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RACE REPORT - SATURDAY 15th March 2008 CAMBERLEY - EVERYTHING'S getting BETTER!

Well, we had a feast of fantastic karting at the Camberley circuit - and if you weren't there, well you missed a good one!

The cobwebs have now been dusted off (and after the rain in the afternoon at Camberley, dampened down a bit too!) and once again TKT drivers returned home with some fantastic results....!

My roving pitlane reporter this week was, none other than Mr A Sirett who came along for the ride and to cheer on his team mates! (and he definitely does a better job than that woman on the Formula One!) - thank you to Adam from the Heath Boys (especially Small Paul, who was once again subjected to the curse of Camberley and struggled with a bad back - Adam helped SP to push start the datted direct drive !!!)

First of all let's get the thank you's sorted!

THANK YOU TO:

Chris Kirby and Kieran Redman for Scrutineering
Jamie Labella (TKT "old boy") and "Uncle Ian" (who came along with Bruce Lister), Dave Tanswell, Adam McHugh, Bill Thorne and George Westlake, for marshalling.

Paul Oliphant for controlling start / finish all day - he runs a tight ship! (Roger, start finish...de deddle le de, de deddle le de, de de, de de, de de de de de!!!! - you had to be there!)

Katharine (a) for getting everybody entered in the right classes; and (b) for lap scoring ALL DAY!

Janet Molyneux for lap scoring;

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO BRUCE LISTER FOR KEEPING US ALL IN CHECK AND BEING OUR TEAM LEADER FOR THE DAY.

WHO SAID BEING A TEAM LEADER WAS STRESSFUL?



(Thanks for the picture George W....and I don't mean Bush!)

(Bruce was very relieved that the only time he had to go into race control was to complain about a driver from another team who was causing our class 7 boys some problems by knocking them off, one by one!)

I don't think it would take Einstein to work out that everybody who went to Camberley "did a bit".... many hands make light work - which meant everybody had time to enjoy the day!

In racing terms this really was a great meeting - we got lots of track time - the Novices alone must have been out on the circuit for close on an hour (in total)! (at one point I was quite concerned that they might run out of petrol before the chequered flag was put out!!)

Camberley being Camberley there were a couple of red flags, and the ambulance did have to do quite a bit of work (fortunately not for any TKT drivers).

Any way...enough of that, what really happened?!

Here is Small Paul's commentary on the day:

Weather dry in the morning, WET in the afternoon!

Novices - THREE of them - Great to see! Some excellent driving!

Class 7 - two drivers in the top ten. George K unlucky not to get a trophy (he would have at any other meeting), Oli J had a good consistent day

the way). Axle had a bad day at the office - three DNFs (one when he took out a backmarker when leading the race!)

Class 12 - "Wedman" Winners (Will's words! - he said that's how the Suvernners said his name!)

Class 14 - seven top ten finishers - fantastic racing - TKT drivers won every heat!

Class 15 - Oli Redman unlucky!

So as usual I will put a bit more meat on the bones!

Novices

As yet I don't have any pictures of David, Jack and Rory on circuit.

But, speaking to Rory at the end of the day, he confirmed that he had had a FANTASTIC day - thoroughly enjoying the extended track time available.

David also had a good day, he missed his usual qualified driver Daz, and borrowed Alex Rollinger's kart for the weekend - suffice to say several days on the rack at home meant he had grown enough to fit in it!!!

Jack had a new "snazzy" number allocated, and as he hadn't had time to go to his favourite karting retail outlet to buy some new numbers had had to make a "6" out of black tape - not the easiest of tasks, I'm sure you will agree....all this and he had to deal with having a debonair, suave, "Brad Pitt lookalike" Dad absent manning the start finish line!!!

Unfortunately, no trophies for our novices this weekend - but we can't win every week!

Class 7

Only three TKT TKM entries this week (but we did have Adam, and James Warner in attendance too for support).

George Kirby had a really good day (2,3,DNF,4) giving him 4th place overall (out of 18! - we all know that normally he would have had a trophy for that....). ...and but for that driver that Bruce went to speak to

race control about, it could have been even better! Suffice to say that GK looked "hot" in that new TKM.

Oli was also looking good (6, DNF, 4, 8) - a coming together with the girl in kart 38 at the chicane putting him out of contention in heat two - woman drivers....shouldn't be let out (except Florrie!!!) - OJ took 8th place overall

...and to complete the story....

Axle did not have the best of days...in spite of looking really quick! Three DNFs and a seventh put him in 16th overall - in spite of being on the pace all day (as demonstrated by leading that heat before tripping over the backmarker!)

Class 8

No entries!

Class 11

No entries here either!

Class 12

The Redman Boys combined to form a shared drive to give the other senior four strokes something to think about!

Between them they managed 11,1,4,1 - putting them at the top of the class this weekend! - I hadn't realised that fourstrokes could go that fast!

It was certainly a busy weekend in the horsebox with a fourstroke, a Raket, and a Rotax not to mention Young Mr Oliphant's baby! (Lucky that James W was there to help too!)

Class 14

TKT Rakets were out in reasonable force...with seven drivers out of the nineteen on the grid

Will R was aiming to make it a hat trick of Camberley victories - and certainly showed his young rivals the way (1,4,1,2) in taking the overall win.

In second place overall this weekend was Kevin Tanswell - we could be wrong, but we think that KT took his first heat win on the way to his second place trophy (please can someone confirm this!?). Kevin enjoyed places of DNF,1,2,3 - excellent work.

Johnathan Molyneux showed the importance of consistency in your scoring by taking 3rd place from results of 3,6,3,4 (and this after those pesky lap scorers had insisted on him changing his number - two number 14s in a race is not desirable!! And did lead to a little confusion - one of the 14s was a Comer, so it was slightly easier to work out which one was which!)

Henry Kirby had a reasonable day taking 5th place overall (like brother George, on any other day we would have had a trophy for that result too!) Henry's scores were 2,8,8,5.

Jack Lister enjoyed all of the supporters that came with him - and he certainly gave them something to cheer about too! Jack took his first ever heat win, narrowly beating William in the fourth heat! Jack scored 10,7,9,1.

Stub had a very eventful day....in the third heat, he got himself up to 5th place from a lowly grid position, before a coming together with one of the Comer backmarkers sheared off the valve on the front tyre....he completed 5 laps on a flat tyre, and still took 7th place! Then as if that was not enough of a trial....in the fourth heat, another coming together (at the first corner this time) (this time with a Raket rival) resulted in the bolt that holds the steering wheel to the steering column shearing....suffice to say that there was quite a lot of "play" in the steering before it started to turn around the corner....as he went round at the end of the first lap he was plum last (even behind the Comers!) - In the following 9 laps he battled back to 10th place - pretty good going really, I'm sure you will agree!

...and to complete the top ten and the TKT entry.... Florrie had a very bad day (her words not mine) - that Raket really wasn't playing fair this weekend. Florrie scored 12,12,6,8 - a most un-Florrie like performance. When I asked how she was doing (during the lunch-break) she said "SLOW" - definitely NOT HP....and in spite of all that, she still took 10th place!

Class 15

Just Oli Redman out in Rotax for TKT this weekend!...and he had a bad start to the day with his Rotax deciding not to start at the beginning of the 1st heat - things could only get better....

Oli scored DNS,7,9,8 to put himself in equal 9th place overall.

I don't know how he did it - it must be really difficult switching between the four stroke and the Rotax - a job well done I say!

Dear Kart Dogtor

(This weekend we only have Dr Monty in the Consulting Room - and he wants to know where his normal playmates are!)

One of my team mates is having real trouble with her kart, and she just doesn't know what to do about it....we know that it definitely isn't her driving (SHE IS VERY DEFINITELY THE EXCEPTION TO THE WOMEN DRIVERS RULE!). Ordinarily, she drives her baby like she was born driving and is very impressive - but the last couple of meetings, it just hasn't been going well - there has been lots of head scratching, and normally her mechanic is the bees knees.... can you suggest something to put her back on the right (kart) track?

Kart Dogtor says

Basically, you have two options:

- Sack the mechanic (pretty extreme - he has been really good up to now)
- Be patient, with natural talent and speed like your team mate has, I'm sure the results and the kart's performance will turn around soon!

Kart Dogtor also says:

Incidentally, thank you for the response to the "subtle hint" in the Whilton Mill race report regarding the **MARSHALLING RECRUITMENT DRIVE!!!**
Please keep it up....

That's all for now...(very poor race report!)

...and so to pick up the gauntlet that we threw down to all TKT members who were travelling on Friday evening.....you may recall from the last race report that the "Heath Family" got a mention - "on their way to the first kart meeting of the year". Well, we couldn't let it go there, so we thought we would text again to see if we could get "The Heath Family and Adam" mentioned again! BINGO!!!! Half a minute later, the phone rings, TP on the phone to say he had heard it too! - and apparently Katharine was mid-text at the time too, - she was rising to the challenge!!!

The challenge continues to all you other TKT members... can you get your name on Chris Evans too (txt 8829!!!!) - let's see how many can achieve it!!!

Thanks for reading

Albert Park-You have been watching (do you get it?)!!!!