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1. KRUG: Oh, hey, I didn't see you guys there. My name is Bobby Krug, welcome to my garage. I am the 2017 iDrive Champion. This isn't actually my garage. Today I'm going to share 5 simple kart racing tips to help you get a little faster on the race track. Whether you've never been on track before or you've been a handful of times, these tips are necessities to being a competitive, clean and fast driver. Let's get started.

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3. My first tip, and as cliché as it sounds; is practice makes perfect. I have spent the past few years racing karts as my primary past-time. Do not be discouraged if you're not immediately running super fast lap times. Racing is a very intense sport and the slightest mistakes can cost you seconds on a lap time. When you go out to race, try new things out and talk to other drivers and ask

B-ROLL OF KARTERS WALKING TOGETHER  
TWO KARTERS TALKING ON GRID

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GOPRO B-ROLL OF STANDING START

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GOPRO B-ROLL, REAR FACING TOWARDS  
DRIVER

them questions like: What's the preferred line around the track? Where is the braking point for the turn? Every small piece of information you pick up is like a tool in your bottomless toolbox of racing knowledge that you can use any time you're on the track.

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4. My second tip is to be conscious of what your hands are doing. You want to be comfortable but if you start hand placement habits early, they become more natural over time. A good place to start is a typical 9 and 3 position but a lot of experienced racers hold the wheel lower. This makes your arms and hands closer to your core which allows you to be more precise and quick with movements. Although some drivers get away with it, I would avoid being higher on the wheel than 9 and 3. You also don't need to have a death grip on the wheel. When going down straightaways, you can loosen your grip or even take a hand off the wheel to relax the muscles in your hands.

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5. My third tip involves what you do with those hands; steering. Smooth is fast. Do not saw the wheel back and forth. Sure you might have to countersteer if you need to correct yourself but the less input you put on the wheel, the faster you will be.

## GOPRO B-ROLL OF THE FLICKING TECHNIQUE

You can tell if you're too aggressive with wheel inputs if you hear your tires screeching. Experienced drivers utilize a flicking technique when going through turns - essentially, they have the turn understood well enough to where they can snap the wheel to get it turned in at the right angle and go back to being completely straight on the wheel and the kart basically carries itself through the rest of the turn. It takes practice to get it down right but once you do, that is the best way to approach turns.

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6. My fourth tip has to do with braking. In your daily driver, you've got all-wheel braking probably with an ABS system. Karts handle completely differently. Karts brake with the rear wheels only with nothing keeping them from locking up. In addition to the flicking method I mentioned, you may also use burst braking. In burst braking, you hit the brakes quick and hard before you enter the turn which allows the rear end of the kart to step out a little bit and helps in the turning process. You want to make sure when burst braking, you are doing it before the turn, traveling in a straight line. If you try burst braking through a turn, you're probably going to spin out. In using the flicking method, you would burst brake right before

you flick the wheel entering the turn.

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GOPRO B-ROLL OF PASSING KARTS

GOPRO B-ROLL OF BEING PASSED

7. Finally, my fifth tip is to not be concerned with faster drivers on track. If you're approaching slower traffic, you want to pass them in a way that creates no contact between your kart and theirs, even if it means slowing down through turns to make a pass on a straightaway. Most experienced drivers follow that same rule which means that if you're on track with someone that is faster than you, they will treat you with the same level of respect. The best thing to do when being chased down by a faster kart is to maintain your normal driving line. If they are truly faster than you, they will find their way around you. Do not slow down to allow them to pass; this way, you'll maximize your amount of time that you are directly behind them and you can take note on what they are doing different compared to you and see if you can find where you are losing time to the faster drivers.

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8. Well, hopefully, I was able to teach you something that you didn't already know. If you haven't tried out kart racing, I recommend coming out to your local kart track, invite some friends and make a fun

day out of it. If you're in the St. Louis area, I invite you to check out the Gateway Kartplex. I hope to see you out on the track!

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