



CKRC FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

What's up with our Facility?

A number of positive trends have lately developed which are encouraging for both our short and long term needs. We look forward to the opportunity to advise further, and will do so as soon as the items are finalized. It is important to remember that, no matter what, we will be racing in 2010 and beyond.

2010 Race Season

We have a full slate scheduled which will ensure we get the most out of our limited season, a later start should save the need for a snow out date but we will see what July and August bring.

Finalized supplemental regulations will be developed within the next few weeks with the participation of the class reps and in consideration of the discussions which took place during the last meeting.

We endeavour to make this information available as soon as possible so that you may plan your season. A reminder to all members that karts will require a full rear bumper for both T&T and racing at CKRC in 2010.

Thanks for showing up

It is encouraging to see the increase in level of participation at the monthly meetings. These meetings provide a great opportunity to provide input into our club. We are starting this newsletter to keep those, whose demands do not permit participation, to remain aware. These newsletters will be provided monthly until March. There is benefit to be present at meetings and hear the position of others. If unable, your voice can still be heard, do not hesitate to contact your class representative or any member of the executive.

We welcome your input to ensure you have the information and means possible to provide input so that our club moves from being one of the best in the West to being the best in the Country.



CKRC Storage

We are exploring the possibility of providing on site, insured storage for members. It is expected that the minimum cost will be \$500 per season for a space approximately 10 feet. If you would be interested in this type of service please advise Fred Causer so that we can determine the viability of such a program.

Future Newsletters

March's Newsletter will be issued in February after the next meeting on February 22nd. To be removed from the mailing list or provide input into the content of future issues please contact Fred Causer.

Trade Shows

The weekend of January 8-10th, we participated in the Calgary Bike Show. Thanks to those that volunteered the show was considered a success. Updated brochures had been created which included information regarding the plans for a fleet of karts. A large amount of interest was expressed in arrive and drive type programs and it is expected that we gained 4 new members as a result of this show.

In the coming months, we will be taking part in both the World of Wheels and Calgary International Auto Show. We will have a significantly larger booth at these shows and both All Terrain and Overdrive Motorsports are participating alongside the CKRC. Working with the local shops reduces our costs and volunteer needs for such events, success however does require the continued level of volunteer support from the membership.

During the World of Wheels event, there will also be a booth for the Calgary Motorsports Council (CMC). This group is protecting the long-term future of Motorsports in Calgary, it is in our best interests to step up and provide Junior volunteers to provide a presence at the CMC booth.

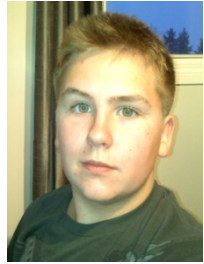
For the CKRC booth in the upcoming trade shows, we will be providing more multi-media. This is a great opportunity to show off any video footage you have, information on how to provide it can be found on our website.



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In the Spotlight

This month, we shine the spotlight on Josh and Steve Danychuck. Steve and Josh came to the CKRC after a visit to the World of Wheels in 2008. Steve works with Big Dog Lumber and together with Josh, they are affectionately known as team Big Dog. Team Big Dog boss Jay, has been known for saving canopies at the end of race day in the 2009 season.



Steve – Chief Mechanic



Jay – Team Boss

Josh – Big Dog Pilot

Team Big Dog spent time enjoying the CKRC Test & Tune nights before competing in Junior 2 4-stroke last year. In 2010, expect a confused look on Steve's face as Josh participates in Junior Rotax. Steve was last heard saying "but I have never had to change the chain on Josh's Honda". Next expect to hear "tires last how long?"

Those that are interested but who have not dived into 2-stroke racing, be considerate of Steve's position and he may pass on to you what he has learned in a couple or three years. Those with experience, how about throwing the Big Dog a bone? Next time you see Josh and Steve, say hello, drop a tip or give that sympathetic nod that says I know what you're going through.

Upcoming Events

- Club Meeting February 25th
- March date TBD - First Annual CKRC Pub Night

CKRC Racers at Round One of the Gatorz

The storms cleared and the track was dry for the first round of the 2010 Challenge of the Americas presented by Gatorz eyewear.

Friday practice saw PCR's Tyler Wheeler at the top of the time charts in Rotax Senior. Fellow odkarts.com team mate Bobby Wallace slotted into 6th place. Emily Maddison was the team's lone junior pilot as Austin King focused on school exams and will re-join the team for round # 2 in Fontana.

The odkarts.com Sr Max pilots qualified 2nd and 9th with Wheeler leading the way. The pre-final was a hard fought battle as Wheeler finished 5th and Wallace was not classified because he was ½ pound underweight at the scales. Both drivers were on a charge in the Final as Wallace made the best of his 25th position start for an amazing 9th place result. Wheeler advanced to 3rd mid race but battled with Quebec's Phillip Gelinas, and finished 4th.

Emily Maddison started the day strong in JR Max with a 5th in qualifying. Contact would plague the talented Calgarian and she would come home with results of 8th and 13th. Sunday would be a slightly different story and the senior duo started out strong again timing in 4th and 15th during warm-up. Just 0.4 and 0.5 seconds off of pole sitter Mason Marotta. Later diagnosed with a low voltage issue, Wheeler would start the heats in strong fashion but drop as the races went on and the power supply drained. The prefinal was eventful with Wallace finishing 10th and Wheeler 18th after contact. On lap 1 of the final Wallace advanced to 5th, and some contact followed for a final result of 13th for Bobby Wallace and 14th for Wheeler after an 18th place start.

Emily Maddison started the day with a new machine and knew she could have good pace if she avoided carnage. The junior class kept status quo and she was once again collected in wrecks for results of 11th in both the prefinal and final.

Team odkarts.com will be off to Fontana for round #2 at the end of February. The team will look to regain its form with some pre-event testing.

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