



KARTING *for* HEROES

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2010 Event

A blistering Sunday (23rd May 2010) afternoon with temperatures of 26 degrees greeted the teams for the inaugural Karting for Heroes organised by hydraulic and pneumatic component supplier **HYDRAQUIP** at Buckmore Park, Chatham. Kent, where both Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button honed their skills. The event was a three hour team endurance race which was open to anyone who wanted to help raise money for Help for Heroes, which has in a very short time raised both the awareness of the post conflict battles our troops face and also raised millions of pounds which goes to practical and direct support for our wounded. 18 teams from across the UK made the starting line up with a mixture of 'enthusiastic' drivers, regulars, novices and those who had never sat in a kart EVER! The first ever Karting for Heroes event was honoured to have amongst it's supporters Marine reservist and George Cross recipient Matt Croucher who saved many lives in his patrol in Afghanistan by throwing himself on an IED, along with reigning Miss England and serving soldier Katrina Hodge were just two of the supporters for the first running of the event which raised £7748 for Help for Heroes. The winners after 197 laps and a mere lead of only 3.37 seconds over second placed HYDRAQUIP was Rifle Range Farm's team from Bedfordshire.

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The 2011 K4H will take place on Saturday 21st May 2011 at the Buckmore Park circuit in Kent and we are delighted to confirm that the inaugural sponsors of the event wish to continue with their support for this year along with a number of teams who have committed to come back including last years winners Rifle Range Farm who return as defending champions and hoping to hold on to the title. The event will start just before noon with teams arriving for the pre race briefing and warm up, with the actual race getting underway at 14:00hrs. Last year the Buckmore record for the highest amount raised "bidding for pole position" was broken by K4H and this looks set for more teams already committed to smashing that total.

K4H After Party

In addition to the on track racing there will be a K4H After Party at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel which will have a line up of three (Comedy Club) comedians, the K4H Auction and finished off by a disco late into the night. This years target is to raise in excess of £10,000 for Help for Heroes and by the enthusiasm shown by the teams who are lined up this should easily be achieved.

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Help for Heroes is a very young charity but has made an amazing and positive impact for our wounded service personnel. They have 5 Key Messages . .

It's about 'the blokes': those men and women of our Armed Forces who have been wounded in the service of our country since 9/11.

H4H provides direct, practical support for our wounded. We fund projects and initiatives that make a real difference to the lives of our wounded heroes.

We do not seek to criticise or be political. We just want to help and we work closely with the Army, Navy and RAF to provide support where it is most needed.

'Money in, money out'. We spend all that we get. and all our admin costs are covered by selling H4H merchandise through Help for Heroes Trading.

It's about doing your bit, no matter how big or small. Every fundraiser is special to us and can make a real difference, so please keep going!

HYDRAQUIP started in a small industrial unit in Crawley in 1989 and now employs nearly 100 people at nine locations across England with a turnover exceeding £10million. The company has a customer base covering a variety of industries both in the UK and overseas, supplying products and services for users of hydraulics and pneumatics. The company have been running charity karting events at Buckmore for a number of years and have raised almost £50,000 for local charities in the South East.



George Cross recipient and a true hero Matt Croucher



2010 Miss England (right) Katrina Hodge



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