Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Gathers for Final Race of Season

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The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club got together at Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center Sunday night to watch the final NASCAR race of the season on the big screen.

About 20 members gathered to watch Jeff Gordon attempt to win the championship in his final season racing in NASCAR.

Jerry Conkle, president of the club was supported by club members as he has been a Jeff Gordon fan since 1990. With a little help from Jerry's wife, Bea Conkle, Vice President Wendy Touchette, an avid Tony Stewart fan, surprised Jerry by wearing a Jeff Gordon #24 logo NASCAR shirt for the final race.

Jerry has been a Jeff Gordon fan since Gordon started racing midget car's in Indiana in 1990s. Jerry says in all the years he watched Gordon race the most memorable race for

him was when Gordon won his first race in NASCAR at the Brickyard in 1994.

Other Gordon fans were also in the group and came with some vintage shirts and jackets. Jim and Barb Pappas brought Jeff Gordon rainbow color jacket's from Tyvek Racing Team that was made out of Tyvek house wrap material. Jim also had on a Jeff Gordon shirt from the 1994 Brickyard NASCAR Race.

Other club members were cheering for their drivers, like Kevin Harvick, Jimmy Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

The club meets the first Wednesday of the month at Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

