waitara on 1 and 2 June, with plenty of action assured. Make sure you have your entry in for this event if you intend competing. Check the website (www.kartsporttaranaki.org.nz) for entry forms and results to date.

Caption Contest

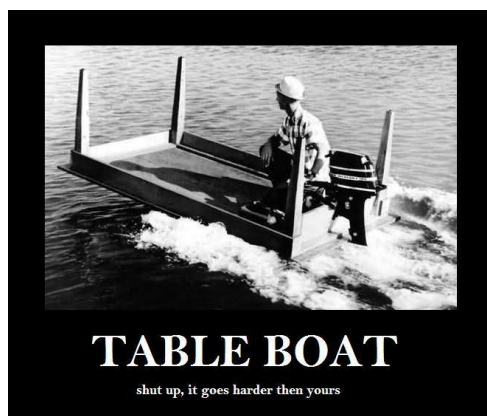
Here's the April photo which features...well, I'm not sure what it features!!



No, it is not a committee member, nor is it the new starter for Kartsport Taranaki. Although Ricky might look better in pink...perhaps?

Please send your captions to me at htbauto@xtra.co.nz

Last months contest winner...



No caption was received, mind you, I was clutching at straws last month.

Did you hear...?

- ☺ Matt Podjursky has officially been inducted into the Kartsport Hawkes Bay "Turtle Club" and must be in line for some sort of record for two rolls in two meetings in a row?
- ☺ Maurice Frost's new Lexus V8 Hiace van sounds better than most race cars...especially the way Kane drives it! I bet the fuel companies love Frosty now.
- ☺ Charles Frere is a bit worried that his back has a better social life than him now...it likes to go out more than he does!
- ☺ Holden Commodores can actually go over the speed limit coming home from Mt. Wellington. Apparently, 101km/hr with a trailer on is "dangerously fast" according to a pimply-faced cop who looked like he had been driving about as long as most Cadets!
- ☺ Brittany Riddick rolled, bowled and a...holed her ministock at Stratford International Speedway on 2 March. Well done Brittany.

Birthdays (some belated)

Anthony Bruce	18 Feb.	20yrs
Alex Geary	28 Feb.	20yrs
Jessica Boniface	10 Mar.	14yrs
Scott Williams	26 Mar.	18yrs
Warren Riddick	April ??	
Sharon Riddick	April ??	
Kane Frost	26 Apr.	25yrs

Happy birthday to these members!

Club Sponsors - Logos needed

We still need to collect updated images of our regular sponsors' logos. If you deal with one of our sponsors please get an updated image file of their company logo to the editor at htbauto@xtra.co.nz.

Light-hearted humour....?



Officials and Stewards

The club needs more officials to help those who currently undertake this duty. If you would like to become an official or a machine examiner, please contact Maurice Frost who can arrange for the necessary paperwork.

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Thanks to all those who have supplied information for the newsletter...keep it coming if you want it to be a good publication. Photos of race-days, driver profiles, funny photos for captions are good please? Robert.

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Presidents Report

Hi everyone,

I have to start with a huge congratulations to Callum Hedge for collecting his 1NZ Cadet plate and Thomas Boniface and his team who came away with the 3NZ plate from the Easter NZ Sprint Champs held in Wellington. I know that the Hedges and Team Boniface are very proud. For the rest of you that represented yourselves and Kartsport Taranaki, congratulations and well done.

We have had months of great weather so I'm sure you have all been out practicing, it's now time to come racing! There's one way to build confidence and get your lap times down and that's by coming racing on club days. We would love to have you along supporting our club and then we can help and support you.

For April's club day we are being invaded by karts from back when Frosty started racing.... Referred to as "vintage" (the karts, not Maurice!) and will be practicing Saturday and then again with us on club day Sunday. The shop will be open for lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Please do come along for April's club day and have some fun racing.

Regards

Teri



Next Club Day: 28 April

Event:

Last round of the Summer Series
Saturday is "Vintage Kart" day

Convenor(s):

David Cox and Derek Lawrence

Duty Class:

Clubsport and Yamaha

Direction:

Anti-clockwise

Sponsor :

Lone Star New Plymouth

It's Technical (Kartsport NZ stuff)

The Executive are proposing a raft of rule changes to be voted upon by the clubs of New Zealand. The easiest way to view all the proposed rule changes is to view them online by visiting the Kartsport New Zealand website at the following link.....(<http://www.kartsport.org.nz/rules/proposed-rules>).

KartSport New Zealand is holding a single-day Grade 4 Race Officials Seminar in Wellington on 27 April, which will be attended by Robert Boniface of Kartsport Taranaki. This should be a good learning event and an opportunity to interact with other officials.

Rule Changes Issue 2013-1 have been published. These include:

- New Rotax Max Crankcase and Chain/Clutch Guard.
- Clarifications regarding latest CIK-FIA homologated bodywork and intake Silencers.
- Clarification regarding Gearbox/Gear case overflow bottles.
- Clarification regarding rear bumper height.
- Clarification regarding use of the Blue & Red Double Diagonal flag.
- Clarifications regarding fuel & tyre testing levies.
- Clarification regarding event programmes.

Competitors and guardians are reminded that drivers can **only practice in a class of kart which is allowed for their respective age**. See Rules E3 and Q5.1 for details.

If you wish to keep your Competition Licence Number you need to keep your Licence current. **This is especially applicable to senior competitors holding a one or two digit licence number.**

When sending your Licence for renewal please ensure you use the **current Application Form, include your valid Club Membership Card and your complete old Licence/Log Book**. Both will be returned to you with your new Licence/Log Book. **Failure to include these will delay processing and cause added administration time/cost.** Please fill out your Application Form clearly, especially your **email address** which is normally our key means of contacting you and sending you **E-Line**.

One Day Licences are limited to 5 in 12 months.

Licence Declarations are only for those competitors who leave their Licence at home or have lost their Licence. Licence Declarations are not available for when a Licence is in transit.

Licences in transit – if the event Race Secretary does not hold an email from KartSport New Zealand advising that a Licence is in transit, the competitor will be required to complete another Licence application and pay the relevant fees to the Club. These will be forwarded after the event by the Club to KartSport New Zealand and if a Licence is being held or has been returned the 2nd payment will not be processed.

Event Indemnities – These must be signed even if a Change of Guardian Form is being used.

Please be aware that if you possess a track key, you are not permitted to loan the key to another member. Also, if you are hosting an "out-of-towner" or a "newbie".....it is your responsibility to collect \$10 *per driver, per day* and pass it on to the treasurer (Pete Baylis). You must also ensure all drivers fill out an indemnity form to protect the club. Alternatively, you could point them in the direction of Maurice Frost, Pete Baylis or a member of the de Ridder family for the issue of a key for practicing.

Coming events (local and national)

Supreme Karts Supplies 2012/13 WPKA Goldstar Series

~~Rd1 - 4 November 2012, Manawatu~~

~~Rd2 - 2 December 2012, Taranaki~~

~~Rd3 - 3 March 2013, Hawkes Bay~~

Rd4 - 5 May 2013, Wellington

Rd5 - 2 June 2013, Taranaki

Top Half Series

~~Rd1 - 14 April 2013, Mt. Wellington~~

Rd2 - 12 May 2013, Te Puke

Rd3 - 16 June 2013, Auckland

Rd4 - 7 July 2013, Tokoroa

2013 National and Other Events

~~Rotorua Club Champs - 18 Nov. 2013~~

~~CIK, 25-27 Jan 2013, Wellington~~

~~City of Sails, 2&3 Feb 2013, Auckland~~

~~Twilight Trans Tasman Challenge, 16 Feb 2013, Manawatu~~

~~Prokart Rd1, 25-27 Jan 2013, Wgtn~~

~~Prokart Rd2, 9-10 Mar 2013, Rotorua~~

~~Nationals, 28-31 Mar 2013, Wellington~~

~~Prokart Rd3, 20-21 Apr 2013, Te Puke~~

Prokart Rd4, 25-26 May 2013, Tokoroa

NZ Schools, 19-21 Jul 2013, ChCh

Prokart Rd5, 17-18 Aug 2013, H. Bay

Prokart Rd6, 21-22 Sep 2013, Auckland

NI's, 24-27 Oct. 2013, Wellington

"On Track" with Colin Harris



The Kartsport NZ Manual is there for study and Mum and Dad, it's always worthwhile explaining these rules to your young driver so that they really understand them.

Yellow Flag - you may have forgotten that passing under the Yellow Flag carries a **minimum** penalty of a disqualification UNLESS you redress the situation safely before the next manned flagpoint. That's well worth remembering.

Starts - approaching the start from the formation line you are required to be in close formation, one behind the other, with your rear wheel immediately adjacent to the appropriate parallel white lines. The pole driver controls the start, not the driver on grid 2. Pole has to approach the acceleration line at a steady pace between 1/4 to 1/2 speed. When reaching the acceleration line the pole driver MAY accelerate and only if he/she chooses to do so, it's the pole drivers choice. He/she must not decelerate and the driver on grid 2 must stay beside the driver on pole. The race only starts when the lights go out. What could be simpler.

Decals on the Side of Visors - these can restrict your peripheral vision, meaning in practical terms you could be making a habit of turning into other karts because you haven't seen them come up beside you. That's not good. The length and depth of the decal could be partially closing off the aperture at each side of your helmet. If you have a visor decal, it may be worth your while to check that it's not restricting your peripheral vision on each side.

Unacceptable Behaviour - In recent months we have had some incidents that can be fairly described as unacceptable behaviour by competitors, parent/guardians and pit crew. I'm very sure that you, part of the 99% of our karting community don't want the enjoyment of your sport spoiled by the actions of those who can't control their emotions when faced with disappointment or frustration. This is motor racing, you can't win all the time, it happens.

If you're interested, have a look in the Manual, Section G. G1.8 and G1.9, pg 112 and then look at pg 85, Section C, item 22. Clubs also have a responsibility to their members and visitors to deal with unacceptable behaviour, don't leave it all to the Race Officials.

SAFETY - I want to ask the people who rush to assist at the scene of an on track incident with the best of intentions, particularly where our younger drivers are involved, that they just pause for a second before they take action and avoid what may be a minor injury to the driver becoming a serious injury. If the driver eg. cannot remove his/her helmet, undo the strap if you must but **DO NOT REMOVE** the helmet until the First Aid person is with you. Last year at one of our major events I witnessed (a parent?) pull a young driver out of his kart without first checking to see if the driver was injured. Please if you find yourself attending an incident just pause, take a deep breath, assess the situation and then render appropriate assistance.

BEFORE you leave the flag point/safe area to help, make sure the yellow flag has been displayed for that incident!!

CIK Trophy of New Zealand on TV3

Programme Two will screen on **TV3 CRC Motorsport** on **Sunday 28 April** at 3pm

KartSport Taranaki - Race Calendar

Date	Month	Year	Day	Direction	Convenor(s)	Duty Class
29th	Jul	2012	Club Day, Winter Series, Senior 50 Laps	Anti-clock	Podjursky & Lacey	Rotax
26th	Aug	2012	Club Day, Winter Series	Anti-clock	Williams & Still	Cad, JR & Junior
30th	Sep	2012	Club Day, Winter Series	Anti-clock	Adlam & Collins	Yamaha & ClubSport
28th	Oct	2012	Club Day Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
4th	Nov	2012	Goldstar R1 - Manawatu		Manawatu	
25th	Nov	2012	Club Day, Summer Series	Clockwise	Stanton & Cottam	Rotax & Open
2nd	Dec	2012	Goldstar R2 - Taranaki			
16th	Dec	2012	Xmas Fun Day	Anti-clock	Bruce & Boniface	Cad, JR & Junior
27th	Jan	2013	Club Day, Summer Series	Clockwise	Wills & Day	Yamaha & ClubSport
24th	Feb	2013	Club Champs	Anti-clock	Jury & Frost	Rotax & Open
3rd	Mar	2013	Goldstar R3 - Hawkes Bay		Hawkes Bay	
31st	Mar	2013	Club Day, Summer Series	Clockwise	Bennett & Podjursky	Cad, JR & Junior
28th	Apr	2013	Club Day, Summer Series	Anti-clock	Cox & Lawrence	Yamaha & ClubSport
5th	May	2013	Goldstar R4 - Wellington		Wellington	
26th	May	2013	Club Day, Winter Series	Anti-clock	Dietschin & de Ridder	Rotax & Open
2nd	Jun	2013	Goldstar Champs- Taranaki			
30th	Jun	2013	Enduro Club Day	Anti-clock	Boyde & Riddick	Cad, JR & Junior
28th	Jul	2013	Club Day, Winter Series, Senior 50 Laps	Clockwise		Yamaha & ClubSport
25th	Aug	2013	Club Day, Winter Series			Rotax & Open
29th	Sep	2013	Club Day, Winter Series			Cad, JR & Junior
27th	Oct	2013	Club Day, Summer Series			Yamaha & ClubSport
24th	Nov	2013	Club Day, Summer Series			Rotax & Open
15th	Dec	2013	Xmas Fun Day			Cad, JR & Junior

**2013 Dates****1 Day EXPLORE & LEARN**

KartSport Auckland - 25 May 2013

KartSport Taranaki - 14 July 2013

KartSport Mt Wellington - 12 October 2013

Come and learn the basics and knock tenths off your lap times. Ideal for competitors and crew in their first year of competition. For course details, see below

2 Day HOT SHOTS

KartSport Auckland - 27/28 July 2013

KartSport Hamilton - 19/20 October 2013

ON-LINE bookings available via KartSport New Zealand website or phone Gary Wilson, Head Coach (021) 543 787

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If you need any help, advice, information or just want a chat, feel free to contact any of the team above!

**Current Track Records as at 30 October 2012**

Class	Anti-Clock	Date Set	Kart #	Name
Cadet	31.887	26/09/10	77	Matthew Podjursky
Junior Restricted	29.983	22/02/09	12	Aaron Marr
Junior Yamaha	28.897	31/07/11	5	Brittany Riddick
KF3	28.138	19/10/12	33	Arran Crighton
Club Class	29.773	30/09/12	5	Warren Riddick
ClubSport	31.585	07/05/06	13	Dan Snedden
Yamaha Light	28.978	29/03/09	37	Alex Geary
Yamaha Heavy	29.433	31/08/08	12	Derek Lawrence
Max Light	27.990	07/08/05	3	Bradley Tyrrell
Max Heavy	28.617	19/10/12	21	Shaun Reay
KF2	27.088	20/10/12	1	Arie Hutton
Formula 125S	26.782	07/08/05	92	Leigh Tidman
KZ2	26.311	08/03/09	1	Ryan Grant
Open	26.595	29/03/09	95	Michael Kiser

Class	Clockwise	Date Set	Kart #	Name
Cadet	31.978	02/05/10	77	Matthew Podjursky
Junior Restricted	30.070	29/05/11	NZ	Thomas Joyes
Junior Yamaha	28.744	28/09/08	37	Alex Geary
KF3	28.229	25/04/10	12	Aaron Marr
Formula Junior	28.751	06/08/07	11	Mitchell Evans
Club Class	29.656	31/10/10	5	Warren Riddick
ClubSport	31.944	30/10/11	9	Warren Riddick
Yamaha Light	28.889	28/09/08	24	Brad Still
Yamaha Heavy	29.353	02/05/10	92	Zac Zaloum
Max Light	28.193	25/07/10	37	Alex Geary
Max Heavy	28.389	02/05/10	92	Zac Zaloum
Formula 125S	26.764	05/08/07	7	Jason Lee
KZ2	26.205	06/08/07	3	Ryan Grant
Open	26.607	02/05/10	50	Nik Kiser



The ultimate boys/dads/granddads weekend. Relive yesteryear and the glory days of Karting in New Zealand. See drivers between the ages of 8 and 80 displaying some of the finest pieces of over 50 years of karting history from across New Zealand and Australia.



- ✓ Saturday's programme features the tyre squealing karts of the good ole days, driven by some of the true pioneers of NZ motorsport.
- ✓ Sunday's calendar contrasts the vintage machines with the most modern equipment on offer, as KartSport Taranaki stage their April club day



TSB Community Trust
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Todd Energy

Where: Todd Energy Raceway, the home of KartSport Taranaki

When: 27 & 28 April 2013, starting at 10:00am on both days!

How much: Free!! Although donation by way of gold coin would be great!

Is there food available? Todd Energy Raceway has food and a bar. We also have EFTPOS, so you don't need cash.

What else do I need to know: Please leave your dogs at home, they might get a fright. The best idea is to wear shoes and bring some sun block!

How do we find the track from New Plymouth: Follow SH3 north towards Waitara. then turn right into Princess St. Take the first right into Joll St, then drive right to the end for the best karting action on the planet. To get home, drive in reverse!

See you there !!



NZ Sprint Nationals photos (thanks to G-Force Photography)