

MRM Raceway opens up for second season

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The green flag dropped this weekend at the MRM go-kart racing track marking the start of a second season of racing.

With sunny skies and mild temperatures, racers gathered for the opening weekend of racing at the track in the Town of Milton on Highway 59 and Vincent Rd.

Matt McGuire, owner-operator of the go-kart track, said the track would be open on weekends until schools complete their schedules. Then an expanded schedule will be put in place to capture summer and fall tourists who travel to the Lake Koshkonong area for boating, fishing, golf and camping.

McGuire said the track would become an important attraction for bringing more people into the area.

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At right is Matt McGuire, owner-operator of the MRM Racing Track in the Town of Milton, as he guides a newly rebuilt go-kart into place among his inventory of 22 go-karts. Below, two go-kart racers whip around the track last Sunday on the start of the race season. Photos by Sam Martino



chased all new 9-horse powered engines for its 22 go-karts used by youth and adults. The go-karts can reach speeds of more than 50 mph.

"I'm looking forward to the new motors attracting

riders," said McGuire.

McGuire said he has invested \$350,000 in the go-kart facility since opening the track late last year, including building an oval track ringed by truck and auto tires for safety.

The one-and three quarter acre track also has berms around high speed corners.

Racers are required to wear helmets, safety glasses, jackets and closed toe shoes.

"Safety is an important issue," said McGuire.



The Town of Milton required McGuire to make a variety of safety checks, establish hours and lighting for the track before it allowed McGuire to open.

Since then, McGuire said he has been pleased with the

town's response to his requests and hopes they can work together in establishing more improvements.

Current hours of operation are Fridays 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.