



PIT NEWS *May, 2023*

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: September 6, 2023

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Greetings Fellow Yellow Shirts:

As our race club season comes to an end, I want to thank everyone for making my transition to President a smooth and enjoyable endeavor. There have been a few challenges, but overall Life is Good. I want to give a special thanks to Chris Bleistein, former President, for his constant advice and encouragement.

I invite you to join us at an upcoming Car Club Showcase car show in June. It is so enjoyable to see the spectators' smiles, especially the little children's, as they walk around our cars and talk to our members. We all have a really fun time.

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer and hope you take in some local racing and bring some stories back to us. I look forward to seeing you in our new season beginning September 6. Also, I plan to walk around our meeting room and ask for your special story. See you in September!

Sincerely, Gerry G

This month's newsletter is jam packed of pictures from most of the events that took place since the last newsletter.

Pictures from April 5 Meeting

Thank you Sam Patrick for entertaining our members with a presentation of your “Burning Money” Hot Rod.



Important Upcoming Dates

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| June 24, Saturday | Car Club Showcase car show - Brownwood Square 4-8 p.m. |
| July 20, Thursday | Camp Villages, LaHacienda Rec Center 8:30 a.m. |
| September 6, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7 p.m. |

Second Annual Motor Racing Show

Well, it was a great turnout. The weather was perfect. There were a lot of people checking out all of the cars that were on display. All of the car owners were happy to talk to the spectators about their pride and joy. We are proud to announce that showcasing of various forms of racing at our Show and Display on Monday, March 27, 2023 was well received by spectators and The Villages Recreation Dept. Thanks to all of the members, Recreation Dept. employees and car owners who worked together to make it a great success. People's Choice was awarded to Sam Patrick-'50 Ford; Travelled the Farthest, Hank Goodrich-'37 Ford; Best Appearing, Paul Harsh-Sox & Martin Baracuda; Oldest race car, Richard Poindexter '32 Ford.



Alan Sheppard Garage Tour

The Alan Sheppard garage tour in Deland, FL took place on Tuesday, April 11. Members carpooled from Eisenhower Recreation Center and enjoyed a great tour followed by lunch. A good time was had by those in attendance. Here are some pictures.



Car Clubs of the Month Event

Our club was invited to be one of five car clubs to be showcased on Saturday, April 29 at Brownwood. I will post pictures of this event in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.....

Prediction Row 2023



Our Spring segment is almost over. There will be one more race to determine who will compete in the Playoffs and that is at Darlington. We had a winner picker this weekend.

Our standings after Kansas are as follows:

Brian Dillon – 2 wins, 297 points
Craig Simundza – 1 win, 417 points
Rick Almeida – 1 win, 354 points
John Mulloy – 1 win, 338 points
Jeff Ing – 0 wins, 303 points
Bill Samuels – 0 wins, 285 points

The Summer Segment

Let me introduce you to the competitors in the Summer Segment, which begins with the Memorial Dady race in Charlotte on May 28:

Donna Dillion – Defending Champion

Tim Burk

Chris Dirato

Rick Kegel

Bob Lupini

Linda Samuels

Interestingly, both Donna and Linda have spouses who competed in the Spring Segment. This opens the possibility of a faceoff during the Playoffs. Wouldn't that be fun!

Silky Meegan

Prediction Row Coordinator

Car Club Showcase Car Show

We have once again been invited to participate in the Car Club Showcase on Saturday, June 24 at the Brownwood Paddock Square 4-8 p.m. If you are interested in participating and/or volunteering, please contact Jeff Ing at 613-897-6263 for complete details.

HELPING CAMP VILLAGES KIDS START THEIR ENGINES



Bob and Janine Woodsford are once again spearheading the Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza. They need volunteers to help set up and transform the Rec Center into a tough oval race course for the annual Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza on Thursday, July 20.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!
Call BOB at 352-430-5804

Volunteers are needed at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, for track setup. Racers will begin registering at 9 a.m. and competition will begin at approximately 10 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with the event. Yellow shirts are required on the day of the event.

Gone but not forgotten



**Paul Marcus Barth III
1942-2023**

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 ltaylr@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.

Get Well and Thinking of You

We would like to send well wishes to Janine Woodsford and Pat Fehrman, who are both recovering from surgery. Also, 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.

Editor's Corner of useful (and sometimes) useless funny tidbits....



Took this month off. I was still too tired from posting pictures.



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Mike Stemen from New York
Nancy Taber from Ohio

Club Apparel Is Back

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, but we need to order a minimum of six items at a time. 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).

Sponsorship Opportunity with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club



Our club's Sponsorship Program is "revved" 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, Gerry Greim at 215-630-1402 or gerryglbi@cs.com.



Assistant Media Coordinators

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 and Facebook. We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or mike.mag70@gmail.com.

Recording Secretary

We need a volunteer to record minutes at our board of directors meetings. These are held at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, August - April. The minutes are then emailed to the board members. Please call or email club president Gerry Greim to talk about this opportunity, 215-630-1402 or gerryglbi@cs.com.



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
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Volunteer needed	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	
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
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Coordinator	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsor Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jeff Ing	Car Shows Coordinator	Spotter	631-897-6263
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
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.



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Leesburg, FL
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ASA
Midwest Tour



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Historic Auto Attractions
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352-633-5059



Village Airport Van
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