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Fellow Members of the OVKA,

I would like to welcome you to the 2013 racing season. We will be racing once again before you know it. I would like to say congratulations to all of the 2012 season champions. Once again, the OVKA banquet was a success and I hope you and your families enjoyed the new venue.

I would like to congratulate and welcome Mr. Randy Landes to his new position as Vice President of OVKA. I would like to thank 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.

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 2013 Rulebook and Racing Schedule have been published, so please make sure to get a copy of each and save the dates on your calendars. 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 Saturday, April 6, 2013. There is always plenty of work that needs to be done to prepare the track for our racing season so please make plans to come out and help if possible.

I would like to say a special thank you to Margay / Grand Products / Bridgestone Tires for their continued Series Sponsorship of OVKA for the 2013 season. I would also like to thank the following folks for their 2012 sponsorships.

- Appco
- Slattery Racing/Arrow Karts/Woltjer Engines
- Lee McCready Racing
- Meghan Welage / Sibcy Cline Realtors
- Lightning Event Management

- Dellorto Direct
- Randy N. Vermillion Memorial
- American Power Sports
- Comet Kart Sales
- PhotoJeff

Sponsorship has many benefits, so if you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor for the 2013 racing season, please contact Lee McCready to work out a package that is beneficial to you or your company.

Now is the time to reserve your pit spot for next year also. The deadline for Pit Spot reservations is April 1st, so don't lose your spot, contact Lee McCready as soon as possible.

If you have not completed your membership application for the 2013 season, please try to do so before our first race. Those with children at the track need to have their minor release forms completed and notarized each season also. There is a link to all of these forms on the website. Having the paperwork completed ahead of time helps speed the registration process and everyone appreciates shorter lines at registration.

As you know, the race days come with many challenges. I will continue to do my best and work with the personnel and tools that I have to ensure that each of you has a great experience with OVKA. The level of competition is high and I plan on working with our track staff to ensure fairness remains a high priority.

OVKA Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Reyton Inn in Middletown, Ohio. This is where the official business of the club is conducted and decisions are made. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions or concerns about what is going on with the club, please feel free to get involved.

I am looking forward to the 2013 racing season and thank each of you for having faith in me to continue 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.

Great balls of fire.....Let's go racing!!!

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