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News: Big Kart Track in Australia registered a record of drives on January 6th, 2011.

The Big Kart Track achieved a historic milestone in kart hire-age. For the first time "ever":

Now that's a "HUGE DAY' in anyone's language.

Sepang, Malaysia - we were at Sepang during the 1st week of February to test the new range of 2011 KnK

race karts. Our visit coincided with the first Moto GP test for 2011 and we were witness to the new bikes from Ducati, Honda, Suzuki and Yamaha, The Hondas in the hands of Casey Stoner, Dani Pedrosa and Marco Simoncelli were most impressive and set the fastest times for the three days of testing from February 1st to the 3rd.



Rossi looked the part in his new livery though it appeared like Ducati need to improve their performance levels.

<u>KnK Tests</u> – Several drivers from different countries were on hand to test the new KnK Juvenile cadet class chassis and the KnK JL302 and KnK JL322, KnK Trakhawk and KnK Annihilator. The tests conducted over almost 4 days provided us the data to evaluate different axles and brakes. Brakes from Brembo, Dent and 3 different models of **Righetti Ridolfi** were tested on different chassis' to find the most suitable combinations.

The KnK JL302 was tested by Sabrina from Australia and she drew a lot of attention with her kart skill and speed on track and her stunning looks, off it!

Scott Saunders flew out from the USA for the test and to help with the assessment of what components would work best for conditions in the American racing scenario.

Scott found the KnK Annihilator very responsive and positive with an easy



and confident feel. The KnK Trakhawk remains his favourite chassis and we quote Scott - "The Trakhawk was an amazing chassis as always. The steer was medium, it turned in on a dime and would rotate direction really well.. it had good traction on exit.."



Guy Tingey from Australia, Noel Saunders from the States and Ray Kong from Malaysia. Scott likes the way all the KnK models turn in and exit corners.

In spite of the hot conditions the consistent lap times recorded by all the karts through race length test sessions showed the winning capability of all the kart models.

New graphics and components will enhance the performance and appeal of the new 2011 range of KnK race karts.

On hand to help with set ups and tuning were Ishaan Singh of KnK Karts,



Noel, Ishaan and Guy worked with set ups and tuning, with Ray's help understanding local race conditions.

<u>New Developments:</u> The KnK Trakhawk was tested recently with a KF2 engine at Ipswich on MG Yellow tyres and matched the circuit lap record with



very little set up. KnK Australia are confident they will beat the lap record with a little more time and work with set ups.



In other developments, the new range of KnK Karts has been finalised for 2011. The changes include a new KnK Genesis S, which replaces the SKX and KnK Genesis SX1, which is a fully loaded heavy duty upgrade of the popular SKX model.

Being introduced for the first time is the range of *"Ready to Race"* Four Stroke and Two stroke race kart models for budget class racing. These are based on the same chassis as the KnK Juvenile, KnK Integra 330 and the KnK JL322. The 4-stroke models are powered by Honda GX200 engines with different levels of upgrade kits. The 2-Stroke models use air-cooled TaG engines from PRD.

The simplicity of the formula makes the new budget range aptly called the **StartKart** a simple package for anyone looking to start a low cost race series. We are expecting a good response to the **StarKart** because of the very attractive purchase prices and the simplicity of the chassis set ups and engine tuning and low running costs, an ingredient that we believe karting requires to make it affordable so many more drivers enter the sport.

On other fronts, all models of KnK Karts are under going a major make over with the addition of new colour schemes and graphics. Coming soon!

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

Indrajeet Singh

