

Round 4 of the Willow Springs Kart Club (WSKC)

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Round 4 of the Willow Springs Kart Club (WSKC) took place the weekend of May 16th, 2010 at the famed Willow Springs Kart Track. With the season well underway WSKC members have seen an influx of new drivers testing their setups for the upcoming IKF GrandNationals being held under the lights June 22-26, 2010. The test and tune sessions have been great for the club as it raises the entry count as well as the level of competition. Racers will only have a few more chances to get in race laps before the big event with WSKC and the forthcoming IKF Region 7 Championship round June 5-6.

Appropriately named Race Liberante led the charge in 125 Shifter qualifying. Race was untouchable all day as he went flag to flag for the win in both the prefinal and the final. James Reynolds and Michael Leib battled it out for 2nd and 3rd with Reynolds capturing 2nd after 16 laps.

In the Jr Superbox Pipe/KPV2 and Sr. KPV4/Superbox Pipe class Brennen Mankin put the hammer down from the get-go. Mankin drilled it in qualifying putting 1.5 seconds between himself and off pole driver Kris Holland. I know one driver who is looking for a bronze man in the upcoming months. Mankin's lead was vast in the prefinal and only got larger in the final. With a 21 second margin of victory, Mankin can be proud of a job well done. The charge for best in class, otherwise known as 2nd place went to Holland. Zach Tobin finished a close 3rd.

If a guy named Race races, then a guy named Chase gets chased. Chase McDaniel gapped the Jr. 1/KPV1 field by a second in qualifying and carried that momentum into the prefinal. Matt Million and Justice Lepe gave chase in the final, but it was to no avail. McDaniel was turning mid 49 second laps while everyone else was stuck in the 51's. His display of dominance was impressive to say the least.

Kid Karts is one of the more popular classes at the WSKC and a win here is ranks pretty high on the club wins scale. Coming off his IKF Region 7 win Hayden Wagner followed it up with a Kid Kart pole. Hudson Morrow and Braden Waterman were P2 and P3 in the session. The prefinal saw Wagner walk away with the win as Bryson Waterman joined in the hunt. The final belonged to Wagner who nearly lapped the field. Only Morrow and Garrett Twitty managed to stay on the lead lap as both Watermans had troubles early on. It is not often you see a 40 second beating in Kid Karts but Wagner managed to make it look easy.

The PRD Spec pole went to Brandon Campbell with a time of 46.305. Ron Honsaker qualified P2 in one of the closest contests of the weekend. Campbell also scored the win in the prefinal but Honsaker was right on his tail along with Max Feyerabend. Feyerabend came from last on the grid to 3rd place, putting him in a prime position to start the final. Honsaker surprised them all to gain an early lead. His advantage didn't last long as Feyerabend charged to the front with Campbell in tow. These two went at it lap after lap with the lead changing around half way. Eventually there has to be a winner and the checkered flag flew for Campbell, but that was short lived as tech got the better of him. Feyerabend scored the win. Honsaker was elevated to 2nd place and Tom Sherman finished 3rd.

Pole in the combined TAG class went to Michael Leib but it was Nick Cole who scored the prefinal win. Leib only made it five laps, but it was still better than Steve Fidler and Austin Dyne who didn't complete a lap. As they say it ain't over til the fat lady sings and the final was one for the record books. From 3rd starting position Jason Holden grabbed the lead as they got the green flag. Tim Gardner

slotted into 2nd and the chase was on. By lap three Michael Gardner was up into 2nd with Casey Neiman in tow. That didn't last long as Steve Fidler was on the move. Lap by lap he picked of driver after driver until he ran out of laps. Holden was in trouble and if the race was one lap longer the odds were Fidler would have won it all. As it was Holden held on for the win in the race of the weekend. Leib recovered nicely and also drove from the back to the front for a solid 3rd place finish.

The next round of the WSKC is Saturday, June 19th with the IKF Region 7 Championship Series June 5th-6th. For all the info on the WSKC and the impending IKF GrandNationals June 21st- 26th go online to www.timipromotions.com