

MGB Register Event – A Karting Session at.....



We had been allocated a 12.30 time slot on Sunday 18th August for a Club Karting session at The Bend, to be run on their purpose-built Karting circuit.

The day promised to be a shocker, with high winds, rain and hail on the forecast. Hence upon leaving home nobody took their MG, but all packed their wet weather gear. However, the Gods were on our side that day as the time we were actually on the track was dry, sandwiched by the heavy rains!

Amongst our group was Geoff and Judy's grandson Corey. Corey actually turned 16 on the day and woke up to be taken on a mystery trip to The Bend where he revelled in the surprise drive. He then went on to come first in each of the 3 heats! Also, along for the drive was an old friend of the Glasson's John Ruby, as well Neil Stagg's nephew David, over with his family from Canberra.

Upon arrival at the Kart Circuit we met up with the Monaro Club also out for a bash, amongst whom were Marian & Glenys Karczewski, ex MGCCSA members.

For \$80 you get 3, ten-minute sessions taking to the track after viewing a short safety video. The track configuration that we were on was 1.171km and incorporated 16 turns. The Karts are capable of 75kph, so they are not racing karts but they are pretty good for the general public.

Each Kart's laps are timed to a thousandth of a second, with a detailed print out given at the end of the 3 heats. It was good to see that everyone's times improved across the day, with Dietmar's times improving the most. Also, no penalties were added to anyone's scores, so we must have behaved reasonably on the track.

The track has an excellent surface except for turn 6 which has rippled bitumen around the apex, and someone went off at turn 14 leaving mud and water on the track, resulting in some spins as you encountered the slippery bit half way around the corner.

During the drives, Wendy Turner was happily snapping away to record the day, so thanks Wendy.

The heat results were:

Position	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3
1	Corey	Corey	Corey & Leigh (equal times)
2	Leigh	Steve	-
3	Nitro	Leigh	Steve
4	Steve	Nitro	Brian
5	Dave	Dave	Grumpy
6	Brian	Brian	Geoff
7	Geoff	Geoff	Dietmar
8	Grumpy	Grumpy	-
9	Dietmar	Dietmar	-

After the drive we all retired to the Bend's Restaurant for lunch and to discuss the day's activities; and from where we could also watch the Porsches on the track.

We all must have had a great day because everyone wanted to do it all again, so stay tuned.

If you are interested there are various videos on The Bend's website showing the track and the karts.

Attendees:

- Dietmar & Wendy Sauer
- Leigh & Judy Albertson
- Bryan & Wendy Turner
- Geoff & Judy Glasson plus grandson Corey O'Neill & Family
- John (Grumpy) Ruby – A friend of Geoff & Judy.
- Neil (Nitro) Stagg
- David Tink – Neil's Nephew
- Steve Spong & Barb Harrington

By Steve Spong, with photos by Wendy Turner



WINNERS FOR: 1 X 10 MINUTE SESSION (#72)		
TRACK: The Bend		POWERED BY CLUSPEED
1	Corey racing (Kart #19)	71.384
2	Leigh (Kart #29)	71.384
3	Steve (Kart #22)	71.467
4	BT (Kart #18)	72.847
5	Grumpy (Kart #26)	79.208
6	Geoff (Kart #20)	87.138
7	Dietmar (Kart #21)	93.173

