

Volta Grand Prix: First Event

We had great turnout for the first event with 22 drivers.

The drivers were split into 4 weight classes, from GT1 (lightest) to GT4 (heaviest). There was qualifying and two races for each class.

There was lots of discussion after as racers love to talk racing – and plenty of homework to do between now and the next event.

We'll be adjusting the format for the next event. It's a work in progress and a chance to build something really great.

Let's keep focusing on the basics to put that solid foundation in place for many seasons of great racing to come.

A big **Thank You** to all the guys who made this event happen, as well as Francois, Minh and all the staff at Allsports.

Congratulations To...

- **Michael Wu** for winning both races in GT1.
- **Tony Ward** for setting the fastest time of the day, as well as winning both races in GT2.
- **Linwood Mishler** for winning both GT3 races
- **Keith Shugarts** and **Alex Cumming** for heroic driving and taking one win apiece in GT4.

Drivers Come First

At the moment the first step is to grow the championship and develop the driving talent. Once that has been accomplished it will be time to introduce racing electric karts on a wider scale.

Volta GP Vision

This project started off back in 2006 with the concept that widespread use of electric vehicles (EVs) will be an eventual reality.

Maybe not yet today, but at some point down the road.

This is why it's named after Alessandro Volta, the Italian physicist who is credited with inventing the electric cell (battery).

The prototype electric kart runs great. Those of you who have driven it can attest to the instant torque, smoothness, driveability and simplicity.

The vision is that we will create a ladder system where EVs will be raced by some of the best drivers in the world. And it will be affordable at the entry level so we can draw from a much larger talent pool. How far each driver can go will be based on merit.

What we're trying to accomplish is to make racing accessible and fair, to democratize racing so to speak. But without anarchy.

Why EV Racing Will Work

Motorsport can use EVs effectively because the rules can be created specifically around their present limitations, namely range, weight and higher cost when compared with gasoline-powered vehicles.

With the premise that racing improves the breed, this will eventually push EV technology to higher levels of performance.

MeetUp.com Is Amazing

This group was started simply for the purpose of finding drivers to race with. At the first event only one other guy showed up. But the second event drew five attendees, the next one 10. It just kept growing.

And along the way we found out many more dimensions to our members, and that most of us are really into cars and motorsport.

A completely unexpected benefit is that it's also a phenomenal networking

opportunity. Job introductions have been made, a racing team was started and talents too good to go undiscovered have surfaced. Together we're creating something where the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts. It's been extremely gratifying.

Spotlight: Keith Shugarts



He started racing big wheels at age five and has always been attracted to speed, competition and racing. Not surprisingly, he's an assistant organizer of the Karting MeetUp, and all around good guy.

When he was younger, Keith raced BMX bikes and autocrossed.

After moving to Northern Virginia, Keith found karting at AllSports and began racing in the BMWCCA League. He found out about the Meetup group thanks to an ad and has been actively involved ever since. Now, Keith is working on getting his competition license so he can go wheel-to-wheel racing with the SCCA and NASA.

Earlier this year Keith joined with Meetup members Michael Wu and Cris Rodriguez to form a race team. They purchased their first race car - an RX7 - and will be campaigning it starting this year.

To support his racing and karting habits Keith works as a source data analyst. And when not racing, Keith enjoys sailing, surfing, reading and travel.

Event 1 Results

February 27, 2010 Allsports Grand Prix, Sterling, Virginia

GT1						
Pos	Qualifying	Race 1 Finish	Pts	Race 2 Start	Race 2 Finish	Pts
1	Michael Wu	Michael Wu	26	Sam Schechter	Michael Wu	26
2	David Nguyen	David Nguyen	18	David Nguyen	David Nguyen	18
3	Sam Schechter	Sam Schechter	14	Michael Wu	Sam Schechter	14

GT2						
Pos	Qualifying	Race 1 Finish	Pts	Race 2 Start	Race 2 Finish	Pts
1	Tony Ward	Tony Ward	26	Cris Rodriguez	Tony Ward	26
2	Eric Jones	Eric Jones	18	Bill Mercurio	Eric Jones	18
3	Steve Rice	Oliver Rojas	14	Kalyan Jupalle	Gilbert Eman	14
4	Oliver Rojas	Steve Rice	10	Jason Mulveny	Oliver Rojas	10
5	Jason Mulveny	Gilbert Eman	8	Gilbert Eman	Jason Mulveny	8
6	Chetan Devraj	Jason Mulveny	6	Steve Rice	Steve Rice	6
7	Gilbert Eman	Kalyan Jupalle	4	Oliver Rojas	Kalyan Jupalle	4
8	Kalyan Jupalle	Chetan Devraj	3	Eric Jones	Cris Rodriguez	3
9	Bill Mercurio	Bill Mercurio	2	Tony Ward	Chetan Devraj	2
10	Cris Rodriguez	Cris Rodriguez	1	Chetan Devraj	Bill Mercurio	1

GT3						
Pos	Qualifying	Race 1 Finish	Pts	Race 2 Start	Race 2 Finish	Pts
1	Linwood Mishler	Linwood Mishler	26	Santiago Gabela	Linwood Mishler	26
2	Jeff Navin	Jeff Navin	18	Hossam Ahmed	Ary Jogasurya	18
3	Mark Snodgrass	Mark Snodgrass	14	Ary Jogasurya	Jeff Navin	14
4	Ary Jogasurya	Ary Jogasurya	10	Mark Snodgrass	Mark Snodgrass	10
5	Hossam Ahmed	Hossam Ahmed	8	Jeff Navin	Hossam Ahmed	8
6	Santiago Gabela	Santiago Gabela	6	Linwood Mishler	Santiago Gabela	6

GT4						
Pos	Qualifying	Race 1 Finish	Pts	Race 2 Start	Race 2 Finish	Pts
1	Keith Shugarts	Keith Shugarts	26	Graham Fuller	Alex Cumming	26
2	Graham Fuller	Alex Cumming	18	Alex Cumming	Keith Shugarts	18
3	Alex Cumming	Graham Fuller	14	Keith Shugarts	Graham Fuller	14

Schedule of Events

Round	Date	Venue	Drivers' Mtg	Starts	Spring Series
1	Sat Feb 27	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
2	Sat Mar 13	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
3	Sun Mar 21	AIK	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	
4	Sat Apr 17	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
5	Sat May 1	SPK	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	
6	Sat May 22	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
7	Sat Jun 5	SPK (night race)	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	

Fall Series begins June 27, 2010