

Newsletter of Kartsport Taranaki

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by Robert Boniface

It feels like life is back to normal these days, work has settled down and the karting programme almost is manageable again! The weather hasn't been too conducive to testing much stuff, although there are some good patches between the rain where we've been able to get out and try some combinations. NZ Schools is the next event we are focussing on, and a report of the event is further down. It's a shame only one crew from Kartsport Taranaki headed down to Canterbury, least chilly but at Manawatu in 2014 is a bit closer geographically.

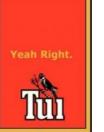
The annual club prizegiving has been other and gone, with a good turnout of 60 members and families to collect their hard-earned and well deserved trophies and accolades. To all trophy winners, congratulations! Achieving at a high level, irrespective of the sport, only comes from perseverance, hard work and good old fashioned dedication to your sport. It sounds a bit corny, but if you put in the hard yards you are more likely to get a good result. The only way to improve is by getting to the track to race others and

test yourself. The fun part comes naturally as a result of "having a go".

Thanks to all those that attended the club prizegiving, it was nice to see you all there. It was great that there were 3 current club life members at the prizegiving (Lou Donnelly, Garth Lacey and Maurice Frost) who presented the club annual trophies to the recipients. It was also interesting to hear Lou Donnelly talk about the transformation of the club over the years and the challenges it faced in the 1970's and '80's. The challenges we face today as a club are the same as any other club, we need our members to support each foster to the sport. Congratulations to all those who were awarded for their efforts last year and a motivator for those who are keen to get to the next level.

It was an earthquake, not Gerry Brownlee tripping over in Wellington...

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Enough of that, we have had a relatively quiet period of late so there's not a huge amount of content to put in this newsletter...but we'll do what we can!

Caption Contest

Here's the July photo which features a novel way to check the bottom of a kart! Have you got a clever caption for this photo?...send it to me.



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Last month's contest winner...



No caption was received.

Did you hear ...?

- Teri and Marie Collins have almost finished their new house and have kindly invited the entire kart club to the opening party. No doubt you will all recieve your invitation in the post soon!
- Aaron Marr has had his first outing in the new Formula Ford and by all accounts is very competitive and will certainly be someone to watch this year...good luck Aaron!
- Congratulations to Lara Williams who was recently selected in the NZ U18 Womens Hockey team!! Go Lara...

Birthdays (some belated/missed)

Matthew Podjursky	1 July	14yrs
Steve Paul	2 July	56yrs
Sam Bridger	3 July	19yrs
Andrew Adlam	6 July	46yrs
Logan Smith	10 July	8yrs
Cameron Lacey	11 July	21yrs
Stephen Beck	12 June	47yrs
Anne Marie Lacey	13 July	54yrs
Jayden Smith	13 July	13yrs
Jason Wills	15 July	44yrs
Donna Boniface	19 July	43yrs
Simon Dwyer	23 July	41yrs
Liz Podjursky	26 July	??yrs
Logan Evans	30 July	8yrs
John Kenny	31 July	62yrs

Happy birthday to these members!

Light-hearted humour....?





Presidents Report

Hi everyone,

First up, a big Congratulations to Thomas and Team Boniface on their success at the NZ Schools Championships in Christchurch last weekend. Sounds like he was on a mission and was determined to bring the silverware home to Taranaki. That's two NZ titles in 6 months, a great achievement.

Our June club day was a cracker, with some great racing for the annual enduro trophies taking place. There was drama aplenty, with some only achieving their pit windows with seconds to spare. All in all, a great day as we look forward to the July club day this weekend and the Senior 50 Lapper.

The club AGM is coming up soon, and is planned for the August club day, prior to racing. you lf want to nominate grab someone. please а nomination form at club day, you can also download one from the club website or contact Maurice Frost (06) 758 8891. Please come along and help shape the future of our club, there are plenty of positions up for grabs and it would be great to have some new helpers.

We have a working bee coming up soon, details are on the website so come along and lend a hand to keeping out facility in great condition.

See you all trackside.

Regards

Teri



Officials and Stewards roundup

Ben Thom and Merv Hooper have expressed interest in becoming convenors and/or machine examiners...nice one guys! If you would like to become a race official or a machine examiner, please contact Maurice Frost who can arrange for the necessary paperwork.

Next Club Day: 28 July

Event:

Senior 50 Lapper and Round 2 of the Winter Series Convenor(s):

Steve Boyde and Warren Riddick

Duty Class:

Yamaha and Clubsport 120

Direction:

Clockwise

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Check the website for racing details!

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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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It's Technical (Kartsport NZ stuff)

KartSport New Zealand is pleased to announced that the control tyre for tyre restricted classes (Rule L3.5 (a)) for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016 will be the **MG-AZ** (current tyre). **The current contract retail price will remain unchanged** for the period of the contract (ie a full Cadet set \$271, Junior/Senior set \$280).

In conjunction with MG Tyres NZ Ltd it has been agreed that "same shipment" tyres for all KartSport New Zealand

Championship Sprint events, (NZ Sprint, Island Sprint, CIK Trophy of NZ and NZ Schools 2014-2016 inclusive) will be distributed, using a voucher system, at each event respectively by KartSport New Zealand Officials. Details of the voucher system will be announced at a later date. MG Tyres NZ Ltd will contribute to the costs incurred by Clubs to provide suitable distribution premises for this purpose.

Further to information provided in E-Line #058 on 3 October 2012, on behalf of the KartSport New Zealand Executive, I now provide the following.

Over recent weeks there have again be rumours and unsubstantiated allegations made regarding the use of detectable tyre called "non SO Not only have these treatment". rumours and allegations had no substance or basis in truth they have boarded on "bringing the sport into disrepute". The KartSport New Zealand Executive will no longer tolerate such behaviour from its members and wishes to advise that it will, if required, take whatever action is warranted under section C8.3 of the sports Judicial Code.

KartSport New Zealand has, via the National Technical Officer, completed testing extensive of so called "undetectable tyre treatment". These tests included track testing of both freshly treated tyres (with treatment applied as per manufacturer's quidelines) and tyres that had been treated and left for a period of time before being used. Tyres were run on track for a day in such a way to simulate a normal race day - being time trials and heats/finals or a series of heat races.

In all cases the treated tyres, when tested with the KartSport New Zealand approved photo ionisation volatile organic compound meter (tyre sniffer) gave readings well in excess of the accepted minimum that Technical Officers work to. These readings were between 6 and 33 times higher than readings. standard minimum the Samples of the tyres were also sent to KartSport New Zealand's contracted testing laboratory where the chemical composition of the samples was determined by headspace gas chromatography - mass spectrometry

and the presence of the treatment easily detected and confirmed.

KartSport New Zealand has now proven through this testing and is completely satisfied that it can, through its normal checking and testing processes, detect so called undetectable treatment if used on any tyres within KartSport New Zealand competition.

Competitors are reminded that for anyone who is proven to be using tyre treatment, penalties are severe (4 year suspension and \$5000 fine) and will be enforced. Furthermore anyone making any unsubstantiated claims regarding the use of these products by other competitors could find themselves subject to judicial processes and penalty under rule C8.3.

Your attention is drawn to **Section L2** in the Manual. **Rules L2.3** and **L2.4** in particular need to be understood.

The ONLY acceptable letter shape is Futura Condensed Bold. Italics or other styles are not acceptable. The numbers must be complete, clean and clearly displayed. It is expected that the rear number plate is attached to the rear bumper, not the back of the seat. Unrated drivers must display a cross on a **separate** yellow number plate on the rear bumper, **not over the rear number**.

Please do not grumble if a Machine Examiner or Technical Officer asks you to meet the requirements.

Your cooperation would be appreciated. Thank you.

Colin Harris National Steward and John Lennox Competitions Manager

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

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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.

Awesome driving?

I saw a ute with a bumper sticker saying "I am a vet, therefore I drive like an animal". It was about then I figured there must be a lot of gynaecologists driving on the roads in Auckland!

Coming local events

2013/14 WPKA Goldstar Series

- Rd1 3 November 2013, Manawatu
- Rd2 1 December 2013, Wellington
- Rd3 2 March 2014, Hawkes Bay
- Rd4 4 May 2014, Taranaki
- Champs Rd 2 June 2013, Hawkes Bay

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, Wgtn Nationals, 28-31 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

Comic relief.....

I completed my first gig as a stand-up comedian last night at an old folks home. They didn't get any of my jokes, but they still wet themselves...

Are you an Australian Cricket supporter and feeling a little depressed? Need someone to talk to? Call the Australian Cricket Helpline on o8oo 10 10 10, that's o8oo won nothing won nothing won nothing!

An Irishman took his goldfish to the vet and said "Doc, me goldfish has epilepsy". The vet said..."But Paddy, it looks calm to me?" Paddy says "I haven't taken it out of the feckin' bowl yet!!"

I got an iPhone for my son's birthday and an iPod for my daughter. I then bought myself an iPad this week. It was when I bought my wife an iRon that the argument started!

Kartsport Taranaki Resident Drivers Honours List

1993	M. Frost	New Zealand Champion (125N/125S)
1994	M. Frost	New Zealand Champion (125N/125S)
1995	B. Stratton	New Zealand Champion (125N/125S)
1997	G. Downs	New Zealand Champion (125N/125S)
1999	N. Jordon	New Zealand Champion (Cadet)
2002	S. McLaughlin	North Island Champion (Cadet)
2003	N. Kiser	North Island Champion (Yamaha Light)
2005	L. Dickinson	North Island Champion (Yamaha Light)
2005	H. Scott	North Island Grand Prix (Yamaha/Rotax)
2006	M. Kiser	North Island Champion (Yamaha Light)
2007	N. Kiser	North Island Champion (KZ2)
2007	N. Kiser	New Zealand Champion (KZ2)
2007	M. Frost	North Island Superkart Champion (125 Rotax Heavy)
2007	H. Scott	New Zealand Schools Champion (125 Rotax Heavy)
2007	H. Scott	New Zealand Dirt Champion (125 Rotax Light)
2009	A. Geary	North Island Champion (Yamaha Light)
2009	M. Baker	New Zealand Schools Champion (Yamaha Light)
2010	M. Kiser	New Zealand Champion (Yamaha Heavy)
2010	A. Geary	CIK Trophy of NZ Challenge Cup (Yamaha Light)
2010	M. Podjursky	North Island Champion (Cadet)
2011	A. Marr	CIK Trophy of NZ Champion (KF3)
2011	A. deRidder	North Island Champion (Yamaha Heavy)
2012	M. Podjursky	CIK Trophy of NZ Challenge Cup (Junior Yamaha)
2013	T. Boniface	CIK Trophy of NZ Challenge Cup (Cadet)
2013	T. Boniface	New Zealand Schools Champion (Cadet)

This list is currently being developed for the club honours board, if anything is incorrect or needing to be added to it...let me know! These karters are those who nominated their club upon entry to the NZ Championship meetings as "Taranaki" (hence the "resident" status).



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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 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 Hamilton - 19/20 October 2013

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



2013 NZ Schools Championships report

This was never going to be an easy event to get to. The weather was looking pretty average and the prospect of having to drive 780km in the space of a few days, pack in 2 days of practice and a race-day did not excite. Throw into the mix the challenge of racing the toughest competitors in the Cadet class in the country! It's fair to say we were feeling a little pessimistic, but felt we were in with a chance so decided to go for it. The drive took the best part of Tuesday night to get to the Interislander, then another 4 hour stretch to Christchurch. Thomas, Donna, Hannah and Barney were flying, so met me in the Garden City on Wednesday afternoon. We were lucky to have been given the use of a family house while the usual occupants were overseas, which was awesome (thanks Willy and Katrina!).

The first day of practice was uneventful, allowing us to try a few combinations of chassis setup, although the track was changeable which made it a little tough to nail the best setup. The Friday was worse, with overnight rain throwing another variable into the equation and making engine choice difficult. By Friday afternoon we were less than confident and felt we were about 3 or 4 tenths of a second too slow! Luckily we got some expert setup tips and made some significant changes to the chassis on Friday night and planned to test these during the tuning runs on Sunday. We had settled on the engine we were to run and then spent Saturday helping Liam and Jared Lawson in the JR Sodi kart.

I had a trip to "the room" as a witness of an incident just prior to a protest in Junior Yamaha also. The protest/appeal procedure is an area KartSport NZ needs to sort out, as it was appalling the way this came about and was allowed to stall the meeting for 3 hours. The best result(s) came in the end for the competitors, but the meeting was a shambles from this perspective.

Sunday was a fantastic change in the weather, with the previously cold and damp conditions making way for a hot and dry day of fast and furious racing. With two tuning runs, we had the opportunity to test the new setup and Thomas was pretty happy with the changes. He was back on the pace and suddenly filled with confidence again. His grid draws were 8, 15, 18 and 5 which were OK. H1 was a bit of a mess, as Thomas got shoved off in turn 1 by a charging pack, managing to scramble back on after contact with the crash bags. He drove back to 10th place, which was far from ideal...but that's racing. Heat 2 was much better, with a good start he carved his way through the field to finish 2nd. The third heat was his best, with a start from 18th and a great drive to get through to 2nd again, despite a red flag for a crash and subsequent rollover. The driver was OK; the kart was a bit second-hand! As the day had changed since the beginning of racing, I was a little hesitant about making too many changes and we lost a bit of speed in H4, finishing in 2nd. This put us on G2 for the final. The kart was still not as fast as it had been earlier, so we slipped back to 4th. After a solid day, with some great racing we were sitting in 2nd overall and pretty pleased, a good improvement on our 6th last year. Once the technical inspections were completed, however, it was discovered that there was a technical issue with the engine of the driver in first place and he was subsequently disqualified. A real shame as he had driven well all day, but once again....that's racing! After Paul Wise took our engine through tech, we were confirmed as NZ Schools Champion....a great feeling after a torrid day! This is our second NZ title in 6 months, so we are very happy!

It was a proud moment to see Thomas on the top step of the podium again, as we had all worked hard to get there. The trip home seemed to fly by; even the ferry seemed like fun! Team Boniface has a number of people to thank for this event:

John and Matthew Hamilton of WKS Karting Supplies in Christchurch Brad Tyrell of Pacific Kartsport Paul Wise for taking the engine through tech for us Dane Harte of Performance Zone for the engine Maurice Frost of Supreme Kart Supplies for all his help and advice Hydraulink NZ Plant & Platform Consultants for their massive support Grandad Barney.....he's a legend! Jared & Liam Lawson for the support and encouragement Jodi Vincent and Mat Kinsman for assisting keeping Thomas focussed all day All the well-wishers from our club who offered support, encouragement and kind words to Thomas

Cheers to all, we are very grateful! Robert Boniface





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Max Light

Max Heavy

KZ2

Open

Formula 125S

Yamaha Light

Yamaha Heavy

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Warren Riddick

Brad Still

Zac Zaloum

Alex Geary

Zac Zaloum

Jason Lee

Ryan Grant

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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!

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Class	Anti-Clock	Date Set	Kart #	Name	kitchens & appliances experience the difference	HOTEL	
Cadet	31.887	26/09/10	77	Matthew Podjursky	and the second se	& CONFERENCE CENTRE	SUPPLIES & EN
Junior Restricted	29.983	22/02/09	12	Aaron Marr			
Junior Yamaha	28.897	31/07/11	5	Brittany Riddick			79 Hurlstone Drive, New Plymo www.supremekarts.co.r
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		PACE	ENGINEERIN
Yamaha Light	28.978	29/03/09	37	Alex Geary	QUALITY		NEW PLYMOUTH NEW ZEA
Yamaha Heavy	29.433	31/08/08	12	Derek Lawrence	HOTEL	<u>.</u>	N
Max Light	27.990	07/08/05	3	Bradley Tyrrell	QUALITY HOTEL	× 1	/
Max Heavy	28.617	19/10/12	21	Shaun Reay	PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL		HAURA
KF2	27.088	20/10/12	1	Arie Hutton			
Formula 125S	26.782	07/08/05	92	Leigh Tidman		$- \sim$	
KZ2	26.311	08/03/09	1	Ryan Grant		TE	
Open	26.595	29/03/09	95	Michael Kiser		16	
Class	Clockwise	Date Set	Kart #	Name			
Cadet	31.978	02/05/10	77	Matthew Podjursky			TRANSPAC
Junior Restricted	30.070	29/05/11	NZ	Thomas Joyes		ICTION LTD	
Junior Yamaha	28.744	28/09/08	37	Alex Geary			Recover Recycle
KF3	28.229	25/04/10	12	Aaron Marr			and the second
Formula Junior	28.751	06/08/07	11	Mitchell Evans			
Club Class	29.656	31/10/10	5	Warren Riddick			

Some racing and club prizegiving photos (thanks to Donna Boyde and others)



Thomas Boniface racing in Christchurch and (L) standing on top step of podium after winning the 2013 NZ Schools title

















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Vintage Kart Roundup.....

Wow! This was the feeling amongst participants who attended the recent New Zealand Vintage Kart Register's run in Taranaki. The weather played its part giving us all two days of perfect karting. It started on Friday afternoon with Aucklander's, Alec Cantlay and Gary Cortesi showing up at West Coast Kart Restorations to help set up the BBQ for the following night. It didn't take long, the yard was soon full of Vintage Karters from all over New Zealand, Frank Davidson and Honk Perry From Nelson were next to show, followed in the gate by Cherie "Skunk" Jones and Mark "Smooth Head" Cowley, later Paul Crighton and Murdock Anderson were seen assembling a kart in the yard under torchlight in preparation for Saturday.

51 Karts with their owners and helpers made the trek from the north, south, east and west, with visitors Mark and Sue McKeddie and Malcolm Littler making the trip from Australia. A great turnout of "not seen for many years" karts and karters added to the regular attendees. This made for "the biggest yet" vintage kart run in New Zealand. All karts in the Pre-Senior class were debutants, headed by the Lester brothers from Palmerston North with a beautifully turned out midget kart similar to the type run by their Dad in the early 1980's. They were joined by first time vintage karter Shona Jenkinson with her flower power midget kart. It was pleasurable to see the young ones enjoying their track time and watching the smiles on the faces of older karters as they remembered how it once was! Sammy Sutton was also part of the Pre-Senior class with a 1965 Dart Grand Prix fresh from the restoration workshop, sadly it suffered an electrical issue and only turned a few laps on Saturday, so he used Peter Hollobon's Dart /McCulloch for the rest of the weekend.

From the Canterbury region came Paul Crighton with a Yamaha RC100S/Yamaha KT100S combination. The smile on his dial said it all as he shared the driving with Murdock Anderson and Peter Hollobon. Brooke Keith fronted on Sunday morning with his 1969 Ohau Dart/McCulloch. Brooke had arrived back in New Zealand very early that morning and then drove to Hamilton loaded up the kart and headed south. He drove his kart for the first time since 1970 when he competed as a Junior in Hawkes Bay. Across from Hawkes Bay came Yamaha Light racer "Quick Nick Heywood" with his recently restored Omega A frame kart, he ran it with a Yamaha but is on the lookout for a period rotary valve or reed valve engine to complement it. World famous in New Zealand Bruce Cawood, travelled from the Hawkes Bay to do Pit Marshall duty for us. Rumour has it that Bruce is joining the New Zealand Vintage Kart register with a Bullet laydown to keep Laurie Lester company. Australian visitor Malcolm Littler had track time in Dean Sutton's Dell Dominator/ParillaTT25 and Phil Davy's DAP/DAP T72, while Mark McKeddie ran Dean's Mac Minarelli/Mac Minarelli, and Demon X6/PCR TS50/3 machines. Veteran motorsport campaigner (He can recall racing at Western Springs circa 1954), Barry "Tiger" Thomas ventured down from Auckland with his ex- Lynn Haddock Magnum/Parilla/McCulloch combination that he shared with his grandson. He had a few technical issues but none the less enjoyed the Taranaki hospitality proving that Vintage Karting in New Zealand is a family affair.

There were a few families present that had two or three generations of drivers taking part over the weekend. Laurie Lester brought his son Brendon who shared Laurie's Nairn Laydown/Yamaha. The grandchildren Sarah and Adam Richards shared the Kiwi Kart EX/Yamaha and brothers Brook and Matt Lester shared the Midget Kart. Not to be outdone, the Hyndman family had all three generations on the track with stalwart karter Snow having a drive, with son Neil and grandson Patrick sharing a Kiwi Kart FX/Yamaha. Add in Team Jenkinson with Dad Mark in a Yamaha RC100S/Yamaha, wife and mother Sharon in her Kiwi Kart FX/Yamaha and daughter Shona in her flower power midget. Special thanks must go to the team that organised the weekend: Megan Saxton, Dean and Ngaire Sutton, Laurie and Jan Callender, Steve Moyes, Graeme Sutton and KartSport Taranaki who provided the venue to make it all possible. Saturday concluded with a BBQ at West Coast Kart Restorations!



Brendon Lester taking it easy in the laydown kart.