



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

Pit News

March, 2019

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

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Prez Says



Well we celebrated our March meeting with something different, our movie and pizza night. Luckily we found a movie that was in color and even had sound! The feedback seemed to approve, so we will try it again sometime, but next time we will try to show a movie that keeps us within the 9pm deadline.

We had great weather again for our annual trip to the Gatornationals. And we had enough people sign-up that allowed us to expand to 2 busses. We didn't leave exactly at 6pm as arranged, with 2 stragglers arriving 15 minutes late. This has caused us quite a bit of grief with the bus company as they wanted to charge us an additional 2 hours (the bus company charges by the hour). Well, thanks to our organizers, Lois and Roger Taylor, they escalated the matter and the bus company has conceded to refund the extra money charged. Our lesson learned is next year we will depart Gainesville on time regardless of a full bus or not. We cannot carry the excess charges.

This month we are privileged to have Vicki Wood as our guest speaker. This is a momentous occasion for the club. Despite Vicki reaching the grand age of 100, she is extremely excited to pay us a visit. She will probably only present for 20 minutes or so, but we will set up a Q&A session once she has completed her presentation. She will be accompanied by her niece Bev. We will have the Hall of Fame trophy on display that night, and we are hoping to get The Villages Daily Sun to capture Vicki's visit.

I am pleased to announce that one of our members has agreed to take up a position in the club, and volunteered to join the Board of Directors. That is Chris Bleistein, who you will remember was the winner of the 2018 Prediction Row competition. Chris has agreed to help put together a chili cook-off night to celebrate "Founders Night" in October this year.

We will continue to offer different items of interest throughout the year. Some ideas we will try are: trivia night, pot luck, car show, meet the new members, or how about sit at a table by states. All these are designed to help our members get to know others in the club. We have a wealth of hidden talent, so let's look at ways to share our experiences.

Hope to see you on the April 3rd.

Regards, Tony.

TUMRFC wishes everyone a very





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2019 RACING SCHEDULE SPRINT CARS DYLAN REYNOLDS #555 JANUARY 2019 GUEST SPEAKER

March 30, 2019	Auburn Speedway	Auburn, FL
April 27, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
June 22, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
July 27, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
August 24, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
Sept 14, 2019	417 Southern Speedway	Punta Gorda, FL
Sept 28, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
Oct 26, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
Nov 9, 2019	Citrus County Speedway	Inverness, FL
Nov 23, 2019	417 Southern Speedway	Punta Gorda, FL
Dec 17, 2019	417 Southern Speedway	Punta Gorda, FL



DID YOU KNOW?

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. "Obsession" is the most popular boat name.
2. 3.9% of women do not wear underwear.
3. Honey is the only food which does not spoil.
4. Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.



Kahne's new life in Sprint Cars

CONCORD, N.C. – Kasey Kahne's race days have always been a bit noisy. Dozens of crews scurrying around a nearly two-ton Stock Car for days, wrenching and tuning. Hundreds of fans walking through the garage area, determined to get a picture or autograph. Media and cameras at every turn, questioning every detail of the weekend.

Now, that noise has been turned down, but just a bit.

Turning the volume down was not entirely voluntary. It was forced upon him by a health issue that caused him to put an early end to his NASCAR career.

While he was not medically cleared to race again in NASCAR, he's found a new challenge focusing on racing Sprint Cars – a division he's loved since a kid.

"It's like the first thing I really got into at a young age," Kahne says kneeling next his to orange #9 Sprint Car. "Because I got into it at a young age, and liked it so much, whether I was watching or racing myself, I've been hooked."

Kahne began racing Sprint Cars as a teenager in his home state of Washington. He eventually moved into the USAC ranks, winning a championship in 2000. Then a couple of years later made his move to NASCAR.

A few years into his NASCAR career Kahne formed his own World of Outlaws Sprint Car team, Kasey Kahne Racing (KKR), which helped keep him in touch with the Series — along with running a few races himself.

"I've had a blast with all that over the years, whether I was at a NASCAR race watching the DIRTvision part of it or actually traveling and watching the races with the guys," Kahne says. "I've always stayed really close to it and enjoyed it."

Since its inception in 2005, KKR has amassed one World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series championship — in 2013 with Daryn Pittman — and more than 170 Series wins among several drivers, including last year's Knoxville Nationals championship with Brad Sweet.

Of the drivers that have won a Series race for the team, Kahne is not one of them. He would like to be.

"When I knew I was done with the NASCAR deal, I thought I would give it a shot (driving Sprint Cars) for a little while, you know, and kind of see how it goes and see if I can't figure it out and get competitive driving these cars," Kahne says.

NASCAR was his job. Sprint Cars... well, Kahne says he doesn't really know what it is right now.

"I hope that I actually feel like it's a bit of a job," Kahne says, following up with a joke that racing is never really a job.

But he wants to work at it.

"I want to feel like I'm working at it to make it work and do the things I want and then when we do have success it'll feel that much better," Kahne says. "I want to put the time in. I want to put the effort in. No matter what it is, to try and have that success. Doing that is definitely a little bit of work."

He knows he has a bit of homework to do, too.

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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!!

