



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

### *Pit News*

**February, 2020**

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

### Prez Says



For those able to attend, we celebrated another successful Hall of Fame event at La Hacienda. Thanks to Chris Bleistein and the team for making the evening go so smoothly. It was great to renew our acquaintance with Rex White and the other inductees and all our guests for the evening.

We have the Daytona 500 coming up on February 16th, and we hope that many of you will join us at the Rohan Recreation Center. It is BYOB and of course bring your food. Always exciting to exchange banter with other club members cheering their own drivers on. The room will be set at 1pm, so plenty of time to get organized before the race.

Just a reminder for the members who are still outstanding with their annual dues. We would ask that you please settle them by the February meeting, as we need to close our books. If you do not plan to renew please let the club know so we can delete you from our list for 2020.

March will see our annual trip to the Gatornationals. If you are planning to go, get your name on the list quickly as we plan on only running one bus this year.

We have some great speakers lined up this year, starting in February with engine builder Keith Simmons.

As you may know, I will be stepping aside at the February meeting and turning over the reins to Chris Bleistein. I know that you will give Chris all of the support you have shown me. It has been a pleasure to lead the club the past four years. It is a wonderful experience to see how the club in The Villages operates. Best of all it has been fun to do something you are so passionate about.

May our club grow from strength and continue to enjoy many more motor racing memories. Thank you.

*Regards, Tony*

## FUTURE MEETING AND EVENTS

- \*\* Feb 4-15, 2020 Volusia Speedway Park 49th DIRT car Nationals
- \*\* Feb 5, 2020 TVMRFC Meeting
- \*\* Mar 4,2020 TVMRFC Meeting
- \*\* Mar 13, 2020 Gatornationals
- \*\* Mar 26, 2020 Tour of National Parts Depot, Ocala



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

### MEMBER

### HOME STATE

Eileen Bleistein	New York
Michael Kaufman	North Carolina
Bob Poklacki	Illinois
Sue Poklacki	Illinois
Stephen Poplarski	New York
Craig Scott	Nevada
Melanie Scott	Nevada
Dave Udarvich	Texas

## 2019 HALL OF FAME Dinner

January 25, 2020

### Vicki Wood



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Harlen Hunter



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club  
Hall of Fame Class of 2019



Crew Chief Tony Kennea

### 2019 Hall of Fame Night



A kiss on the head might be  
quite continental,  
but Past President Gerry Hafer  
and Rex White?



Not everyone got the message

To wear matching ties!



## 2019 HALL OF FAME Dinner

January 25, 2020 (con't)

**BOB WOODSFORD**  
**PREDICTION ROW WINNER**

Presented by  
**NICK FEELY**  
Daily Sun Sports Writer



1. Bob Woodsford 2 wins, 388 points
2. Mike Anderson 2 wins, 365 points
3. Ernie Moretti 2 wins, 357 points
4. Janine Woodsford 1 win, 403 points
5. Paul Morbit 1 win, 338 points
6. Joe Kavalauskas 1 win, 327 points



## **DIRTcar Nationals**

We were unable to work out a successful deal on tickets for our Club members. The racing events included Dirt UMP Modifieds, Sprint Cars, All Star Circuit of Champion Sprints, World of Outlaw Sprints, UMP Modified Gator series, World of Outlaw Late Models and Super Dirt Car series. Many members already had their tickets and of course, car-pooling to the track can always be arranged by requesting an e-mail blast to the members to get someone to join you.

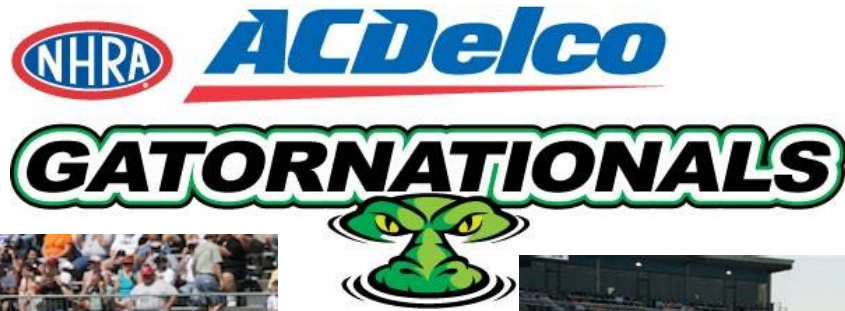
Races each night start with the gates opening at 5PM, followed by hot laps and qualifying, opening ceremonies and racing at 7PM.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES**

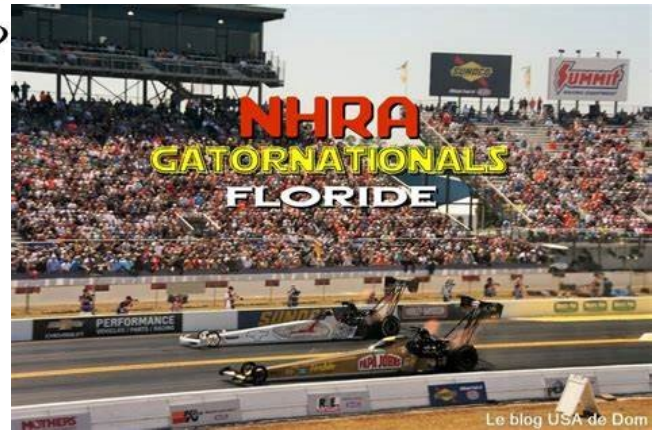
The February meeting will be the last time to renew for 2020 before we update the e-mail list. At the end of February, we remove non-renewed members from the e-mail messages and other notifications the Club sends out about racing going in our area. So don't miss out on anything. If you can't attend the meeting, go to the website and print out the renewal form and sent it to the Club at 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32162, with a check or money order payable to The Villages Racing Fan Club.

Just a reminder, our Club year runs from September to May with no meetings in the summer months. We will, of course, be going to the races at our local tracks and any other racing events.

If for any reason you are unable to renew by February you can always rejoin by filling out the application on the website.



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### 51st Annual Gator National Event - March 13, 2020

Plans are complete for the 51st Annual Gator National Event at Gainesville. The bus will depart from Lake Sumter Landing Transportation Station at 9:30AM. Tickets for the event include transportation, reserved grandstand seating and pit passes into the Garage area. Cost for this year's trip remains the same as last year - \$70.00. Our seats will be on the pit side of the track so you will be able to meet and talk to drivers, get autographs and enjoy all the atmosphere of this Amalie Motor Oil NHRA event. This will also be the 3rd race of the NHRA Mello Yellow Drag Series for 2020 nitro cars racing cars reaching 11,000 horsepower.

You do not need to be a member of the Club so bring your spouse, friends, neighbors to enjoy the excitement of drag racing. To reserve your seat on the bus, we will start taking \$20.00 deposits or payment in full on February 1, 2020. Payment in full must be made by March 6. You can mail your check payable to TVMRFC to 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163. For further details, you can contact Lois Taylor at [352-633-5624](tel:352-633-5624).

This is a first come/first serve event and once the bus is full, we will have a stand by list. So don't miss out. As in previous years, if you want to drive yourself you can purchase your race tickets at our discounted Club price.

We will depart from the track at 6PM and barring any accident or oil spills on the track should be able to see the entire race program according to NHRA officials.

# PIT CREW

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