



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

Pit Report - April, 2010

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The Villages Cup Set to go (Again)!



The field has been reset for the Sunday, April 18 running of The 2010 Villages Cup at Speedway Park. Many of you were geared up to participate—either as competitors, support teams, or just plain spectators—at the originally-scheduled March 21 event, but a wave of showers, followed by an afternoon of heavy rain, resulted in highly unfavorable track conditions at the clay-based racetrack over in Fruitland Park. One of the truly unfortunate results of this postponement is that many of the original competitors are no longer available for the April 18 date but, on the flip side, a number of competitors who were not available on March 21 can now fill in! So, we're up to a complement of 32 available slot assignments, and we're planning a full racing schedule of 14 heats, a consolation, and a championship feature.

On an administrative note, we cannot say enough about the hospitality provided by the officials and management of Speedway Park in planning and arranging this first-of-its-kind event. They're graciously providing the go-karts and the basic safety equipment, and have gone above and beyond the call to assist in arranging the logistics for what we're certain will be another great event for our club. It's fortunate for us that we have a racing facility as fine as Speedway Park at our doorstep!

And, while we're on the subject, please pay particular attention to Wendy's Special Events announcements for the month of April...we're organizing a trip to the regular racing show at Speedway Park on the night before The 2010 Villages Cup, and we're planning to make it a sponsorship night for Nic Fernandez—our February featured speaker—and his race team. Come on out and help us cheer this rising star on as he challenges the track!

Eric Jones Appears at April 7 Meeting



Eric Jones and his new pit crew!

Fresh on the heels of his competition in the NHRA 2010 Gatornationals in Gainesville, club member Eric Jones served as our featured speaker on April 7. Eric shared with us the details of his racing experiences, and provided us some insights into what makes up an NHRA racing program. Those of you who were either along for the March 12 trip to the NHRA event or were with us at the February 14 Daytona 500 picnic have had the opportunity to take a close-up look at Eric's dragster, and everybody got a second chance to examine (and sit in!!) the car on Apr 7. (Continued page 3)

Wayne Anderson—2 for 3 in FAST Series

Auburndale Speedway, Mar. 20, 2010—After putting up winning performances in the first two Sunoco Florida All Stars Tour events, Wildwood's Wayne Anderson appeared to be on track for a third impressive finish at Auburndale Speedway on March 20. It was not to be, however, after an early skirmish forced him to the rear of the field and a late-race accident led to his exit from the field. Between laps 2 and 65, Anderson had been charging back through the field on the tough quarter-mile track, reaching fourth place when the accident occurred. He was awarded 22nd position in the finishing order, but the third place finish of rookie Austin Kirkpatrick caused Anderson to drop to second place in the 2010 series standings. Kirkpatrick has been one of the most consistent campaigners in the series, finishing three times in the top 10 to lead the points by five over Anderson. Late Model veteran and Florida stand-out Jeff Scofield won the 3/20 feature, leading all 100 laps. Randy Anderson, meanwhile, climbed to fourth place in the 2010 standings, while C.J. Calabrese dropped to eighth place. Kirkpatrick, Randy Anderson, and Calabrese all drive cars produced by Wayne Anderson Racing in Wildwood.

Kirkpatrick and Randy Anderson are also setting the pace in the competition for the Sunoco FAST Rookie of the Year honors. Anderson earned "Rookie of the Race" honors at the season opener on February 20, while Kirkpatrick grabbed the trophy on March 6 and March 20.



Wayne Anderson Salutes the Crowd after winning the Feb. 20 Feature at Orlando Speedworld

The next scheduled event on the Sunoco FAST schedule is the Sonny's Bar-B-Q 100 slated for Saturday, May 1 at Citrus County Speedway in nearby Inverness. Problems at Charlotte County Motorsports Park in Punta Gorda forced cancellation of the fourth race in the series; officials hope to reschedule this event later in the year.

Update on Club Favorites

Dick Anderson—Look out, Florida Late Model Racing Community...he's back! The "King of the Florida Short Tracks" has reclaimed his throne! After spending a few months in late 2009 and early 2010 preparing, Dick Anderson has returned to competition in his legendary black number 92 Super Late Model, and quickly proved he can still get it done. At Orlando Speedworld on April 2, he started on the outside pole in the Late Model feature, took the lead in turn one of the first lap, and led all the way to the checkers for his first win after a three-year self-induced layoff. In a post race interview, Dick commented, "They had some really good cars in the field, so I knew I had to get up on the wheel pretty quick!" And that's exactly what he did, leading all the way to the checkers in a style that many long-time Florida race fans have missed for a few years.



Dick Anderson and his famous No. 92

Buzzie Reutimann—He'll be 69 years young on May 7 of this year, but he continues to prove that age doesn't matter (at least in his case!) Buzzie launched another year of what will undoubtedly be a successful schedule of racing in the Open Wheel Modified ranks at East Bay Raceway Park on March 13, winning his heat race and the feature. The following week, he again won his heat race, but

ran into some difficulty in the feature. Buzzie commented afterward that, "It was one of those nights...I hit everything but the Winner's Circle!"

He returned to East Bay on April 10, winning his third heat race of the year and placing second in the feature. His early season success puts him atop the leader board in the Open Wheel Modifieds at Eastbay, with an average finish of 4th for the first three events.

Buzzie expects to return to Ocala Speedway within a few weeks...as soon as he gets his "chrome car" back from David!



Update on Club Favorites (continued)

Steve Griffin—Steve has rejoined the Mini-Stock ranks after a year and a half layoff, and he's quickly proven that he hasn't skipped a beat! The 2008 Citrus County Speedway Champion opened up his 2010 season at Orlando Speedworld on March 26 with a commanding win in the Feature race, and has at this point built a three-race winning streak at this demanding 3/8 mile asphalt oval. Steve's new racecar (pictured at right) is similar in appearance to the one our club sponsored several years ago over at Citrus County Speedway, and it's evidently just as fast!



Harold Bedell—Another ageless racer and club favorite—Harold Bedell—continues to show up strong in the Florida Slingshots series. Driving his familiar red number 24, Harold competed in the feature event during

the 2010 Sumter Fair, finishing 5th. Later in March at Sumter Motorsports Park, he took home a 4th place spot. Harold is pictured below running in the Sumter Fair feature at SMP and, although you can't really see it, our club logo still flies on his wing!



Eric Jones Appears at April 7 Meeting (Continued from page 1)

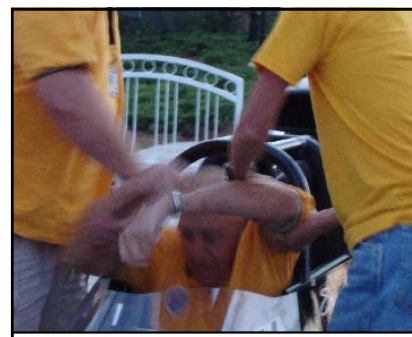
In fact, this close-up look gave many members an opportunity to get a real feel for being in a high-powered dragster. Below are some photo highlight's of Eric's visit with us...



Eric, explaining the car's details



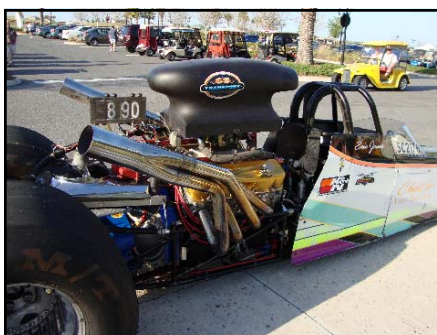
Buster's ready to go! Is he singing?



Not even sure who this is?



Eric with a captivated audience!



This turned some heads at Colony Cottage!



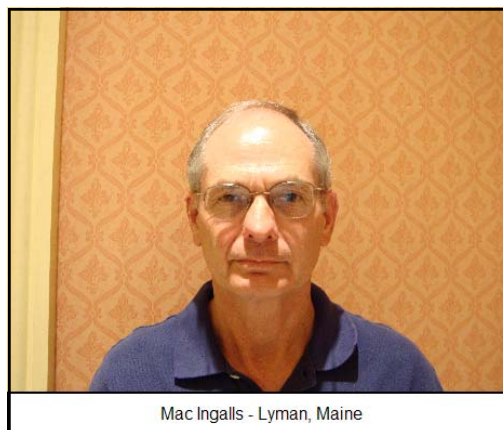
Easy does it, Ted!

Welcome, New Members!

Several new race fans joined our fold at the April 7 meeting. Take a moment at the next meeting to introduce yourself to them and help welcome them to the club!



Carrie Crowell - Owings, Maryland



Mac Ingalls - Lyman, Maine



Matt Paterson

Andy Ponstein "Visits" the Club!

We had a unique and unexpected treat at our April 7 meeting, thanks to an offer from club member Bill Ponstein (right). Through the magic of modern telephony, Bill brought his son Andy—currently competing in the NASCAR Nationwide Series—into the meeting to discuss his season as it's unfolded so far in 2010. In particular, Andy discussed his experiences at the recent Bristol Motor Speedway event, where he qualified 27th and earned a respectable 21st place finish. He also reviewed his thoughts on the legends race that took place as part of the weekend, and shared his expectations for the remainder of the 2010 season for his race team.



As many of you are aware, Andy is a seasoned veteran in several racing series, including ARCA, the CRA Super Series, NASCAR Nationwide, and the NASCAR Camping World Truck series. In 2002, he earned the CRA Sunoco Super Series Rookie of the Year title. Ponstein is a 1994 Calvin Christian graduate and a 1998 graduate of Hope College. He honed his skills competing at the Berlin Raceway in Marne and Kalamazoo Speedway.



Special Events Roundup



And, just like that, we're into the middle portion of the year! The weather is heating up, and so is our club activity list. This Saturday, for example we're traveling over to Speedway Park for a Nic Fernandez sponsorship deal, and who could forget the event we've all been waiting for...the 2010 Villages Cup! Golf outings are being planned, a NASCAR trip is being arranged, and a variety of closer-to-home visits to great racing venues are on the planning table even as we speak. This is undoubtedly going to be another great year for the club, with plenty of activities, a variety of trips, and of course a fascinating array of monthly speakers at our club meetings. We're also pretty excited about seeing our all-time favorites, like Dick Anderson and Steve Griffin, back on the track, as well as the continuation of the legendary Buzzie Reutimann's career and the steady performance of friends like Harold Bedell. We don't really need to say those most famous words in motor racing...are engines are always running!

Wendy

Date/Event	Event Details
Saturday, April 17 Speedway Park Trip	Go-Kart racing at Speedway Park in Fruitland Park; This is a car pool trip, with a sponsorship package for the Nic Fernandez Racing Team. Cost is \$8 per person; Plan to arrive at the track at 4:00 pm.
Sunday, April 18 The 2010 Villages Cup	Go-Kart driving at Speedway Park. Participants must arrive at track no later than 12:45 pm for mandatory drivers meeting. Cost is \$10 per participant. All club members, friends, and neighbors are invited to come over and cheer for the contenders. The track's concession stands will be open for refreshments.
Wednesday, May 5 Bingo Night	Many of you will recall our charity auctions from the past three years, and you'll also recall that our inventory of items for sale last year had dropped off considerably. For this reason, the Pit Crew has decided to not hold an auction this year, and to instead host a bingo night as our annual fund-raiser. The bingo event will take the place of our May meeting, with the proceeds earmarked to the charities we support. More information will be presented at the April 7 meeting...stay tuned!
Monday, June 7 Golf Scramble	Golf Scramble Coordinator Wayne Nolan has set this date as our spring, 2010 event. 36 tee time reservations (1:02 to 2:14 pm) have been set aside for us at Bacall Executive Course...contact Wayne (750-9082) to reserve your slot; post-golf picnic at Bacall Pavilion
Thursday, July 1 FAST Event at New Smyrna	Car pool trip to Sunoco FAST race at New Smyrna (12th Annual Clyde Hart Memorial Night); Detail schedule TBA
Saturday, July 3 NASCAR Coke Zero 400	Bus trip departing Laurel Manor parking lot at 2:00 pm; Price = \$150 per person, includes roundtrip bus transportation and Seagrave Box seat; see flyer attached as page 8
Monday, September 6 Golf Scramble	Golf event at Hawkes Bay Executive course; post-golf picnic at Bacall Pavilion 3-6 pm. Additional details TBA
Saturday, November 20 45th Annual Florida Governor's Cup 200, New Smyrna Speedway	Save the date; reservations will be opened at the club's August meeting; Sponsorship TBD
Sunday, December 12 4th Annual Holiday Hall of Fame and Awards Night	Save the date; Details will be announced in mid-summer
Future Events...at least some of them...more to come!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAST event bus trip—date TBD (probably late summer) • November 11-14-Zephyrhills 26th Annual Fall Autofest • November, 2010-Annual Reutimann Gold Tournament and Charity Auction • Christmas Parade (Need committee) • Poker Run/Picnic (Need committee)

Flying Cars?...Not Necessarily New to NASCAR!

After the Carl Edwards-Brad Keselowski dust-up a few weeks ago at Atlanta, a lot of attention was focused on the C.O.T. and the more-frequent-than-expected occurrences of cars getting airborne during on-track accidents. A host of experts on aerodynamics weighed in almost immediately on the causes and potential corrections, and NASCAR is well on the way to addressing the situation (again).

In the meantime, it might be a good idea to take a look at some of the research being done by a group of MIT students. They've created—and successfully flown—what's been labeled the Terrafugia Transition Roadable Aircraft. In other words, a flying car, and they're now taking orders for delivery of the "roadable planes" as early as 2011.

Here's what they look like:



For \$10,000 down, you can get on the list to order one of these beauties! Imagine tooling around (or over?) The Villages in one of these. If you want to see it in action, Google "terrafugia" and you'll find the YouTube video of the recent test flight.

Local Racing Corner

Here's a quick rundown of what's going on at the tracks close to The Villages...let's get out there and support them!

Race Track	Website & Telephone	Race Schedule
Ocala Speedway, Zuber	www.ocalaspeedway.com 352-622-9400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Wheel Mods—\$1500 to win—April 16 • Monster Trucks—April 30 • Regular Friday night racing in May
Citrus County Speedway, Inverness	www.citruscountyspeedway.com 352-726-9339	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Saturday Night programs began 2/6/10 • Sunoco FAST 100-lap SLM, May 1 • Steve Griffin back in action, scheduled to enter 100 lap mini stock feature May 22
New Smyrna Speedway, Samsula	www.newsmyrnaspeedway.org 386-427-4129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USARacing Pro Cup event sched. For April 17 • Billie Harvey Memorial 100 SLM Race—April 24 • Regular Saturday night programs in May
Orlando Speedworld, Bithlo	www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org 407-568-1367	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super Late Models scheduled for 4/16, 5/7, & 5/14 • Regular Friday night programs in May
Volusia Speedway Park, Barberville	www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net 386-985-4402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Gun Sprints—4/24 • Regular Saturday night programs in May (closed 5/8) • Memorial Day Sportsman Spectacular-5/29
Speedway Park- Fruitland Park	www.originalspeedwaypark.com 352-308-7664	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check website for schedule; Oval track racing every first and third Saturday
Sumter Motorsports Park, Bushnell	www.sumterracing.com 863-286-9456	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 19-21— Central Florida Winternationals • Oval track racing every second and fourth Sat. • Mud racing every third Saturday

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Here's a cool way to control driving speed!

...at least until everybody catches on! Speed bumps are one way to do it, increased sheriff patrols are another. Since common sense has become a sort of rare commodity in traffic flow these days, it seems like everybody is on the lookout for ways to slow things down a bit (except, of course, on the race track). Well, some traffic engineers in Canada have come up with a dramatic way to give drivers in areas prone to high speeds something to focus on so that they take it easy. Imagine coming up on something like this as you're driving along...



You'd probably slow down. But here's the real "skinny" on the idea...



It might work for a day or two for us "regulars," but it would help with the visitors, don't you think?

So you don't need to look it up...

Fresh off of our March 12 trip to the 2010 NHRA Tire Kingdom Gatornationals in Gainesville, we thought it would be interesting to hit you all with a series of facts, figures, and just plain trivia about NHRA competition. So here's some food for thought, courtesy of www.nhra.net, and they're all presented as answers to that age-old question: Did you know...?

... that the nitro methane-powered engines of NHRA Top Fuel dragsters and Funny Cars produce approximately 7,000 horsepower, about 37 times that of the average street car?

... that one cylinder of the eight cylinders of a Top Fuel dragster or a Funny Car produces 750 horsepower, equaling the entire horsepower output of a NASCAR engine?

... that the gasoline-powered engines of NHRA Pro Stock cars produce about 1,200 horsepower, about eight times that of the average street car?

... that an NHRA Top Fuel dragster accelerates from 0 to 100 mph in less than .8-second, almost 11 seconds quicker than it takes a production Porsche 911 Turbo to reach the same speed?

... that an NHRA Top Fuel dragster leaves the starting line with a force nearly five times that of gravity, the same force of the space shuttle when it leaves the launching pad at Cape Canaveral?

... that an NHRA Funny Car is slowed by a reverse force more than seven times that of gravity when both parachutes deploy simultaneously?

... that NHRA Top Fuel dragsters and Funny Cars consume between four and five gallons of fuel during a quarter-mile run, which is equivalent to between 16 and 20 gallons per mile?

... that NHRA Top Fuel dragsters and Funny Cars use between 10 and 12 gallons of fuel for a complete pass, including the burnout, backup to the starting line, and quarter-mile run?

... that NHRA Top Fuel dragsters and Funny Cars travel the length of more than four football fields in less than five seconds?

... that NHRA Top Fuel dragsters can exceed 280 mph in just 660 feet?

... that from a standing start, NHRA Top Fuel dragsters accelerate faster than a jumbo jet, a fighter jet, and a Formula One race car?

... that it's desirable for an NHRA Top Fuel dragster to race with its front wheels inches off the ground for about the first 200 feet of the run? This ensures proper weight transfer to the rear wheels, a crucial part of a good launch and quick run.

(Sources: NHRA Communications and Technical Departments, NHRA race teams, motorsports equipment manufacturers)

DETAILS ON CLUB TRIP TO DAYTONA FOR COKE ZERO 400, JULY

Coke Zero 400 Package Includes:

- Seagrave Box ticket for the Coke Zero 400
- Motorcoach transportation to and from The Villages-Laurel Manor Recreations Center parking lot to Daytona International Speedway on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
- Tailgating allowed at the bus area bring chairs if you wish to tailgate
- Coolers may be brought into the track but must be soft-sided and smaller than 6x6x12 inches

Cost: \$150.00 per person

Must have 24 People Booked By June 15th To Run This Tour

Package is fully refundable if minimum number of guests is not met.



Saturday, July 3, 2010
Daytona International Speedway

The Following Options May Be Added:

Pre-Race / Fan Zone

The next best thing to a garage pass!

Not only will you be able to get closer than ever with a Sprint Fan Zone ticket, the Pre-Race pass allows fans to walk across the track surface, over the grassy Tri-Oval and onto Pit Road until the end of driver introductions. Also includes view from the top of the Sprint Cup garages for behind-the-scenes action; Daytona Bistro; live entertainment; media stage; you can even sign your name on the start/finish line!

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Sprint FanView

Your ultimate race-day companion! Enjoy real-time race and driver statistics, live race video, in car camera views, ESPN and SPEED programming and more!

Cost: \$40.00 per person

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