



## **PIT NEWS** **April, 2025**

**Editor: Donna Gross**

**Next Meeting: May 7, 2025**

### ***A Few Words from the President's Desk***



Here it is, approaching the end of April. Many of our members have packed up and headed out of town for homes in other parts of our world. Thank you for faithfully attending our meetings and special events as much as you have been able. It has been a fun winter season. I look forward to seeing you all in the Fall upon your return to our Villages.

For those of you full timers, we have a hot May meeting planned. There will be Conkle's Trivia, multiplied by 4, plus nine contestants will present chili recipes for you to taste and judge. We will have cash prizes of \$50-\$30-\$20 for the favorite chili. We need your taste buds and your votes. We will have something sweet to round out the event and don't forget to bring your own beverage of choice.

Racing is heating up all around The Villages area. Check out Ocala Speedway, Showtime Speedway, Auburndale Speedway, Volusia Speedway Park, and New Smyrna Speedway. Dirt or asphalt, there's no better way to spend a Saturday night then watching locals speed around the tracks, chasing each other toward winning the checkered flag. We will be holding another tailgate party prior to a local race sometime in May, so watch for our email blast and join us for food, race talk and track action if you can.

That's it for now. Be safe, be happy, be healthy, and I will see you soon.

***DON'T FORGET THE MEETINGS ARE BACK AT COLONY COTTAGE RECREATION CENTER***

Sincerely,  
Gerry G.  
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## Important Upcoming Dates

May 7, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, <b>Colony Cottage Recreation Center</b> , 7 PM
May 10, Saturday	Ocala Speedway, Tailgate and Races, 4:30 PM
June, July, August	No Monthly Meeting
Sept. 3, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM

### Next Meeting - May 7



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 7, at **Colony Cottage Recreation Center**, going green at 7 p.m. **Note that we will be back at our normal location.**

Get ready for a night of fun, flavor, and fast-paced action! Your Pit Crew (aka the Board of Directors) has revved up something extra special.

First up: The return of the legendary Chili Cook-Off! Fire up your stove and bring the heat. It's time to dig into your recipe book and whip up your best batch of chili. Whether it's spicy, smoky, or secret-ingredient spectacular, we want your masterpiece in the spotlight. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place -- bragging rights included.

Next: Put your racing smarts to the test with Racing Trivia! The one and only Quizmaster Jerry Conkle is back, unlocking the Trivia Vault and firing off questions that will challenge even the most die-hard race fans. Think you know your stuff? It's time to prove it!

Don't miss this high-octane evening. Food, fun, and fierce competition await you.

## OCALA SPEEDWAY TAILGATE AND RACES – MAY 10

Join us for a fun night at Ocala Speedway, aka Bubba Raceway Park. We're kicking things off with a tailgate party – food provided by the club, so just bring your appetite and race-day spirit!

Jeff Ing is coordinating this event, and we need a headcount to make sure there's plenty of food. Sign up at the May 7 meeting OR call Jeff at 631-897-6263 to lock in your spot.

Meet us at 4:30PM at Ocala Speedway, 9050 NW Gainesville Rd, Ocala, FL 34482.



### Prediction Row 2025



With only four races left in the Spring Segment, Richard Adkins has taken a commanding lead with four wins. After the Charlotte race Memorial Day weekend, the top three predictors will move on to the Playoff Segment. The current standings are:

Richard Adkins - 4 wins, 383 points  
Gerry Hafer - 2 wins, 302 points  
Pete Zaagman - 1 win, 355 points  
Steve Poplarski - 1 win, 326 points  
Jim Holcomb - 1 win, 259 points  
Lou Palmer - 0 wins, 287 points

Competing in the Summer Segment beginning June 1 are:

Rick Almeida  
Bill McCormick  
Len Pouncey  
Craig Simundza  
John Songer  
Defending champion Marty Wool

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator



**EVERY THURSDAY** Club members and guests meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive, corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Lane.

**EVERY FRIDAY** Club members and guests meet at Toasted Yolk Cafe, 657 Kristine Way, Lake Deaton Plaza.

We order at 8 a.m. Come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast and chat about all things racing.

## TVMRFC TAILGATING NIGHT – APRIL 5

Vice President Jeff Ing organized a Tailgate Party at Citrus County Speedway for the Pro Truck 75 laps event. 15 Club members joined Jeff at the Opening Ceremonies. Jeff and Chris Bleistein were the official chefs and made sure everybody's bellies were full. It was a beautiful night for racing and swapping racing stories. Johnny "A" Angiolo presented the \$150 TVMRFC bonus to 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Wilson Martins, Jr. Becca Monopoli was also in attendance and finished 5<sup>th</sup>.



Chris, Marty, Lou, Jeff, Gerry, Jerry, Wilson Martins, Jr (3rd Place Finisher), Johnny A and Shel in victory lane presenting Wilson with TVMRFC bonus.

### Tailgating Pictures – Continued



Chris and Jeff "The Chefs"



Members chilling and enjoying the night



The Crew sporting their Yellow Shirts

### Tailgating Pictures – Continued



Senior Lane LOL



Becca Monopoli finished fifth in the Pro Truck race

**Gone but not forgotten.....**  
*Judy Monahan*  
*December 14, 1948 - April 8, 2025*



Judy leaves behind her husband Dave of 53 years. There are no calling hours or services and will be at rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua, NY.



## *New Members*

BILL HARMAN - MICHIGAN

BOB PATTERSON – NEW JERSEY

CATHE AND JIM REZENDES – RHODE ISLAND

### **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 [Itaylr@hotmail.com](mailto:Itaylr@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 jokes (and sometimes) useless funny tidbits...**



*The Best Things*  
in life are the people we love, the places we have been  
and the memories we have made along the way.

*Make memories today, as tomorrow is not promised.*

## Club Apparel



Get ready to rock your club pride with our exclusive "crew uniform" apparel, featuring the iconic club logo! From stylish shirts to bold jackets, show the world you are part of the action. Check out the full collection now at [VillagesRacingClub.com](http://VillagesRacingClub.com)!

These top-quality items are available for viewing at every club meeting, and some items – without your personalized embroidery – are "cash and carry" for your convenience. Need your name embroidered? No problem! Orders for personalized gear are taken at every meeting, but we do require a minimum of six items per order (total from all members). Remember, cash or check is needed at the time of purchase.

Got questions or ready to place your order? Catch Mike Gross at a club meeting or reach out via email at [mikesg201@gmail.com](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com). Let's gear up and represent the club in style!

## Get Well and Thinking of You

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



## 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
Jeff Ing	Vice President and Car Shows Coordinator	Car Chief	631-897-6263
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary and Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	708-744-7292
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
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	Spotter	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsors Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
Tony Kenna	Past President	Team Owner	352-603-9197
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-630-9234

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

# Thank You



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352-748-9111



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