

29th September 2004

Hi Everyone

Well it's time to bring everyone up to speed as to where we are at establishing a Blokart Club in Canterbury.

A meeting was called on Wednesday September the 15th for those interested in forming a Blokart Club in Canterbury.

25 people attended which was great.

A questionnaire was distributed to those in attendance and to those who put in an apology

Asking what people wanted with a club and what type of activities they would like.

That has been collated and the following are the main aspects from the questionnaire shown as a percentage of 28 response.

91% for casual rather than too formal a club

91% for the Beach as a venue

72% for the Lake as a venue

82% for the Airfield at Swannanoa

86% for competitive friendly racing

26% for serious racing

69% for children's racing

78% for ladies racing

30% for monthly club days

47% for fortnightly

It has been decided to run Club days once a fortnight alternating between Saturdays and Sundays and in that way it should provide for those want both fortnightly and monthly meetings and also those who would like either Saturday or Sunday.

A meeting was held on Monday night this week 27th September and a copy of the minutes of that meeting are attached for your information.

The inaugural committee for the formation of the Club is as follows.

Graeme Holmes (President) gl.holmes@actrix.co.nz

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There are a number of items that require to be worked through before the Club is officially set up namely, details of affiliation with the Blokart Association, a Constitution, the Club name and club subscriptions (depending on the affiliation fees) These will be addressed as quickly as possible.

It has been decided to hold our first day on Sunday 3rd October at 12.30pm at Waimairi

Beach. Please use your own judgement as to whether the day is suitable or not.

The programme will be along the lines of 12.30 - 1.30 free running. 1.45 10 lap open racing followed by Children's racing if there are sufficient numbers followed by Ladies racing if there are sufficient numbers and so on..

Attached is a copy of the Blokart rules which you should familiarise yourself with if you are coming out Sunday and also remember safety equipment, ie helmet, closed in shoes and gloves.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible on the Beach.

Another day is scheduled for Saturday October the 16th at 12.30pm. Again this will probably be at Waimairi Beach but this will be confirmed later.
Please remember that we are all on a learning curve as we move forward and there are bound to be hick ups but we'll fine tune as we go and remember the main emphasis is on having fun together with our Blokarts. If you have any suggestions as we proceed please E-mail them to me.

Attached is a list of people and contact details who have indicated their interest in being involved in a Blokart Club. Hopefully this list will grow to be the largest in the country.

I am currently having discussions with "The Breeze" 94.5fm radio station with a view to incorporating the name in our Club name and then have them involved with sponsorship and also it could be a good place to be able to post notices etc.

That covers most of what's been happening to date and we will keep you posted as things progress.

May the Wind Fill Your Sail
Regards
Graeme Holmes