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We got an invitation to have a skid in a rotax go-kart at the Enduro At the Carrs Rd Kart track. The idea of racing a Kart was too tempting not to give up and we had been offered a competitive kart for the meeting. We were to be in the celebrity race which was the curtain raiser to the big Enduro. We would be racing against the likes of Jason Richards, Johnny Reid, Andy Knight as well as some local speedway drivers like Karen Forsey, Malcolm Ngatai and Kevin Clive.

The first heat was definitely not the easiest of conditions, it was 9.30am and there were parts of the track that had a layer of frost. We started off 3 and had a good start and managed to sneak up the inside and take the lead. We managed to hold the lead and win the race! Not too bad considering we managed to hold off some professional drivers!

The second heat was a different story as the top guys got the jump but still we managed a credible 4th place behind Jason Richards, Johnny Reid and Andy Knight.

The third and final heat was a great race, we managed to barge our way to the front (sorry Karen, didn't mean to!!!) and put a gap on the field. We were being hunted down by Jason Richards who was closing the gap every lap; we really needed the white flag to come out!! Jason did a great job even though he managed to take the lead with 2 laps to go. It was an awesome feeling being able to race with some professional race car drivers in equal equipment and we weren't too far off the pace.

I really enjoyed my time in the Kart, It was a lot tougher on the body than I thought it would be!! It's a great way to keep fit and the racing is always close and exciting. I enjoyed it so much I am looking at getting either myself or Ashton into the sport in the near future. It's a great way to enter motorsport and with even machinery, you don't need the biggest budget to be competitive!

A huge thanks must go out to Mark Straker who had loaned us the kart and helped us out at the practices before the meeting and to Matt and Tiny for all their help with tips and ideas on how to get around the track just that bit faster!!

Matt Straker and Ben Webb are definitely two young talents to watch out for in the future. They are super smooth and fast and their result in the Enduro proves this. It would be great to be able to see them step up into a Formula Ford and TRS in the future but as we all know it takes a lot of backing to get into these classes. We urge you to support these two young drivers as much as you can.

I would also like to thank Big Ben Pies for sponsoring the event and to all the officials and volunteers who didn't pick on us speedway drivers too much! We would love to come back next year and have a crack at the enduro so watch this space!

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