



## SCMC on Track at Victory Lanes Indoor Karting Center January 8, 2005-Charlotte, NC



*(Part of having SCMC events is checking out everyone else's cars and their completed modifications)*

First off, I was asked to write up about the days' events. I was hesitant at first, but with all the lifelong friends I have made, and the endless amounts of help I have received from everyone, I could not pass up this opportunity.

The day started off with Alan Scott, his wife and son meeting at our house in High Point, NC. We got the call on the "bat phone" that Dave, Burke, and Marc were storming down I40, and were nearing our meet point. So, we quickly hopped in our cars and headed off to meet them. Thinking the "Raleigh

Express" was ahead of us, I motored on down I85 in a bit of a hurry. A little ways into the trip, we come up on a NC State Trooper. He was riding in the right lane, doing 70 mph, the speed limit. I backed my speed down to 72 mph, thinking there is no harm in this. I edged on pass him and he pulls in behind me and throws the blue lights switch on. What a great way to start the day! As he was assessing what to do to me, the Raleigh gang blows by. I received a "warning" ticket for speeding 2 mph over the speed limit (what?). We both finally catch back up to the gang in

Kannapolis, and we finish our journey to VLK.



*(Lots of snakes lined up out side on both sides of the parking lot)*

We arrive at the karting facility a little early. We got reacquainted with some old friends, and made some new ones. After a short BS session in the parking lot, everyone went inside to get to some real racing.



*(We all got lined up to go out on the track)*

We get debriefed on event costs and what was expected from us “adults”. Everyone got suited up for our three-race session. The race had three parts to it, one 6-minute practice, one 8-minute qualifier, and one 10-minute race. The racing was good, and as Greg Oswell put it, “rubn’s racin”! Yours truly laid down the fast lap in the 6-minute practice, and the hot lap of the day 37.63 in the 8-minute qualifier. So, I was on the pole position, with the crafty “FlynFink” (Jeff

Finkelstein) starting in second. I would have to get a good clean start to get away from him as he was just practicing there this past week.

All the racers get lined up for a classic F1 start. The main event was filled with plenty of action. Some drivers were finding the wall, not that they didn’t get help from others there. We had some great passing, and a lot of dog fighting. I took the white flag in the lead, hoping to hold off Jeff, and Lisa’s son-in-law Eric. They were showing me they meant business! Eric raced me clean, and got up beside me coming out of the last turn. Not wanting to be a bad guy, I moved over to give him room, making for a photo finish. Eric beat me by inches, with “Red” Matt taking the hot lap of the race. Apparently, our fearless leader, Tony, was black flagged for rough driving. Hmmm, judging from the time I rode with him at CMP, it’s no wonder!



*(Karting is a great way to be competitive and have fun during the winter months)*

The list of attendees were:

- Burke Dawson & Beverly** - 1997 Rio Red Cobra Coupe
- Tony Sorrentino** - 2004 Mystichrome Cobra Coupe
- Jason Herd and Lan** - 2004 Competition Orange Cobra Coupe
- Mike & Tina Boyle** - 1997 Pacific Green Cobra Convertible

**Scott Allan and family** - 2004 Redfire  
Cobra Coupe  
**Greg Oswell** - 2001 White Cobra Coupe  
**Matt Crutchfield** - 1995 Black Cobra  
Convertible  
**Lisa & Clarence Milstead** - 1997 White  
Cobra Convertible  
**Robbie & Patti Helton** - 1996 Laser Red  
Cobra Coupe  
**Jim McDaniel** - 2004 Competition Orange  
Cobra Coupe  
**Dave Stanfield** - 1999 Rio Red Cobra  
Convertible  
**David Lewis and friend** - 2004 Silver Cobra  
Coupe  
**Jeff Finkelstein** - 1999 Rio Red Cobra  
Convertible  
**Marc Ter Horst** - 1999 Electric Green Cobra  
Convertible  
**Ronnie and Maranda Stokes** - 2003 Zinc  
Yellow Cobra Convertible  
**Ed Burwell** - 2001 Laser Red Cobra  
Convertible  
**John and Diane Pearson** - 1995 Black  
Lightning  
**Shannon Sigmon and Crystal** - 2003  
Torch Red 10th Anniversary Cobra  
Convertible  
**Jack Barbee (Snapps)** - 2004 Torch Red  
Cobra Coupe  
**Vance Newman** - 2003 White Cobra Coupe

I think I speak for everyone in this fine club when I say "thank you" to the great staff at Victory Lanes Karting for accommodating us. I would also like to thank Steve Treece from Carolina Shine for bringing the Zaino car care products for us to purchase.



*(Group photo at Carlo's Italian Restaurant)*

The day would not be finished without going to one of our favorite restaurants, Carlo's Italian Restaurant on North Tryon Street in Charlotte, NC.

Here are the results from the final race with best lap times:

1. Eric - 37.99
2. Mike Boyle - 38.32
3. Jeff Finkelstein - 38.35
4. Matt Crutchfield - 37.93
5. Burke Dawson - 38.51
6. Jack Barbee - 38.59
7. Ronnie Stokes - 39.80
8. Marc ter Horst - 39.54
9. Jason Herd - 38.71
10. Tony Sorrentino - 39.16
11. Robbie Helton - 39.92
12. Dave Stanfield - 39.68
13. Allan Scott - 41.79
14. Jim McDaniel - 42.18

Thanks again to everyone, and I look forward to seeing all of you in 2005 at other SCMC events. Oh yeah, take my advice and never pass a police officer even if you are only doing 2 mph over the speed limit. ☺

Yours truly,

Mike Boyle a.k.a. "Mikey"  
a.k.a. "nckissfan"