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INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES MCCLAVE

Charles McClave experienced karting for the first time at his Day 1 program in January 2000 and went on to compete in the Jim Hall Kart Racing School Arrive & Drive Race Series the following February. Charles has not stopped racing since.

Exactly one year from his very first class in a sprint kart, Charles competed in both the Sprint and Shifter Arrive & Drive Race Series', garnering the name Charles "Ironman" McClave. Charles aced the Sprint Race Series, and came in forth in the Shifters. Not bad for a fifty-one year old guy with one year of racing experience.

Charles claims he has been an adrenaline junkie all of his life. He did some racing when he was a ski pro and again as a hang glider. For Charles, the big difference in kart racing is the opportunity to race wheel-to-wheel, as opposed to racing against the clock. "There are lots of ways to go fast – that's not racing. You don't know if you're going fast until you're racing someone."

Our Director of Sales, Liz Reynolds, caught up with Charles between races for this interview.

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- **LR:** Charles, what has been your biggest racing challenge?

CM: To stay mentally in control, be smooth, controlled,

LR: What have you enjoyed most in your racing experience? **CM**: Realizing I can be successful with the other racers, regardless of age and racing background, the strong camaraderie, the respect, the friendships. A group of us did an enduro race up North. We wouldn't have met each other and formed those relationships had it not been for the bonds established at the JHKRS Arrive & Drive Race Series. Something magical occurs. Also, after 50, not having to come up with so much of the physical to really be successful. You have the opportunity to race at your own level. Anyone can get there with practice.

LR: What are a few of your racing highlights?

CM: Any time you start something and get to where you win – the sprint class, then the shifters – that's a highlight. The biggest thrills are the on-track experiences; going into turn one at 60-70 mph and having **Hugh Robertson** right behind me. Going into turn 4 and knowing Rick Graves is definitely going to try to pass me on the inside. Racing **John Mefford**; how did he pass me between turns 5 and 6? The biggest highlight is probably bringing back my brothers. friends and son. They can't keep up with me yet.

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Letters

It was the most thrilling and exhilarating experience I have enjoyed in years! I will be delighted to recommend your school to our valued guests.

-Jeanne Howard, Mandalay Beach Resort, Oxnard, CA

I really believe that you have to have the experience in order to really understand how exhilarating and fun kart racing is. Initially I was intrigued but not completely sure about driving a kart. The speed factor and precision course training intimidated me. However, once I did a few laps I felt more comfortable. I am certainly not as daring as some of the other drivers, but it was a good feeling to overcome my fear. I can definitely see how this type of attraction is a good team building activity for groups.

-Kathryn Carlton, Ventura Visitor's & Convention Bureau

Thank you so much for a fabulous day of sun, sand and speed. I had a wonderful time and really got a kick out of the whole experience. I want you to know how much I enjoyed your crew on the track. They were great teachers; knowledgeable, extremely patient and fun.

-Malei Weir, Mooncatcher Communications, Los Alamos, CA

I had to write and make sure you all are fully aware of what a wonderful job you're doing. My husband Brian attended a Saturday course and is now completely hooked! He raved about how knowledgeable and helpful all the instructors were, and he walked away from the experience wanting more. Brian has been either a wrestling coach or a competitor for 22 years now and it's beginning to take a toll on him physically. Searching out a new hobby has certainly been a frustrating endeavor but I believe we have found a winner. Thanks again for making it such a rewarding experience.

-Stacy Ransom, Encino, CA

What a fun day of racing this last Sunday. As usual the karts were in fine shape, all efforts were made during the racing to keep them competitive, and the day progressed without a hitch. Compliments to the crew and your organization. Good racing was the theme for the event and all rose to the occasion. It was one of the cleanest race days I can remember. I am looking forward to the dvd.

-Hugh Robertson, Robertson Geotechnical, Inc., Westlake Village, CA

Just wanted to say thank you to you and your entire crew. My friend and I attended your school on December 29th and 30th, 2002. We had a great time and really learned a lot. Your staff is fantastic. They know what they are talking about. They explain exactly what they'd like you to do, and they seem genuinely interested in your improvement. And thank God they're patient, too, I've put up some info about your school on my website and I will continue to recommend you to everyone I can. I hope to attend again soon. Please pass along my thanks to your instructors.

-Joe Harrison, Hayward, CA www.joe250.com

Oh, you people are just wonderful. Our son, Ari Baquet, came back for a half day (1B, which was your staff's suggestion, thank you) and cut his time from 34 to 28.3. You can hardly imagine what this did for his confidence. Rick's critiquing and encouragement had something to do with this: thank you Rick. We are all still exhilarated, and we will be back for more. Thank you!

-Dylan Baquet (mom), Santa Monica, CA

I wanted to thank you and your staff for the pointers that I received while in the Day 2 class. I have been racing with LAKC (Los Angles Kart Club) for the last two years and find that your class really helps in honing my racing skills. The karts that you provide are quite fast and require a very fine touch to maintain control. The selection of harder tires makes the limits of adhesion lower on the karts at your school which means driver skill is really challenged. The overall training and comments that I received from your staff were invaluable and will help me place better in my club racing. I plan on taking your class again at least twice more this season. Hopefully next time I can break the 26 second mark! Thanks again for a fun and challenging day.

-Rob Worcester. LAKC #105

In terms of information and training, Jim Hall Kart Racing School provided by far the best bang for the buck.

-Former Skip Barber, Bondurant and Derek Daly graduate Robert Sjoquist, Ventura, CA

FRIENDSHIPS

One of the most important facets of being involved with the JHKRS Arrive and Drive program can be summed up in one word; friendships. As a driver, competition is taken very seriously. Every driver is out to cross the finish line in first place. Off the track, each driver can get to know their competitor's family members, personal life experiences and type of working profession they are involved in. You develop respect for the other drivers both on and off the track when participating in the fantastic Jim Hall Kart Racing School Arrive and Drive program. Some of the drivers have developed lasting friendships that go beyond the JHKRS environment. These friendships result in them banding together to run as a team at various venues. For example, several drivers joined forces to participate in a 6-hour endurance team event near Monterey, California. Whatever the karting venue, these friendships were started with the experience gained while at the Jim Hall Kart Racing School and the Arrive and Drive program.

-Gerry Florez

JHKRS KARTS FOR SALE

Nine 2002 Emmick Intimadator KT-100 cc sprint karts, \$1,695 each. Five 2001 Kali/CRG Honda 80cc shifter karts on 125cc (4-wheel disc brake) frame, \$2,950 each. All equipped with Alfano tach/temp/timing system. Complete and wellmaintained. Includes shop and track set-up and adjustment. Taking deposits now. Contact Jim Hall: 805-654-1329.

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LR: What advice would you give a new racer?

CM: Don't get crazy. You aren't going to win in the beginning. You can race more if you want. Learn and have fun. You will win at some point if you put in the time and effort.

LR: What attracted you to shifter karts?

CM: The next challenge. You need to learn how to race in a sprint. It's incredibly fun. They're more fun to drive, not necessarily more fun to race.

LR: Describe your transition from sprints to shifters.

CM: Shifters are so much more complex. You drive with one hand half the time. Shifters are totally different when you're in a race. Anticipating becomes more technical. Racing a sprint is pure fun. Racing a shifter is work.

LR: What has been the most beneficial skill you have acquired at the JHKRS track?

CM: Mental discipline. Trying to go fast isn't fast. Smooth is fast. You find that out in the lead-follows.

LR: What do you appreciate about Jim Hall's Arrive & Drive Race Series?

CM: The total experience; everything about it. You can take whatever they teach you right to the track and have immediate gratification. I know nothing about a race kart, and I don't want to know. I just want to drive it. The guys do everything: whatever they have to do to make it a great experience - and with a smile. I don't have to own or mechanic anything. I couldn't do what I need to do to be competitive if I had to look after the tire pressure, the parts, etc. I just arrive and race. That's a huge perk. And the series gives me the opportunity to expose friends, family and employees to something I really enjoy. Racing is something that crosses people's minds. Where do you get the opportunity for the wheel-to-wheel racing experience? Then, the best part is, at the end of a race weekend, I can say "See va in a month!". Anyone that enjoys the thrill of racing – this is a must. It's a safe, competitive environment. The kid in you comes out to play. It's something I can do with my son.

LR: Thank you, Charles.

PHIL GIEBLER STANDOUT AT F-3000 TEST

American driver Phil Giebler once again impressed the European racing community by ending the first official Euro F-3000 test 2nd guick at the Valelunga circuit in Italy. Driving for Italian racing legend Piercarlo Ghinzani's team, Giebler finished out the second day of testing 1/10 of a second behind F-3000 veteran and F1 test driver Gianmaria Bruni. "I have worked with over 50 drivers as a team owner including Prost. I have never seen anyone better." Giebler competed in the Red Bull American Driver Search and was passed over for Joel Nelson. Nelson ended the day 14th quick and wrote his car off the following day. Any sports drink that shows up to back Gielber will be able to receive coverage and equal impact at a fraction of the cost.

Notes & News

ALPHA PHI TEAMS TO BENEFIT MS

Alpha Phi raised funds for Multiple Sclerosis with thirty attendees while learning to race karts at Jim Hall Kart Racing School. The group regularly gets together to have fun and donate a portion of the proceeds from their event to their charity. Pictures from their event can be viewed on www.4Yourpictures.com.





Julie Douglas of Alpha Phi

DANICA PATRICK SEEKS PATH TO THE TOP

Danica Patrick, 21, began racing karts when she was 10 years old. After winning three Grand National go-kart championships before the age of sixteen, she made the unlikely leap into the highly competitive European racing circuit. In 2000, Danica finished second in the world-renowned Formula Ford Festrival. She made her CART debut in 2002 at the Barber Dodge Pro Series in the U.S. Danica won the pro division in the Toyota Pro/Celebrity event at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. On March 25, 2003, driving for Team Rahal in her first **Toyota Atlantic Championship** race in Monterey, Mexico, Danica qualified fourth and finished a strong third. Proof of the benefits of karting!

CHEERLEADER FOR KART RACING

Lindsey Adams, 16, of Dallas, Texas, attended a three-day class at Jim Hall Kart Racing School to hone her racing skills. As a young girl, Lindsey watched her Dad race motorcycles and decided "I want to race!" Finally her dad found an avenue that he felt comfortable with. Lindsey has been racing for two years in KT 100's at North Texas Kartway. She attends an all-girl school, and cheerleads for an all-boy school. Lindsey gets double-takes when she takes her helmet off at her home track, revealing her long, blond hair. Especially after passing the boys, which she loves. "But the high you get from racing is the best part." Lindsey says she can't find that anywhere else. Qualifying off-pole in her first race, winning, and then coming from 5th position in the inverted race to win again, provided lots of endorphins for Lindsey.

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Arrive & Drive Race Series

FALL ARRIVE & DRIVE RACE SERIES RESULTS

The Fall Arrive & Drive Race Series was wrapped up in January 2003 with Peter Olson dominating the Sprints with a season points total of 192. Peter earned a \$2,400 value Jim Russell 3-Day Formula School for his win. In second place was **Richard Wood** with 179.5 points and a \$420 value Shifter Race Day from Jim Hall. Third place went to Bill Lord with 173 points and fourth went to Rob Whitley. Charles McClave won the Shifter Race Series and a 3-Day Formula School from Jim Russell.

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APRIL 2003

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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RACE DAY "A" TRACK 9:30 AM	7	8	9	DAY 1A DAY 1B LAPPING	DAY 2	DAY 1A DAY 1B
DAY 1A DAY 1B	14	DAY 1A DAY 1B LAPPING	16 DAY 2	17	DAY 1A DAY 1B LAPPING	19 DAY 1A DAY 1A
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JULY 2003

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DAY 1B			PARENT/CHILD	PARENT/CHILD		

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AUGUST 2003

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SEPTEMBER 2003

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	PARENT/CHILD					
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"A" TRACK 9:30 AM			DAY 1B LAPPING		DAY 1B LAPPING	DAY 1B
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DAY 1A	DAY 2					
DAY 1B	LAPPING					

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Day 1 (A & B combined)		\$320 (\$30)	Day 2 + SK1	\$695 (\$50)

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