



PIT NEWS February, 2025

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Next Meeting: March 5, 2025

A Few Words from the President's Desk



We had our first of three monthly meetings at Truman Rec Center, Canal Street, last week. The attendance was about 70 people and we were all comfortable in the Studebaker Room, decorated with lots of hub caps and pictures of now extinct cars. It was a fun night and our speaker, Alan Gross, taught us all about perseverance and determination. He bought an old sprint car and through the years researched its origin, owners, and history and restored it to its former glory. What an interesting story.

Next month we will hear lots of racing stories from the daughter of a racing legend. Come out and join us in a fun meeting room for two hours of racing history.

Enjoy this beautiful weather we are having.

PLEASE NOTE: Monthly meetings for March and April, first Wednesday of the month, will be held at the TRUMAN Rec Center, 2705 Canal St. Colony Cottage Rec Center will be closed for repairs.

In closing, be sure to appreciate every day, enjoy our families and friends and always view your glass as half full.

Sincerely,
Gerry G, Prez

Important Upcoming Dates

March 5, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Truman Rec Center, 2705 Canal St , 7 PM
March 7, Friday	TVMRFC Car Show, Brownwood Paddock Square 5-8 PM
March 12, Wednesday	National Parts Depot Tour
April 2, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Truman Rec Center, 2705 Canal St , 7 PM

Next Meeting - March 5



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 5, at the Truman Recreation Center, 2705 Canal St, going green at 7 p.m.! Please take note of the temporary location.

We're thrilled to welcome a very special guest speaker: Peggy Flock Black, daughter of the legendary Tim Flock, two-time NASCAR Grand National Series Champion and NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee.

Tim Flock finished fifth in NASCAR's very first Strictly Stock race in Charlotte in 1949. Over his remarkable 13-year career, he raced in 187 events, claiming 39 wins, 129 top-ten finishes, and 39 poles -- a true NASCAR icon.

Peggy will share fascinating stories about her crazy "daddy" -- what it was like growing up with Tim Flock as a father. She'll dive into some of his wildest antics, including his famous co-pilot: a rhesus monkey named Jocko Flocko! Get this: Jocko was in the car during Flock's May 16, 1953 Grand National win at Hickory Motor Speedway, making Jocko the only monkey to ever win a NASCAR race!

You won't want to miss the hilarious and heartwarming stories Peggy has to tell.

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

We just want to thank everyone who came out on Saturday, February 1, 2025 to this event. We talked shop with each other while enjoying a meal from Pasta Faire. Then watched while the new inductees were honored, Prediction Row Champion was officially awarded and The Glen Carter Memorial Crew Chief Award was presented and then the evening was closed out by listening and dancing to the dazzling voice of Ms. Toni Booker.

Many people told us it was a wonderful event, sorry some of you missed it. Once we have details on next year's event we will let you know so you can put it in your calendar. A newsletter dedicated to the Hall of Fame Ceremony will be forthcoming so stay tuned.

Pictures from the January 8 Meeting



Guest Speaker Bill Watson and club Vice President Jeff Ing



Prediction Row 2025



Prediction Row is a column in The Villages Daily Sun sports section every NASCAR points-race day.

At the beginning of the season, twelve club members are selected to compete. Six predict for the first 13 races; the other six predict for the second 13 races. Each week the predictors are awarded the same points as NASCAR awards the drivers. At the end of each segment, the three predictors with the most wins and points move on to compete in the Playoff. After the ten Playoff races, the predictor with the most wins/points is declared Prediction Row Champion.

At our February meeting our Spring Segment competitors were introduced. Our competitors for the 2025 season are as follows:

Spring Segment

Richard Adkins
Lou Palmer

Gerry Hafer
Steve Poplarski

Jim Holcomb
ete Zaagman

Silky Meegan
Prediction Row Coordinator

BURNYZZ SHOP TOUR – JANUARY 24



National Parts Depot Tour

Wednesday, March 12

Tour starts at approximately 10:30-11. Plans are that we will be carpooling from Eisenhower Rec Center departing at 9:30am. If interested, see John Angiolo, who will also update us with more details.

NPD is the largest restoration parts distributor in the industry. Their Ocala facility has an attached private museum with a collection of classic vehicles. Address: 900 SW 38th Ave, Ocala.

TVMRFC CAR SHOW - MARCH 7

TVMRFC Car Show will be held at Brownwood Paddock Square on Friday, March 7 from 5-8. Come see a variety of Vintage Stock Cars, Dragsters, Modifieds and NASCAR cars. Jeff Ing is encouraging club members to come out and wear their club shirts and help promote the club.



EVERY THURSDAY Club members and guests meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive, corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Lane.

EVERY FRIDAY Club members and guests meet at Toasted Yolk Cafe, 657 Kristine Way, Lake Deaton Plaza.

We order at 8 a.m. Come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast and chat about all things racing.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

If you have not renewed your 2025 membership yet, please do so now. Your membership of \$20 per person can be sent to me at: Lois Taylor, 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163. I will be removing your name from the roster on February 20, 2025 if not paid by this date and you will NO LONGER receive the newsletter or emails from the club. There are lots of fun and interesting activities planned for this upcoming year, so don't miss out.

When you renew, you will receive a 2025 sticker for your membership badge. If you aren't sure if you have renewed, check your badge or call me at 352-633-5624 and I can help you. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meetings at Truman Rec Center. THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE FOR MARCH AND APRIL SINCE COLONY COTTAGE REC CENTER IS CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE. If your contact information has changed, please let me know so I can update the club records. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lois Taylor
Membership Coordinator

Let's Welcome our New Members!



MANDY COOMBS – FLORIDA	DENIS & DIANE FORTIN – NEW HAMPSHIRE
KIRK & CINDY MCKEEHAN – MISSOURI	OLIVER MCPHERSON - TEXAS
CLAY RATCLIFFE – COLORADO	WESLEY SMITH – DELAWARE
DARRELL SNYGG – MICHIGAN	JOHN SONGER – MARYLAND
NANCY SUTTLES – MICHIGAN	RICH UDELL - MONTANA
FRED WINDISCH – COLORADO	PAUL WIBLE – INDIANA
JASON WOODSFORD - TEXAS	

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.

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



**The Best Things
in life are the people we love, the places we have been
and the memories we have made along the way.**

Make memories today, as tomorrow is not promised.

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

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE



Left: Insulated Tote Bag with Logo 18”Hx22”Wx5”D Zippered Top, Center Pocket, \$25

Right: Tote Bag with Logo 12”Hx19”Wx4”D Top Zipper, Center Pocket, 2 Side Pockets, \$20

We have two new items, tote bags. Please see above for details.

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.



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
Jeff Ing	Vice President and Car Shows Coordinator	Car Chief	631-897-6263
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	Spotter	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsor Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
Tony Kenna	Past President	Team Owner	352-603-9197
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-630-9234

Don't forget to visit our website for more club information.

Thank You

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