



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

Pit Report - May, 2010

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Nic Fernandez Night at Speedway Park



A sea of yellow club shirts dominated the grandstands Saturday night, April 17 at Speedway Park to participate in our sponsorship of Nic Fernandez. It was a great opportunity for us to spend time with the Fernandez family, get a close-up look at Nic's race team and the pit activities at Speedway Park, and cheer this young, rising star on as he competed in the "Junior Purple" racing class for drivers in the age range of 8 to 10. Although it's his first year in this class, Nic is holding his own, with a finishing average of 4.2 through the first five events and a solid grip on 4th place in the points.

Judging from the many comments from club members taking part in this trip, it's evident that Speedway Park picked up a bunch of new fans. It was a great night of racing, and it's only a mile east of The Villages! They race the first and third weekends of each month, with the exception of July and August (the regular schedule resumes September 4). Check out their website (<http://originalspeedwaypark.com>) for additional information.



Get Ready for Bingo!



A wild night of Bingo is planned for Wednesday, May 5 in place of our regular club meeting. Project Chair "Big Dave" Bockman has been busily organizing what will be a rousing night of bingo playing, the proceeds from which will go to support the club's primary charities (Help Them Call Home, Operation Shoebox, and Victory Junction Gang Camp). In addition to cash prizes, Big Dave and his team have arranged for a host of door prizes from local vendors, and are planning a great selection of refreshments. **Don't forget that this event is open to all residents of The Villages...tell your friends and neighbors and bring them with you to this fun-filled night of bingo action!** It all starts at 7:00 pm at Colony Cottage.

The 2010 Villages Cup is Now History!

Well, it's all over but the shouting at this point, and eight club members are basking in the afterglow of their trophy-earning performances in the 2010 Villages Cup event. Actually, it's fair to say that all 32 entrants are elated with their opportunity to compete in what was described as one of the best events ever for the club. Congratulations go to ex-snowmobile racer George Glotfelty (pictured below) on his multiple heat victories and his decisive win in the 10-lap Championship feature. It's also fair to

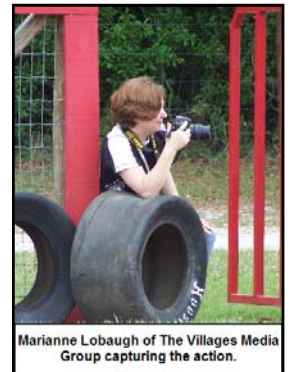


say that a major portion of the club's membership enjoyed the event as well...there were well over a hundred spectators stationed around the track to witness the awesome event, that included 16 separate races for the Cup, a "Celebrity" race with Florida racing legends Buddy Pearce and John Gamble taking on up-and-comer Nic Fernandez, and a intra-family exhibition race which saw Wendy Touchette win decisively over husband Mike in a no-holds-barred 5-lap sprint to end the day.

The great folks at Speedway Park were incredible hosts for the day, preparing the karts, flagging the races, and (most importantly) helping us Villagers get into and out of the karts. The Villages Media Group was also on hand to cover the inaugural event, which was covered in the April 19 edition of The Daily Sun and which will be the subject of a lengthy article in the June edition of The Villages Magazine, thanks to Marianne Lobaugh.



Some of the 100+ spectators watch a Cup driver exit turn 2



Marianne Lobaugh of The Villages Media Group capturing the action.

"Hot Doc" reports in on F1

If you were at our April meeting, you'll probably recall our discussion about "guests columnists" for our newsletter. Here's the first of these types of reports, this one from Duncan Paterson, our own "Hot Doc:"

Hi race fans

The F1 season is well started and this week moves to Europe which some think is the real season's start. Personally I think a race is a race wherever it's held but some so called purists disagree.

After 4 races the teams are settling down to the current regs the most significant of which is NO REFUELLING. This means that cars qualify 'on fumes' and then have to start fuelled for the whole distance a difference of 150kg. At the start the extra weight slows the car which becomes progressively quicker as it lightens. This raises a lot of issues with design and strategy.

There are a couple of excellent web-sites to follow things along. My favour-

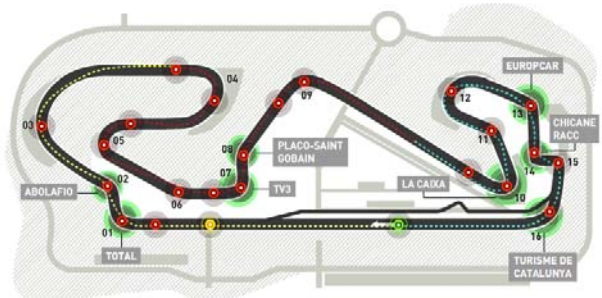
ite is www.bbc.co.uk. the bbc radio web site which has good general sports and news coverage 'though F1 and Nascar seem to have only limited interest in each other. The other is www.f1.com.

Anyway I'm off today on my annual F1 jaunt. This year it's Barcelona (pronounced Barthelona) for the Spanish GP- great city, lots of history and art including Picasso, Dahli and the fabulous Gaudi architecture. Add to that beaches, first class football (soccer to you) and a port which is a regular stop on many Med cruises. So there folks combine a little bit of culture and a cruise with one of the truly great F1 fixtures. I aim to take lots of pics and get the inside info on the technical issues so stay tuned!

Duncan, 5/3/10



Duncan "Hot Doc" Paterson



Update on Club Favorites

Steve Griffin—Steve (pictured at right in his brand new car) has taken a break from competition in anticipation of the upcoming 100-lap mini-stock event on May 22 at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness. With a three-for-three win streak under his belt since returning to the track, he's expected to be a major contender in this event, and a full field of 25 to 30 cars is expected to register for the feature. Steve has also informed us that he will be placing an enlarged version of our club decal on the hood of his car, so let's make it a point to show up over there and cheer him on. Stay tuned for announcements about car pool arrangements for this event.



experiment with various set-ups at Dirt Devils Speedway and Sumter Motorsports Park. Harold has committed to drive at SMP the fourth Saturday of each month, so stay tuned for the organization of a car pool trip down there to rot for him. Harold, pictured below running in a feature at SMP, is holding onto 6th place in the Slingshot Series points, out of a total of 19 racers in this

Harold Bedell—Although a string of mechanical problems have forced Harold to the sidelines for a few weeks, he's optimistic about having another year of fun and adventure on the Florida Slingshot circuit. He's decided to not run for a points championship this year, instead



Dick Anderson—As reported in the April newsletter, "The King of the Florida Short Tracks" is back in action. In two out of three Super Late Model starts at Orlando Speedworld, Dick has grabbed the checkered flag to add to his immeasurable record of wins. Even in the one that got away, Dick started in last place and wrecked late in the race while making a move for the lead. Race fans have reported that, despite a 3+year layoff, "He's lost nothing!" Dick himself reports that his concerns on getting back behind the wheel quickly evaporated on the first lap of the first race, and that the feeling of competitive comfort is still there.

As if anyone needs proof that racing skill is in the genes, the results from

Orlando Speedworld on April 16 proved the reality of this widespread assumption. With Dick leading the way, the Anderson family finished first, second, and fourth in the feature race. Dick's son Wayne took the second spot, with Dick's grandson Randy closing fast in fourth. Orlando officials report that this was the first time that three generations from the same family competed in the same event.

Dick now has his eyes on a 100-lap Super Late Model event at Orlando on June 11, although he expects to compete in at least one or two 35-lap events as he continues in his incredible return to competition. The biggest logistical question at this point seems to be where to put the trophies!



Dick Anderson, pondering race conditions.

Buzzie Reutimann—This Open Wheel Modified icon just keeps going and going. Although engine problems the last time out have caused him to drop to sixth in the point standings at East Bay Raceway, Buzzie remains a threat every time he unloads. With multiple heat wins and a first and second in features so far this year at East Bay, it's evident that his command of the track remains strong. Several of us visited this legend at his Zephyrhills race shop this week as he was preparing for combat 5/1 at East Bay, and discussed his plans for the coming months. He indicated that in addition to running East Bay on a more or less regular basis, he still plans to return to Ocala for "the one that got away" from him last year. Also, when we pointed out to him that Volusia is running the "Wiener Nationals" event on August 7 and the race program includes Open Wheel Modifieds, he confirmed that he might be able to make that event as well. You can bet that we'll remind him of that as the weeks and months pass!



Another "project" that will be taking up a lot of Buzzie's time over the next few months will be the restoration of the 1935 Chevrolet race car pictured here.

There's a long story behind it...it was Buzzie's dad's original race car, and was "found" by David in North Carolina. Watch for the full story to be printed in the coming weeks!

Club Makes National News!

Those of you who were at Colony Cottage for our April 7 meeting will recall our welcoming National Speed Sport News columnist Ron Hedger. Ron is a frequent visitor to The Villages, and once again took advantage of his standing invitation to join us at club functions. As he did last year, he again captured his thoughts on the club and crafted an excellent article that appeared in last week's edition of this national racing journal. Here's a re-print of the article, used with Ron's permission:

THE ANNUAL VISIT TO THE VILLAGES MOTOR RACING FAN CLUB

By: Ron Hedger Posted On: 04/20/2010, 08:20 am

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THE VILLAGES, Fla.

Our annual trek to this Florida retirement community near Don Garlits's famed drag racing museum was timed perfectly to catch another meeting of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club, a group of enthusiasts tuned to all types of auto racing.

Hot off bus trips to the Daytona 500 and the NHRA Gatornationals, arriving members found club member Eric Jones's Super Comp rear engine dragster in front of the clubhouse. A number of the attendees elected to climb into the car after Eric gave a quick lesson in where to put your feet and how to get out again, giving many their first experience in a race car.

And when Jones hit the switch and started it up a few times after drivers changed, the smiles lit up the parking lot like a bank of Musco lights.

Later, during the regular program, Jones told the group how he became a drag racer after decades as a UAW worker at Buick City in Michigan. He described the joys and disappointments of bracket racing. Jones, who laughingly describes himself as "just an old guy playing with toys," has run the car at Bradenton, Gainesville (Fla.) Orlando, Indianapolis and Central Michigan.

Drawing nearly as much attention as the dragster was a photo of Jones's immaculate '31 Ford sedan street rod, originally a race car, that still sports its roll cage. He told of putting kids into both cars at various shows, amid dozens of other cars surrounded by 'do not touch' signs, and noted that their excitement might be the catalyst that draws another generation into the racing world.

Every year we hear the complaints of racers asked to give kiddie rides or display their cars for the fans and we couldn't help but think that those racers are shooting themselves in the foot by not supporting such activities.

The racing club is unique in that it picks out a variety of drivers to sponsor, among them Florida racing legends Buzze Reutimann and Wayne Anderson, both of whom have visited victory lane already this season.

"Buzze appreciates our help so much that he came up to our meeting the week after David won last year," related club President Gerry Hafer. "He called me and said that he was so excited he just had to talk to somebody about it."

Hearing that, we suggested to Hafer that another of Reutimann's contemporaries, Will Cagle, the "Tampa Terror," would make a terrific speaker for a future meeting.

"You're a mind reader," was the reply. "Our goal is to schedule a night where we have a panel of Buzze Reutimann, Will Cagle, Dick Anderson, Bobby Brack and Buddy Pierce on the stage for a two-hour question-and-answer session. For Florida race fans, that would be about as good as it gets."

Glen Carter, who established the club and oversaw its growth period, tipped that a long-term goal is the establishment of a Florida Short Track Hall of Fame.

With that, a night of go-kart racing at a local track, bus trips to Florida tracks in Daytona, Ocala, Auburndale and New Smyrna and a number of social events on their schedule, the club members will be busy.

They've obviously learned a lesson from their involvement with Reutimann. Just because you're along in years doesn't mean that you have to quit doing what you love.

Special Events Roundup



OK...we're rolling now! We've had a bunch of wildy successful events so far this year, including the NHRA Gatornationals visit and the time with Eric Jones, as well as the dramatic running of the first-ever Villages Cup competition over at Speedway Park. But don't go thinking we're gonna slow things down at this point. As you can see below, we've already got some great stuff on the board, and we're constantly planning for additions to the list of opportunities for our club members. Don't forget that we're always open to your suggestions, and that we're constantly looking for ways to honor the widespread interests of our club members. Like we've said in the past...if it's got a motor in it, we're interested in it! Anytime you have an idea, just shoot me an email and we'll take a serious look at it. In the meantime, here's what we have on the list for the next few months.

Wendy

Date/Event	Event Details
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) or Peter (205-8503) 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
Saturday, August 7 Wiener Nationals at Volusia Speedway Park	We've just started looking into this one, but it looks like a probable bus trip. Rumor has it that Buzzie Reutimann might be running that night with the modifieds, so that would clearly add to the excitement! Stay tuned and watch for announcements.
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. At this point, there's a developing possibility that two-time Gov. Cup winner Dick Anderson may be driving his famed No. 92 in the event, challenging his son (three-time winner Wayne) for the Cup.
November, 2010	November 11-14-Zephyrhills 26th Annual Fall Autofest and the November, 2010-Annual Reutimann Golf Tournament and Charity Auction; we're still developing details for these two events, but it's likely that we'll be attending both of them
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) • Christmas Parade (Need committee) • Poker Run/Picnic (Need committee)

World of Outlaws—What's in a Name?

The World of Outlaws (often abbreviated WoO) is an American motorsports sanctioning body; their racing series began in 1978. And its been about that long that I've been wondering what the name actually means...are they outlaws in the sense of the wild, wild west? Or was the name selected simply as a marketing gimmick? Anyway, through the magic of the internet and the World-Wide Web, I was able to stumble into what seems to be a reasonable explanation on the origin of the series title. So here goes: When they first started, WoO didn't conform to most sanctioning bodies sprint car rules (ie. USAC), and they were considered "Outlaw" cars. They liked the "Outlaws" name, and came up with "World of Outlaws" or WoO for short.

But who are these guys? There have been 32 WoO championships since their 1978 start-up, with 20 of them going to Steve Kinser and the remaining 12 divided among six other drivers (Donny Schatz-4, Sammy Swindell-3, Mark Kinser-2, Dave Blaney-1, Bobby Davis Jr-1, and Danny Lasoski-1). And, in case anyone happens to ask you, here are the top five race winners in Woold of Outlaws competition from 1978-through 2009):

Rank	Driver	Wins
1	Steve Kinser	553
2	Sammy Swindell	268
3	Mark Kinser	153
4	Doug Wolfgang	107
5	Donny Schatz	101

Source: www.motorracingnetwork.com

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"> • Monster Jam Summer Heat —April 30 to May 2 • Regular Friday night racing in May • Open Wheel Modifieds May 14 and May 28
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"> • Regular Saturday night programs in May • May 8—Mothers Day celebration—All Mothers free admission
Orlando Speedworld, Bithlo	www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org 407-568-1367	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7—Mothers Day celebration—All Mothers free admission • Super Late Models scheduled for 5/7 & 5/14
Volusia Speedway Park, Barberville	www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net 386-985-4402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Saturday night programs in May (closed 5/8) • Uno de Mayo—Fastlane Five Racing 5/1 • Fastlane Five Racing 5/15 & 5/22 • 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"> • Regular oval track racing May 8 & May 22 • Powder Puff Race May 22 • Mud racing every third Saturday

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Indy 500 Trivia

Many of you know that club member Jerry Conkle is a die-hard fan of motorsports. But did you know that he is a rich source of information about USAC and the Indianapolis 500 history? To prove it, Jerry has provided a series of trivia questions about "The 500," the answers to which will be posted May 30 on the homepage of our club website (www.villagesracingclub.com).

1. What driver has the most consecutive career starts in the Indy 500?
2. Who was the oldest winner of the Indy 500, and what was his age when taking the checkers?
3. What driver led the most laps in a single Indy 500, and what year did that occur?
4. What driver led the fewest laps in winning the Indy 500, and what year did that occur?
5. Who was the oldest driver to race in an Indy 500, and what was his age?
6. Who was the youngest driver to race in an Indy 500, and what was his age?
7. Who was the youngest winner of an Indy 500, and what was his age?
8. What two drivers exchanged names to enter an Indy 500 (hint: one of them won)?
9. What driver led the most individual Indy 500s?
10. Who was the first woman to drive in an Indy 500?
11. What river is referenced in the song "Back Home Again in Indiana" ("When I dream about the moonlight on the _____")?
12. Who is the only driver to compete in the Indy 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on the same day?
13. What was the original name of the Indianapolis 500?
14. What color car is considered bad luck in the Indy 500?

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

It's that time of the year again...Indianapolis 500 fever is at our doorstep, and we're all in for another dose of "Danicamania." This will be the second of three rounds of Danica media blitz, with the third expected when she makes her return to NAS-CAR's Nationwide Series in a few weeks. But let's not forget that there are other IndyCar competitors in a series that, despite its political turmoil, has created a rich history over the years.

So, to help you get ready for the May 30 "Greatest Spectacle in Racing," here are some historical facts about The Race and the series in which it takes place:

IndyCar Drivers with most Wins			
Rank	Driver	Races	Wins
1	A. J. Foyt	409	72
2	Mario Andretti	422	52
3	Michael Andretti	263	40
4	Al Unser	321	38
5	Al Unser, Jr	278	31
6	Bobby Unser	263	29
7	Rick Mears	196	28
8	Rodger Ward	184	27
9	Ralph DePalma	116	25
10	Johnny Rutherford	332	25

Recent Indianapolis 500 Winners		
Year	Driver	Avg Speed
2009	Helio Castroneves	150.318
2008	Scott Dixon	143.567
2007	Dario Franchitti	151.774
2006	Sam Hornish Jr	157.085
2005	Dan Wheldon	157.603
2004	Buddy Rice	138.518
2003	Gil de Ferran	156.291
2002	Helio Castroneves	166.499
2001	Helio Castroneves	153.601
2000	Juan Montoya	167.496

(Source: <http://indymotorspeedway.com>)

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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