

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ
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As I listened to Randy's presentation at the banquet, I thought, wow, how time flies! It doesn't seem like 23 years have gone by since I first started racing with OVKA but it has. I guess when you are doing something you love, you lose track of time.

I have been asked why I have spent so much time in karting. For me, it's simple. Being with people who became my friends, sharing the love of karting has filled my life with plenty of good times for which I am grateful. It has left me with memories that I will always treasure. I have made many friends over all of these years who share the love of karting with me – a lot of them I still see today. And on top of all of this, I have acquired a wardrobe of jackets (many which no longer fit – that's why I have to get back into racing).

OVKA was the starting place that took me on to racing at a variety of tracks and serving on the boards of other karting organizations. Racing kept me on the road traveling for years but I always came back to OVKA where my heart is. OVKA is a great place to race but more importantly, it is a great place to make friends. I will always call OVKA home.

Serving as OVKA President the past three years has been a pleasure and a privilege. I could not have done my job without the support of many other people in this organization. The Board of Directors, Officers and members are the real assets of OVKA. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be of service while being a part of a sport which I love with people who will always be special to me.

Always Race to the Checkered,

Rick Coombs

OVKA President
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