

10th Anniversary Race

Saturday 11th May 2019

Buckmore Park. Chatham, Kent

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Hi All,

Welcome to the March K4H flyer. For those of you who have never been to one of our events in the past or those who are pondering over whether or not to attend this year can I take a few minutes of your time to remind you of what we have achieved and learnt over the previous years.

Our inaugural event back in 2010 was a bit of a step into the unknown despite the fact we had been running a charity kart event since 2001 but this was our first year supporting a military charity. It was a coincidence that Help for Heroes had not long started and was receiving some very positive press which helped with the decision of who we were going to support. We were fortunate to have our first “military guest” at this event with Matt Croucher GC VR who took us straight in to what is alien territory for most of us and opened our eyes to a taste of what our guys go through. Since then we have had numerous guys with military connections joining us on and off track with the last few years seeing teams from Mission Motorsport (UK & NI) becoming very welcome regulars at K4H.

2014 was the first year that Mission Motorsport (MM) joined the K4H party and was possibly one that left the biggest memory with the drivers thanks to ex Black Watch soldier Davie “No Legs” Birrell who is a double amputee with a strong desire and ambition to make a career in motorsport. Apart from Davie showing his enthusiasm by being one of the first to arrive on the day (wanting to suss out the racing lines no doubt!) he also opened up to the drivers in a pre-race talk. Standing at the front of the teams on his two prosthetic legs he gave us all a brief history on what had happened to him personally and how motor sport, MM & Help for Heroes had aided in his recovery. Then without pausing he lent back on the desk at the front of the room and removed one of his racing legs which he passed around the drivers at the front to have a look at. That moment of stunned silence as he did so possibly created more awareness and respect in the room than anything I could ever write.

The following years have seen similar moments where military guests have explained how H4H and events like Karting for Heroes do make a difference both with the money that is raised and just by giving the guys opportunities to participate. Like I have said before, most of us don't and won't fully understand what these guys have been through nor what they have to contend with on a day to day basis. However the individuals who have shared their stories, beaten personal goals and enlightened us have made every event worthwhile in so many ways.

That is why I organise K4H, that is why I would like you to join us if you can and that is why I am extremely grateful to everyone (individuals & companies) who has supported us on and off track since 2010.

Geoff

