



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

*Pit News*

**April, 2020**

Next Meeting To Be Announced

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### Prez Says



Last month our guest speaker was AnneMarie Prioriello. She did a wonderful job of telling our members about her years of scoring and timing for the SCCA. Her comments came from the heart and made us realize all of the extra duties she had to do besides scoring and timing. Many thanks to AnneMarie for sharing her memories with us.

As we all realize we are having to make some changes to our schedule for a short while due to the Coronavirus. Our meeting this month had to be cancelled due to all recreation centers being closed and for the safety of all our members. Our guest speaker for the month of April, Paul O'Connor will have to be rescheduled.

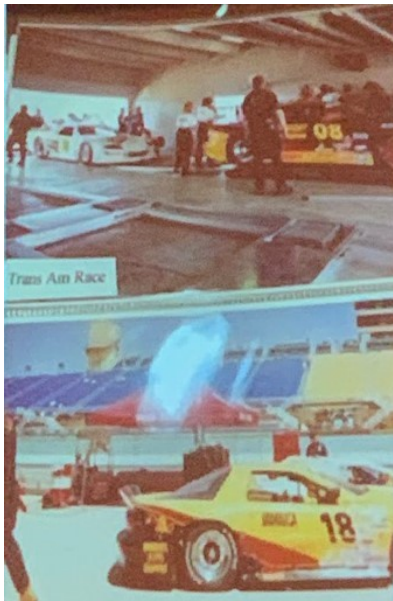
We are waiting to hear from the NHRA as to what they are going to do about the Gatornationals which will either be rescheduled or maybe use the ticket for 2021. Lois Taylor will advise everyone what to do in the near future when we get word from the NHRA. In the meantime, please hold on to your ticket until Lois advises what action to take.

The National Parts Depot tour will have to be rescheduled for another time. This is being done for the safety of our members due to the Coronavirus.

**Stay safe. Stay calm. Be healthy. *Chris Bleistein***



AnneMarie Prioriello  
A full house,  
All eyes and ears on  
AnneMarie.



## FUTURE MEETING AND EVENTS

TBA	Gatornationals
TBA	Tour of National Parts Depot
** July 23, 2020	Camp Villages RC Racing
** Nov 8, 2020	Pot Luck for Phoenix Race
** Jan 23, 2021	Hall Of Fame



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

### MEMBER

### HOME STATE

William MacEntee	Pennsylvania
David Marven	Pennsylvania
AnneMarie Prioriello	Massachusetts
Brenda Salot	Virginia
Dave Salot	Virginia
Alan Sneider	Florida



## UP, UP AND AWAY

[Space / Aviation](#) / By [Rich Buhler & Staff](#) / March 17, 2015

This a true story of Larry Walters from California, who actually strapped 42 weather balloons to a lawn chair and went sailing into the air. It was on television several years ago and many stories have been written about him and his love for balloons from childhood. Below are two links from YouTube.....Hope you enjoy

On YouTube.....<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wWds5r4DZs>

On YouTube..... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5eAjYpcYeg>

Lawnchair Larry, the man who soared to 16,000 Feet attached to weather balloons-  
Truth!



According to published reports, Walters was employed as a truck driver in Southern California. On July 2, 1982, he fastened 42 surplus balloons to a lawn chair and launched from his girlfriend's San Pedro home. He carried various supplies with him as well as a CB radio and a BB gun to shoot balloons one at a time to descend. He didn't realize how powerful the buoyancy of the balloons was. When he cut a rope holding him to terra firma, he took off with such a jolt that another anchor rope broke under the stress and he shot upward so quickly that his eyeglasses flew to the ground. He floated around the L.A. basin for several hours and reached altitudes of up to 16,000 feet. According to an article in the New York Times the next day, Walters was spotted by pilots from both TWA and Delta Airlines. It was cold at 16,000 feet and he started shooting some of his balloons to descend, but dropped his BB gun and had to wait for his rig to come down on its own. He landed in a residential neighborhood in Long Beach where got tangled in some power lines, causing a power blackout. He told reporters that his weather balloon flight had been a dream of more than 20 years. Larry Walters died eleven years after his flight from what the Los Angeles Times described as a self-inflicted gunshot wound.  
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20 RICHEST NASCAR DRIVERS IN HISTORY



DALE EARNHARDT SR	? (No Dollar Amount)
KEVIN HARVICK	\$70 MILLION
MARK MARTIN	\$70 MILLION
TONY STEWART	\$70 MILLION
KEN SCHRADER	\$75 MILLION
JIMMIE JOHNSON	\$120 MILLION
JEFF GORDON	\$150 MILLION
DALE EARNHARDT JR	\$300 MILLION
RICHARD PETTY	\$60 MILLION
MATT KENSETH	\$60 MILLION
DANICA PATRICK	\$55 MILLION
CARL YARBOROUGH	\$50 MILLION
KASEY KAHN	\$50 MILLION
CARL EDWARDS	\$50 MILLION
KYLE BUSCH	\$50 MILLION
KURT BUSCH	\$50 MILLION
GREG BIFFLE	\$50 MILLION
JEFF BURTON	\$45 MILLION
MICHAEL WALTRIP	\$35 MILLION
DENNY HAMLIN	\$30 MILLION

### INTERESTING NASCAR FACTS

The only sport in the United States with more fans than NASCAR is professional football.

The average NASCAR car can reach 150 miles to over 200 miles per hour. This would be the same as traveling the length of a football field in only one second.

When fines are imposed on a driver, the money collected is donated to charities.

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