



PIT NEWS *April, 2023*

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Next Meeting: April 5, 2023

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Greetings Fellow Yellow Shirts:

Wednesday, April 5 is next week and our meeting at 7PM at Colony Cottage Rec Center will feature fellow Villager, Jim McCraw, speaking about the 1994 Indy 500. (Anyone interested in 3 tickets for the 500 weekend, please see me or Chris Bleistein) I hope to see you all there.

Please bring a deposit of \$200 if you plan to go on the Mt. Airy Moonshiner's Reunion trip Sept. 7-11. Should we have to cancel the trip due to lack of interest, your deposit will be refunded. See Mike Gross to reserve your spot.

Easter is April 9 and I know many of you will be heading back North for the summer. I wish you safe travel, a wonderful stay and we will see you all again in the Fall. We are planning an anniversary celebration in October, so I hope you can make it.

Tuesday, April 11, we will be carpooling to Deland to tour Alan Sheppard's garage and shop. He preps cars for the ARCA series and does work on other race cars. Hidden away in the Ocala Forest is a beautiful property and nice people. Join us if you can. We will be going to lunch somewhere local after the tour.

That's it for now. I have enjoyed the first months of this year and my new position. I appreciate all your comments and input as to the direction of the club. Keep up the good work and I will see you soon.

Sincerely, Gerry G

Pictures from March 1 Meeting



(L) Impromptu A/C because room A/C was broken, (C and R) Ron Hedger and Pres. Gerry G

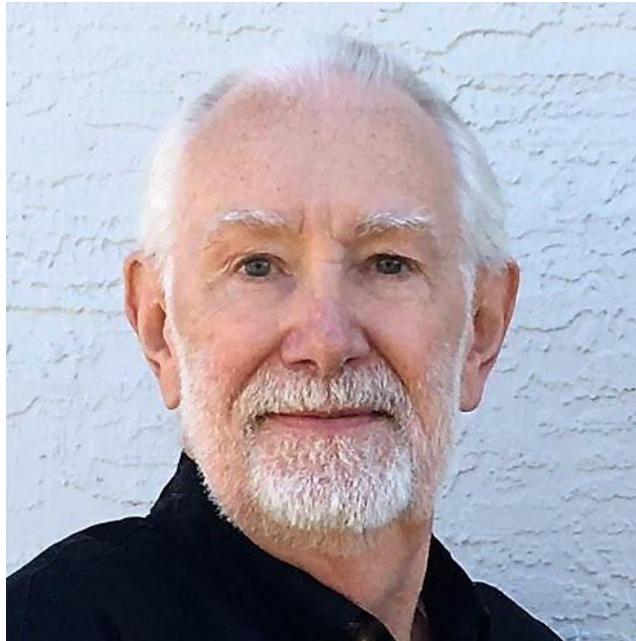
Important Upcoming Dates

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| April 5, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m. |
| April 11, Tuesday | Alan Sheppard Garage Tour |
| April 29, Saturday | Car Club of the Month, Brownwood Paddock Square, 5-8pm |
| May 3, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7 p.m. |
| September 7-11 | Moonshiner's Reunion, Statesville, NC |



*From the Board of Directors,
Happy Easter from our homes to yours.*

Next Meeting – April 5



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 5 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker is Jim McCraw, a Villager who has been an automotive editorial, public relations and publishing professional since 1962.

Jim is a former editor in chief of Hot Rod Magazine and Super Stock Magazine, and former executive editor of Motor Trend Magazine.

McCraw has been a freelance writer and photographer since 1990, writing for publications including Popular Science, Field & Stream, Popular Mechanics, The New York Times, Car and Driver and many others. He has competed in a number of road rallies from New England to California, and remains an avid motorsports fan.

2nd Annual Motor Racing Show



We are proud to announce that our showcasing of various forms of racing at our Show and Display on Monday, March 27, 2023 was above expectations! It was well received by spectators and The Villages Recreation Dept. Pictures will be highlighted in next month's Newsletter.

Moonshiner's Reunion in Mt. Airy NC

If you are interested in attending the 5-day trip from Sept. 7-11 to Mt. Airy NC, a deposit of \$200 is required at the April 5 meeting. We will carpool and lodging will be about \$99 per night. The whole town is in party mode. We will be visiting Andy Griffith's Mayberry.

Alan Sheppard Garage Tour

The Alan Sheppard Garage tour in Deland, FL will take place on Tuesday, April 11. Members will be carpooling from Eisenhower Recreation Center (rendezvous time will be determined by the April 5 meeting). The route to the garage is by taking Route 42 all the way. Mike Gross will have a sign-up sheet at the April 5 meeting to include cell phone numbers in the event someone gets lost.

Car Clubs of the Month Event

Our club has been invited to be one of five car clubs to be showcased on Saturday, April 29 at Brownwood. It will be held from 5-8 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help at this event, so if interested in helping at this event please contact Jeff Ing at 631-897-6263 for more details. Don't forget to proudly wear your yellow club shirts.

Prediction Row 2023



Our predictors are almost halfway through the Spring Segment, which ends with the Darlington Race May 14. After the COTA race, our standings are as follows:

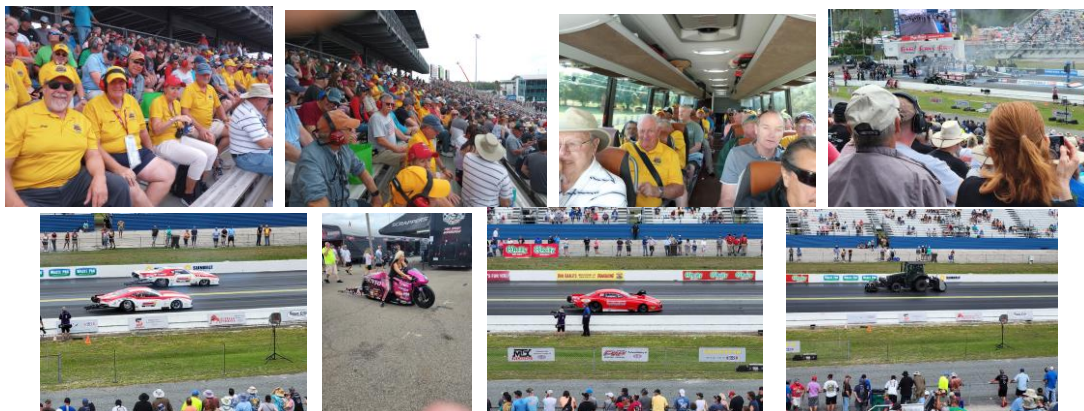
Rick Almeida – 1 win, 222 points
Brian Dillon - 1 win, 161 points
John Mulloy - 1 win, 136 points
Craig Simundza - 0 wins, 203 points
Bill Samuels - 0 wins, 145 points
Jeff Ing - 0 wins, 134 points

For weekly updates, you will find Prediction Row in the Sports Section of The Daily Sun on NASCAR points race day. You can always get the latest information on the club website.

Silky Meegan
Prediction Row Coordinator

Gatornationals

Well Mother Nature held off the rain until about 6pm which allowed the 54 attendees to finally enjoy a day at the races. It has been a long time coming. 47 people rode the bus and others drove themselves. Mike said everyone had a great time and he didn't leave anyone at the track. Woo Hoo.



Membership Notice

Thank you to all who have taken the time to renew. If you know someone who likes racing, let them know about our website and encourage them to join the club. We had a great racecar show at Brownwood Monday night and the members who turned out to assist were awesome. We gave out a number of applications and should have a good turnout of guests at the April 5 meeting. Please take a minute or two to welcome them and have them join your table.

I still have a number of membership cards that have not been picked up and I will have them displayed on the end of our sign in tables. There are a few who have not renewed and you can also do that then or send me a check for \$20 and I will have your 2023 purple sticker ready to be picked up. My address is Lois Taylor, TVMRFC, 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163.

Very soon we will be taking a break for the summer, so be sure to let me know if there is a change to your email or address. As activities occur over the summer, this is the way we will communicate them to you. Remember, you can always check the website for information about racing in our area. Hope to see all of you at the races!

Lois Taylor
Membership Coordinator

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED!

Did you move, change your phone number or e-mail address? We need to know. Please let membership coordinator Lois Taylor, know by either checking in with her at a meeting or emailing her at ltaylr@hotmail.com or calling her at (352) 633-5624. It is important that we have updated information in the event we need to reach out to members.

Editor's Corner of useful (and sometimes) useless funny tidbits....



Took this month off. I was still too tired from posting pictures.



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Allen Carey from Pennsylvania
Donna Handley from New York

Club Apparel Is Back

Show off your club pride with “crew uniform” apparel items featuring the club logo. To view the complete line of apparel, please go to the club’s website, VillagesRacingClub.com

These high-quality items may be seen at every club meeting. Some items without your embroidered name are “cash and carry.” Orders for embroidered items are taken at each meeting, but we need to order a minimum of six items at a time. Cash or check is required at the time of order.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please see Crew Uniform Manager Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at mikesg201@gmail.com.

Get Well and Thinking of You

We would like to send well wishes and positive healing thoughts to our members and their families who may be recovering from or are in the midst of dealing with a medical illness.

Sponsorship Opportunity with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club



Our club's Sponsorship Program is "revved" up. Here is the information that is given to a sponsor to show them what the club will provide in return for their sponsorship.

We are pleased to announce your sponsorship will be showcased on our website Sponsor Page. It will also be promoted at our monthly meetings and at every racing booth throughout the year. We will provide handouts and advertise your business at our racing events.

Sponsorships will go a long way toward making our goals a reality. We are striving to bring informative and diverse racing-related events to The Villages. For more information to become a sponsor, please contact club president, Gerry Greim at 215-630-1402 or gerryglbi@cs.com.



Assistant Media Coordinators

We are searching for helpers to assist media coordinator Mike Anderson with activities that he handles. They are quite varied: email blasts, print member badges, PowerPoint at meetings, Word, club website and Facebook. We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or mike.mag70@gmail.com.

Recording Secretary

We need a volunteer to record minutes at our board of directors meetings. These are held at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, August - April. The minutes are then emailed to the board members. Please call or email club president Gerry Greim to talk about this opportunity, 215-630-1402 or gerryglbi@cs.com.



PIT CREW

**Need to get in touch with a member of the Pit Crew?
Please see the information below.**

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Gerry Greim	President	Crew Chief	215-630-1402
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Volunteer needed	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
Mike Gross	Special Events Coordinator	Jack Man	401-323-1313
Lois Taylor	Membership Coordinator	Mechanic	352-633-5624
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Coordinator	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Member At Large	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jeff Ing	Member At Large	Spotter	631-897-6263
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-750-1185

Don't forget to visit our website for more club information.

Thank You

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support. We ask that you please support these businesses so that they can continue to be a vital part of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.



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Leesburg, FL
407-235-5282



ASA
Midwest Tour



Bob Woodsford, Realtor
The Villages, FL
352-430-5249



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Lady Lake, FL
352-205-8222



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Roscoe, IL
815-389-9999



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and Repair
Services

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Kokomo, IN
765-459-3877



Platinum Sponsor
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Parts Geek
Doylestown, PA
800-541-9352



Fox Pest Control
Orlando, FL
407-863-3592



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