



PIT NEWS *June, 2022*

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Next Meeting: September 7, 2022

A Few Words from the President's Desk



I sure hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Here in The Villages the pace has slowed down a bit due to many snowbirds who have left.

We had a fun day on May 12 at our Golf Scramble. This event was organized by Jerry Conkle and we had about 30 people who attended. Jerry worked very hard to put this event together. A BIG THANK YOU to Jerry for all his efforts.

The club will be hosting the Camp Villages program on July 21 starting at 9 a.m. Bob and Janine Woodsford are once again running this event. They could always use a few more volunteers to help out. Anyone interested in helping out please call me, Chris Bleistein, at 954-729-3050 and I will give the message to Bob. It's a fun time with the kids racing RC cars around a track. The setup is at 8 a.m. on the morning of the event and the location is La Hacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, Lady Lake. The event will be finished by approximately 11:30 a.m. A BIG THANK YOU to Bob and Janine for taking on this task once again.

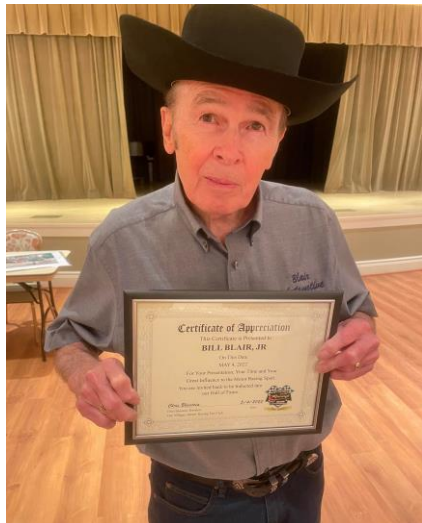
Racing in the area short tracks is once again at full throttle and many families can have a fun-filled evening for very little cost. The racing is very competitive.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone once again when we resume our meetings in September. Our first meeting back is Wednesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends. As they say, "See you in September."

Regards, Chris Bleistein

Pictures from May 4 Meeting - Bill Blair Jr.



Golf Outing



**Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course
Thursday, May 12, 2022**

This was an enjoyable event organized by Jerry Conkle (*a round of applause for Jerry for a job well done*). The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Congratulations to the winning foursome:

Bea Conkle, Estela Buddy, John White and Brenda White

Important Upcoming Dates

July 21, Thursday

Camp Villages, RC Racing

September 7, Wednesday

Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.

HELP CAMP VILLAGES KIDS START THEIR ENGINES



Bob and Janine Woodsford are once again 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 21.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON JULY 21!

Volunteers are needed at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, for track setup. Racers will begin registering at 9 a.m. and competition will begin at approx. 10 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with the event. Yellow shirts are required on the day of the event.

Glen Carter **Our Club's Founding Crew Chief/President**



We have been informed that Glen is dealing with some health issues. We are told he is in good spirits and he says, "This is just a bump in the road." Please keep him in your prayers.

Gone But Not Forgotten



Dr. Harlen Hunter
2022 Hall of Fame Inductee

Harlen "Doc" Hunter passed away on June 16, 2022. He dedicated himself to the sport of motor racing and as a doctor, taking care of any and all who needed his knowledge and care. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. May he Rest in Peace.

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.



Prediction Row 2022

With the **Spring Segment** completed, here are the final standings:

Bob Lupini – 3 wins, 435 points
Doug Baker – 2 wins, 394 points
Chris Six – 1 win , 469 points
Jim West – 1 win, 413 points
Rich Benitz – 1 win, 372 points
Chris Dirato – 0 wins, 281 points

The top 3 advance to the Playoff Segment. Each competitor will begin the Playoffs with 3 bonus points for each win. Bob will begin with 9 points, Doug with 6 points and Chris with 3 points.

The **Summer Segment** began Memorial Day weekend. Below are the new predictors with their statistics after the June 12 race:

Val Menendez – 0 wins, 114 points
Steve Poplarski – 0 wins, 97 points
Alan Sneider – 0 wins, 88 points
Phil Brown – 0 wins, 75 points
Rick Giroux – 0 wins, 50 points
Donna Dillon – 0 wins, 45 points

For current updates, please check The Villages Daily Sun on NASCAR Cup race days and the Prediction Row section on the club website.

Silky Meegan
Prediction Row Coordinator

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



The editor took the summer off

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 you.



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Leo Brancato from Connecticut
John Mulloy from Wisconsin
Tony Ralston from Indiana

1st Annual Motor Racing Show March 28th at Brownwood Paddock Square



Various pictures from the Motor Racing Show.
Great weather, great turnout and a lot of interest in our club.
A BIG THANK YOU to Art Fehrman for all the hard work in
organizing this event. We are hoping to do this again next year.

1st Annual Motor Racing Show March 28th at Brownwood Paddock Square

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Some more pictures.

We would like thank all of the club members who came out and helped the night of the event.
There was a sea of yellow shirts.

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

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 now need to order a minimum of 6 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.

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.



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. 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.



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
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	Member At Large	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
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



ARCA
Midwest Tour



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



Ultrex Printing
Lady Lake, FL
352-205-8222



Lefthander Chassis
Roscoe, IL
815-389-9999



Professional
Home
Maintenance
and Repair
Services

Triline Services
The Villages, FL
217-433-1394



Kokomo Speedway
Kokomo, IN



Mike Scott Plumbing
Wildwood, FL
352-748-9111



Parts Geek
Doylestown, PA
800-541-9352



Fox Pest Control
Orlando, FL
407-863-3592



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