

SHOW REVIEW



MK Racewear are agents for Sparco, Arai and the range of racewear from Dutch company Arrox. Photo: Chris Walker

KartMania number three at the end of November was definitely the best so far with plenty to see and hear and attracting many glowing reviews from visitors and exhibitors alike. All the exhibition stand space was sold and, importantly, there were plenty of people through the door. Encouragingly, particularly on the Saturday, there were a good number of beginners and prospective karters, in part due to the organisers' efforts to counter past criticism that the show only attracts those already within the sport. So well done to Martin and his team - you did a fantastic job!

There is one proviso to that congratulations though, the KartBoot! Having had only a manageable number of sellers at the first two shows, this time the numbers escalated dramatically! Some of the main show exhibitors had already also rather greedily bagged large parts of the available area to shift unwanted stock, and so, come Saturday morning when private individuals turned up with their parts to sell, there was not enough room for everyone. As an emergency measure a car park was drafted in as an overflow area but it certainly was an unsatisfactory



Andy Cox and John Vigor with the first three participants in the Easykart Driver Programme which, if they perform as expected, will see James DeHavillande, Ronan McKenzie and Will Stowell earn a KF3 test with Birel. Photo: Chris Walker



Rotax importers JAG Engineering were on hand to answer any questions and provide the latest class information. Photo: Chris Walker



Iztech kart seats have teamed up with sports body armour specialists Forcefield Performance to create the Iztech Rib + Chest Protector. The protector is strong yet thin and flexible, giving good feel and feedback from the seat and kart. Several sizes are available Photo: Chris Walker

situation. KartMania's Martin Capenhurst has apologised profusely for what happened with the KartBoot and has already decided to make it trestle tables only in 2010 with an online system of showing which ones have been reserved in advance.

Other than the KartBoot though the show was a great success with Bambino outfits and new crash helmets particularly high on visitors' shopping lists. There were new



Dartford Karting are distributors for the Maddox made by CRG... and also karts by Birel, Kosmic and Intrepid!

Photo: Chris Walker



Protrain are able to help you whether you are just starting and need an introductory course or are ready to set the international stage alight Photo: Chris Walker



JKH's chassis for TKM, now with a 50mm axle, attracted much attention

Photo: Chris Walker

engines, chassis and products of every type to pour over and the informative free workshops were well attended. A charity auction raised over £1100 for the Air Ambulance and a steady stream of drivers picked up their hard-won goodies at a number of championship award presentations on the central stage.

So an excellent show all in all, particularly given the economic situation, and a great platform on which to build for the future. We are already looking forward to the 2010 show which will once again be at the Ricoh but a few weeks earlier so as to retain KartMania's usual fifth weekend of the month slot, thus avoiding as many clashes with race meetings as possible. So get October 30/31 in your diary now and we'll see you there!



R3 Racing's new Eagle Eye magtronic rear axle laser alignment system is much more compact than the previous system, attaches with a strong magnet and fits axles from 25mm upwards

Photo: Chris Walker



TM's newly homologated MF2 model for the KF classes had been loaned by GFR Engines
Photo: Chris Walker



The popular CovkartSport travelling 'arrive-and-drive' series has been running since 1996
Photo: Chris Walker



The IOMKRA were promoting their new permanent circuit at Jurby to mainland drivers and have negotiated some very attractive ferry deals
Photo: Chris Walker



Spark Trailers & Towbars of Co. Durham have produced this bespoke trailer specifically for karters. The kart is stored in the lower section of the trailer while the top two sections can be used to store tools and spare parts. There is even a fold-out workbench
Photo: Chris Walker



Schuurman BV showed off their 'made for karting' RK1 engine which has already proved popular in their native Holland and is set to be introduced in Belgium and Germany this year. The 150cc air-cooled 4-stroke has a built in generator and oil pump, a centrifugal dry clutch, electric start and produces 15hp. We hope to test this quiet, low maintenance and economically priced engine in the very near future
Photo: Chris Walker



The Dadson Masters was just one of a number of series that held its awards presentation at the show. Champion Tony Dickinson and the other award winners look happy with their haul!
Photo: Mark Warner

SHOW NEWS

Clay Pigeon are putting on a special race meeting just for Masters drivers on June 27th. Phone 01458 841100 for more information.

TAG Heuer Professional Timing, the timekeeping division of the renowned TAG Heuer Swiss brand, has been selected as the official timing partner for Formula Kart Stars. TAG Heuer's partner SuperSport will supply the timing and scoring services to the championship.

The **European Pro-Kart Endurance Championship** run by Teesside Karting has introduced an optional 'super' race hire package which includes an MS works chassis, RPM engines and technical and set-up support from Lucas Racing. Only six places are available.

Llandow Kart Club are running a three round Dragon Challenge on the fourth Sunday of May, August and October rather than their traditional third Sunday race date. The Challenge will be open to all drivers of an ABkC affiliated club and NKRA members and to all classes. Special prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Formula 6 are tweaking their race format this year so that 'away' rounds, i.e those not in Kent - Ellough Park, Whilton Mill and Clay Pigeon, will be full days with morning practice in 10 minute sessions and racing in the afternoon. If you've got a 4-stroke then why not give the club that operates an all 4-stroke kart championship a go?

Lydd International which is now part of the Daytona Motorsport group is set to receive a fleet of twin-engined Biz karts for hire use and will be visited twice in 2010 by the Vodafone DMAX UK championship.

Distribution of BRM karts in the UK is to be handled by a new company **BRM UK** although it will still be Rob Dodds of BKC Karting at the helm. A UK network of dealers for the Italian chassis will also be put in place.

Buckmore Park reported that they had sold out of ARKS packs and that there was a lot of interest in Bambino and the forthcoming first MSA event for the class at the circuit on January 17th.



The Kart Boot really took off this year and was a victim of its own success. There were lots of bargains to be had but changes are being made for next time

Photo: Mark Warner



Ziemelis Motorsport, formerly SRS Racing, provide a range of services and tuition in both kart and car racing. Kart services include supporting Kimbolton and Sherington meetings, driver tuition and team support, while for those moving into cars Stuart Ziemelis is also an ARDS instructor and has recently set up a driving school for beginners called First Drive Experience at the Haynes International Motor Museum at Sparkford in Somerset

Photo: Chris Walker



Zip Kart had a combined stand with Grand Prix Racewear, the iconic racewear company acquired by Martin Hines at the beginning of the year. Martin reported strong sales of the new Bell Junior helmet and of the Snell SA2005 approved Zamp lid, whilst also going well were Puma and Alpinestars racesuits and Cadet and Bambino karts

Photo: Chris Walker



KKC's large stand included a display of Bambino karts fitted with Honda and Comer engines - the Parolin and Wildkart Delfinos and the Tony Kart Micro. The Whilton Mill-based company also used the show to launch the first products of a whole new range of high quality precision instruments under the Platinum brand, including a tyre pressure gauge and carb tester. Tom Smith also reported that the new Arai CK-6 helmets for Juniors had been selling well

Photo: Chris Walker



Race Data are producing this neat stainless steel bracket for AIM data logging hardware. The two-piece design consists of a base plate and a cage which can be used separately or joined together. The base plate is designed to mount underneath the nassau panel and is width adjustable. The complete bracket set costs £40 whilst each piece can be bought individually for £22.50. It is anticipated that brackets for other makes will be produced in the future

Photo: Chris Walker



This BRM Cadet kart in Brawn GP colours was a real crowd pleaser

Photo: Chris Walker



Doodson Motorsport have worked in motorsport for a number of years and are now offering insurance products tailored to the karting market

Photo: Chris Walker



Italian manufacturer Kosmos Racing Karts displayed their Challenger chassis in KZ and KF/Rotax forms and were actively seeking a UK distributor

Photo: Chris Walker



Klaassen Motorsport based in Kenilworth took over ARC Motorsport last April and since then have been developing the existing ARC range of chassis. Cadet, TKM, Rotax and KF chassis to David Klaassen's designs are now ready for competition in 2010

Photo: Chris Walker



Tecno importers R&S Motorsport of Trowbridge were showing off the Italian company's Quantus model for TKM, Rotax, Blue and Clubman which comes with magnesium parts but at a very attractive price. Both the Quantus and the fully featured SS30/SS32 chassis include Tecno's newly developed 'Direction Slider' which allows 10mm toe in/out adjustment without having to loosen the tie rod nuts

Photo: Chris Walker



RK Bambino kart on the Project One Racing stand

Photo: Chris Walker



Tal-Ko had their new TKM S9 kart on display with 50mm axle. The S9 has a 104.5cm wheelbase while smaller drivers can opt for the S9S which has a 102cm wheelbase. The TKM TAG engine was reported to be selling well following its launch at the 2008 show.



Paul Airston from Stourbridge won show tickets and a MSA Kart Training Pack through a prize draw held in aid of the Motorsport Foundation

Photo: Mark Warner



The Stone lift kart trolley imported by Karting4All is very handy for when no-one else is around

Photo: Chris Walker



Pedals from the extensive range of Alto parts distributed by Dartford Karting. Other Alto products include axles, hubs, carriers, lasers and a very special anti-vibration engine mount with o-rings

Photo: Chris Walker



Muc-Off had a dazzling display of their cleaning products, with the biggest interest being shown in their biodegradable spray-on motorsport cleaner

Photo: Mark Warner



Kartparts UK are distributors for Beta Tools and have put together a special starter kit of the Italian tools plus extra Rotax MAX class equipment

Photo: Chris Walker