



## *PIT NEWS* *May 2021*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: September 1, 2021**

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



I would like to thank all of our members who have paid their annual dues which has greatly helped to keep our club in good financial standing.

As you know we are on our summer break and will reconvene on September 1, 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who have been patient and supportive during this last unprecedented year. We have great members which makes our club what it is today.

Donna Gross is hoping to continue with the newsletter throughout the summer months, but it may be an abbreviated newsletter so that she may enjoy the summer, too. Be sure to keep abreast of summer activities posted in the newsletter and on our website.

We are already planning for many fun activities when we return. Please try to support our local tracks for a fun evening wherever you may be.

Please continue to enjoy our newsletter and if anyone has a suggestion for a guest speaker or anything else they would like to see the club do in the future, please let me know. My e-mail is [cbfla13@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbfla13@bellsouth.net).

I wish everyone a very safe and fun summer.

Regards, Chris Bleistein

## ***Our Guest Speaker for September 1 Meeting To Be Announced***

### **Prediction Row 2021**



The Prediction Row Spring Segment ended with the race at Dover on May 16. The three competitors with the highest scores and moving on to the Playoffs are: Art Staus - 1 win (421 points), Melanie Scott - 1 win (393 points) and Doug Baker - 0 wins (473 points).

The Summer Segment began with probably the most anticipated race of the season. NASCAR drivers competed for the first time at the Circuit of The Americas, a 3.4-mile road course with 20 turns. Rain, a water-logged track and no visibility led to several horrific crashes (thankfully all walked away) and a shortened race. Odds-on favorite Chase Elliott added to his road course victories and gave three of our new predictors a race win.

Congratulations to Chase Elliott and to predictors Jim Dropp, Gerry Hafer and Steve Poplarski.

#### **Summer Segment Standings after first race**

Jim Dropp - 1 win, 49 points  
Gerry Hafer - 1 win, 49 points, defending Champion  
Steve Poplarski - 1 win, 49 points  
Alan Sneider - 0 wins, 23 points  
Donna Gross - 0 wins, 2 points  
Gerry Greim - 0 wins, 1 point

For the latest weekly predictions, follow Prediction Row in the Daily Sun on NASCAR Cup race day and look for the most recent updates on our website.

**Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator**

## *Some pictures from May 5, 2021 Meeting*



*Above: Becca Monopoli*

*Below: Becca and Chris Bleistein*



*Below: L-R Janine, Chris, John, Becca, Jerry, Rita, Art*



## Important Upcoming Dates

July 22-Thursday      Camp Villages R/C Racing-La Hacienda Rec Center 8am

September 1-Wednesday      Monthly Meeting-Colony Cottage Rec Center 7pm

January 30, 2022-Sunday      Awards Celebration (Details will be forthcoming)

## HELP CAMP VILLAGES KIDS START THEIR ENGINES



Bob Woodsford is organizing a dedicated group of club members who will transform the La Hacienda Recreation Center into a tough oval race course for the annual Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza on Thursday, July 22.

**Wednesday, July 21, 4 p.m. -- Volunteers are needed for track set up.** The more help we get, the quicker we get done.

**Thursday, July 22, 8 a.m. -- We will need volunteers to help with the event.** Yellow shirts are required on the day of the event. The event will be completed before noon.

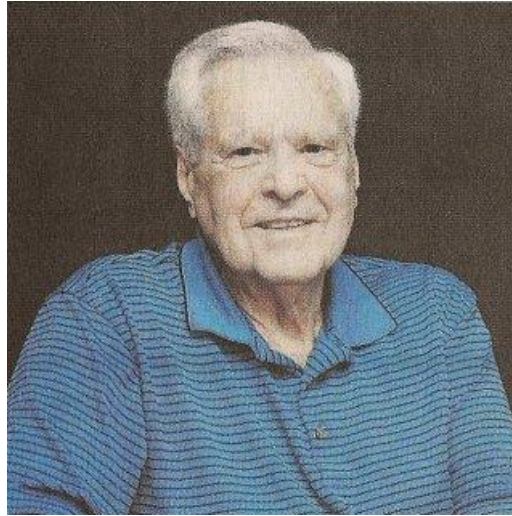
Bob needs your help! [Volunteers must email Bob at woodsfordr@gmail.com](mailto:woodsfordr@gmail.com)



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## Grady Wade - Villager Backstory

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Hall of Fame member Grady Wade was our guest speaker at a club meeting in 2014.

We learned about his 27-year racing career in the heartland of America, strapped into modifieds, supermodifieds and sprint cars.

Grady was featured in The Villages Daily Sun because his current neighbors and friends know him from the golf courses. Racing is his "backstory." Download the full story from our website.

### *FROM MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR LOIS TAYLOR*

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED FOR 2021!

It's that time of year when we begin the process of removing those who have not renewed their membership. There are a lot of fun things planned for the remainder of the year, so don't miss out on anything. If you have not renewed for 2021, please do so now. If you are not sure that you have renewed your membership, please contact me at 352-633-5624 or e-mail me at ltaylr@hotmail.com and I can check the records and let you know.

To renew your membership, please send a check for \$20 made payable to TVMRFC to me at 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163. Also let me know if you need a 2021 sticker for your membership card or a replacement card. We have been having some fun and informative meetings at Colony Cottage Recreation Center again, so we hope to see you there.

Lois Taylor  
Membership Coordinator

## Hall of Famer Buzzie Reutimann Turns 80



*Top Right: Mike Anderson, Buzzie, Tom Horrmann*



*Middle Left: Buzzie enjoys seeing everyone at his birthday celebration*



*Bottom Right: Shawn, Wayne, Joy and Buzzie posing with our Hall of Fame trophy. All four Reutimanns are in our Hall of Fame.*

**SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 25-28, 2021-  
AND GET OUT YOUR STURDY WALKING SHOES**



Thursday-Saturday \$15.00 per day, gates open 8am-4pm  
Sunday \$10.00, gates open 8am-2pm

Scooter rentals are available for \$75.00 per day if needed.

Go to <https://turkeyrun.com> for more details and also to inquire about scooter rentals and handicap parking and other FAQs.

**SAYING GOODBYE.....**

The past 18 months have been a challenge for all of us. Hardest of all is saying goodbye to close friends. We lost the following members. May they Rest in Peace.

James Biggs  
Ron Schauster



## *Let's Welcome our New Members!*

No new members this month

### **The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Announces a New Sponsorship Opportunity**



The Club's Sponsorship Program is "revving" 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, Chris Bleistein, 954-729-3050 or [cbfla13@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbfla13@bellsouth.net).

### **Club Apparel**

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](http://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 and are available for pick up at the next meeting. 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](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com).





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, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. This is about sustainability and continuity. About half of these things are done online, each requiring a user name and password at a specific website. If Mike were to become unavailable, the club could experience immense difficulty.

If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or [mike.mag70@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mag70@gmail.com). If you have experience in any of these areas, great – he wants to talk to you! If you are interested in learning how to handle any of these areas, he is a willing and patient teacher.

### *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.*



# PIT CREW

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

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Chris Bleistein	President	Crew Chief	954-729-3050
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Gerry Greim	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	215-630-1402
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
John Angiolo	Hospitality Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Manager	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Tom Horrmann	Member At large	Mechanic	352-430-0195
Janine Woodsford	Member At Large	Mechanic	352-430-5804
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.



Mammoth Machines  
Leesburg, FL  
407-235-5282



Parts Geek  
Doylestown, PA  
800-541-9352



Lefthander Chassis  
Roscoe, IL  
815-389-9999



Kokomo Speedway  
Kokomo, IN



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



ARCA Midwest Tour



Ultrix Printing  
Lady Lake, FL  
352-205-8222



Triline Services  
The Villages, FL  
217-433-1394



Mike Scott Plumbing  
Wildwood, FL  
352-748-9111

## Benefactor

Pat Fehrman  
The Villages, FL

Benefactors do not have a business to promote but they donate money to help support us.