



Superkart Racing Gets a Flying Start

Iron Rock Raceway will open Texas' first superkart country club at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport within months.

Austin, TX ([PRWEB](#)) August 7, 2004 -- Superkart racing in Austin is taking off at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). Today, Austin City Council approved a lease agreement between Iron Rock Raceway and ABIA that will allow Iron Rock to open its superkart track and country club on ABIA property by early 2005.

Iron Rock Raceway will be one of the nation's first karting country clubs and the world's first karting track to be located at an international airport.

Iron Rock Raceway will be located on an 8.1-acre property immediately southeast of the ABIA passenger terminal and will include a semi-permanent, multi-configuration kart sprint track that can be periodically reconfigured to create new challenging racecourses. The facility also will include automatic race scoring, a 22,000 square-foot member clubhouse with locker rooms, showers, VIP and spectator viewing areas, kart rentals, a driving development school and a karting pro shop.

While Iron Rock Raceway will be primarily a membership facility, "arrive and drive" passes will also be available, allowing non-members to experience the excitement of kart racing and witness more advanced racers in action. The group already has received dozens of calls from people ready to sign up.

"Austin-Bergstrom is the ideal location for our club," said Rich Phillips, Iron Rock Raceway president. "It's close to town, there's easy access, and visibility from the ABIA passenger terminal will provide our members with a viewing audience."

Originally, the track was to begin construction on undeveloped land nearby in early 2005, but Phillips said that demand, combined with ABIA's excellent accommodations, prompted the Iron Rock team to speed up their schedule. The ABIA property will allow the club to offer a first-class track for practice, training and competitions months sooner than anticipated.

"This location is large enough to host local and regional racing events," Phillips points out, "and our lease with ABIA offers access to additional areas during national events. We believe our members are going to be very excited."

"The race karts offer Central Texans a new recreational opportunity on unused airport property. We wish Iron Rock Raceway much success," said Jim Smith, Executive Director, City of Austin Aviation Department.

Called "ultimate racing machines" by Popular Science, superkarts are advanced racing machines, featuring electronic engine management and data collection, carbon-fiber bodies and floating rotor disk brakes. Superkarts are capable of zero-to-60 acceleration in three seconds and top speeds of 130 mph. Faster and more nimble than nearly all production sports cars, superkarts rival multimillion-dollar race cars in performance at a fraction of the price.



Iron Rock Raceway was the primary sponsor of the Austin Grand Prix regional superkart race held at Highland Mall in early June.

For more information on Iron Rock Raceway, visit www.ironrockraceway.com

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