



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

### *Pit News*

**March, 2020**

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

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### Prez Says



I would like to thank all of the members for the warm welcome I received becoming president. I have to thank Tony Kennea and the Board of Directors for steering the club in the right direction these past years.

As a club we can only achieve success with full club participation. Hopefully, all of our members will help run the club with many new ideas. Members who volunteer to help are always appreciated. Myself and the board are good listeners, therefore, please let us hear from you.

February was a very busy month. Our guest speaker, Keith Simmons, gave a great presentation. His knowledge spans many decades.

Many club members also attended events held in the Daytona area during Speedweeks. Some of the events were the Legends parades on Saturday and Monday, the Legends brunch and the Legends banquet. We got to meet many legends of racing such as Red Farmer, Chocolate and Caren Myers, Dave Moody, Leonard Wood, Donnie Allison, Keith Simmons, Charles and Robert Poindexter, Ernie Irvan, plus many more legends of racing. Next year I would like to have more members attend such fun filled events.

Our guest speaker this month is Annemarie Prioriello. Annmarie did scoring and timing for the SCCA.

Upcoming we have the Doorslammer Nationals car pool and the Gatornationals bus trip. These will be fun days at the track.

Please see the newsletter for more events coming up. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

See you there, *Chris Bleistein*

## MARCH GUEST SPEAKER ANNEMARIE PRIORIELLO



Our guest speaker is a fellow Villager, Annemarie Prioriello, who will enlighten us about the excitement and challenges of Timing and Scoring for SCCA.

Annemarie became involved in the late 90s when she was dating a man who was an SCCA race tech. After she became certified for Timing and Scoring by SCCA, they traveled across the county to support Trans Am events. We look forward to learning about the behind-the-scenes activities at SCCA events.



**RYAN NEWMAN (AKA THE ROCKETMAN)**

Goes from this



To this



Ryan had been hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries after a wreck at the finish of Monday's Daytona 500.

Earlier Wednesday, the team announced that Newman "continued to show great improvement". According to Roush Fenway, Newman was joking with staff members, friends and family while playing with his two daughters.

Hours later, he was officially released.



## FUTURE MEETING AND EVENTS

- \*\* Mar 4, 2020 TVMRFC Meeting
- \*\* Mar 13, 2020 Gatornationals
- \*\* Mar 26, 2020 Tour of National Parts Depot, Ocala
- \*\* Apr 1, 2020 TVMRFC Meeting



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

### MEMBER

### HOME STATE

James Biggs

New York

Jim Dropp

Wisconsin

Karen Dropp

Wisconsin

Fred Girardini

Illinois

Jim E Johnson

Minnesota

Ken Meyer

Georgia

David Polman

Ohio

# CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

## (or the Presidents as it may be)



President Tony Kennea  
introducing incoming  
President Chris Bleistein



It's Official  
Passing of the Crew Chief Wrench



NOW  
President Chris Bleistein  
presenting Past Presidential Plaque  
to Immediate Past President Tony Kennea



Immediate Past President Tony Kennea  
accepting and thanking everyone for  
their help and support for the past  
4 years.



## Meeting February 5, 2020



Great speaker Keith Simmons, kept everyone's interest all night, and left us wanting more.

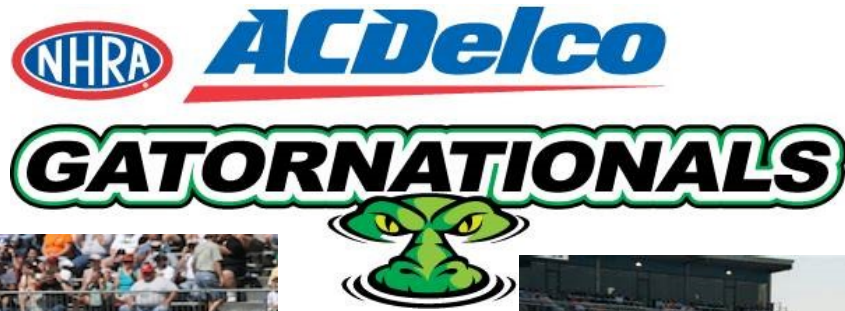


## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES**

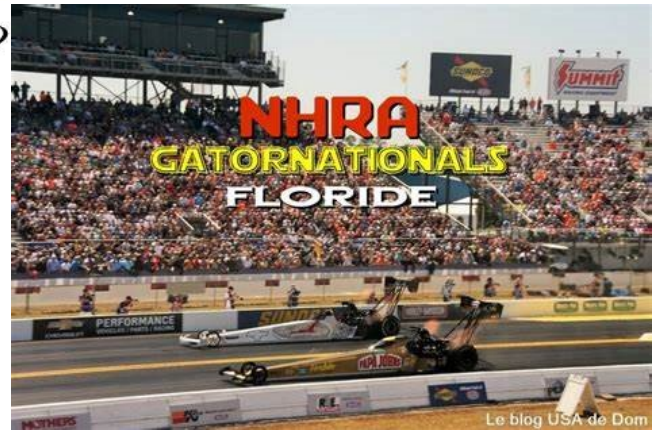
Attention Members: The February meeting was the last meeting that you could renew your club membership for 2020. If you do not have a brown 2020 sticker on your membership ID card, please go to the club website and print out the renewal form and send it to Lois Taylor at 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163. Please enclose a check or money order for \$10 with the form payable to The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.

On February 28, 2020, those of you who have not renewed will be removed from the e-mail list and other notifications that the club sends out. As a reminder, our club dues year runs from September to August, with no meetings in the summer months. Of course, during the summer we will be going to the races at our area tracks and any other events supporting racing.

If for some reason you are unable to renew in February, you can always rejoin by filling out the application on the website or at a later monthly meeting. I am addressing only a small number who have not renewed, so if you have your brown 2020 sticker on your name badge, everything is good.



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## **51st ANNUAL GATORNATIONAL EVENT AT GAINESVILLE— MARCH 13, 2020**

Plans are complete for the 51st annual Gatornational Event at Gainesville. The bus will depart from Lake Sumter Landing Transportation Station at 9:30 AM. 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. 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 third race of the NHRA Mello Yellow Drag Series for 2020. Nitro race cars can generate up to 11,000 horse power.

You do not need to be a member of the club to attend, so bring your spouse, friends and neighbors to enjoy the excitement of Drag Racing.

This is a first come/first serve event and once the bus is full we will have a standby 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 6 PM and barring any accidents 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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