



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

### *Pit News*

**February, 2019**

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

### Prez Says



First, let me apologize for the confusion with the membership renewal notice. At the time I sent out that reminder, we still had 35% of the members that had not paid their 2019 dues. Unfortunately a notice was sent to all members, even those that had already paid since it is difficult to customize distribution notices. It should have read “if you have paid your dues please ignore this notice. If you have not yet paid your 2019 dues, I encourage you to do so.”

Our March meeting will be something new for the club, with the evening dedicated to a movie (Winning) and of course pizza. The table layout will be changed to enable you to see the screen and eat the pizza at the same time. We would like everyone who has ordered pizza to come through the front entrance as your hand will be stamped to show you have paid for the pizza. I'd like to get some feedback after the event to see if it is something we would like to try again at sometime.

The Gatornationals are on March 15<sup>th</sup> this year. The response to this event has been very successful, enough to expand to 2 buses to Gainesville. However several members have had to pull out due to unexpected commitments, leaving 6 spaces available. So if you'd like to go please contact Lois Taylor at [LTAYLR@hotmail.com](mailto:LTAYLR@hotmail.com) before the next meeting, or ask for availability at the March meeting.

Our April meeting will see a very interesting speaker. It's Vicki Woods. Vicki holds the world record for the fastest speed by a woman racing on the beach at Daytona in the 1960 NASCAR time trials. Vicki recently attended the Historic North Turn Beach Parade at Daytona. She also celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

This is a real opportunity to meet someone like Vicki, so please come and join us for this event.

*Regards, Tony.*

**BARBARA NOLAN MEMORIAL**

Banks/PageTheus Funeral Home

410 N Webster St, Wildwood

March 16, 2019, Noon

Yellow shirts are appropriate

**2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Just a friendly reminder that we are approaching the deadline to renew your 2019 club membership—\$10.00.

The March meeting will be your last opportunity to renew. Following that, any member who has not renew for 2019 will be removed from the membership as well as our e-mail list.

Our membership dues are an important source of our club income to help cover expenses.

We hope everyone renews for 2019 and will invite someone new to join as well.

If you have already renewed your membership, please disregard this message and thank you.

*Tony Kennea*  
President



**DID YOU KNOW**

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. In space, astronauts are unable to cry, because there is no gravity and the tears won't flow.
2. Hot water is heavier than cold water.
3. Between 2 and 3 jockeys are killed each year in horse racing.
4. The average woman consumes approximately 6 lbs of lipstick in her lifetime.

**MARCH 6, 2019**

**PIZZA & MOVIE**

**\$5.00 PER PERSON**

Winning is a 1969 American motion picture starring Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. The film is about a racecar driver who aspires to win the Indianapolis 500. A number of racecar drivers and people associated with racing appear in the film, including Bobby Unser, Tony Hulman, Bobby Grim, Dan Gurney, Roger McCluskey, and Bruce Walkup.



## DR RICHARD HUBBARD, CO-CREATOR OF THE HANS DEVICE HAS DIED.

By Robin Miller/Feb 6, 2019



Dr. Robert Hubbard, who along with partner Jim Downing invented the HANS Device in the 1980s, should be remembered for his persistence as much as his expertise in getting racers to embrace his god-send for head and neck safety.

“It took a lot of trial and error to get it to work but Bob was tireless in his efforts,” said Dr. Steve Olvey, who along with Dr. Terry Trammell were pioneers in IndyCar safety and both worked alongside Hubbard to Make the HANS user-friendly. “It looks so simple but what they had to go through to get it workable was exhausting.

“Bob got a lot of resistance but kept working and today it’s mandatory in all major forms of motorsport and one of the great breakthroughs of all-time.”

Trammell, the orthopedic guru whose skills revolutionized the treatment of foot and leg injuries, was asked where the HANS ranked in the pantheon of racing safety.

“The two biggest and most important safety changes since I’ve been doing this have been the safer barrier and HANS Device,” replied IndyCar’s safety consultant.

“I don’t think there’s been a basal skull fracture fatality since the HANS became mandatory.”

A professor of biochemical engineering at Michigan State University, Hubbard was associated with racing because of Downing, his brother-in-law who raced sports cars. After a friend of theirs was killed in 1981 at Mid-Ohio in a “sudden stop” accident, Downing decided it was time to try and improve head and neck safety.

Hubbard and Downing’s creation was a collar-shaped device with a yoke that fits over the driver’s shoulder and is tethered to each side of the driver’s helmet. In frontal impact crashes, the driver always remained secured by the belts while the head is carried forward by the momentum.

With extensive experience as a biomechanical crash engineer, including in General Motors’ auto safety program, Hubbard’s first prototype was developed in 1985. Using crash sleds and test dummies secured by seat belt harnesses, he immediately proved the energy exerted on the head and neck was lowered considerably.

But the HANS was monstrous in those early days.

“We didn’t pay a whole lot of attention at first because it was so big and balky and wouldn’t fit into a Indy car,” continued Olvey, whose book “Rapid Response” is being made into a racing safety documentary that should debut this May in Indianapolis.

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As you can see, our list of Board of Directors has many open positions due to many people having to *“step down”* for one reason or another.

We desperately need people to *“step up”* now! In order to keep our club going, we must have certain positions filled. And in order to keep our club interesting and people coming, we need other positions filled. We all have certain talents, so share!!

