



# The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

## Pit Report

### February, 2011

#### In This Issue:

Bingo Recap	<b>1</b>
The 2011 Villages Cup Update	<b>2</b>
"That's Racin" website review	<b>2</b>
A Visit to Our Home Track	<b>3</b>
Special Events Roundup	<b>4</b>
What's Up for April	<b>5</b>
Flying Car	<b>5</b>
Local Racing Corner	<b>5</b>
Your Pit Crew	<b>6</b>
Strange Car of the month	<b>6</b>
Daytona 500 Indoor Picnic	<b>6</b>
FAST Year-end Banquet	<b>6</b>
Bingo Door Prize Contributors	<b>7</b>
Speedway Park Flyer for 2/19	<b>8</b>

## Bingo Night...Another Great One!!!

Nearly 300 bingo competitors crowded into Colony Cottage's Parlor Room January 26 for our club's 2011 annual fund raising event. With "Big Dave" Bockman calling the numbers, the throng fought its way through eight highly-charged games,

ending in a marathon full-card contest that took the night to its 9:00 close. Packed into the agenda for the evening was a generous selection of roughly 75 valuable prizes contributed by shops and stores in and around The Villages

(see page 7 for a complete list of those merchants who were willing to contribute), and thanks to Big Dave for single-handedly rounding them up! Stay tuned for follow-up on the proceeds from this highly-successful event!



"Big Dave" calling the shots, as Mike Touchette stands ready!



Right top: A look at the crowd. Yes, we actually ran out of seats!

Right middle: In the heat of battle...concentrating on their cards!

Right bottom: The check-in process in full swing!

## The 2011 Villages Cup Pre-Event Planning Now Underway

As we've mentioned at the January meeting and in recent broadcast emails, preliminary registrations for the 2011 Villages Cup event are now being taken. Last year's inaugural Cup competition was one of the milestones in our club's history, and we're looking to repeat—and add to—last year's excitement as members take to the track over at Speedway Park. We're set to go green on **Sunday, March 20**, with the details now being ironed out by a committee intent on offering another memorable day of racing. The committee, pictured at right, includes (clockwise from bottom right) Shelly Young, Buster Burt, Jerry Conkle, Tom Horrmann, Dick Psyk, Speedway Park official Terry Turman and George Glotfelty, and has been hard at making the decisions critical to the smooth operation of race day activities.

### Kart Count to Increase

Terry Turman of Speedway Park reported that plans are to have six karts ready for competition for the March 20 event, noting that steps are being considered to equalize



the six as much as possible. "If we can level the playing field," Turman stressed, "It will be easier to do a random kart assignment for the individual races."

### Safety Is a Priority

Turman and the committee stressed that participant safety will once again be a priority on race day. All participants will be required to wear a helmet, neck brace, gloves, jacket, and closed-toe shoes. The Speedway will have helmets and neck braces, but anyone able to bring their own equipment is encouraged to do so.

### "Fun" Race Added to Format

Based on input from several of last year's participants, the committee has decided that the event's format

will include a "just-for-fun" segment for those not wanting to get caught up in intense competition. Participants in this part of the program will simply drive up to five laps at their own pace, although they too will be required to wear the prescribed safety equipment.

### Celebrity Race to be Repeated

One of last year's highlights—the special feature reserved for racing veterans affiliated with the club—will again be a part of the show. So far, we've lined up Buddy Pearce, Buster Burt, and John Gamble, and there's a possibility that Al Mincey (Buddy Pearce's former car owner when he tore up Southern Florida's tracks some 40 years ago) will be on hand to participate.

Additional details will be released as they develop but, in the meantime, be sure you register early if you want to secure one of the available starting slots! Just call Gerry at 751-3643 to sign-up. You don't want to miss this once-a-year opportunity!

## Interesting Website

It's been a while since we profiled a racing-related website, and I recently had this one called to my attention. This site covers NASCAR, NHRA, Formula One, and IndyCar, so it has a lot of content of interest to our membership. In addition to frequent updates on current events (for example, as this article is written there's an update on Danica Patrick, a brief on a fire at Joe Gibbs Racing, and an analysis of the new NASCAR points system, among other things), there's a series of slide shows covering major racing topics and news events.

**THATSRACIN.COM**  
that's racin'®

There are links to many driver websites and a fair amount of information about various tracks and a collection of great photos covering various series, drivers, and newsworthy events.

All-in-all, a pretty good informative site, although the pop-ups can be a bit annoying if you don't have them suppressed by your browser.

As an aside, their site provides an amusing definition of the term "that's racin'."

**that's racin'® (phrase):** Expresses frustration or emotion. 1. When a small part costing just a few dollars fails and stops a \$150,000 race car, that's racin'. 2. When you race a competitor for 500 miles and lose to him by just a few feet, that's racin'. 3. When a hot dog wrapper blows out of the stands, gets caught across the air vent on the front of your car and causes your engine to overheat, that's racin'.



## A Visit to Our Home Track! Club Members Roll-up Their Sleeves

On Saturday, January 15, a determined group of 16 club members pitched in to help the Staff at Speedway Park prepare for their January 30 season-opening event. There were leaves to rake, cable trenches to dig, and fence sections to be painted, with an overall goal of readying the facility to launch its 2011 slate of activities. The weather was perfect for this type of work, with relatively pleasant temperatures and a slight overcast, and the venture gave us all an opportunity to stretch the old muscles a bit. It also helped our club to further build the working relationship we have with our "home track."

"I had a good time," quipped Tom Horrmann. "It was great to pitch in and be a part of something like this!" Track official Terry Turman echoed Horrmann's thoughts, adding that he and his fellow staff members welcome

and sincerely appreciate the support that our group has provided this past year. "You guys are an awesome group," Turman commented, "and we are absolutely delighted to see your folks becoming an active part of our operation here at Speedway Park. Community support is what we need to succeed, and your involvement is a clear indication of this type of support."

Of course, as is true in just about any sport-related activity (and perhaps more so in racing), there was a fair amount of good-natured trash talking during the day. Perhaps Wendy Touchette summed it up best when, while busily slapping paint on the fourth turn fence rail, she observed, "I guess this is what we mean by being close to the action!"

The turnout we saw at this "work session" was evidence of the relationship our club is building

with Speedway Park—our home track. We know they appreciate our involvement, and we all have a great time every time we head over there. The track's Race Director, Marty Ruser, (who is also a member of our own club Hall of Fame), expressed his appreciation for our help with this message: "Speedway Park is coming up on its 53rd year in existence. There have been many volunteers over the years that have helped keep this place in operation. However, none have seemed to accomplish the large amount of clean up in a 5 hour period as the Village Racing Club volunteers did on our work day. Speedway Park really appreciates all of you and we are looking forward to your race in March. Thank You all again!"

We're all looking forward to the track's Feb. 5 opening!



[www.  
originalspeedwaypark.  
.com](http://www.originalspeedwaypark.com)

## Special Events Roundup



February's here, which also means Daytona's here! I don't know about you, but I'm raring to go for the 2011 racing and, judging from the response to our trips to the Shootout, the Duel, and the 500, a lot of us in the club are, too! The Gatornationals are just around the corner and following closely on the heels of that is the 2011 edition of The Villages Cup, so we've got some real action ahead of us for the next two months or so. Speaking of The Villages Cup, I want you all to know that I fully intend to challenge George "Snowmobile" Glotfelty for the big trophy, so everybody needs to stay out of my way!

OK...enough of the "trash talking" (although you haven't heard anything yet!) Here's the current list of some of club activities (some we're directly involved with, and others we're just calling to your attention) for the next few weeks...watch our website for changes and updates!

*Wendy*

Date/Event	Event Details
Tuesday, Feb. 8 Dirt Car Nationals	Rumor has it that this 12-day series will be the only 2011 event at Volusia Speedway Park, and Buzzie is gearing up to make a run for the roses (actually, he's planning to run his new 750 hp motor in an attempt to capture the \$5,000 first place purse in the Feb. 14 open wheel modified feature!) Check this site for details: ( <a href="http://www.dirtcarnationals.com">http://www.dirtcarnationals.com</a> )
February 10-13 U.S. Vintage Oval Track Nationals	125 to 150 vintage cars are expected to compete in nine classes at this Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association (DAARA) event at Orlando Speedworld. Free grandstand admission! Check the DAARA website ( <a href="http://www.daararacing.com">http://www.daararacing.com</a> ) for details.
Saturday, February 19 King of the Outlaws Event at Speedway Park	This major, United All Stars-sanctioned event, with a posted purse of over \$10,000, is expected to bring nearly 200 entries to Speedway Park. On race day (2/19), gates will open at 7:00 am, with practice starting at 9:00 am and qualifying to follow. Our club is a class sponsor for this major event, so head over to the track in your yellow shirt and enjoy the show! ( <b>see flyer attached as page 7 for more details</b> )
February 12-20	Daytona trips—Check website for details ( <a href="http://www.villagesracingclub.com">www.villagesracingclub.com</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 12—Bud Shootout</li> <li>February 17—Gatorade Duel</li> <li>February 20—Daytona 500</li> </ul>
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Daytona 500 Indoor Picnic at Colony Cottage. If you're not going to the race, come on out and join us at Colony to watch it on the big screen. Bring a comfortable chair, a cooler with your refreshments, and a snack to share. The club will supply paper products.</b>
Friday, March 11 NHRA Gatornationals	The bus for this trip will depart from the Laurel Manor parking lot at 7:30 pm sharp. Seating at the track will be pit-side, same as last year. There are still seats available, but the deadline is <b>Thursday, March 3</b> . Call Wendy (352-303-9734).
Sunday, March 20 The Villages Cup	Save the date...this event is now in its accelerated planning stages! See article at top of page 2 for more information). We're looking forward to a rollicking good time, just like we had last year!
Friday, April 16 Golf Cart Poker Run	Wayne Nolan and his committee have begun to develop detail plans for this event. Anyone interesting in helping out (we'll need people to man the stops) should call Wayne at 352-750-9082. In the meantime, save the date!

## What's Up for April

Our April 6 meeting will feature remarks from Villages resident Pete Rosendahl. Pete will reflect on the subject of racing sponsorships, focusing on his experiences with a race team sponsored by Remington Arms. Many of you will recall Dale Earnhardt Jr. a few years back when he drove the Remington-sponsored #8; Pete will share his experiences with that sponsorship and his experiences with both Senior and Junior, dating back to the team's first race at Michigan International Speedway.



As part of his remarks, Pete will also introduce the subject of Radio-Controlled car racing, and specifically the program to be included in the upcoming Camp Villages program this summer. A number of club members have expressed interest in R/C cars, so this will be a great opportunity to learn more about it.



Pete and a friend. I've suggested that he might invite "The King" to join us at the meeting. Hey...who knows, it could happen!

## February traffic got you down?

It's that time of the year...cars, cars, and more cars! Well, Jim Boyd has found a perfect solution to the problem. Next time you're sitting on CR 466 hoping to make the next light, think about how cool it would be to have one of the "flying cars" explained in the video at <http://www.eaavideo.org/video.aspx?v=635469588001>.



## Local Racing Corner

Race Track	Website & Telephone	Current Race Schedule
Ocala Speedway, Zuber	<a href="http://www.ocalaspeedway.com">www.ocalaspeedway.com</a> 352-622-9400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 13—Super Late Model All Star Shootout</li> <li>Feb. 17-19—USAC Bubba Army Sprint Car Nationals</li> <li>Feb. 26—Season opening practice session</li> <li>March 4—United Late Dirt Late Models, et al.</li> </ul>
Citrus County Speedway, Inverness	<a href="http://www.citruscountyspeedway.com">www.citruscountyspeedway.com</a> 352-726-9339	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 12—Reg. show, with Open Wheel Mods</li> <li>Feb. 19—Reg. show, with Super Late Models</li> <li>Feb. 26—Reg. show, with Open Wheel Mods</li> </ul>
New Smyrna Speedway, Samsula	<a href="http://www.newsmyrnaspeedway.org">www.newsmyrnaspeedway.org</a> 386-427-4129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 11-19—45th Annual World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing</li> <li>Regular season opens March 19</li> </ul>
Orlando Speedworld, Bithlo	<a href="http://www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org">www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org</a> 407-568-1367	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 10-13—DAARA U.S. Vintage Oval Track Nationals</li> <li>Regular season opens March 18</li> </ul>
Volusia Speedway Park, Barberville	<a href="http://www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net">www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net</a> 386-985-4402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 8-19—40th Annual Dirtcar Nationals presented by UNOH</li> </ul>
Speedway Park- Fruitland Park	<a href="http://www.originalspeedwaypark.com">www.originalspeedwaypark.com</a> 352-308-7664	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 5—Regular season opens</li> <li>Feb. 19—Marty Ruser Tribute Event</li> <li>Mar. 5 &amp; 19—Regular show</li> <li>Mar. 20—The 2011 Villages Cup</li> </ul>



### Your Pit Crew

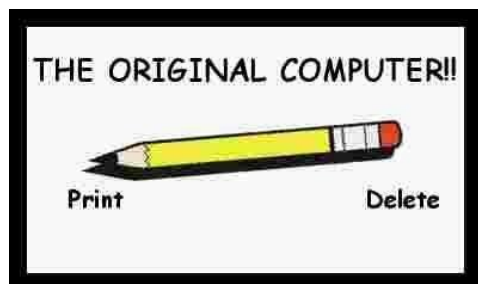
Gerry Hafer, President (751-3643)  
 Mike Touchette, Vice President (430-0239)  
 Silky Meegan, Corresponding Secretary (259-2029)  
 Gerry Greim, Recording Secretary (215-630-1402)  
 Tom Horrmann, Treasurer/Official Photographer (430-0195)  
 Wendy Touchette, Special Events (430-0239)  
 Bob & Camille Sherman, Membership (751-1771)  
 Dave Bockman, Member at Large (751-0381)  
 Wayne Nolan, Member at Large (750-9082)  
 Buster Burt, Technical Consulting (751-4643)  
 Dave Colbert, Technical Planning (408-3712)  
 Peter Tetrault, Member at Large (205-8503)  
 Glen Carter, Immediate Past President (751-6442)

### Crazy Car of the Month



You've heard of "Dragon Boats," so why not a "Dragon Car? Bet this would cause a commotion parked on town square!

### Thoughts to Ponder



### In case you're not going to Daytona...

We've made arrangements to show the February 20 Daytona 500 on the big screen at Colony Cottage Rec Center. Come on out and join us in a repeat of last year's great indoor picnic, when a hearty group of club members, non-members, and Villages visitors watched Jamie McMurray pull off a surprise (the first of what would be a series of major surprises for his team in 2010).



Bring a snack to share with eight or more, a comfortable chair if you wish, and a personal supply of liquid refreshment to enjoy. The club will provide the paper goods. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the race as if you were there, complete with the camaraderie of fellow race fans (also known as trash-talking.) Send an email to Wendy if you plan to come (mrs\_wmt@comcast.net) so we know how many places to set up.

### Wayne Anderson Crowned 2010 FAST Champion

Wayne Anderson was officially crowned 2010 Florida All Star Tour champion at the series' year-end banquet January 15 in Clermont. With four feature wins and a commanding 146 point margin, Anderson (center) dominated the series competition and added to his impressive professional racing resume. On hand to help Wayne celebrate were his father and series co-founder Dick Anderson (left), along with his son Randy (right) who placed third in the series points.



Club Hall of Fame member Austin Kirkpatrick (photo at left) was also crowned "FAST Rookie of the Year" at the event.



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club expresses its sincere appreciation to the following businesses and merchants who supported our 2011 Fund-Raising Bingo Event:

AAA-AUTO CLUB (THE VILLAGES)  
AVON PRODUCTS (JOSIE CRANE THE VILLAGES)  
BILL BRYAN CHRYSLER-DODGE JEEP-FRUITLAND PARK  
CAL'S BARBER SHOP(SPANISH SPRINGS)  
CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL (27-441 THE VILLAGES)  
CHICK-fil-A (27-441 THE VILLAGES)  
CHILI'S (27-441 THE VILLAGES)  
CITIZEN's FIRST BANK( MAIN STREET THE VILLAGES)  
CODY'S ROADHOUSE (LAKE SUMTER LANDING)  
CRACKER BARREL (27-441)  
DENNY'S RESTAURANT (THE VILLAGES)  
GATOR DOCKSIDE SPORTS BAR /RESTAURANT (SPANISH SPRINGS)  
IHOP RESTAURANT (466)  
LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE (27-441 THE VILLAGES)  
OAKWOOD SMOKEHOUSE RIBS/GRILL-BAR 27-441  
PERKINS RESTAURANT(27-441 THE VILLAGES)  
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE (27-441 THE VILLAGES)  
PERKINS RESTAURANT (466 THE VILLAGES )  
QUALITY TIRE & REPAIR (CORNER 27-441/466)  
R.J.GATORS SEA FOOD GRILL -BAR (LAKE SUMTER LANDING)  
RUBY TUESDAY'S (MAIN STREET SPANISH SPRINGS)  
ROYAL BLUE TILE /GROUT-CARPET CLEANING(DISCOUNT  
CARDS AVAILABLE DURING BREAK)  
THE VILLAGE CAR WASH(SPANISH SPRINGS)  
WINN DIXIE (SPANISH SPRINGS)

<h2 style="margin: 0;"><i><b>Original Speedway Park</b></i></h2> <p style="margin: 0;">“BENEFIT FOR MARTY RUSER”</p>		
<p>All Proceeds will be donated to Marty Ruser</p>		<p>All Proceeds will be donated to Marty Ruser</p>
<h1 style="margin: 0;"><i><b>GUARANTEED MONEY *** NO MINIMUM ENTRY</b></i></h1> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Unlimited Allstars / Stock Heavy / Junior Purple / Junior Blue / Junior Gold / Box Stock Heavy / Senior Champ</b></p>		
<h3 style="margin: 0;">King of the “OUTLAWS”</h3>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p><b>\$50</b></p> <p>Entry</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>TOP 5 GUARANTEED</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> \$1,300</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> \$850 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500 4<sup>th</sup> \$250 5<sup>th</sup> \$100</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>FAS / UAS Sanctioned Event</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small;">This class will be raced the “World of Outlaw” style. All competitors will qualify. The top 2 from qualifying will advance to the A Main; the remainder of the qualifying order will place you in the respected heat race. Top 2 in each heat will advance to the A Main. The remainder of the competitors will race thru D, C, and B Mains to advance into the A Main. The number of heats and mains are dependent upon entries.</p>		
<p><b>STOCK HEAVY</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">375lb / Flat Head</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> \$1,000</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250 4<sup>th</sup> \$125 5<sup>th</sup> \$75</p> <p><b>TOP 5 GUARANTEED</b></p> <p><b>\$50 Entry</b></p>	<p><b>JR PURPLE</b> 265lb</p> <p><b>JR BLUE</b> 290lb</p> <p><b>JR GOLD</b> 320lb</p> <p style="font-size: small;">All Juniors are Flat Head</p> <p><b>SR BOX STOCK</b></p> <p><b>HEAVY</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">375lb Open Tire</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> \$500</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> \$250 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 4<sup>th</sup> \$75 5<sup>th</sup> \$50</p> <p><b>TOP 5 GUARANTEED</b></p> <p><b>\$30 Entry</b></p>	<p><b>SENIOR CHAMP</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">410lb / Flat Head</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> \$750</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> \$375 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 4<sup>th</sup> \$75 5<sup>th</sup> \$50</p> <p><b>TOP 5 GUARANTEED</b></p> <p><b>\$40 Entry</b></p>
<p style="font-size: small;">ALL CLASSES will be monitored for proper age... MINORS must bring <b>ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES</b> Purple (8-10) Blue (10-12) Gold (12-15) Senior (15+) You can NOT run Purple and Blue or Blue and Gold or Gold and Senior Class</p>		<p>Pit Passes \$10 (under 5 \$3) Parking \$20 per spot</p> <p><b>CONTACT</b> Laura Peters (352) 476-3753 lpeters99@gmail.com <a href="http://originalspeedwaypark.com">originalspeedwaypark.com</a></p>
<p><b>\$30 Entry 80% PAYBACK</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Stock Medium 350lb Flat Head, Jr Purple 265lb FH/BSP, Jr Blue 290lb FH/BSP, Jr Non 320lb Flat Head, Yamaha 360lb/390lb, Box Stock Heavy (EL only) 375lb</p>		<p><b>\$ 15 Entry ROOKIE / NOVICE</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">5-7 BSP, Red Plate 16/64 Gear, Loop Rear Bumper 10 Lap Heat Race / 15 Lap Feature Gift Certificates will be awarded to all participants</p>
<p style="font-size: x-small;">All classes will qualify (4 laps) for starting position in feature. Feature events for Jr. Purple and Jr. Blue are 20 laps all other classes are 30 laps. Race will run WKA Rules with FKA carbs legal. Entry fee includes transponder fee and insurance. Gate will open Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Noon, closing at 10 pm. Saturday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> gates will open at 7am with practice starting at 9am and qualifying to follow. Qualifying and scoring by transponders. Pre-registration is recommended to secure your number. If the event is rained out, we will refund your entry fees. Please check our website for updated information <a href="http://www.originalspeedwaypark.com">www.originalspeedwaypark.com</a> Speedway Park, 35400 Micro Race Track Rd. Fruitland Park, FL 34731</p>		
<p style="font-size: x-small;">Sponsors are welcome; please contact Laura at (352) 476-3753 for more information. Many levels are available.</p>		

# FEBRUARY 19, 2011