



## *Pit News May, 2020*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: September 2, 2020**

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



We were having a very promising and exciting year on the horizon with many guest speakers scheduled for future dates. Unfortunately, we have had to make some changes to our schedule due to the COVID-19 Virus and The Villages recreation centers being closed. Our guest speakers have been very gracious and understanding. They are willing to schedule another date in the future. Unfortunately, we will have to cancel our monthly meeting for May.

I would like to send a sincere *thank you* to Janine Woodsford for all the years she has been our editor of the newsletter. She has retired from this important job to spend more time with her family and many grandchildren. Luckily, Janine will still be a member of our board of directors which we very much appreciate. Donna Gross has agreed to be our new editor of the newsletter beginning this month. The board of directors greatly appreciates whenever someone steps up to help the club. Thank you, Donna, for accepting this challenging position. We look forward to reading your monthly news.

I'm looking forward to a very exciting comeback in September. Our meeting in September will be the first Wednesday which is September 2. Our board is working to bring many interesting guest speakers and fun activities for our members.

In closing, I wish everyone a very happy summer. Please stay safe and stay healthy. See you in September.

Regards,  
Chris Bleistein

## **GATORNATIONALS UPDATE**

NHRA has TENTATIVE plans to run a limited race makeup of the 2020 Gatornationals that were postponed. The dates chosen are June 5, 6 & 7 at Gainesville Raceway if it has reopened by that date. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a bus at that time. Fans who have purchased tickets have the opportunity to use them for that race or use their tickets for the 2021 event, which will be a full show. The gates for the June 5 event will open at 1PM with qualifying only for five classes. The gates for the June 6 event will open to the public at 10:45AM with heat racing for the five classes. The Sunday, June 7 race will be finals for just those winners of the heat race on Saturday. It does not appear that any of the top classes will be running.

This information seems to change almost daily, so I pass this information on with the understanding this is what we know at this point. There has been no information available from the track as it is closed and NHRA employees have been working from home but are not available at this time.

We are reaching out to those who bought tickets and getting their preferences as to whether they wish to just use their tickets in 2021, when we can put the whole trip together with a full show. This seems to be the best deal. If I have not spoken to you yet, be assured I am in the process of calling all who purchased tickets for the bus trip to discuss what they want to do.

REMEMBER, PLEASE DO NOT THROW YOUR TICKETS AWAY. I can be reached at 352-633-5624 if anyone has questions, but I will keep you informed either by the newsletter or e-mail.

If you are looking for racing to watch, NASCAR, IndyCar and Formula 1 are doing iRacing on various channels. They have had a few problems, but at least it is some racing to watch if we cannot go to the local tracks.

I hope all of you are staying healthy. Lois Taylor

## Club Member Featured in The Villages Daily Sun



Club member Rick Ruiz was never a Ford guy, but that changed when he spotted this 1959 Ford Ranchero a few years ago.

After a couple years and several upgrades, Rick enjoys "miles of smiles" in his daily driver. Whether running errands or taking a joy ride, this black beauty is perfect!

Please visit the club website, [www.VillagesRacingClub.com](http://www.VillagesRacingClub.com), to download the full Daily Sun article and see pictures of Rick's pride and joy.

While at the website, take a moment to click **Club Archives** on the menu. You will find dozens of articles, covering club activities, members, guest speakers, and more. These historical accounts of our club go all the way back to its beginning in 2006.

# Thanks!

*I would like to personally thank Janine for all the years she has created the monthly Newsletter and giving me the vote of confidence to carry on the task. Enjoy your well-deserved rest. I have big shoes to fill.*

*Donna*

# AMAZING FACTS TO BLOW YOUR MIND



While we are social distancing, I thought everyone might enjoy some lighthearted fun facts about the sport of racing.....

## NHRA



--Top Fuel dragsters and Funny Cars use between 10 and 12 gallons of fuel for a complete pass, including the burnout, backup to the starting line and quarter-mile run!

--The gasoline-powered engines of NHRA Pro Stock cars produce about 1,200 horsepower; about eight times that of the average street car! (I wonder how that equated to a Villagers Golf Cart?)

## NASCAR



--On turns, drivers experience between two and three G's (up to three times the force of gravity) every turn. In addition to this, temperatures in the car often exceed 100 degrees, reaching as much as 170 degrees by the floorboards.

--Stadiums for NASCAR venues can hold up to 170,000 spectators—this is much more than for any other sport in North America. Of all auto racing NASCAR is the biggest. There are over 75 million NASCAR fans in the USA. Internationally, its races are broadcast in over 150 countries.

## Future meetings and events

TBA	Gatornationals
TBA	Tour of National Parts Depot
July 23, 2020	Camp Villages RC Racing
September 2, 2020	Monthly meeting
November 8, 2020	Pot Luck for Phoenix Race
January 23, 2021	Hall of Fame Banquet (where did that year go?!)



*Let's Welcome our New Members!!*

MEMBER

HOME STATE

**No New Members...Blame it on the Coronavirus**



*See you in September, see you when the Summer's through. There will not be a May monthly meeting due to the stay at home order, so we will gather again in September. Enjoy your Summer!*



# PIT CREW

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

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