



## *PIT NEWS* *January, 2022*

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**Next Meeting: January 5, 2022**

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



Once again, a new year has arrived. The board of directors has been working diligently on obtaining an interesting array of guest speakers and planning different events for our members.

Please don't forget to get your tickets for the Hall of Fame Induction Celebration being held on January 30 (more details below).

Bill Watson will be our speaker at the January 5 meeting. He has been a photojournalist for 49 years for NASCAR, Indy and Formula 1 (see below for more details). Bill will be bringing the NASCAR Truck Series Pace Car and also have handouts for our members. You will not want to miss the opportunity to meet Bill.

Please read the entire newsletter to find out more about our upcoming events, such as our Hall of Fame Celebration, National Parts Depot tour, Gainesville Goldmine tour, plus other upcoming events.

I would like to personally thank everyone on the board of directors and every member of our club for all of your support which you have given to me and the club. Without our members paying their dues and attending our monthly meetings, our club could not be sustainable. Our membership is growing and most important is that our members become involved. Anyone who would be interested in helping the club please let me know.

Upon closing, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Regards,  
Chris Bleistein

## Next Meeting – January 5



Our next meeting is on Jan. 5 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Bill Watson, a renowned photographer who was a staff photographer at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for 48 years.

Bill has covered all the Indy 500, NASCAR, Formula 1 Grand Prix, and Moto GP Motorcycle events held at the IMS from 1964 to 2013.

Watson's images have been published worldwide in books, magazines, street banners, displays in the Lucas Fieldhouse, Naval Museums, and limited issue posters.

## Important Upcoming Dates

January 5, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7pm
January 14, Friday	Charles Poindexter's Goldmine Tour, Gainesville
January 30, Sunday	Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, Lake Miona Rec Center
February 2, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7pm
February 20, Sunday	Daytona 500 Pot Luck Party, Bridgeport Rec Center
March 2, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7pm
March 10, Thursday	National Parts Depot Tour, Ocala

## *We need your cooperation*

We need everyone's cooperation when attending the monthly meetings. Everyone is required to stop at the tables that are set up right outside the meeting room and check in. The Villages Recreation Dept. requires that we give them an accurate count of the number of people in attendance for safety reasons. Their count needs to match our headcount which is very important to ensure we continue to be able to hold our monthly meetings in the current room. Please refrain from coming in the back door. Please DO NOT bypass checking in at this table.

### **Pictures from our December 1 Meeting**



Dave Salot was our December speaker. He kept all of the membership intrigued with stories about the work that he does behind the scenes at the NASCAR races.

## **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

### *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Hall of Fame Induction Celebration*

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**



Doors Open: 4:30 PM

Dinner: 4:45 PM

#### **LAKE MIONA RECREATION CENTER**

1526 BUENA VISTA BLVD

THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

The Board of Directors have been hard at work planning the Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Extravaganza. This year there is a new format that we are excited about. There will be entertainment provided by the duo "In Motion" so wear your dancing shoes. This event is not limited to members only, it is open to members, spouses, significant others and friends. So please feel free to invite your friends. The meal is being provided by Pasta Faire followed by cake for dessert.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are on sale now. If you are unable to make a meeting, but you want to purchase tickets, you can mail a check made payable to TVMRFC in the amount of the number of tickets you will need directly to Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163. Should you have any questions about the tickets, you can call Donna at (401) 323-1334 or email Donna at [donnaracing27@gmail.com](mailto:donnaracing27@gmail.com).

Hoping all can attend and make this a memorable event. **Business casual attire is appreciated.**

## **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](mailto: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 you.

## The Villages 2021 Christmas Parade



The day could not have been any better for the 2021 Villages Christmas Parade. A great time was had by all, thank you to Silky for coordinating it and for all who participated.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership so far. We will be taking renewals at the January meeting again. This is a reminder to all that you must check in at the sign in table no matter which entrance you use. Be sure to bring your membership card so we can attach the blue sticker for 2022. To make things move faster we will have two tables, one for sign in and one for renewals/new members.

We have to report attendance count to Colony staff, so your cooperation will be appreciated greatly.

If you have any questions about your membership, please let me know either by email [ltaylr@hotmail.com](mailto:ltaylr@hotmail.com) or phone (352) 633-5624. Anyone who is out of town can just mail a check to me at THE VILLAGES MOTOR RACING FAN CLUB and send it to 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163.

Lois Taylor, Membership Coordinator

### Editor's Corner of useful (and sometimes) useless funny tidbits....



*Donna is still on holiday time and will return next month!!!!*



*Let's Welcome our New Members!*

No new members

## The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Announces a New Sponsorship Opportunity



The club's Sponsorship Program is "revving" 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, Chris Bleistein, 954-729-3050 or [cbfla13@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbfla13@bellsouth.net).

## Club Apparel Is Back

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 now need to order a minimum of 6 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 Crew Uniform Manager Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at [mikesg201@gmail.com](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com).



We are searching for helpers to assist media coordinator Mike Anderson with activities that he handles. They are quite varied: email blasts, print member badges, PowerPoint at meetings, Word, club website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. This is about sustainability and continuity. About half of these things are done online, each requiring a user name and password at a specific website. If Mike were to become unavailable, the club could experience immense difficulty.

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). If you have experience in any of these areas, great – he wants to talk to you! If you are interested in learning how to handle any of these areas, he is a willing and patient teacher.

## *Get Well and Thinking of You*

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





# PIT CREW

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

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Chris Bleistein	President	Crew Chief	954-729-3050
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Gerry Greim	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	215-630-1402
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
Mike Gross	Special Events Coordinator	Jack Man	401-323-1313
Lois Taylor	Membership Coordinator	Mechanic	352-633-5624
John Angiolo	Hospitality Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Manager	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Tom Horrmann	Member At large	Mechanic	352-430-0195
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.



Mammoth Machines  
Leesburg, FL  
407-235-5282



Parts Geek  
Doylestown, PA  
800-541-9352



Lefthander Chassis  
Roscoe, IL  
815-389-9999



Kokomo Speedway  
Kokomo, IN



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



ARCA Midwest Tour



Ultrix Printing  
Lady Lake, FL  
352-205-8222



Triline Services  
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217-433-1394



Mike Scott Plumbing  
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## Benefactor

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The Villages, FL

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