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# KnK Newsletter

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## Starting Karting

Our newsletter of October 2007 predicted that the motor sports scene in India would receive a shot in the arm from the involvement of Vijay Mallya in Formula 1 through the team now named Force India and because India might host a round of the championship in the near future. Six months down the road and sure enough, the interest has grown manifold.

It is no secret that kart racing is the first step to the higher levels of motor racing and that almost every driver worth mentioning has spent many years in karting, most still return to it to stay in touch.

Recently, with the interest for motor racing growing we are constantly receiving mail asking about how to get into kart racing. To do justice to the subject and for the reason of brevity it is not possible to address this matter here, we would be happy to send information on "**How to be a Go Kart Racer**" to any reader who is interested if you send us a request by return mail.

We would also like to mention that a range of karts for beginners is available from KnK and these include the Prodigy – Baby kart for ages between 5 and 7 yrs, Juvenile – Cadet kart for ages 8 to 12 and the Evolution for Juniors and Senior drivers with prices that will not make you shy away.



## 24 Hours Karting

**Endurance** – The JK Tyres 24 Hour Kart Endurance was held at Goa on April 19<sup>th</sup> with encouraging representation from drivers and teams from Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Finland, Australia and India. Teams of 6 to 8 drivers drove KnK Evolution karts fitted with Subaru EX21 engines in the exciting dusk to dusk event to see the Indian team from Mohite's Racing emerge as the winners completing 2298 laps followed home by Speed Rayo Racing at 2288 laps and Team Mix Malaysia 1 from Malaysia finishing third

completing 2284 laps.

The karts and engines performed flawlessly outside of a few problems and all the teams finished the grueling 24 hour event.

**Rotax Asia Max Challenge – Round 2 – India** – May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> saw kart racers from the Asia Zone racing at the Kari Motor Speedway at Coimbatore in the Micro Max, Junior and Senior classes.

Alongside, and for the first time in the region, a class for novice drivers in junior and senior categories was introduced. The result of the very successful Amaron Challenge for schools organised last year saw several new drivers add to the excitement of the weekend. A total of 15 junior and senior drivers raced KnK Evolution AE1 karts fitted with Rotax engines. This new low budget introductory class initiated by MECO Motor Sports the organisers of the meet is the concept of Akbar Ebrahim to improve participation in kart racing in India, happily the program is proving to be a boon to the sport.



KnK Evolution

The Micro Max class featured a grid of seven drivers, the largest grid witnessed so far in the Zone for the class. Dhruv Mohite of Mohite Racing, drove his KnK Juvenile to beat Brendon Siebl from Singapore to the chequered flag.

The novice class too, witnessed some good racing and we look forward to some of these drivers coming through to the regular grid soon.

In juniors, Parth Ghorpade had a lucky break when the leading drivers found themselves caught up amongst back markers which let Parth slip through to the lead. It was an exciting race as junior races always are.



KnK had one of the two karts for Sri Lankan drivers Rikaaz and Romani, Romani's absence left a perfectly race worthy KnK Trakhawk without a driver. We offered Akhil Khushlani, a drive with it, Akhil boasts an excellent karting record. Akhil had last raced karts in 2006 and spent 2007 in Formula BMW. The kart was fitted up with Akhil's 2006 season engine, which was none the better for wear and wore a sludged carburetor. A quick clean up and check over saw Akhil ready for a few test laps before track closing time. He was happy with the overall feel of the kart but we all knew that we needed to set him up for practice the next day.



Akhil dominated practice on Friday but qualified second behind Mikko Nassi of Finland.

Heats 1 and 2 and the Pre-final were convincingly won by Akhil finishing well ahead of the field. In the

final Akhil again ran away from the others but began to slow around lap 13 and had to fight his way to the



checkered keeping a very challenging Mikko at bay in the final laps. The culprit we later found was a choked fuel filter, which was starving the engine and causing him to slow.

It was a great race and a brilliant result for Akhil who returned to kart racing after almost 18 months.



Until next time then, thank you for reading with me, we will talk some more soon!

*Indrajeet Singh*

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