



# GoGirlRacing Alaska



Annita perfected jumping from one car to the other this summer with the Quarter Midgets racing 4 of the same days that the Bandolero's ran at North-Star Speedway



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Okay I'll admit it, I thought with all the driving back and forth to the races I'd have plenty of time to do a newsletter monthly. Boy, was I wrong, I can't type on the road..

Annita has improved tremendously. Starting the weekend of July 1st, the drivers from NorthPole came down, so that there were 10 drivers, 2 heat races and a main race. Annita finished 8th in the first heat. She thought she should've been doing better, but just couldn't figure out what was going on. Then a friend (TJ Clark) came over and talked to her and told her the same thing mom and dad had been telling her about driving and she finished 6th in the next heat. When the main came and she finished 5th, cool, half way through the pack! Next day, she went right out there and finished 5th for the 1st heat, the 2nd heat she got 4th, and by the main she finished 3rd. The way the points worked out, she finished 5th place for a combination of both days. What was really great about this weekend was the fact she moved up from finishing 8th all the way to finishing 3rd.

She held the 3rd place for the next few races.

On July 29th she finished 3rd for the day, even though she was pushed into the wall in the main. They were 3 wide on the straight away something happened ending with Annita going into the wall. That's racing. One driver involved ended up having a minor fire so she was out. Annita tried to finish the race, but ended up coming in after a couple of laps, stating the car just didn't "feel right". We thought she'd just gotten nervous about the wall, turned out she was right. The left hand side of the car had a bent spindle and the A-arm was broke. We ended up taking the race of August 5th off to finish fixing the car and letting Annita compete in her soccer tournament (the team took 1st).

The car was repaired and all set for the race on August 12th. The 1st heat was really good, the whole pack was together, Annita was catching up with the leaders. Coming through the bumps in a corner, she lost control and broke the right hand tie rod which threw her into the wall. She crashed hard this time. The medics were right there, and were a big help, I'm so thankful for them. She gave us a scare for a bit, said her legs hurt. After the medics figured out that nothing too serious was wrong, Kurt carried her off the track so that the medics could finish examining her away from the grandstand. Her legs were *only* sore and bruised a bit. Fortunately or unfortunately we were also racing quarter midgets that day. We asked one of the other Bandolero drivers (Andy Schwochert) if he wanted to give it a try. He did pretty well and enjoyed himself. Annita did go out and race the Quarter Midget for the main and finished 2nd. I was glad to see she was ready to go out after the accident.

With help from TJ and Faith, Kurt got the frame almost straightened out, but the wheel on the other hand was a total loss. Kurt and Annita had to fix the right hand spindle and A-arm, did some fiberglass work and used good ole duct tape to fix the body work,. Then gave the car a good going through looking for breaks or stress fractures, just in case.

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Car was ready on August 19th but the weather sure wasn't, that's the weekend that everything flooded in the Valley. We still took the car up and just left it so we didn't have to worry about it.

On the 26th Annita had a very good race day. The cars from North Pole come down making a racing field of 8 cars. Annita took 3rd in the 1st heat, being the fastest of all the NorthStar racers. In the main she came in 4th. Just behind one of her fellow NorthStar racers.

She came in 4th for the NorthStar season, with only 566 points behind Andy (season points leader) and 75 points behind Chelsea

### GoGirlRacing Schedule for the 2006 season.

#### Quarter Midget

##### Dirt Track Series

All races are at Twin City Raceway unless otherwise stated

June 17th  
July 15th  
July 22nd  
Sept 1st- Palmer State Fair Grounds  
Sept 9th - Under the Lights

##### Pavement Series:

June 6th - North Peninsula Rec - 3rd  
June 10th - Northstar Speedway - 2nd  
June 21st - North Peninsula Rec - 1st  
July 4th - Kenai Christian Church - 2nd  
July 8th - Northstar Speedway - 2nd  
July 20th - Kenai Christian Church - rain out  
July 29th - Northstar Speedway - 3rd  
Aug 10th - Kenai Christian Church - 3rd  
Aug 12th - Northstar Speedway - 2nd  
Aug 23rd - North Peninsula Rec - 2nd  
Sept 9th - Soldotna Sports Center - Dirt Race  
Sept 17th - Soldotna Sports Center - 1st  
Sept 24th - Soldotna Sports Center  
Oct 1st - Soldotna Sports Center

#### Bandolero

All races are at Northstar Speedway unless otherwise stated Races start at 5:00 pm

May 6th - Test & Tune  
May 13th - Cancelled due to Track Repair  
May 20th - 4th overall  
June 3rd - 5th overall  
June 10th - 3rd overall  
June 24th - 5th overall  
July 1st - 5th overall  
July 2nd - 5th overall  
July 8th - 3rd overall  
July 22nd - 3rd overall  
July 29th - 3rd overall even with a crash  
Aug 5th - Didn't race  
Aug 12th - Mechanical Crash  
Aug 19th - rain out  
Aug 26th - 4th overall  
Sept 2nd - NorthPole Speedway - Unable to attend  
Sept 3rd - Tanacross - Unable to attend

McDonald in 3rd. Annita missed 4 races for the season. Next season should be exciting.

She enjoyed her season at NorthStar and is already looking forward toward going back the coming year.



#### An overview of Annita's Quarter Midget races

This has not been Annita's year for Quarter Midget racing in the dirt. Not only were we not able to make all the races but she kept breaking down. For the 1st race on June 17th, she broke the chain and the gear in the 1st race. The racing that day was great - Steven, Keith, Kendall and Russell put on a great show. She's in 3rd place for the

Dirt Track series. .

We had company out at North Pen Rec for (plus Mama) up in the hockey rink light



June 21st we were at was "In The Zone" for this day.

The 4th of July... we had the parade in Kenai. We put 5 cars on a tractor trailer did a bit of decorating and we were off. Yes, we had candy and passed out schedules so that maybe we would get a few more people to come out and watch the races afterward. We went to the Church and ate hamburgers and raced. A couple people stopping by to check it out. Got great exposure from the Church and enjoy racing there.

NorthStar was a long way to drive, but fun and fast. We put a good on a show for the Valley. We keep hoping that it'll catch on up there. It would be great if the different areas could race against each other. We'll see..

Annita still couldn't catch Steven's new car, I guess it just needs another year on it. This is her last year in the Quarter Midget. If you know of anyone that has the time for their kids to race it's a great family sport.



2 of our races this year....we had a Raven family of 3 fixture. It really was pretty cool (at least I thought so).

North Pen Rec again and Annita won all but 1 race. She

