

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ MARCH 2006

What a great banquet we had sharing good times with good friends! The new location at the Kings Island Resort worked out well. There is a lot of work that goes into making the banquet happen. Many thanks to Rick Coombs and Lynda Whitaker for once again taking care of all of the details that continue to make our banquets memorable events. I would also like to thank all of the people who helped with set-up, registration and throughout the evening. I hope that everyone had a good time.

The 2006 Swap Meet was a success and had an impressive turnout, especially considering the weather conditions. It was tough to get coverage to staff the gate over three shifts. I would like to thank Tim Bussen, Gary Gregg and Jeff Morningstar for their continued dedication in coordinating all of the details. Thanks also go to all of the volunteers who stood out in the weather and those who helped in other ways during the day. This is an important event for our organization and I am told it is one of the largest karting swap meets in the country.

During the off-season, OVKA is well represented at a variety of shows and promotions. We have been at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show and had a lot of people who were interested either as a racer or spectator. As new people come to our club, I know they will be welcomed by our existing racers. We will be setting up our display and passing out information at the Kart Marketing International Show and the Lang Chevrolet Show sponsored by DARF. These shows are great ways to introduce people to OVKA and network with people in the karting industry.

We are quickly moving toward the start of our 2006 racing season. In order to get ready, we will have a clean up day on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. I hope to see a lot of you there helping out. A participation credit will be given for working a four hour shift.

Be sure to check out our new website ([ovka.com](http://ovka.com)) and give us your feedback. Thank you to Doug Stempfley and Mike Velten for investing the time to give our website this new appearance.

I look forward to serving the club this year and working with the Board of Directors, officers, and members. It is my intent for all of us to work together for the good of the karters. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

See you at the track.

Let's keep the fun in racing,

Randy N. Vermillion  
OVKA President