



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

Pit News

April, 2017

Next Meeting Wednesday May 3, 2017 at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

Vice Prez Says



Hi there: At our April meeting, we continued our parade of racers from around Florida. We were honored to meet Jeremy Gerstner and his beautiful family. He did not disappoint us with his overview of his racing career. Especially when he dropped names like Dick Anderson and many NASCAR drivers.

At this time we have put Night Golf on hold. More information to follow.

In case you missed it, we have had a few club members showcase their hobbies in the Daily Sun. Don Day with his 1967 Austin Healy and Mike Anderson spinning his tunes in his Garage Mahal. Both are long-time club members, so look them up at our next meeting and find out the rest of their stories.

Our May meeting will host Bob Wardwell, Village of Lynnhaven resident and Lawnmower Racer. Clean out your garage, guys. This might be your next hot rod!

Until next time, *Wendy*

Our May Guest Speaker

Bob Wardwell

Racing is racing, right? Well think again.

This is a new kind of racing for us.

LAWNMOWER RACING!

Bob is a resident of The Village of Lynnhaven and he has been an active Lawnmower racer for over 20 years, traveling all over the country to compete.





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Mike Anderson

Once a month club member Mike Anderson transforms his Garage Mahal into a booming music venue for his neighbors, a.k.a. Mike's Music Monday.

Each time the theme is different and so is the music. He offers up recorded music, concerts on DVD and YouTube videos. Mike's neighbors love the music and visiting with each other. Anderson loves creating the event each month.



Don Day

Club member Don Day has a 1967 Austin Healey 3000 BJ8 that sounds as good as it looks.

He bought it in 1978 and it has been a labor of love ever since. You can often meet Don and see his pride and joy at the Cruise In monthly car show at Spanish Springs Town Square.



NIGHT GOLF

Thursday, May 4, 2017

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR A LATER DATE.

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED

Sometimes my
drinking has a
golf problem.



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Lawn Mowing Taken to a New Level!

Posted Sunday, April 2, 2017 by [Gerry Hafer](#)

File this one under the heading of “Little-Known Racing Venues.” But being little-known does not mean unsuccessful, by any means. The venue is called “Lawn Mower Racing,” and in 2017 it’s enjoying its silver anniversary as an officially-sanctioned form of racing that has garnered the attention of a growing base of fans.

How it Started

As a form of organized motorsports, Lawn Mower Racing grew out of an early 1960s tradition that began in the Northwest Indiana town of Twelve Mile, where in 1963 the “Twelve Mile 500” was born. This event brought to the grid a collection of factory-built mowers with their mowing decks removed, and has evolved through the years to a 15-mile, 60-lap event run on a quarter-mile track in Twelve Mile’s Plank Hill Park. The event allows for a maximum field of 33 entrants and, just like in NASCAR, the entrants must qualify on speed to compete in the feature.

With the success of Lawn Mower Racing in Indiana, other states were quick to follow. Wilkes County Agricultural Fairground in North Carolina began hosting events in 1984 under the auspices of the North Wilkesboro Rotary Club, and the regular Saturday night racing series has been reported to draw thousands of fans. The State of New Mexico joined the fray in 1983, where several hundred active racers took to the track, first predominantly in John Deere mowers and later in Craftsman machines. Then, in 2013, Saturday night racing began in Patton, Missouri where competitors from Southeast Missouri and parts of Arkansas battle in five separate classes, with driver ages ranging from 6 to 75. Lawn Mower Racing. is based firmly around the use of both engines and chassis from regular model mowers.

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DID YOU KNOW

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
2. The Electric Chair was invented by a dentist.
3. Coca-Cola was originally green.
4. The San Francisco Cable Cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

LOCAL TRACKS

Track	Location	Phone #	Address	Zip
Auburndale Speedway	Winter Haven	(863)551-1131	5640 E County Rd 542	33880
Bronson Speedway	Archer	(352)486-4998	9950 FL-24	32618
Bubba Raceway Park	Ocala	(352)622-9400	9050 NW Gainesville Rd	34482
Citrus County Speedway	Inverness	(352)341-5764	3600 S Florida Ave	34450
Desoto Speedway	Bradenton	(914)748-3171	21050 State Rd 64 E	34212
East Bay Raceway Park	Tampa (Gibson)	(813)677-7223	6311 Burts Rd	33619
Marion County Speedway	Ocala	(352)812-3922	7197 NW Gainesville Rd	34475
New Smyrna Speedway	Samsula	(386)427-4129	3939 Florida 44	32168
Original Speedway Park	Fruitland Park	(352)787-4968	35400 Micro Racetrack Rd	34731
Orlando Speedworld	Bithlo	(407)568-1367	19164 E Colonial Dr	32820
Putnam County Speedway	Satsuma	(386)649-6969	1009 US 17	32189
Showtime Speedway	Pinellas Park	(727)561-9646	4550 Ulmerton Rd	33762
Volusia Speedway Park	De Leon Springs	(386)985-4402	1500 E State Rd 40	32130

UPCOMING LOCAL RACES

Auburndale Speedway

May 6, 2017 Doubleheader Pro Truck 50/Sportsman50;Mini Cup/MS/SC/Legend/V8 Bomber

May 13, 2017 Figure 8/DAARA; Mini Stock/Mod Mini/Scrambler

May 20, 2017 Road Race; Mini Stock/Scrambler

Citrus County Speedway

May6, 2017 50 Lap Open Wheel Mod, 25 Lap Mini Stock & Mod Mini & Pure Stock & Pure Stock Figure 8

JEREMY GERSTNER WILL BE RUNNING HIS OWM ON MAY 6,

It would be great to see a collection of yellow shirts there to root him on.

May13, 2017 50 Lap Sportsman & Pure Stock, 25 Lap Mod Mini & Street Stock & Mini Stock

NEW SMYRNA

May 6, 2017 Super Late Models, Sportsman, Modifieds, Sportsman, Bombers

May 13, 2017 Pro Late Models, Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bombers

May 27, 2017 Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bombers