

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

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Message from the Crew Chief/President



Those of you who were able to attend our March 10 "Racing in The Villages" event were treated to a great day of excitement, fun, and racing-themed camaraderie. We believe this event will become one of the annual events we'll all look forward to in the years ahead. My sincere thanks go to our Special Events Committee for a job very well done. Our thanks also go to Dick Anderson and Buddy Pearce for joining us for the day, and to The Villages Recreation Staff for their excellent support.

As you've probably come to expect by now, there's more where that came from! Keep an eye on our website's news and schedule pages for more events in the coming months, and be sure to pay close attention to Wendy Touchette's reports at our meetings. I'm sure you'll continue to be impressed at what the Club has in store for you.

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March's Event ... "Racing in The Villages"

The sound of racing was in the air March 10 at Lake Miona Recreation Center. Our Club's inaugural "Racing in The Villages" took center stage and brought out the competitive racing spirit that appears to reside in all of our Club members. Ok, so they weren't real cars...but you would never have known that judging from the cheers, the taunts, and the general excitement that surrounded the five sprint races that were the main part of the event. Our Special Events Committee, along with a crew of volunteers recruited for the event, put together an outstanding program for the day, as seen in this series of photos...

The set-up process



The Racing



March's Event ... "Racing in The Villages" (continued)



The "special guests"



The fun had by all!

Special Events Committee Report

Our Special Events Committee continues to work hard at putting together a slate of exciting events for the Club. Here are some of the major upcoming items (we'll talk about all of them in more detail at the April 4 meeting):

- **Dick Anderson Car sponsorship** – there's been a slight change from what we touched on briefly at the March meeting. Our plan as of right now is to sponsor Dick's car at the Sun Belt Series race at New Smyrna Speedway on **April 28**. This is developing into a spectacular event for the Club...see below, and stay tuned for more details on April 4. You're not gonna want to miss this one!
- **Horsepower in The Villages** – in case you missed Wendy's March 18 email on this subject, we're planning this event for Sunday, April 29 at the Polo Grounds. Please be ready to fill out your registration info at the April 4 meeting. This will be a great opportunity for us to show how strong our Club has gotten in just six months of existence.
- **NASCAR Race Trip – July, 2007** – Wendy's March 16 email outlined the plan for a bus trip to the July Busch Series and Nextel Cup events at Daytona. We'll need to wrap up the details on this pretty quick, so please be prepared to help us nail down your preferences at the April 4 meeting.

April Meeting – Our Sponsorship Deal

Current plans for the April 4 meeting are that Dick Anderson will be joining us and bringing with him the car that our Club plans to sponsor in the April 28 Sunbelt Series event at New Smyrna Speedway. This is a change in plans from the original announcement, since we were unable to finalize arrangements with USA Speedway in Lakeland. We also anticipate that Don Nerrone, the FASCAR representative instrumental in helping us put this deal together, will be joining Dick to speak with us. We'll have all of the details ironed out by the April 4 meeting, so be prepared to sign up for this exciting trip. As of right

now, we are expecting the full price to be somewhere in the \$35 to \$40 range per person, and this includes both transportation to and from the Speedway and admission to the event. Our Club logo will be on the hood of the car, and each participating member will have the opportunity to sign their name around the logo. We're expecting media coverage of the event and our Club's role in it, so this is a really big deal for us!

We're also planning to have Don Cretty, promoter at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness, with us for the evening to discuss racing activities at their facility. Citrus County Speedway, by the way, is the closest stock car racing facility to The Villages, and one that puts on an excellent Saturday night show.

Meet Your Fellow Club Members – Ted Cahalane

Well, it's Club Treasurer Ted Cahalane's turn on deck. As editor of this newsletter, I was hoping on a brief bio for Ted, since writing about Wendy Touchette and then Silky Meegan pretty much wore me out. As you can see on the attached profile, this was not the case, as our continuing series of club member life stories brings you yet another tale of accomplishments and experiences that showcase the many dimensions of the folks involved in our Club. What I'm not clear on at this point, though, is what color pen Ted will use to sign autographs!

Local Racing Corner

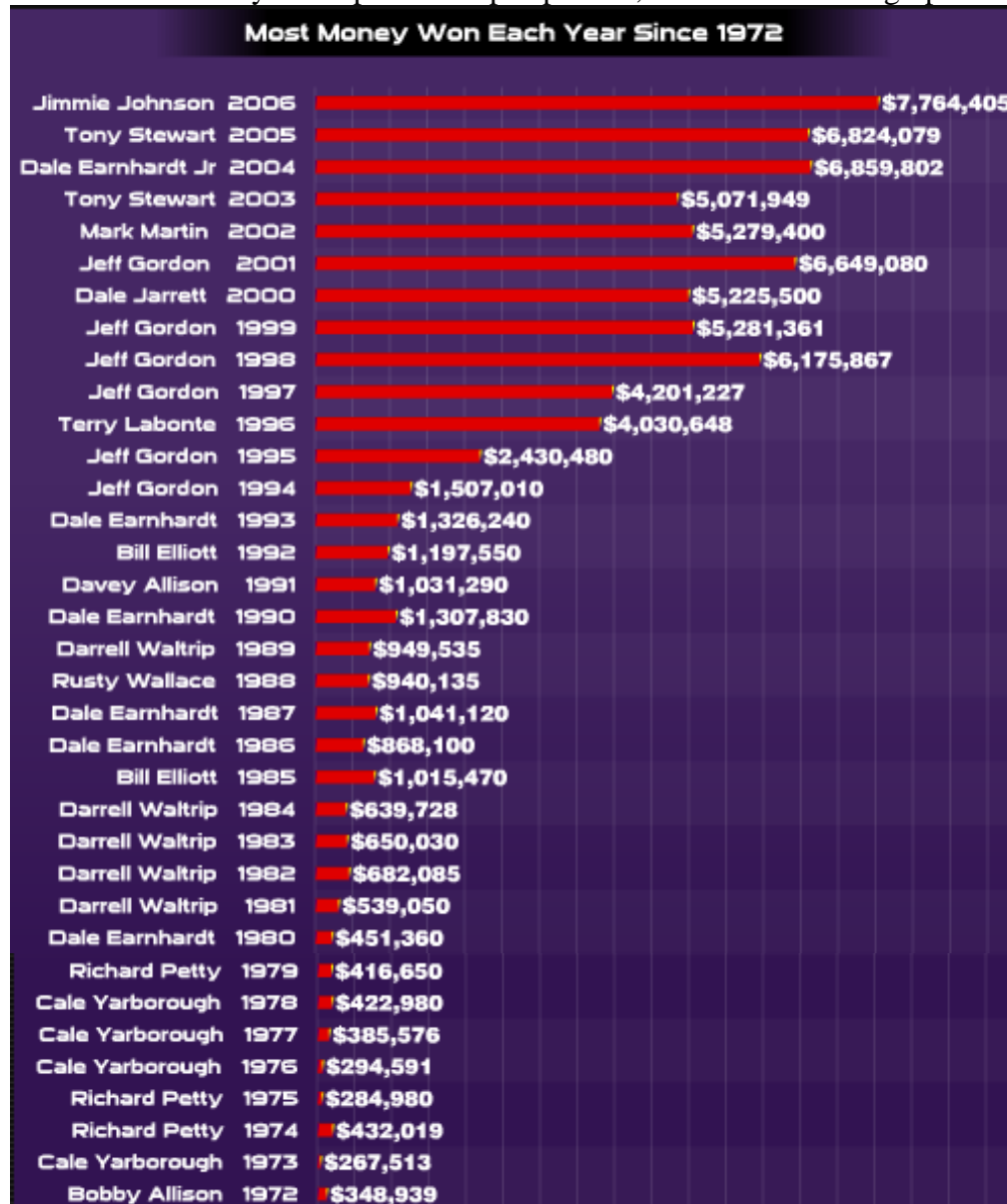
Local short track racing is moving right along! Here's the April schedule at our two closest local tracks:

- **Ocala Speedway**
 - **Friday, April 6, 2007 – Racing starts at 7:30 pm**
EVE OF DESTRUCTION – DEMO DERBY (Pick-up Trucks; Front Wheel Drive cars; Compact cars; 6 Cylinder cars & V-8 cars) plus others
 - **Friday, April 13, 2007**
Regular Divisions: (4 Cylinder Stock, V-8 Thunder Stock, V-8 Pure Stock, Street Stock, Sportsman & Late Models) PLUS –Gulf Coast Modifieds & Street Car Challenge
 - **Friday, April 20, 2007**
Regular Divisions: (4 Cylinder Stock, V-8 Thunder Stock, V-8 Pure Stock, Street Stock, Sportsman & Modifieds) Plus – Figure “8” cars
 - **Friday, April 27, 2007**
Regular Divisions: (4 Cylinder Stock, V-8 Thunder Stock, V-8 Pure Stock, Street Stock, Sportsman, & Late Models) PLUS - FAST Mini Cups & (Flag Pole race)
- **Citrus County Speedway (Inverness) – Racing starts at 5:30 pm**
 - **Saturday, April 7, 2007** - “Easter Celebration”
50 Lap 4 Cylinder, F.O.W.L., Super Late Model, Sportsman, Mini Stock, Street Stock, Pure Stock, V8 Thunder Stock, Figure 8
 - **Saturday, April 14, 2007** - Open Wheel Modified, Sportsman, Mini Stock, Street Stock, Pure Stock, V8 Thunder Stock, Fig 8
 - **Saturday, April 21, 2007** - Super Late Model, Sportsman, Mini Stock, Street Stock, Pure Stock, V8 Thunder Stock, 4 Cylinder Bombers
 - **Saturday, April 28, 2007** - Open Wheel Modified, Sportsman, Mini Stock, Street Stock, Pure Stock, V8Thunder Stock, 4 Cylinder Bombers, Fig 8



So You Don't Need to Look it up!

There's been a lot of commentary in recent press about the amount of money that moves around in NASCAR. In fact, many single-race purses these days exceed the total year winnings of drivers back in the "old days". To put this in perspective, take a look at this graph:



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Meet your fellow Club members This Month – Ted Cahalane



After profiling Wendy Touchette and Silky Meegan, I thought it would be a piece of cake from here on out. Wrong! This month's profile looks into the life of Club Treasurer Ted Cahalane and, once again, reveals an exciting background that is rich in experience. Let's begin with the most important piece of information—Ted's pride in his family and his wife of 27 years, Diana.

Ted and Diana have raised two wonderful daughters, Tamra and Ann Marie, and their joy in the accomplishments of their children is evident. Tamra is a school teacher as well as a massage therapist—her skill as a therapist has earned her the honor of being selected from dozens of candidates to help runners in the Boston Marathon. Ann Marie is the Public Relations Coordinator for the Visiting Nurses Association at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. She is in charge of fundraising and does an in house TV program. Both Tamra and Ann Marie clearly share Ted's and Diana's fondness for getting things done.

Diana's career has been the field of Human Resources, giving her the skills she needs today to manage Ted. She was Human Resources manager of a small company for over 25 years.

Now...about Ted. In case you can't tell from his demeanor, Ted is military through and through. He served as an aircraft mechanic for the Air Force during the Viet Nam era, working on in-flight tanker refueling and even "flying the boom" between B47 bombers and their fuel supply craft (that explains a lot, doesn't it?). He then elected to stay in the business, so to speak, and joined a military aerospace company that would later become part of Lockheed Martin. Here he was involved in the purchasing of electronics for systems designed to protect our military personnel, although one of the major highlights of his career involved the design of a system to protect the President of The United States ("POTUS" to those of you, like me, who were hooked on "The West Wing") from hand-launched rockets while on board the Air Force One helicopter. The challenge involved re-design of existing technology to fit the weight and space restrictions of a helicopter, and to do it in record time. Ted was, at that time, the youngest supervisor on the project and the only one foolish enough to say it could be done. The deadline was met, and Ted became instantly known as the guy to whom anything is possible. In all, Ted spent 41 years of his life proudly serving in defense of our wonderful country.

Here's another interesting piece of Ted's story. During 1970s, he had a great interest in the NFL Draft—an interest so strong that it led him to invent a fictional company called "Big Ts Scouting Service" and to publish an annual (fictional) report on major facets of the Draft. Although based on fact, the material was a bit of a satire. To make the annual report even more credible, "Big Ts" offices were supposedly located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Golden, Colorado; Olympia, Washington; and other beer capitals of our country. Ted's publication was eagerly anticipated in the media, and somehow found its way to the radio and television stations in Boston. From there, in a silly joke gone totally mad, Ted was invited for several years to do TV and radio programs on WBZ in Boston, giving Ted and "Big T" their "15 minutes of fame". Some followers thought it was all real, and the silence has never been broken.

So...that's your Treasurer, Ted Cahalane!