



## **PIT NEWS**

### **June, 2025**

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: September 3, 2025**

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



Ms. Presidente is relaxing by the New Smyrna Beach shore. I'm hoping she is enjoying a fruity drink with a pretty umbrella in a nice tall glass. Maybe she will be taking in some racing, as I am hoping a lot of our members will be doing. She will be well rested when we resume our meetings in September.

As Editor of this Newsletter, I told her she can take this month off and I can fill in for her. I am hoping that although the board of directors are continuing to work on upcoming events, I am hopeful they too are enjoying a great Spring/Summer.

That's it for now. Be safe, be happy, be healthy, and enjoy the time spent with family and friends as tomorrow is not promised.

Sincerely,  
Donna G  
Editor (in for Gerry G)

## Important Upcoming Dates

July, August	No Monthly Meeting
July 10, Thursday	Camp Villages (see info below)
Sept. 3, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Sept. 13, Saturday	Tailgate at Citrus County Speedway
Sept. 15, Monday	Club Car Show at Brownwood Paddock Square

### Gone but not forgotten.....

Two longtime club members have passed away. May they both rest in peace.

*Jay Coats passed away on May 4.*

*Jim Hedlund passed away on May 28.*



### Prediction Row 2025



After 2 of the 13 races in the Summer Segment, below are the standings:

Craig Simundza – 1 win, 78 points  
Bill McCormick – 1 win, 69 points  
Rick Kegel – 0 wins, 72 points  
Rick Almeida – 0 wins, 65 points  
Len Pouncey – 0 wins, 63 points  
Marty Wool – 0 wins, 44 points

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

## Pictures from the May 7 Meeting



### And The Winners Are



(L-R) Club President Gerry, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jeff Ing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Vickie Eckert, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Donna Gross



Jerry Conkle, aka the Trivia King, Gerry G



A table of crockpots filled with yummy chili

It was a fun night of eating chili together and later voting for a winner. We were entertained by Jerry Conkle, the King of Trivia, as he stumped most of us with great racing trivia.

## Camp Villages Kids - July 10 Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Bob and Janine Woodsford once again are spearheading the Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza. This year the event will be held at Laurel Manor Recreation Center, 1985 Laurel Manor Drive. Set up is at 1PM with the green flag being waved at 2PM. They are asking for club members to help set up and then stay and help the kids navigate the track. Please contact Janine at 352-430-5804 or Bob at 352-430-5249. Don't forget to wear your Yellow Club Shirt.



**EVERY THURSDAY** Club members and guests meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive, corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Lane.

**EVERY FRIDAY** Club members and guests meet at Toasted Yolk Cafe, 657 Kristine Way, Lake Deaton Plaza.

We order at 8 a.m. Come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast and chat about all things racing.

## VOLUSIA SPEEDWAY TAILGATE AND RACE PICTURES – MAY 17

It was a fun night at Volusia Speedway Park. The weather cooperated (unlike May 10<sup>th</sup>) and everyone who took the drive enjoyed the food Chef Jeff prepared. After their bellies were full, they all went up in the stands to watch some great dirt track racing.



## MORE VOLUSIA PICTURES



## 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 Itaylr@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.



## *New Members*

None at the time of this publication

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



A cat dies and goes to heaven. He is met at the pearly gates by God who asks the cat if he needed anything. The cat responds: a puffy, luxurious pillow would be nice since he has always slept on hard surfaces. A month later 12 mice show up at the pearly gates and once again God greets the mice and asks the mice if they needed anything. Their response was roller skates as they are getting old and they are tired of running around. A month later God runs into the cat and asks how his pillow is and cat says it's wonderful but the meals on wheels are the BEST.

Hope I made you have a good belly laugh.

## Club Apparel



Get ready to rock your club pride with our exclusive "crew uniform" apparel, featuring the iconic club logo! From stylish shirts to bold jackets, show the world you are part of the action. Check out the full collection now at [VillagesRacingClub.com](http://VillagesRacingClub.com)!

These top-quality items are available for viewing at every club meeting, and some items – without your personalized embroidery – are "cash and carry" for your convenience. Need your name embroidered? No problem! Orders for personalized gear are taken at every meeting, but we do require a minimum of six items per order (total from all members). Remember, cash or check is needed at the time of purchase.

Got questions or ready to place your order? Catch Mike Gross at a club meeting or reach out via email at [mikesg201@gmail.com](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com). Let's gear up and represent the club in style!

## Get Well and Thinking of You

*We would like to send well wishes to all of 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
Gerry Greim	President	Crew Chief	215-630-1402
Jeff Ing	Vice President and Car Shows Coordinator	Car Chief	631-897-6263
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary and Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	708-744-7292
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
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	Spotter	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsors Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
Tony Kenna	Past President	Team Owner	352-603-9197
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-630-9234

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