## Talladega Gran Prix Sept 6-8, 2024

Supplemental rules and updates will be posted on this document as we have them.

We have some significant updates to release. The first is the Talladega Gran Prix, now known as the **Tom Speaks Memorial Enduro at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway.** Tom was a larger-thanlife character in every way—rotten and sweet, all at once. We lost Tom not too long ago, and those lucky enough to grace his tech area over his many years of service to our sport miss him greatly. With the return of karting to "Lil Talladega," as we know it, a memorial seemed the ideal way to remember Tom. Talladega is where it all started for Tom, and he considered it his home track for several years. This year, one racer will be selected by a vote of all in attendance as the most impressive driver of the weekend. This driver will possess the qualities that help other competitors, be a clean, fair competitor, and exhibit exemplary sportsmanship. A special award will be created to commemorate the recipient and, of course, Tom Speaks.

We look forward to seeing many years of recipients in future years.

Friday practice has been added to this event. Talladega Gran Prix Raceway has added practice for our racers. You can find pre-reg for this on Motorsportsreg.com.

**Race/Class Awards**- As our sport returns to Talladega Gran Prix after many years of absence, everyone has put much effort into making this event well-attended. The following statement is a disclosure of transparency.

We have heard the input of racers who wanted classes included in our event. (Some of those classes don't have a single entry, while others have flourished!) This brings our total class count to 64 for a two-day event, which comes out to several thousands of dollars! Many of which will be left uncollected. This means money was wasted that could have been used to improve the event in other areas.

Moving forward, any class with less than five entries will not have premium awards. They will be awarded a Medallion. In contrast, classes with five or more entries will be awarded plaques, as will Junior 206, Cadet 206, Mini Swift, and Junior 100cc air-cooled Tag,

The deadline for trophies is August 27th. On that date, we will review our pre-registrations and determine the awards to be given. If you feel your class needs to be given awards regardless of entry numbers, please sponsor it, and we will ensure that the class receives plaques. All race events survive on class sponsorships.

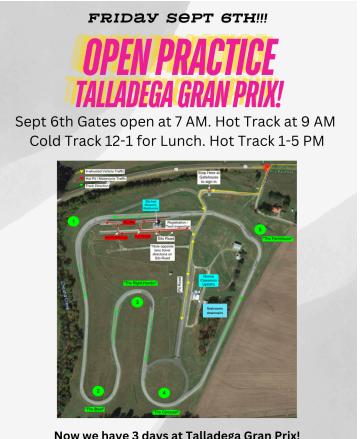
This will be our policy regarding any future Drive Your Line or Karting the Coast events.

**John Klutz** has been added to our DYL Staff as our Tech Director for this event. We welcome his years of commitment to karting and are honored to have him join us in Tech.

**Your "Tom Speaks Memorial Enduro" race directors** are Phil Clements, Allen Cox, and Christy Kendall. All three staff members also serve in other roles, bringing decades of road racing experience to the event. Phil Clements is the Safety Tech/ Head Starter/Flagman, Allen Cox is the Safety tech/grid lineup, and Christy Kendall is the Safety Tech/ Race Event Operations.



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To register for Friday's Practice session, go to Motorsportsreg.com and look for Talladega Gran Prix on Sept 6th. From there, the website will prompt you to complete your registration and payment.





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