

# British Superkart Association



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## PRE CHAMPIONSHIP WARM UPS @ DARLEY, OULTON PARK & MALLORY PARK IN MARCH

Darley Moor kick off the new Superkart season with a meeting at Easter. The event is open to all classes. The Oulton Park event on March 29th is with cars and is the opening event in the National Championships for the 125 ICC and F210 Nationals. We will not fill the grid of 40 with these classes so at close of entry (March 22nd) I will fill up the spare places with entries from other classes. I really do not know at this stage how many spare places beyond the ICC's and 210's there will be but one thing is for sure the event will be oversubscribed. As of today I have 28 names on the list from other classes so it is now extremely likely that there will be drivers who are unlucky and miss out on an Oulton entry so will have to opt for Mallory Park on Sunday March 30th instead. Naturally any driver that does not secure a place at Oulton will be transferred to Mallory if they wish. Mallory is open to all classes and is shared with Motorcycles

Testing at Oulton Park

Testing will be available on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> providing enough support is shown. There will be two 15 minute sessions available on Friday afternoon (one around lunchtime and another later in the afternoon) and the cost will be £50.

You can either ring 01829 760301 (Gemma) or go online to book [www.motorsportvision.co.uk/oultion-park/index.asp](http://www.motorsportvision.co.uk/oultion-park/index.asp) then you need to click on testing, then click Oulton in the dates and pricing box to the right. You will then see a book now box under Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

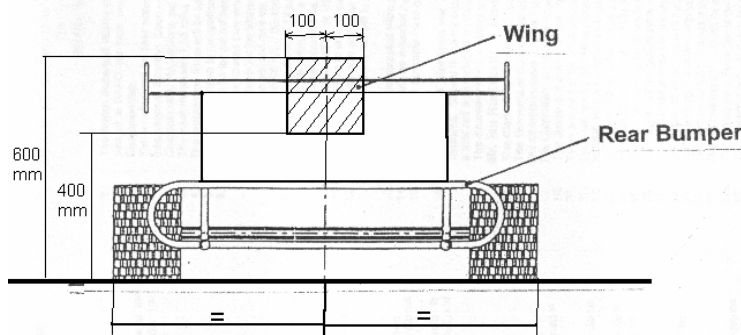
To guarantee the testing happens we need people to commit to these sessions in sufficient numbers to make it happen. Don't rely on other to book in, do it yourself ASAP please if you are interested.

## REGULATIONS STILL IN APPROVAL PROCESS

I am sorry that I have not been able to publish the 2008 regulations yet but they are still with the MSA going through the approval process, a process that has so far taken 4 weeks despite me chasing them.

The regulations are not in essence much different to last year with the only significant changes being as following :

### Rear Light Position



No tyre marking in F125 Open. Number of sets are therefore open

Division 1 & 2 Superkarts will use a Petrochem Carless 102 octane control fuel (Hyperflo 250)

A fourth tyre supplier to be added to the list of approved tyres (pending the regulations being approved)

Control measures introduced to ensure safe mounting of on board cameras. See below the wording  
*The use of on board camera equipment is prohibited unless authorised by the event organisers and the Chief Scrutineer. Permission must be sort from the Clerk of the Course before commencement of racing*  
*The installation of the camera equipment must be part of the pre-race scrutineering process to ensure it is safely installed. We encourage and approve of the properly controlled use of cameras. MSA Yearbook B82 & (C(b) 26e)*

## AND THEN THERE WAS FOUR



Assuming the 2008 regulations are approved Vega tyres will be added to the list of Brands (Bridgestone, Dunlop, Maxxis and Vega) that will be permitted for use in the Superkart series in 2008.

The UK distributor Cyclone Racing has agreed to support the series by giving us six sets of tyres to raffle off to the drivers thus opening the way to participate in the series.

We should then have 24 sets of tyres to raffle off in 2008. On top of that we still have 4 sets remaining from 2007 season so it is going to be a bonanza year for tyre draws.

A visit to their website ([www.vegatyres.com](http://www.vegatyres.com)) will demonstrate the extensive range of sizes and compounds they manufacture for karting.

## NEW CONCEPT TO BE TRIED IN SWEDEN THIS YEAR

I thought you might be interested to read about a new concept being tried in Sweden this year.

The following text and picture has been taken from the SuperVkart website ([www2.supervkart.com](http://www2.supervkart.com))



**SuperVkart** is supposed to correspond, at long circuit, to what Rotax Max corresponds to at short tracks.

A partly sealed engine that prevents tuning, gives every driver the chance to compete under the same conditions. The same rule also applies to chassis.

**SuperVkart** chassis will be of the same type as other superkarts competing today. The difference is that we will not use a radiator because we use air cooled engines. This means that the SuperVkart will have the same brake capacity and track characteristic as superkarts today

A two-stroke two-cylinder engine is mounted together with a variator transmission. It will be slightly heavier than today's engines, but as we don't use a cooling radiator the extra weight is gained back. The engine will develop 65 - 70 hp and the performance on track will be just a few seconds slower than the extreme Superkart 250 we compete with today. Because of the variator transmission the SuperVkart is very easy to drive and very fast at tracks with many corners. That means tight races.

SuperVkart will be a good step up to racing at full length tracks (and short tracks too) for those who want to move on from traditional karting. The price for a SuperVkart is about 125 000 skr, just about what a new 250 cc superkart engine costs today.

## ADDITIONAL CLUB EVENT ADDED TO CALENDAR

The British Superkart Racing Club has added a National B club meeting to their calendar for 2008.

The event is on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> is at Mallory Park and will be an opportunity for novice drivers to get upgrade signatures at a different circuit

The British Automobile Racing Club who is one of the clubs major partners requested our help in order to fill up a race programme. The club felt helping out would stand them in good stead for 2009, a sort of investment in the future so to speak.

The club has been offered lower track rent so entry fees will be much lower than normal.

The club very much hopes you will be able to support this event which will be a round of the BSRC club championships for all classes.