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Fellow Members of the OVKA,

I would like to welcome each and every one of you to the 2011 Racing Season. It's still cold and wintry outdoors, but before long, we will all be back at the track doing what we love, **Racing!** The banquet was a success once again and I think everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. It always serves as a chance for us to get together with our friends and families to share stories and celebrate our successes from season's past. It serves as the Checkered Flag for last season, but also serves as the Green Flag for the next as the excitement is building.

While we might not be at the track racing now, there is a lot of work being done by some really dedicated people in preparation for the 2011 season. I would like to thank Josh Wagar for serving as the Vice President and Lynda Coombs for her continued service to OVKA as our Secretary. I would like to thank Jason Gregg for serving as our Treasurer once again and the remainder of the OVKA Board of Directors for their time, dedication and service to OVKA.

The 2011 schedule has been posted. We will have fourteen races this season including one race at Circleville Raceway Park and one race at New Castle Motorsports Park. Please keep in mind that Clean-up day will be April 9, 2011. There is always plenty of work that needs to be done to prepare the track for our racing season.

If you have not completed your membership application for the 2011 season, please try to do so before our first race. Having the paperwork completed ahead of time helps speed the registration process and everyone appreciates shorter lines at registration. There is a link to the 2011 Membership Application on our website for your convenience.

There are a few areas that I would like to focus on to ensure the 2011 Racing season is a success for everyone.

- **Fun** – Ultimately, this is what we are all here for. OVKA is a great organization that has stood the test of time. People join our club for many reasons, I want to make FUN one of the top reasons that people join, stay, and invite their friends and family to join us.
- **Competition** – OVKA has many very competitive classes and members. This is the thrill of the sport. Racing side by side with competitors with the same passion for the sport is what keeps the OVKA a premier karting organization.
- **Fairness** – Due to the competitive nature of this sport, inevitably there will be occasions where decisions need to be made and warnings and/or penalties will be called. This season, I will be the Race Director and I plan on doing whatever needs to be done to

ensure racing is fair for every member and competitor. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly, there are procedures in place to have your opinions heard. I plan on working with our race workers closely to ensure fairness and consistency are a top priority.

- **Common Sense** – The rule book is in place to ensure fairness and the rules that govern our racing will be enforced. Almost every season there becomes an occasion where a judgment call needs to be made. While I plan on being fair to all involved, I am not interested in making calls that could adversely affect a competitor's season due to no fault of their own. I will use common sense in making calls that are questionable in nature.
- **Leadership Integrity** – Elected Officials, Board of Directors and Race Day Officials and Workers will be held to a standard that our children can look up to. I expect nothing less than professionalism out of our officials as we represent the OVKA.
- **Membership Integrity** – On the membership application, members and their immediate family agree to abide by the By-Laws and Regulations of the organization. It is the duty of every member, including the Elected Officials, Board of Directors, Race Day Officials and Workers to conduct themselves in a manner that shall not be prejudicial to the Association, nor bring unnecessary criticism on the organization. Rule number 304.2 in the Rules and Regulations addresses this and will be strictly enforced.
- **Growth** – Promotion of the OVKA is done throughout the year at the Swap Meet, Car Shows, Festivals, etc. Every member should put forth an effort to promote our club and our sport to ensure continued growth and stability for the future of OVKA. If you are interested in promoting our club at an event, please let me know and we will make sure that you get the proper materials needed.

The monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Reyton Inn in Middletown, Ohio. All members are welcome to attend. ORDER will be maintained during these meetings and any member recognized to speak will be given respect from all in attendance.

The OVKA website is the official internet site to get information about OVKA. There is a link on that site to send email correspondence to the Board of Directors. This is the channel that should be utilized to communicate any questions, problems or concerns with the OVKA Board of Directors. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss, you are welcome to call me personally at the phone numbers listed above at any time.

I am looking forward to the 2011 racing season and thank each of you for having faith in me to represent you as the President of the OVKA. This is an organization that I am proud to be a part of, and hope that you are also. Start your engines!!!!

Sincerely,

Ted Cradlebaugh