



## *PIT NEWS* *September 2024*

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**Next Meeting: September 4, 2024**

### *A Few Words from the President's Desk*



Hi Everyone,

It's almost September and the Motor Racing Fan Club is back on track and ready to roll. The Green Flag will drop at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Our guest speaker will be Rich Udell, a life-long car collector, car show champion and fellow Villager. I look forward to seeing you at the track, oops, I mean the meeting.

We are earnestly working on finalizing plans for our October anniversary celebration/meeting. There will be no business meeting. Instead, there will be entertainment by The Leesburg Blues Brothers with a meet and greet, including their car and photos after the show. Please see article in this newsletter for more important details.

For those of you who fill up your calendar quickly, remember to mark Saturday, February 1, 2025, 5 p.m. to attend our Hall of Fame Induction Celebration – dinner by Pasta Faire, induction ceremony and entertainment by Ms. Toni Booker. A fun evening is in store! Please plan to join us in thanking our guest speakers from 2024 and celebrating another year of honoring all types of racing.

Finally, I hope you had a great summer break, got to attend races all over the country, and will join us often as possible for another season of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.

Gerry G.  
Your Prez

## Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 4, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Oct. 2, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Nov. 6, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Dec. 4, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
December TBA	The Villages Christmas Parade, Spanish Springs Town Square
January TBA	Monthly Meeting, date and location TBA (The first Wednesday is Jan. 1 and the recreation centers are closed)
Jan. 4, Saturday	Car Club Showcase, Brownwood Paddock Square, 5 PM
Feb. 1, Saturday	Hall of Fall Induction Celebration, Eisenhower Recreation Center, 5 PM



## Prediction Row UPDATE



With just one race to go before the Playoff Segment begins, we have a tight race for the top three spots. Remember that the top three will be determined by the number of wins, then by points.

Although there was no winner picker at the Daytona race, it was an exciting race as Harrison Burton beat Kyle Busch at the very end of overtime to give the Wood Brothers their 100<sup>th</sup> win. After the Daytona race, the Summer Segment standings are as follows:

<b>Bob Carlblom</b>	<b>1 win</b>	<b>427 points</b>
<b>Larry Palermi</b>	<b>1 win</b>	<b>411 points</b>
<b>Marty Wool</b>	<b>1 win</b>	<b>335 points</b>
Brian Broughton	0 wins	417 points
Brian Dillon	0 wins	372 points
Gerry Hafer	0 wins	209 points

The top three in both the Spring and Summer Segments will compete in the Playoffs. Be sure to attend the meeting on September 4 to celebrate all the members competing for the championship. The Spring Segment winners were Donna Gross, Shel Larson and Mike Petix. They will be joined by the top three of the Summer Segment.

Silky Meegan  
Prediction Row Coordinator

## Next Meeting – September 4



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Colony Cottage Rec Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Village of Winifred resident Rich Udell. Rich’s hot-rodding history goes back to age 14 when he would sit in study hall and read Hot Rod magazines hidden by his math book.

At age 17 Udell bought his first car, a 1963 Plymouth Savoy. Today he owns a ‘63 Savoy with the same color and interior. However, this beauty is a Savoy Superstock with a 426 Max Wedge engine – a factory race car that is one of only 18 ever made.

Rich and his wife, Paige, are well-known car collectors and car show champions – having built, owned, traded and sold dozens of highly collectible vehicles over the years. Rich and his wife have also designed what can best be described as “automotive art.” Two beautiful examples of this are [Instigator](#), a 1934 Chevrolet Phantom Sedan, and [Timeless](#), a 1932 Ford Roadster.

## October 2 – Club’s 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Meeting

We will be celebrating the club’s 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary by being entertained by the

### Leesburg Blues Brothers Tribute Group



They are a high energy and fun team. This event **REQUIRES AN ADVANCED RESERVATION.** Each club member who is a member in good standing (dues are paid to date) is entitled to attend and bring 1 guest. **RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY** by signing up at the September 4 meeting or by contacting club president Gerry G. **NO LATER than September 15.** Gerry’s telephone number is 215-630-1402 and her email is [gerryglbi@cs.com](mailto:gerryglbi@cs.com). **If you do not have a reservation, you will not be admitted to the show.** Cake will provided but feel free to bring snacks and a beverage to enjoy.

## Camp Villages Kids had a blast starting their engines

Bob and Janine Woodsford once again spearheaded the Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza. They along with Gerry, Club President, and other club members volunteered to make this event a great success. A BIG THANK YOU to the Woodfords and all the volunteers.



## Pictures from June 29 Car Show at Brownwood

Here are a few pictures from June 29 when our club joined with six other car clubs to showcase and display their cars. A BIG THANK YOU to JEFF ING and other club members who attended and helped out. Unfortunately, the night was cut short due to rain.



(L) Dick Anderson Camaro



(R) Best Appearing-Russell Gerhardt 64 Fairlane



(L) Farthest Travelled, Orlando- Dana Fino



(R) Oldest Car 32 Coupe – David Poe



Members meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive (corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Ln) every Thursday by 8 a.m. to sit and chat about all things racing. So come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast.

***PLEASE KEEP US POSTED!***

Did you move, change your phone number or e-mail address? We need to know. Please let membership coordinator Lois Taylor, know by either checking in with her at a meeting or emailing her at ltaylr@hotmail.com or calling her at (352) 633-5624. It is important that we have updated information in the event we need to reach out to members.

*Let's Welcome our New Members!*



NO NEW MEMBERS

**Editor's Corner of jokes (and sometimes) useless funny tidbits...**



If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Did you hear about the ATM that got addicted to money? It suffered from withdrawals!

## *Get Well and Thinking of You*

*We would like to send well wishes to all of our members and their families who may be recovering from or are in the midst of dealing with a medical illness.*

### **Glen Carter – Founding President**

We have been notified that Glen is not doing well. He was hospitalized and is now at home. We are sure it would brighten his day if he was to receive a card from any club members. Please keep him in your prayers. Silky has sent cards to Glen from the club and the Breakfast Club, but for those of you that would like to send him a card, his address is:

Glen Carter  
201 Crosstown Drive, #3206  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

### **Club Apparel**

#### ***NEW ITEM AVAILABLE***



We have a new item, a **Knit Cuff Beanie with our logo, \$15**. Show off your club pride with “crew uniform” apparel items featuring the club logo. To view the complete line of apparel, please go to the club’s website, [VillagesRacingClub.com](http://VillagesRacingClub.com)

These high-quality items may be seen at every club meeting. Some items without your embroidered name are “cash and carry.” Orders for embroidered items are taken at each meeting, but we need to order a minimum of six items at a time. Cash or check is required at the time of order.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please see Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at [mikesg201@gmail.com](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com).



### **Assistant Media Coordinators**

We are searching for helpers to assist media coordinator Mike Anderson with activities that he handles. They are quite varied: print member badges, email blasts, PowerPoint at meetings, club website and Facebook. We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or [mike.mag70@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mag70@gmail.com).

## **Sponsorship Opportunity with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club**



Our club's Sponsorship Program is "revved" up. Here is the information that is given to a sponsor to show them what the club will provide in return for their sponsorship.

We are pleased to announce your sponsorship will be showcased on our website Sponsor Page. It will also be promoted at our monthly meetings and at every racing booth throughout the year. We will provide handouts and advertise your business at our racing events.

Sponsorships will go a long way toward making our goals a reality. We are striving to bring informative and diverse racing-related events to The Villages. For more information to become a sponsor, please contact club president, Gerry Greim at 215-630-1402 or [gerryglbi@cs.com](mailto:gerryglbi@cs.com).





## PIT CREW

**Need to get in touch with a member of the Pit Crew?  
Please see the information below.**

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Gerry Greim	President	Crew Chief	215-630-1402
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary and Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	708-744-7292
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
Lois Taylor	Membership Coordinator	Mechanic	352-633-5624
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Coordinator	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsor Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jeff Ing	Car Shows Coordinator	Spotter	631-897-6263
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-750-1185

**Don't forget to visit our website for more club information.**

# Thank You

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support. We ask that you please support these businesses so that they can continue to be a vital part of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.



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Doylestown, PA  
800-541-9352



Bob Woodsford, Realtor  
The Villages, FL  
352-430-5249



Historic Auto Attractions  
Roscoe, IL  
815-389-7917



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TriLine Services  
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765-459-3877



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The Villages, FL  
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