



Los Angeles Kart Club

Come see what all the buzz is about!
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July Race Report

The Los Angeles Kart Club held race #6 of their series July 25th at their home track, the CalSpeed Karting Center. Even halfway through the year LAKC's participation remains the strongest in the area of all of the regular series and clubs. This weekend's race saw the racers take on the NUEVO track configuration, a favorite among many of the regulars. Micheal Reehl was this month's winner of a free entry as the official safety test winner. The only minor snafu all weekend long was a lack of transponders. Sure enough the transponders never made it to the event so LAKC kicked it old school with pea pick and hand scoring. A little change of pace to shake things up never hurts and it is always good for the young drivers to know how we rolled back in the day. The membership really enjoyed the modified race format even if it was unintentional.

LAKC Race #6 by the numbers:

- 133 entries
- 32 laps of racing action per class
- 3 red flags – no serious injuries at the time
- 2 fence poles bent over
- 1 destroyed CRG
- 100% having a great time rain or shine

As always the driver's meeting kicked things off. LAKC members Jake Craig, Colton Herta and Hudson Morrow all received recognition for their IKF 2 Cycle Grand National Duffy wins. It is always nice to be honored by your peers and even nicer to know you are racing against some of the best drivers in karting at your local LAKC race.

During the drivers meeting racers were informed on the new surprise race format for the event, two 8-lap heat races and one 16-lap main event. The computer would pea pick the first race and the order would be inverted for heat number two. Heat one kicked started by 10:30 and saw a regular shuffling of positions as the ebb and flow of the racers sorted things out. With the mixture of fast and slow all running throughout the field we did see a few minor incidents and drive overs, but we also saw a lot of passing. Heat two's low light was the unfortunate karter vs. fence middleweight championship fight. Always bet on the fence. Jesse Hauman took out 30 feet of fence while "warming his tires", knocking down two poles in the process. Jesse suffered a broken leg, but has a great story to tell. Get well soon Jesse.

TAG/PRD Sr. kicked things off with the first final of the day. Jason Bunch won both the TAG Heat races while Keith Dees and Devin Lindsey each won in PRD. Lindsey and Bunch tangled on the start of the final ruining both their chances of victory. Dees went on to win PRD over Michael Bowers and Brandon Campbell while the TAG win went to Billy McAllister. AJ Spagnola and Ken Manning rounded out the TAG top three.

Double D, Dakota Dickerson and Nicky Hays both were victorious in Rotax Jr. and Mini Max competition. Even with the pea pick fast always rises to the top and both these drivers were on their game this weekend winning each time on track. Jake Craig started in the rear of the Rotax Jr and worked his way up to finish 2nd to Double D with Breanna Miscione finishing a solid 3rd. Nick Ramirez and Anthony Sawyer gave chase to Hays, finishing 2nd and 3rd.

Kid Karts were next to take the grid and throughout the day drivers were trying to gain an advantage by jumping the starts. Early jumps added to the penalties but shows how competitive the LAKC Kid Kart class is and that every position counts. With 13 drivers lined up for heat #1 it was Dustin Hodge who scored the win. Four drivers were DQ'd, mixing things up for heat #2 even more. Hodge again set the pace in heat 2 and started the main from the pole position. Hodge continued in the final to sweep the class with a Kid Kart win. Hodge bested Hayden Wagner and Preston Anderson as they finished 2nd and 3rd. Carson Enright and Myles Farhan completed the fast five. The Hodge and Wagner battle was the best race of the day. They swapped positions many times.

Rotax Sr. was the "Crow Show" as John Crow scored the top honors in the final. Heat 1 saw Jeremy Kane lead them down to the checkered flag followed by Brett Sheffer and Race Liberante, but heat # 2 Crow flew to the top of the charts. Crow started the final from the pole with Sheffer along side in P2. With Kane and Vegas driver Zach Woodsford on row two the final looked like it might be a good one. Crow brought it home in the 16 laps final with Kane and Sheffer in tow.

Junior 1 had some of the best racing all day, not a big surprise since they usually put on a great show. Chase McDaniel and Jacob Drew split the wins in the heat races. With his first and second place runs McDaniel stated the final from the pole with Drew joining him on the front row. Christian Brooks and Ian Wesolowski gridded up on row two. McDaniel got a great start to begin the final, followed

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closely by Drew and Brooks. Drew was able to slip by first, but it was short lived with McDaniel taking it back. As the lead trio dueled up front a few feet back was an amazing race between Wesolowski, Anthony Sawyer, and Zack Kurtz. Unfortunately for the leaders lap traffic played a part in the outcome, not once but twice as each time drivers zigged when they should have zagged. Brooks was caught out the first time, but it payed off for him on the last lap, slipping by for a great win. Drew finished a close 2nd along with McDaniel in 3rd. Justice Lepe and Kurtz rounded out the top five.

Steve Dzurilla and Ron Rossetti set the pace in Masters Rotax heat race competition. Dzurilla with 5 points started the final from the pole as Rossetti and Larry Hayashigawa tied for second with six points. Rossetti's win was the tie breaker and he started P2 on row one. With sixteen laps in the books the top two remained the same. Dzurilla controlled the pace from the start and was able to gap the field in the end by a few seconds. Ron Rossetti came away with 2nd place on the day while Tony Rossetti drove his way from 8th to put two Rossetti drivers on the podium.

Jake Craig and Dane LaTorre had a sweet race in KPV2 heat one. They continued it for heat two with Carlee Taylor joining in the fun and splitting them up with her 2nd place finish. Craig, hot off his impressive run at the IKF Grand Nationals started from the pole with LaTorre starting 2nd. Taylor and Brandon Reed made up a competitive row two. Craig proved yet again why it is that he is a 5 time IKF National champion by besting all challengers in the 16 lap final. Unfortunately Reed suffered a DQ leaving only Taylor and LaTorre to give chase. At the checkered it was Craig with Taylor grabbing 2nd. LaTorre finished solidly in 3rd place with Alec Karas and Cory Davidson each running well in 4th and 5th.

LAKC's brightest stars were at it again in KPV1 with Jacob Drew and Chase McDaniel leading the charge. Drew scored two heat race wins setting him up as the pole sitter for the final. After a number of attempts at a start the green flag finally flew and the final commenced. It didn't last long as a turn one crash took out Drew and brought out a red flag. Once restarted McDaniel led the way and had no issues disposing of the remaining challengers. Zach Arthur turned a great performance starting 6th and working his way up into a solid 2nd place finish. Skylar Estrada and Christian Brooks finished in 3rd and 4th with Estrada moving up from 12th on the grid and Brooks driving it hard up from 10th. The best race on track was for 5th 6th and 7th between between Justice Lepe, Troy Wesolowski and Anthony Sawyer. Lepe led them home in 5th.

The final race group was the combined Spec Honda, Open Shifter and DD2 class. Kelson Penn was the only DD2 but there were eight Open 125 and eleven Spec Hondas that gridded up for the first heat race. Roy Montgomery won heat one in Open while Peter Abba did the same in Spec Honda. Heat two saw the running order get switched up a little as Troy Butts went to the head of the class in Open and Billy Musgrave rose to the top in Spec. The overall victory was on the line as well as the single class bragging rights and they lined for the final with Butts and Montgomery on the front row. Row two contained Abba and Corey Neveau. With the grid set and the green waving racers all got a great start heading down into turn one. Smart driving by the #28 Neveau earned him a well deserved overall victory and 1st place in the Spec Honda class. Butts finished in 2nd place on track and was the winner of 125 Open. Musgrave and Abba came away in 3rd and 4th overall making it three Spec Hondas in the top five. John Chott was 5th on track and the runner up in Open. Montgomery finished 3rd in Open. The Shifter Kal-Gard Challenge is shaping up really well. Come check out what it takes to bring home the money. Kal-Gard is a leading brand of Lubricants and has put up big money for this class's Champions.

While other clubs are struggling to get 50 entries LAKC leads the way with a constant 125 plus. With top notch club racing both beginner and pro drivers come to test their skills against the best racers In Southern California. LAKC regularly sees drivers from neighboring states like Nevada, Arizona and Colorado to name a few. They all make the long trip to race with the best.

“Come see what all the buzz is about” and join LAKC for their August 29th event at CalSpeed Kart Track in Fontana, CA. For information on everything LAKC please click on <http://www.lakc.org> Reminder that or next race is a Gatorz LAKC joint race. We will Qualify Saturday Night with BBQ after that. All the information is on the club website.

Notes from the Board....

Please remember that pit spots are in high demand and, if you are not going to be attending a race, please let Chris LaTorre know so that we can make your reserved spot available to another racer for that day. Chris can be contacted at 661 259-3668 or at chris.latorre@gmail.com .

As almost everybody already knows, we are having a big joint race with the Gatorz series for our August race. This event is going to be a **BLAST**. We actually have people towing in from as far away as Colorado to race with us. Here is some specific information:

- There will be **HOT PIT** qualifying for all Rotax classes on Saturday evening starting at 5:00 P.M.
- We are having a special end-of-summer BBQ catered by the Blue Agave Southwestern Grill that also starts at 5:00 P.M. Every registered racer for all classes will get a free meal ticket with additional tickets available for \$10 each. Registration will be open from 2:00 to 5:30 P.M. on Saturday so please be sure to sign-up and get your free ticket. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at registration.
- For any Rotax racers that, for one reason or another, cannot make the Saturday evening event, regular LAKC practice sessions and qualifying will be available on Sunday morning. Senior, Masters, and DD2 will practice and qualify with the Tag/PRD group with Mini Max and Junior Max going out with the KPV-2 group. Sunday qualifiers will start the first heat race lined up in back of the Saturday qualifiers.
- All Rotax classes will have 2 heat races and a 20 lap main on Sunday. All of our IKF and shifter classes will their regular LAKC program of 2 practice sessions, qualifying, and one heat and one main event.
- The official schedule with all the details will be posted to the LAKC web site a week in advance. If anybody needs additional information, please call Greg Jackson at 562 420-1494 or e-mail at gjackson@verizon.net.

August 28-29, 2010. Gatorz Karting Cup and LAKC Rotax Shootout at Calspeed.



GATORZ AND LAKC TOGETHER? WHY?!

Because if we put all of the Southern California Rotax racers together on the track at one time, we'll have huge fields and great racing. It's a unique event for unique people. And it's the end of the summer, which gives us a reason to throw a BBQ, and who doesn't love BBQ?

Saturday

Practice all day
5:00 PM Hot Pit Qualifying for Rotax classes begins
BBQ courtesy of Blue Agave Southwestern Grill.
Free to all registered LAKC racers.

Sunday

Each Rotax class will have two heat races and a 20 lap main
Trophy presentation at the end of the day for each class

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TROPHY PRESENTATION
One year's worth of bragging rights kicks in!



LAKC Driver Profile

Name: Liam Winston

Age: 12

Hometown: Los Angeles

Parents: Karen Galardi and Jim Winston

Years Karting: 1 1/2 years

Current Class/ Kart: Mini Max

Sponsors: CRG

Karting Accomplishments: 2, 4th places in HPV 1, 3rd in Mini Max

Karting Goals: Race around the world, and win a championship

What you enjoy most about karting: I love the speed and the power, it is awesome to be able to get on the track and drive as fast as you want

Hobbies: Driving RC cars, playing sports, traveling, barbequeing, bike riding, video games

Favorites:

- Foods: Sushi, pasta, brazilian
- TV/Movies: Family guy, worlds wildest police videos, Americas funniest videos, iron man, avatar
- Kart Track: Moran raceway, cal speed, Apex
- Race Series: American Le Mans Series
- Driver: Tommy Milner

Most Memorable Karting Moment: When I came in 4th place at apex in HPV1

Most Forgettable Karting Moment: When I was run of the road on a harepin, I went right into the tires at about 30 miles per hour, luckily I was okay



LAKC 2010 Schedule

August 29th. Joint Race with Gatorz

September 26th - CANCELLED

October 24th

November 14th, September make up

Gates and registration open at 6:30

Race day starts at 8:00

8 of 9 races count towards championship

Saturday pre-registration available after 4pm

LAKC members get \$5.00 off race weekend

Saturday practice

Reserved pit spot holders get free camping

and/or trailer drop off

Race dates subject to change without notice



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July Race Winners... Congratulations !

Kid Karts: Justin Hodge

KPV-1: Chase McDaniel

KPV-2: Jake Craig

Junior 1: Christian Brooks

TaG: Billy McAllister

PRD Spec Senior: Keith Dees

Rotax Mini Max: Nicky Hays

Rotax Junior: Dakota Dickerson

Rotax Senior: John Crow

Rotax Masters: Steve Dzurilla

Rotax DD2: Kelson Penn

Spec Honda: Corey Neveau



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Next Race
August 28th Practice,
Rotax Qualifying & BBQ Dinner
August 29th Joint Race
w/GATORZ

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