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In an unprecedented move, members at the October meeting decided that the 1977 OHKRC club championship should be cancelled.

The reasons for this move arose from the situation at the end of the championship calendar, that is, in the middle of October there were still six of the ten heats to be run in each class.

The original idea was to run the twelve remaining heats on the last official weekend, Saturday and Sunday, thereby ending the series having raced the scheduled number of events.

At the meeting, it was mentioned that this solution was unfair to those who could not race on a Saturday or those whose equipment broke down in the first race.

Granted, these are valid reasons for declaring the 12-heat weekend a bad solution.

But the question really is, do we need points from ten races to have a good series?

I would say no. The first World Championship was decided in six Grands Prix, and the SCCA decides its national champions from one race in the States. These champions know that their wins mean something.

If we had had three championship weekends every other week, and fun weekends in between, we would not be in the situation we are in now. We would be going into this weekend needing one event to finish the series, but instead we have no series, no champions, and perhaps in some cases less self-respect.

Derek Cadzow

SHORTS



MCETTE CLOSES!

**** After a year of service to the Ottawa area, McEttE Enterprises announced recently that the Go-Kart Shop at 725 Richmond Rd. will be closing this fall.

Subsequently, McEttE are holding a closing out sale, starting Monday October 31st and continuing till the end of November. Merchandise will be sold at up to 50% off the regular price, with selected items having as much as 80% off.

All competition parts will be sold at 20% off, and this includes competition parts, tools at the same discount.

Of course, these prices are for items McEttE have in stock only, but there are bargains to be bought. If you need a protective racing suit, there are brand new vinyl one-piece suits going for \$60 each.

Co-owners Paul and Allan have made a valiant try to have the convenience of a kart distributor on the step of our own doors. If there is anyone who doesn't appreciate that fact yet, he soon will as soon as the racing season starts again.

**** Due to the decision by the October quorum not to hand out trophies for the championship, there will be no awards ceremony or dinner this year.

However....on Nov 19th, at 8 p.m....

There will be a end-of-the-season party hosted by Fred and Elaine Zufelt at their west-end home on Stillwater Drive in Crystal Beach. This is the bring-your-own-bottle variety, and all members are invited to come and have a good time. Dress is casual.

**** The CKF's Annual General Meeting and Rules Meeting will be held in the Toronto Skyline Hotel on November 27, a Sunday, and any karter can go to discuss the future direction of the sport in Canada through the rules that the CKF will implement for next year. A few members have already expressed interest in going, if you are also interested let us know and we can appear before the CKF as a club.

The CKF is also planning a "Karting Convention that will last for three days next March. In it, there will be displays, films, workshops, etc. We will pass along further details as they become known.

**** The new fee structure for running at the track is as follows:

\$10.00 per entrant per weekend, whether the entrant is in competition or in recreation.

\$5.00 for a second kart, in the recreation period only.

\$5.00 for an associate member, driving in the recreation period only.

\$1.00 for each member of pit crew up to a maximum of two. A crew member can have his dollar refunded if he consents to marshall during races.

No I.O.U.'s will be accepted, the club will only take cash or a cheque.

Any questions or comments regarding this fee structure should be directed to the president.

**** President Fred Russell is taking over the job of PR committee chairman, since no other has been found.

Each member of the club however, can be asked, by the president, to help out in any PR project the club undertakes. PR should be everyone's responsibility, so if you have any ideas get in touch with Fred so he can get the organization on the way.

**** All members should try to attend the November meeting, probably the most important meeting next to the Elections.

In it, a new constitution will be brought forth for the approval of the membership, and, barring any major changes should become binding after that meeting.

It will also be the final night that the Nomination Committee will be taking in any names for the December election, and this year's rules meeting will be announced.

All this, plus regular club business requires as much input from as many members as possible. Notice of meeting will go out shortly before the date. Won't you be there?

**** It's election time again! As of the October meeting the Nominating Committee comprises of Fred Zufelt, Barry Thoms, Jane Wagner and Dave Potterton.

Any would-be nominators or candidates are asked to get in touch with any of these people before the November meeting.

Remember, if you don't like something about the club, now is the time to get in on the action.

**** Incidentally, if any candidate would like to use the newsletter to make his policies known to the voters, just get in touch with Derek at 828-7766.

**** Just as a matter of interest the OHKRC has 33 paid-up members. Of these, 23 have karts and have (sometime this year) been actively involved with them.

Twelve of these competitors race in the heavy class, and the remaining 11 race in light class.

**** Ways and Means is in the planning stages now of another lottery. If you'd like to keep the cost of next year's racing down get on board and do your bit. If you don't your complaints about what it costs to race next year will lack a little credibility with other members....

**** Fred Zufelt has a six-volt starter motor for sale. He's asking \$25, and he adds that's a firm price. Any takers??

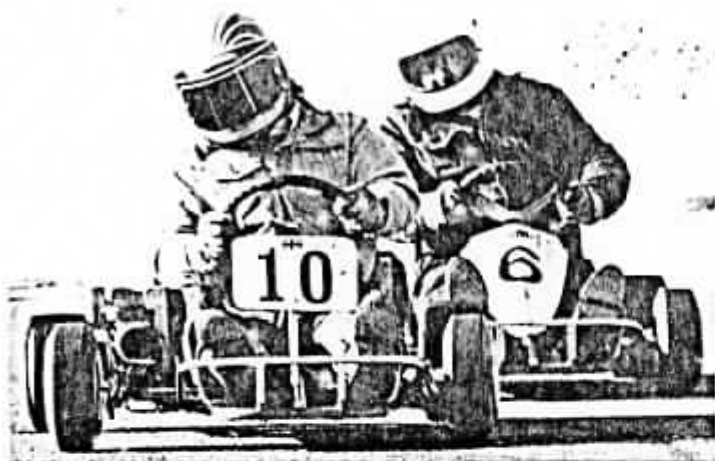
Dates to remember this month...

Oct 31-Nov 31...McEttie closing out Sale

Nov. 16.....Monthly Club Meeting..Byron
Campus of Algonquin @ 8.00 pm

Nov. 19...Fred Zufelt's end-of-season party

Nov. 27....Canadian Karting Federation's
Annual General Meeting at the
Toronto Skyline Hotel



INTERVIEW: FRED RUSSELL

Fred Russell describes himself as as a "Cockney" from London, England. At 33 years of age he vies for the title of "Old man of the Club".

Fred was initially interested in bikes, and raced as the passenger in sidecar bikes for two years until an accident at Brands Hatch convinced him to stop.

At the age of 25, Fred decided to move to Canada, and in 1973 joined the OHKRC to become its first president. Except for about nine months, Fred has been the president ever since, and here he relates some of his views on the club;

Newsletter: What did you expect from the club when you first joined?

Fred: I guess the initial idea was that we would have an outlet for anyone who wanted to be competitive and also for the guy who just wanted to putter around.

I guess that sort of dropped off, because the majority of members see it from the competitive point of view. But I feel that is what brought the club to what it is now, that is, having competitions.

Newsletter: Are you sorry its gone competitive or did you expect that?

Fred: I had a feeling it would go that way.

I'm not saying I'm sorry it went that way because I feel that made it what it is now.

If we hadn't had that incentive for racing then I feel the people involved would not have had the pressure on them to get the track finalized and then to get it down.

But I feel we should still give an outlet for recreation, even though the recreation side of it has had to suffer.

Newsletter: Where would you like to see the club go from here?

Fred: I would like to see the club progress the way its going, to be able to provide an outlet for people who want to race. Also as an outlet, —you know, when we get organised,— for some recreation. But I really don't see the club holding together basically on recreation.

Newsletter: Why?

Fred: Well, its fun to go out and putter around, but puttering around is not enough of an incentive to go out and work for a club and get all things organised.

Basically you have to have something like we have, a club championship, man and machine vs. man and machine. Thats the way you're going to get people bound together.

Newsletter: Do you think it will get more competitive in the future?

Fred: I think it will be more competitive and more organised. I would like to see the club be recognised, really recognised, at other places

Newsletter: What's the best way an individual member can help acheive that recognition?

Fred: I think to organise things, and to be able to accept organisation is the best way. I think eventually, I'm talking way down the line now, to produce our own superstars, like other tracks have. So when the club goes to a race meet, they can turn up with the machine and the guy and say "This is our guy and our machine and that's it."

Newsletter:What will be your major contribution to CKF and to this club if you are elected to the CKF board of Directors this year?

Fred:Our club has some damn good ideas basically because a lot of them like the European rules, they like the European style. I'd like to see some of our ideas put into effect for the benefit of, not just our club, but for all karters as well. I'd like to see us break away from the American organization.

Newsletter:Do you think the American Organization has been bad for Canada?

Fred:Basically it killed Canada because everything that was karting was American. The Americans were catered for and we were just an offshoot up here. I don't think they paid that much attention to us up here.

Now, if we get organized in Canada, I feel the sport could take off here, just as well as it has in the States, and I think its getting a foothold now.

Newsletter:What would you most like to be remembered for during your term as president of the OHKRC?

Fred:That's a difficult question to answer. I guess possibly number one is being the first president of the club.

Basic organization(would be second)I guess. When the club first started we had nothing except a few people. We had no rules, or no constitution as such.

I feel that I helped to get the club organized rather than just having a bunch of interested people involved in an activity.

Newsletter:How would you like to see international karting evolve in the future?

Fred:Seeing and reading over the past few years, I feel its gone the way of a lot of other sports in the past, that, is, its diversified itself and went off in all directions, and its only now its starting to come back together again. I see karting in the future with basically two forms of racing, and that is sprint karts and gearbox karts.

Sprints will stay but they have to be condensed. It can't spread into too many classes. Its got to go one way

that's the European way of racing, with basic 3 classes and that's it. There has to be enough (entrants)in the race to make it worthwhile for people.

I guess that's the way it's going to go.

Newsletter:Is there anything you'd like to do for the club as its president?

Fred:The club is what you make it, and you're your club, and unless everybody pulls together we won't have a club.

Maintain the friendship. Over the past couple of years, the club has been more than a club, its been a bunch of friends. I thoroughly enjoy everyone's company and I feel that people should not try to use the club but rather DO for the club and treat everybody as a friend and not just as another member.

and now.. the raining champion

Mother Nature reigns! Mother Nature, the raining champion!

Or something like that anyway, since the rain has kept us off the track more than we've been on it during this championship.

Rain has played an important role this year, and has virtually forced cancellation of the series as championship events.

Before this weather started however, two events were run, and a definite pattern had emerged.

Birels seem to be the kart to beat, as both Dave Elliott and Jon Snadden were on top in the standings.

In light class, Jon won the first three races and came second in the fourth to Sean Sweet, giving him a total of 33 points.

Second in the standings was Derek Cadzow with 16 points from two seconds the first weekend and a third in the second. In the fourth race his DNF didn't count for points.

Sean Sweet, with 15 points, missed the first weekend but came on like gangbusters in the second. He finished second to Jon in the first race and won the second.

Racing in the light class was generally good, especially in the third race where these three plus Niel Hopkins had a four-way battle for first place. This continued for about ten laps and provided spectacular racing for the crowd. Too bad we don't have more of this.

In heavy class it was Dave Elliott in another Birel that stole the show. Despite heavy opposition from Phil Tughan in a Margay Panther Dave won three of the four races pretty handily, and came second in the fourth.

Phil Tughan won the remaining race and would have one another if he had not been blackflagged on the last lap.

Despite a sixth and a fourth Phil retained his second place.

In third spot overall, rookie Al McRory had a good consistency finishing second, fifth and then third twice.

A first in heavy class this year was the protest involving Dave Elliott and Fred Russell. The outcome is irrelevant, the point being that it was taken care of according to the rules and so we have evidence that the rules do work when adhered to.

Prospects for next year's championship look good. If someone can catch Jon Snadden, and if Dave and Phil keep their on-track feud going.

Hmmm.. that sounds like what we were saying at the end of last year....

	D. ELLIOTT	A. MCRORY	B. HISCOCK	P. TUGHAN	F. RUSSELL	F. ZUPCIE	G. MOYIN
HEAVY CLASS							
First Heat	9	6	4	3	2	1	-
Second Heat	9	2	1	6	3	4	-
Third Heat	6	4	-	9	-	-	-
Fourth Heat	9	4	-	1	6	2	-
Totals	33	16	5	19	11	7	-

	J. SNADDEN	D. CADZOW	B. LEVER	T. BOOLEY	P. JOHNSON	P. KELLY	J. JOHNSON	S. SWEET	J. WATKINS	D. POUCHON
LIGHT CLASS										
First Heat	9	6	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
Second Heat	9	6	2	-	3	1	4	-	-	-
Third Heat	9	-	-	-	3	4	-	6	2	1
Fourth Heat	6	4	-	-	3	2	1	9	-	-
Totals	33	16	6	3	11	8	5	15	2	1

