

# The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club celebrates 10 years of revved-up fandom

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The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club celebrated its 10th anniversary Wednesday at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

The celebration featured a beautiful commemorative cake marking the decade anniversary of the club.

Roger Edmundson was the featured speaker for the historic meeting.



**Silky Meegan of the The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.**

"We probably have 10 members who were charter members of the club," said Wendy Touchette, vice-president of the club. "We have grown over the past 10 years. We probably had 75 people interested at first meeting. We've had 100-120 at our meetings over the years."

The club draws people who are interested in motor racing.

"We are into all sorts of racing. Anything with a motor," Touchette, who resides in the Village of Sunset Pointe, said. "We go to a lot of local tracks and people don't like to go by themselves, so we go as a group."

Silky Meegan, who lives in the Village of Sabal Chase, is another member who has been with the club since its inception.

"I'm a charter member," Meegan said. "It's been amazing how the club has grown over the years."

Meegan is the corresponding secretary of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.

The club is involved with several community projects.

"Like any Villages club, we do work in the community,"

Touchette said. "For fund-raising efforts, we donate a lot of things."

Included are donations to charities, race drivers and scholarships.

Among the activities of the club are auctions for charities, yard and bake sales, poker runs, club cookouts, bus trips to races and participation in The Villages Christmas Parade.

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club by the numbers includes four presidents over the 10 years, six scholarship recipients, nine Hall of Fame inductions with 124 Hall of Fame members, five night golf scrambles, 43 bus trips to races and 13 races on the big screen and several carpools to races.

The club has been building up to the big anniversary by showing highlights of the first 10 years, two years at a time, at the meetings.

Anyone interested in joining The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club for its next decade, should go to its website, [villagesracingclub.com](http://villagesracingclub.com).