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Superkarts Australia

Next addition Newsletter

It's time to really get serious about your kart preparations for the Tailem Bend "Australian Championships" with just a bit over four weeks to go.

SKA has put an invitation out for all classes to compete and we will see how the entries go with a couple of classes which may have to be combined if the entries in those classes are low. It is our intention to set up a great event for anyone who wants to compete and really enjoy good competition, catch up with old mates and race on one of the best tracks in Australia.

The weekend of racing is **Round 7 of the South Australia Motor Racing Championships** and just so you don't forget the dates it is the 20th, 21st and 22nd of September and provisional licence holders - (P platers) are eligible to compete as well. We have all our sponsors in place now with Linra Properties (Drene & Jill Jamieson) taking naming rights to the meeting. Our other sponsors are Denture Professionals (Mark Hanson), L&J Designs (Mark Vella), Mavin Industries (Mavin family), Coach Design (Chryss & Desiree Jamieson) and Dunlop Kart Sport (Ann & Les May). SKA would like to sincerely thank all this year's sponsors for their incredibly generous sponsorship. These people do it for the future and the love of Superkarting and never expect to receive any business for their companies through this advertising.

As we move through the classes it is encouraging to note the ongoing interest in the 250 National class. It's a class that has all the looks of a 250 twin but runs at a fraction of the cost. Using mostly motorcross engines they must be set up properly for Superkarting, especially with the ignition or you will be using pistons as ash trays. Team Williams (Slipstream Racing) had incredible success using Yamaha engines. They use Viper pipes, huge Carby's and also had the rising talent of Jordie Ford who smashed lap records at every track he went to. Brian Stockman in earlier days went down the path of using Kawasaki engines but later switched to Hondas which also proved to be an outstanding race engine.

I had to ask for help from Team Vella (Mark) from SA who composed this section about the 250 National class to give us a heads up on who is doing what in the in the lead up to the Australian Championships.

The Western Australia boys are coming, and they are fast. Brett Buvill (Gas Gas) and Marcel Moreno (Rotax) have already proven they have the pace to win at the Bend. Also heading over to race is Paul Lang (Honda) who is always up for a good time and could be one to watch this year. Locally in SA there is the well-presented karts from Mark and Nick Vella with the (Hondas) Nick currently holds the lap record at the bend and will be well up in the results barring any misfortune. Dave Salter (Honda) will be guided by the legendary Paul Snaith and then there is Jim Gorman in the all new IAME powered 175cc engine. Jim, with the help from Tony Lappis is hoping to prove a point and will give the class a different power option.

The 175 IAME class took over from Stock Honda in the USA and they come with an electric starter and for whatever reason went back to a cast iron bore. This will be an interesting set up to watch. Hopefully we will see the Victorians of Dave James (Yamaha) and ex sidecar racer John Cashen (Yamaha). John is a strong competitor and also is a great guy and getting quicker every time he steps it out onto the track.

The 250 National class promises to be the healthiest field ever to hit the Taillem Bend circuit and Mark had described it as the "Gentlemen's Class". Good luck to all the 250 Nat drivers.

In the next newsletter coming out soon we will focus on the 125 National class and just how far that class has come from the dying days of the RS Hondas and TZ Yamahas to the introduction of the KZ sprint engines. This is the class that will keep Superkarting afloat in the years to come.

A correction from the last newsletter. It was stated that Chaz Madden was the oldest racing competitor where in fact it is Mick Backer. Well done, Mick.

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On behalf of the SKA Team