



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

### *Pit News*

***MAY, 2017***

Next Meeting Wednesday June 7, 2017 at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

### Prez Says



We start this month's newsletter with some sad news. Some of you may have heard that one of our previous speakers and Hall of Fame member Tim Ducat (the jet skier) was involved in an accident at Pensacola. He has sustained some serious injuries, and will require some extensive medical care.

They have set up a fund to assist Tim in his recovery. However our club would like to help Tim's recovery, and at our June meeting pass the hat around to anyone who would like to assist. The club will match these contributions up to \$300.

We will give you an update at the meeting on his progress.

Our June guest speaker will be John Berti, Citrus County Speedway and Track race announcer. So I'm sure he will have some interesting stories to tell us about the racing community.

Don't forget prior to our June meeting is the annual picnic event and Jeremy Gerstner will be bringing one of his OWM race cars. Darren Ivey will be cooking up some pulled pork to go with the hamburgers and hot dogs, so come hungry.

Talking about picnics there will be another event in October at Pimlico Recreation Center. This will be a pot luck event followed by some games.

We have quite a few events coming up this Summer which we will announce at the forthcoming meeting.

Look forward to seeing all of you at our picnic in June.

*Regards, Tony*

### JUNE SPEAKER

#### JOHN BERTI

John is the Citrus County Speedway and Track race announcer.

John's varied experience began in the 1980s. He has been involved in auto racing at many levels, which has included just about every aspect of auto racing: competitor, track announcer, promoter, public relations representative, talk show host, and writer.



## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ron Sanders  
Springfield, IL



Joe & Karen Grasso  
Jericho, Long Island, NY



Joe Butts  
Allenstown, NH

## REMEMBER WHEN



Special Thanks to our May Guest Speaker Bob Wardwell





The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Members at CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY  
to support JEREMY GERSTNER on May 6, 2017



**NIGHT GOLF**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

**POT LUCK 5:00—PLACE TO BE DETERMINED**

**6:00 PUTTING CONTEST**

**TEE OFF 7:15**

*(Times are approximates)*

**\$10.00**

*Sometimes my  
drinking has a  
golf problem.*



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**UPDATE ON TIM DUCAT**

As of May 19, 2017 Tim is doing OK as long as he does not move much. His hip and ribs hurt the most. He hopes to be healed enough by next week to start moving normally.

*Tina Ivey*

# PHOENIX RACEWAY PROJECT PLANS INCLUDE START/FINISH LINE IN TURN 2

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Phoenix Raceway, together with its parent company, International Speedway Corporation, announced today the details of a \$178 million modernization for the track that hosts a Verizon IndyCar Series race, with a variety of enhanced amenities for fans, teams, sponsors and other stakeholders.

Among the highlights of the modernization project is a completely redesigned infield featuring a first-of-its-kind fan zone, placing fans face-to-face with the superstars of the sport. Phoenix Raceway's start/finish line will be repositioned in Turn 2 just before the track's well-known dogleg. Other new highlights include a new pedestrian tunnel connecting the infield to the new seating areas featuring in-seat wifi connectivity.

"When our project is completed, we will have a venue that delivers amazing fan experiences to go along with our reputation for great racing action," said Phoenix Raceway President Bryan R. Sperber. "By shifting the start/finish line to Phoenix Raceway's famed dogleg, fans will be perfectly positioned to watch one of the most exciting turns in motorsports. We are confident the Phoenix Raceway Project powered by DC Solar will put racing in Arizona in a whole new and exciting light."

Sperber was joined for today's announcement by Lesa France Kennedy, ISC chief executive officer; Jay Frye, INDYCAR president of competition and operations; Alexander Rossi, the 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner for Andretti Herta Autosport with Curb-Agajanian; and NASCAR driver Daniel Suarez.

The project will not be completed until November 2018, so will not be in place for this year's Phoenix Grand Prix weekend April 28-29, the fourth race on the 2017 Verizon IndyCar Series schedule. Chip Ganassi Racing's Scott Dixon won last year's event on the 1-mile oval in the series' first race at the Avondale, Arizona, track since 2005. It was Dixon's 40th career win, moving him alone into fourth place on the all-time Indy car victories list.

When completed, the repositioned start/finish line will enhance the competition near one of the most challenging areas of the track while adding to the excitement during key race moments such as restarts and the closing laps.

"If we needed any more of an invitation to throw it down inside of (Turn) 1, it will be there now," said Rossi, whose first-ever oval race was at Phoenix last year, where he started and finished 14th.

The modernization project also includes the installation of new/upgraded seating and hospitality areas near the current Turn 2 location. A new grandstand will be built alongside upgraded seats in the existing Bobby Allison Grandstand (both featuring individual chair-back stadium seats with armrests), complete with modern amenities such as new escalators and elevators, additional restrooms and concessions and a redesigned Midway conveniently located near the seating areas.

"This is a great day for ISC and Phoenix Raceway, but more importantly, for racing fans in the state of Arizona and around the world," said Kennedy, the ISC CEO. "A project of this magnitude is monumental for our company as we get to work enhancing the experience of the great fans who love to watch our races in Phoenix and enjoy this beautiful area.

"Having Phoenix Raceway within our prestigious stable of venues always has been a tremendous asset and source of pride for us. We are thrilled to create a best-in-class facility in Phoenix, and we're confident it will grow the fan base here and further serve as a destination track for motorsports fans everywhere."

## PIT CREW

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### ***DID YOU KNOW***

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. A “jiffy” is a unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
2. The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during WW11 killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
3. Average number of days a West German goes without washing his underwear: 7
4. Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

## 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

June 3, 2017 Doubleheader Open Wheel Modified 50/Street Stock 50;MiC/MS/SC/V8 Bomber

June 10, 2017 Doubleheader Pro Truck 50/Sportsman 50? MS/Mod Mini/Scrambler

June 17, 2017 Mid Season Championship (2X points) MC/MS/MM/Scrambler/V8 Bomber/Legend

June 24, 2017 Figure 8;Mini Stock/ Mini Cup/Mod Mini/Scrambler/V8 Bomber/Legend

### Citrus County Speedway

June 3, 2017 50 Lap Open Wheel Mod, 25 Lap Mini Stock & Mod Mini & Pure Stock & Pure Stock Figure 8

June 10, 2017 40 Lap Sprint Car, 25 Lap Mod Mini & Street Stock & Mini Stock, Fan Participation

June 17, 2017 50 Lap Super Model, 25 Lap Mod Mini & Pure Stock & Street Stock & Mini Stock

June 24, 2017 50 Lap Sportsman & Street Stock, 25 Lap Mini Stock & Pure Stock, Demo Derby & Monster Truck, PD Powder Puff

### NEW SMYRNA

June 3, 2017 Pro Late Models, Modifieds, Sportsman, Bombers

June 10, 2017 Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bombers

June 17, 2017 Pro Late Models, Modifieds, Sportsman, Bombers

June 24, 2017 Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bombers