



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

Pit News

February/March

Next Meeting Wednesday April 4, 2018 at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

Prez Says



Our March meeting kicked off with one of our biggest membership attendance since our club began. Our guest speaker was Ernie Irvan, who entertained us with stories from his racing days. The question and answer session proved the highlight of the evening with stories of Ernie's battles with other great NASCAR stars of the day including Dale Earnhardt Sr, Geoff Bodine, etc. Thanks to all our members who attended our last meeting and made the evening a great success.

We will continue to search for top speakers from the world of racing, but if any members have contact with other drivers, or anybody from the racing community who you feel would like to come along and entertain us, we will always try to accommodate them at a future meeting.

We also celebrated our annual outing to the Gatornationals on Friday the 16th. This year attracted 75 fans to make the journey to Gainesville in two buses from The

The Villages. It was a long day for everybody, but it was perfect weather, and there was plenty of action to take in.

We saw speeds from Top Fuel Dragsters of over 333mph, with low ET's in the 3.75 second range. There were a few spectacular engine blow outs during the day, one with John Force losing his complete Funny Car bodywork halfway down the quarter mile. Luckily everybody escaped without injury, but a large repair bill!

This was topped off with a world record for a non-nitro motorcycle exceeding 200mph over the quarter mile. The first time 200mph has ever been achieved. The team collected \$10,000 prize money for reaching this goal.

Thank you to Darren and Tina Ivey who continue to make this event one of the highlights of the year. This type of event is always popular with our club, so if any members have suggestions, or ideas to arrange similar events we are only too happy to consider them. *Regards, Tony*

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER



Our guest speaker for April is Dick Berggren, renowned motorsports announcer and magazine editor. He has owned, driven and won in the SuperModifieds, Modifieds, stock cars and sprint cars.

For more than 30 years, Berggren covered big league stock car racing from the pit roads for ESPN, CBS, TBS, SPEED, TNN and FOX TV.

Glen Carter

Founder and First President 2007



Glen has moved on and left The Villages, but has left us with these parting words.

2/26/18

Dear Club members,
Thank you so much for the
accolades at the meeting. I will
miss the club very much.
Also thanks for the gift card.
I will put it to good use.
No goodbye, just so long....

Glen Carter

If you would like to keep in touch,
his forwarding address is:
15 Alessie Park Lane
Newnan, GA 36263

Two months into the 2018 club year, our list of speakers and future Hall of Famers continues to reach new heights, this time with a visit from one of NASCAR veteran and all-time great Ernie Irvan. All NASCAR fans recall the accomplishments of this 1991 Daytona 500 winner and **"NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers"** honoree, and for our long-time NASCAR fans it was a delight to hear him share some of the highlights of his ca-



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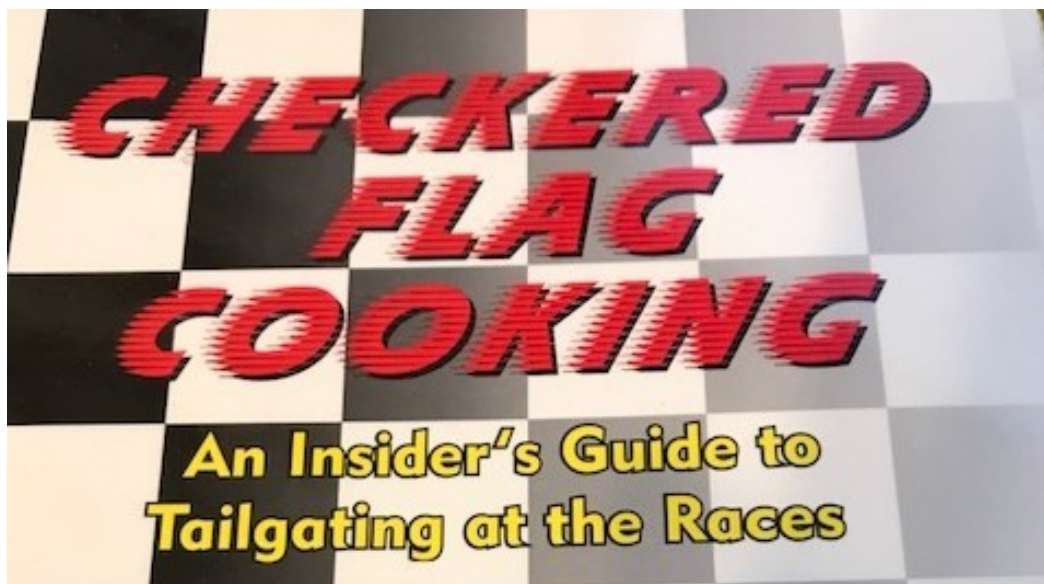
most interesting personality (Dale Earnhardt, and that discussion brought with it another hilarious story about the legendary "Intimidator" and Ernie's wife Kim, a Kanapolis, NC native).



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Gatornationals March 16, 2018





Crunchy Cucumber Sandwiches

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| 1 (8oz) cream cheese, softened | Large dash salt and pepper |
| 2 tablespoons mayonnaise | 2 cucumbers, minced |
| 2 tablespoons sour cream | 1/3 cup chopped almonds |
| 2 tablespoons minced onions | 1 teaspoon parsley |
| 1 teaspoon minced garlic | |
| 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce | |

Combine all ingredients. Serve on small deli slices of party bread, or halved or quartered loaf bread, or crackers.



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ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Should be have good working knowledge in EXCEL (optional)

We know there is a lot of talent out there with our members,
so someone please step up!!



PIT CREW

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Gerry Hafer	Past President	Team Owner	(352) 396-9961

DID YOU KNOW

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
2. A piece of paper can be folded no more than nine times.
3. Most toilets flush in E flat.
4. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.

LOCAL TRACKS

Track	Location	Phone #	Address	Zip
Auburndale Speedway	Winter Haven	(863)551-1131	5640 E County Rd 542	33880
Bronson Speedway	Archer	(352)486-4998	9950 FL-24	32618
Bubba Raceway Park	Ocala	(352)622-9400	9050 NW Gainesville Rd	34482
Citrus County Speedway	Inverness	(352)341-5764	3600 S Florida Ave	34450
Desoto Speedway	Bradenton	(914)748-3171	21050 State Rd 64 E	34212
East Bay Raceway Park	Tampa (Gibson)	(813)677-7223	6311 Burts Rd	33619
Marion County Speedway	Ocala	(352)812-3922	7197 NW Gainesville Rd	34475
New Smyrna Speedway	Samsula	(386)427-4129	3939 Florida 44	32168
Original Speedway Park	Fruitland Park	(352)787-4968	35400 Micro Racetrack Rd	34731
Orlando Speedworld	Bithlo	(407)568-1367	19164 E Colonial Dr	32820
Putnam County Speedway	Satsuma	(386)649-6969	1009 US 17	32189
Showtime Speedway	Pinellas Park	(727)561-9646	4550 Ulmerton Rd	33762
Volusia Speedway Park	De Leon Springs	(386)985-4402	1500 E State Rd 40	32130

LOCAL RACE SCHEDULE

AUBURNDALE SPEEDWAY

Apr 7, 2018—Night of Destruction

Apr 21, 2018—Earth Day Super Late Model 125, V-8 Bombers, Modified Minis, Q Mini stock, Legends, Mini Cups

Apr 28, 2018—Tailgater Pro Truck 50, Modified Triple Crown Race #1 75 laps, V-8 Bombers, Legends, Mod Minis, Scramblers, Mini Cups

May 5, 2018—Cinco de Mayo Wheelman Sportsman 50, V-8 Bombers, Mod Minis, Street Stock, Pure Stock, Q Mini Stock

CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY

Apr 7, 2018—Open Wheel Modified 50, Demolition Derby, Mini Stock, Thunder Stocks

Apr 14, 2018—Super Late Model 50, Mini Stock, Thunder Stock, Pure Stock, Outlaw Street Stock

Apr 21, 2018—Pro Truck 50, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Mod Minis

Apr 28, 2018—Wheelman Series Sportsman 50, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Thunder Stocks, Outlaw Street Stocks, Mod Minis

May 5, 2018—Open Wheel Modified 50, Mod Minis, Thunder Stocks, Outlaw Street Stock

NEW SMYRNA SPEEDWAY

Apr 7, 2018—Pro Late Models, Sportsman, Super Stocks, Bombers

Apr 14, 2018—Super Late Model Twin 50's, Modifieds, Mod Minis, Bombers

Apr 21, 2018—Sportsman, Super Stock, Bombers, Spectators

Apr 28, 2018—Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bombers, Sprints

May 5, 2018—Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Modifieds