



PIT NEWS *February, 2024*

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024



URGENT: FINAL CALL GET YOUR TICKETS SOON. FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 7. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING OR BY CALLING DONNA AT 401-323-1334. IT IS A GREAT EVENT AND A LOT OF HARD WORK HAS GONE INTO MAKING IT A GREAT EVENT, SO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club
Hall of Fame Induction Celebration
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Doors Open: 4:30PM Dinner: 4:45PM

ROHAN RECREATION CENTER

850 KRISTINE WAY
THE VILLAGES, FL 32163

TIGHT GENES - singing siblings will be performing

The ticket price has NOT increased – the cost remains at \$40 per person. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a great night. Catering by Pasta Faire.

Please see Donna Gross OR if you cannot attend the meeting but want tickets, you can also mail a check (payable to TVMRFC) for \$40 per person to Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163.

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Welcome to Race Club 2024. I have completed one year as your president. It was a bit overwhelming at first, but I think I have the hang of it now. You all have made me feel confident that I am capable and I thank you for your continued support and attendance at our meetings and special events.

In that light, grab your favorite partner and friends, and come join us at the celebration to honor our speakers and most of all, our past presidents and founder, Glen Carter. 2006 was a long time ago. Many clubs have come and gone, but we continue to grow and have fun while doing so. Tuesday, February 20 will be an evening of good food, honoring, and entertainment by Tight Genes who play music from all genres, for dancing or just for your listening enjoyment. We have put a lot of work into this event. I put on a pretty dress and jewelry and then the show begins. Please come join in the fun.

See you at our meeting, Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Gerry G.
Your Prez

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Feb. 7, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 18, Sunday | Daytona 500 Watch Party, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 2:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 20, Tuesday | Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, Rohan Rec Center, 4:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 6, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 25, Monday | Motor Racing Car Show, Brownwood Square, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. |



Members meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive (corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Ln) every Thursday at 8 a.m. to sit and chat about all things racing. So come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast.

Next Meeting - Feb. 7



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

Our guest speaker will be club member and North Massapequa, NY native, Jeff Ing.

From a young age, Jeff always wanted to be a race car driver. A week after his high school graduation, he accomplished his dream (?) when he competed in a demolition derby.

Jeff realized that he needed to race in a series where he still had a car to drive when the events were finished. Over the following winter a friend of his dad helped him get a Street Stock going.

Ing competed in Street Stocks from 1976 to 1983. He won numerous features at New York tracks like Freeport Speedway, Islip Speedway, Riverhead Raceway and White Lake Speedway.

Pictures from Jan. 3 Meeting



Robert Malke and club president Gerry Greim

Let's Welcome our New Members!



NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

2024 Membership Information

TO THE FEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED FOR THE YEAR 2024, PLEASE PLAN TO DO SO AT THE FEB. 7 MEETING. I WILL REMOVE ALL WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED AS OF FEB 15. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, THIS GIVES YOU TIME TO MAIL IT TO ME: LOIS TAYLOR, 701 ABDELLA WAY, THE VILLAGES, FL 32163. COST IS \$20 PER PERSON. A RENEWAL FORM CAN BE PRINTED FROM THE WEBSITE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED. RENEWAL

The Board of Directors have been working hard to get top-notch speakers and a lot of other things for this year's club meetings. Please be sure to stop at the sign-in tables and check in. We have to get an accurate count to continue to keep our meeting room at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Lois Taylor
Membership Coordinator

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Prediction Row 2024



What is Prediction Row? The NASCAR season is 26 races long. Twelve club members sign up for the year and pick the winning driver for either the first 13 races or the second 13 races. On NASCAR race day, Prediction Row appears in the Sports Section of the Daily Sun. Our competitors simply predict who they think will win that day's race and give a short reason. Our predictors are awarded the same points NASCAR awards the drivers and those points are accumulated throughout the segment. At the end of each of the 13 weeks, the top 3 (most wins predicted) will move on The Playoffs, which are the last 10 races of the season. That is it in a nutshell. There are only two qualifiers – you must be a club member and you must be able to participate via email.

Our predictors are taking warm-up laps and trash talking now but will begin in earnest with the Daytona 500 on February 18. Let me introduce you to the 2024 Prediction Row competitors.

Spring Segment

Rick Almeida
Mike Petix

Shel Larsen
Donna Gross

Gerry Greim
Warren Reynolds

Summer Segment

Brian Broughton
Janine Woodsford

Larry Palermini
Marty Wool

Bob Carlblom
Brian Dillon – defending champion

NOTE: Plan to attend the February 7 gathering to meet members of the Spring Segment. The members of the Summer Segment will be introduced at the May 1 meeting.

Silky Meegan
Corresponding Secretary



The Board of Directors agreed to adopt a 5-yr.-old girl, Emalee, and a 9-yr.-old boy, Brantle, through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. Roger and Lois Taylor took on the job of shopping to buy the toys and clothes from their wish list. We believe this made the Christmas for these two children Merry and Bright. P.S. Lois said Roger was like a big kid shopping.

Pictures from Jan 6 Car Club Showcase-Brownwood Paddock Square



Pastor Paul Harsh (Best appearing car) ** Richard Poindexter (Travelled the farthest) ** Jeff Ing



Charlie Poindexter (Oldest race car) ** Club Members Silky Meegan, Jerry Conkle, Jeff Ing



Pictures from Jan 6 Car Club Showcase (Continued)



Thanks to Jeff Ing and all who helped to make this event a success!

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



AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR, BOARD MEMBER AND ALSO ON THE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, I AM QUITE BUSY WORKING ON THE HALL OF FAME EVENT TO LOOK FOR JOKES. SO I URGE ALL OF YOU TO BUY A TICKET TO THE EVENT. IT IS A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF CAMARADERIE, GOOD FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT, FEATURING "TIGHT GENES," A SINGING TRIO OF SIBLINGS. EVEN IF YOUR SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR ARE NOT RACING ENTHUSIASTS, THEY WILL DEFINITELY ENJOY THIS EXTREMELY WELL-ROUNDED AND ENTERTAINING NIGHT. WHERE CAN YOU GO AND GET A MEAL, DESSERT AND ENTERTAINMENT ALL FOR \$40 PP?

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 or calling her at (352) 633-5624. It is important that we have updated information in the event we need to reach out to members.

Get Well and Thinking of You

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

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

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 need to order a minimum of six 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 Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at mikesg201@gmail.com.



Assistant Media Coordinators

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, club website and Facebook. We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or mike.mag70@gmail.com.

Sponsorship Opportunity with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club



Our club's Sponsorship Program is "revved" 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, Gerry Greim at 215-630-1402 or gerryglbi@cs.com.



PIT CREW

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

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Gerry Greim	President	Crew Chief	215-630-1402
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary and Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	708-744-7292
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
Lois Taylor	Membership Coordinator	Mechanic	352-633-5624
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Coordinator	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsor Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jeff Ing	Car Shows Coordinator	Spotter	631-897-6263
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
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.



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Village Kart Aide



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352-430-5249



Mammoth Machines
Leesburg, FL
407-235-5282



ASA
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Ultrex Printing
Lady Lake, FL
352-205-8222



Choice Awards
Bellevue, FL
352-245-4496



TriLine Services
The Villages, FL
217-433-1394



Fox Pest Control
Orlando, FL
407-863-3592



Golf Central
The Villages, FL
352-633-5059



Historic Auto Attractions
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815-389-7917



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Kokomo, IN
765-459-3877



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