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Karting

9 HOURS



Chris Merlin of the 1967 9 Hours winning team

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What it's all about . . .

Twelve years ago almost to the day, the very first kart in the World made its first public appearance. The builder was Art Ingels and the occasion was the Pomona sports car race in California.

From that humble beginning has developed a World-wide sport and a specialised industry devoted to making karts and engines for the many thousands of enthusiasts who go kart racing. From 2 h.p. the engines have climbed in power until some of those racing today will be developing 30 h.p. and propelling the karts at around at 110 m.p.h!

This is the third "Karting magazine" 9 Hours race at Snetterton and it is for class IV karts—that is they must have a gearbox and a maximum capacity of 200 c.c. Class IV is divided into two sections, class IV Standard which is for karts using the Villiers 6E, 8E and 9E engines, and class IV Super which is for the Spanish Montesa and Bultaco motors, the English Merlin and Ariel, and the Japanese Suzuki and Bridgestone.

You can pick up a second-hand ex-invalid carriage Villiers 9E engine with four-speed gearbox for as little as £7 and whilst there is the cost of tuning and some special parts to add onto this figure, this explains why class IV Standard is the most popular class of karting in Britain. The class IV Standards have black number plates and the IV Supers have red.

The karts racing today will have either 3, 4 or 5-speed gearboxes, many with close ratio gears for this very fast circuit and all will have four wheel brakes. To extract such fantastic performances out of tiny two-stroke engines necessitates complicated expansion box exhaust systems and special carburettors—sometimes dual American diaphragm units. Quite a few karts have transistor ignition systems and all in all the equipment is to the standard of quality and preparation that one normally expects from a factory racing team despite kart owners being invariably just enthusiastic amateurs relying on their own limited resources to try and beat the opposition.

Some of the karts will be seen to provide a driving position where the driver is almost lying flat on his back. This enables a reduction in frontal area and thus a higher maximum speed. On short circuits the disadvantages of reduced visibility tend to outweigh any increase in speed but at Snetterton the "lay-downs", as they are called, could well have a worth-while advantage.

It would not be fair to leave you with the impression that the racing you will see today is typical of karting. Of the 500 or so events held in Britain every year, less than a dozen take place on car tracks. The majority are held on kart circuits which probably have a lap distance of 800 yards or so and with twisty bends to test the incredible cornering power of karts to the utmost and provide close racing. The races on car tracks provide a completely different type of racing and apart from the special problems they create, drivers get a lot of pleasure in embarrassing racing car owners by lapping at indecent speeds with their miniscule motors.

Amongst the special preparations that have had to be made by the organisers—the Bath Karting Club, are the provision of literally hundreds of officials ranging from dozens of lap scorers to the constantly roving breakdown teams to bring karts back to the pits for repair. Each section of five karts will be watched over by its own scrutineer who will act as a group "mother" to both keep a look out for rule infractions but also to

assist over any problems that may arise. Two thousand gallons of 100 octane petrol are standing by to keep the karts fuelled.

Some of the special rules that apply to this event include the fact that no kart may carry more than 4 gallons of fuel at a time, no driver may drive for more than an hour at a time and he must always rest for 30 minutes before going out again. The same chassis, crankcase and crankshaft must be used throughout the event but other than that you can make repairs and replacements. Only two people can work on a kart at the same time in the pit area.

There will be lots going on both in the pits and on the track as 360 drivers do everything in their power to gain both the prestige trophies and money which will go to the winner. We hope you enjoy this historic occasion in the world of karting and will take the opportunity to later go and watch the sport at some of the many kart tracks in Britain.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

All trophies and cash awards have been presented by "Karting" magazine. No class 1st place trophies will be given in the class providing the outright winner. As all trophies are presented to every driver of a team and this could be any number from two to five, only two trophies will be given at the prize giving and the remaining ones will be forwarded by post after the event when the number required is known. The cash awards will be handed over to the person named as the "1st driver" on the entry form and this action will conclude any responsibility of the organisers for it.

Outright winner of the event

£40 plus a trophy to each driver together with the money appropriate to winning the class.

1st in IV Standard
1st in IV Super
2nd in IV Standard
2nd in IV Super
3rd in IV Standard
3rd in IV Super

£77 and a trophy to each driver
£43 and a trophy to each driver
£5 and a trophy to each driver
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Every driver of every kart that is an official finisher will receive a trophy and every marshal or person connected with the organising of the event will receive a souvenir award by post after the event.

PROGRAMME

Scrutineering	7.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
Practice	7.30 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.
Racing	9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

WARNING TO THE PUBLIC MOTOR RACING IS DANGEROUS

It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles, are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damage or personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) howsoever caused to spectators or ticket holders.

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The organisers would like to express their thanks to all the above and to the many volunteers from all over the country who are too numerous to name, all of whom have most generously agreed to assist with the running of this complex event. We are extremely grateful to all of you!

COMPETITORS FOR THE 1968 9 HOURS

1	M. Hines British class I Team D. Ferris Outright British Champion 1967 M. Allen Outright British Champion 1966	London	Zip/Merlin R.V.	IV Super
2	A. Squibb E. R. Caurel R. Goaziou	Jersey	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
3	W. A. Bennett C. W. Kidd	Cambridge	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
4	R. Anstee R. Alcock	Melksham	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
5	W. Brown B. Penfold G. Summers	Bognor Regis	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
6	C. Hampshire British class IV Team J. Ermelli British class I Team	Middleton- on-Sea	Barlotti/Suzuki	IV Std.
7	K. Clark R. Badman	Melksham	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Super
8	A. Boot J. Bacon	London	Zip/Montesa	IV Super
9	A. May C. Benest	Croydon	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
10	E. J. Wood B. Morrell	Swanley	Piranha/Villiers	IV Std.
11	G. Harker J. Roberts	Sidcup	Dale/Villiers	IV Std.
12	A. Kitchenham A. P. Kitchenham	Maidstone	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
13	D. Hackleton G. Whitehouse P. Whitehouse	Stratford- on-Avon	Dale/Montesa	IV Super
14	A. Burgess P. Booth	London	Blow/Suzuki	IV Super
15	M. Minns N. Corneby	London	Zip/Montesa	IV Super
16	R. Harris J. Corbett W. Bonner	Banstead	Blow/Montesa	IV Super

17	B. Urlwin D. Newton	Tring	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
18	J. Ellison T. Urlwin	Watford	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
19	J. Stallard W. Small	Crowle	Fastakart/Villiers	IV Std.
20	P. Goulding E. Frost	Canvey Island	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
21	J. Hooper E. Owen C. Bisp	Bristol	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
22	D. Cuming A. Rush	High Wycombe	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
23	K. Pursglove A. Parkin	Holmfirth	Shrike/Villiers	IV Std.
24	E. Bothamley D. Carrier	Sheffield	Mini Shrike/Villiers	IV Std.
25	J. Waghorn A. Whibley 1966 9 Hours Winners	West Malling	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
26	L. S. Longton L. Miller	Chorley	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
27	K. Woods F. Sewell	Royston	Fastakart/Villiers	IV Std.
28	D. L. Nicholls J. Hitch J. Jordan	Royston	Fastakart/Suzuki	IV Super
29	L. Barton E. Doughty	Wisbech	Fastakart/Villiers	IV Std.
30	H. Phillips V. Phillips R. Smith	Billericay	Blow/Suzuki	IV Super
31	C. Merlin Outright British Champion 1965 I. Jacobs S. Morey 1967 9 Hours Winning Team	Twickenham	Piranha/Merlin R.V.	IV Super
32	B. Bradpiece	Manchester	Fastakart/Villiers	IV Std.
33	P. Silvester D. Law J. Champion	Ruislip	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
34	D. Valentine P. Phrlan	Basildon	Shrike/Villiers	IV Std.
35	G. Miller L. Sword D. Hart	Godalming	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
36	J. Horley B. Cooke M. Watson	Gt. Yarmouth	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.

37	G. Worley P. Ringsell D. Putt	High Wycombe	Hercules/Villiers	IV Std.
38	B. Collins S. Marshall J. Todd	Chinnor	Atlas/Villiers	IV Std.
39	W. Stokes P. O'Shea M. Hodgins	Chesham	Atlas/Villiers	IV Std.
40	K. Medgett C. Parker	Maidstone	"M" Kart/Ariel	IV Super
41	P. Carter A. Carter M. Beaumont	Lowestoft	Dale/Villiers	IV Std.
42	R. Brown M. Frost	Dagenham	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
43	J. King A. King S. King	Royston	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
44	J. Wayte V. Jones	Leicester	Dale/Villiers	IV Std.
45	T. Worledge E. Bell J. Baker	Hedingham	Bellkart/Villiers	IV Std.
46	R. Johnson H. Shand	Canterbury	Piranha/Merlin R.V.	IV Super
47	M. Attwood I. Lawton	Morden	Blow/Suzuki	IV Super
48	R. Fullagar J. Hunter	Maidstone	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
49	M. Leggate T. Dickinson	Boston	Matador/Bultaco	IV Super
50	E. Chalk K. Waddy	Harrow	Piranha/Villiers	IV Std.
51	R. Miles P. Mercer	Ewell	Miles Special/D.K.W.	IV Super
52	B. Reynolds D. Hockley P. Reynolds	Cambridge	Zip/9E	IV Std.
53	K. Blincow W. Hewitt P. Clarke	Harrow Weald	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
54	J. Docwra D. Craske	Norwich	J.E.D./Ariel	IV Super
55	R. Seymour J. Seymour D. Groves	Angmering	Blow/Montesa	IV Super
56	L. Peters B. Young A. Cheshire	Halesowen	Jomo/Villiers	IV Std.
57	S. Styrin C. Olden	Leeds	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.

58	N. Lang J. Skidmore	Coventry	Shrike/Villiers	IV Std.
59	K. Maden A. Bontoft D. Whittaker	Blackpool	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
60	R. W. Brown S. C. Brown	Newbury	Ardmore/Bultaco	IV Super
61	J. Bennett J. Hepper D. Hepper	Bristol	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
62	H. Mickleburgh M. Tinkler L. Hart	Norwich	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
63	M. Barker I. Rushforth	Norwich	Blow/Starmaker	IV Super
64	B. Budd C. F. Medgett	Maidstone	Mikart/Suzuki	IV Super
65	F. Clennell S. Clennell	Newcastle on Tyne	Matador/Bultaco	IV Super
66	J. Moreton J. S. Moreton B. Hawkins	Bristol	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
67	J. Brise A. Brise	Wilmington	Blow/Montesa	IV Super
68	R. Pick R. Poole	Badminton	Blow/Villiers	IV Super
69	W. Hillman T. Barrow	Hereford	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
70	G. Powell J. Watkins	Hereford	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
71	C. Barrett R. Watters	Millom	Blow/Bultaco	IV Super
72	H. Gilchrist G. Coyle	London	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
73	P. Morris K. Morley	Midhurst	Blow Meteor/Villiers	IV Std.
74	L. Shepherd 1967 IV Standard and Super Big Circuit Champion J. Barlow British class IV Team R. Mortara British class I Team	Reading	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
75	A. Smith W. Marshall	East Calder	Korvette/Bultaco	IV Super
76	R. Wakely A. Webb	Dorchester	Gazelle/Bultaco	IV Super
77	B. Redshaw P. King	Boston	Matador/Villiers	IV Std.
78	E. Bliss T. Barnes	Wisbech	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
79	K. Barnes R. Porter	Wisbech	Barlotti/Bultaco	IV Super

80	R. Blows 1967 9 Hours IV Std. Winner D. Bailey	Rainham	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
81	F. Gillin 1967 9 Hours IV Std. Winner J. Edney	London	Zip/Starmaker	IV Super
82	A. Mann R. Fuller	Norwich	Zip/Starmaker	IV Super
83	P. Liddle M. Byrom F. Duffy	Manchester	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
84	J. Morrell British Champion IV Super 1966, 1967, 1968 J. Coray	Welwyn	Sabre/Bultaco	IV Super
85	F. Smith P. Loftus	Newark	Scorpion/Montesa	IV Super
86	R. Stiddard M. Stiddard J. Sellers	Bristol	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
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88	R. Macgregor- Grieve A. Brown	Osterly	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
89	R. Steer D. McLoughlin B. Eames	Englefield Green	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
90	P. Burgess K. Gilbert	Romford	Burgess Special/Bultaco	IV Super
91	P. Johnson P. Clark	Liverpool	Centaur/Villiers	IV Std.
92	R. Prue W. Hedges	Abingdon	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
93	E. Prue D. Hedges	Wantage	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
94	D. Hall D. Marsh	Dorking	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
95	R. Gange R. Gange D. Burrell	Tolworth	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
96	M. Dunnage E. Sullivan	London	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
97	E. Taylor R. Whittington G. Jones	Egham	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
98	R. Allison C. Jones	Haverfordwest	Blow/Bultaco	IV Super
99	T. Purnell W. Sherras	Sleaford	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
100	D. Parrott I. Noton	Oxford	Centaur/Bultaco	IV Super
101	B. Lawrence O. O'Niell	Basingstoke	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.

102	R. Hutchings A. Hutchings	Bristol	Blow/Villiers	IV Std.
103	P. Canadine R. Speight	London	Blow/Montesa	IV Super
104	G. Esposito J. Cimelli P. Mezzera	London	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
105	A. Bottle D. Vince C. Schreir	Basildon	Dale/Villiers	IV Std.
106	B. Davis M. Parsons	Coventry	Concorde/Villiers	IV Std.
107	R. Warren K. Le Page P. Sparkes	Taunton	Blow/Greeves	IV Super
108	L. Hall P. Cockerell	Wokingham	Barlotti/Bultaco	IV Super
109	J. M. Smith G. Smith	Warrington	Dale/—	IV Super
110	A. Kitchen R. G. Eardley	Warrington	L. H. Special/Villiers	IV Std.
111	A. Day C. Silver	Bushey	Piranha/Villiers	IV Std.
112	R. Simmons British class IV Team A. Jones	Weyhill	Dragon/Villiers	IV Std.
113	R. Wallis J. Atkin G. Bayne	Woodford Green	Zip/Villiers	IV Std.
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115	R. Mills British class I Team P. Fletcher British class I Team R. Ibbotson	Worksop	Blow/Bultaco	IV Super
116	J. Smith J. Nesham	Canterbury	Swallow/Villiers	IV Std.
117	W. Hutchings W. Hutchings J. Hutchings H. Starr	Bristol	Blow/Bridgestone	IV Super
118	D. Wootten R. Warwick	Reading	Barlotti/Villiers	IV Std.
119	B. Austin G. Nicholson	Tilbrook	Aero/Villiers	IV Std.
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