



PIT NEWS *July 2021*

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: September 1, 2021

A Few Words from the President's Desk



It's our summer break before our next meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7PM, located at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Although we are on break, it does not mean the board of directors is not working on future guest speakers and other fun events for the club. We have already secured guest speakers from many different racing entities for when we return. I totally understand that our members want to hear from all types of racing and we are working on that. If any members should know of anyone in any form of racing who would be an interesting guest speaker, please let me know.

Many of our members are from the Midwest and the Northeast and are going to their local tracks back home, while those of us still here are enjoying our local tracks, such as Citrus County, Bubba, Auburndale, Showtime, Volusia and New Smyrna.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation time and hopefully getting a chance to see family and friends. See you all soon.

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.

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



We are well into our Summer Segment with five races remaining until the Playoff begins. There were some very interesting races and prediction strategies apparent during the first eight races. The most obvious stand out is Steve Poplarski, who very quickly became a four race

"winner picker."

Interestingly for Road Atlanta, many predictors picked either Elliott or Larson. Our defending champion Gerry Hafer, however, pulled a Hail Mary. He picked AJ Allmendinger, who is not registered for Cup competition. If AJ won, Gerry would score a win but no points - a gutsy gamble that did not pay off. The July 11 race ended with a clash of the Busch Brothers, a competition many had looked forward to. Big brother Kurt proudly claimed victory and Kyle was Kyle. It was a big win for Kurt, as he is not sure where he will drive next year.

Summer Segment Standings after the July 11 Race:

Steve Poplarski - 4 wins 400 points

Jim Dropp - 2 wins 299 points

Alan Sneider - 1 win 293 points

Donna Gross - 1 win 272 points

Gerry Hafer - 1 win 253 points

Gerry Greim - 1 win 237 points

After the Daytona race on August 28, the top three predictors will join Art Staus, Melanie Scott and Doug Baker in the Playoff competition.

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

Important Upcoming Dates

July 22-Thursday Camp Villages R/C Racing-La Hacienda Rec Center 7am

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.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON JULY 22!

Volunteers are needed at 7 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, for track setup. Racers will begin registering at 8 a.m. and competition will begin at 9 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with the event. Yellow shirts are required on the day of the event.

To help, please contact Janine Woodsford at janinewoodsford@gmail.com by July 19.

From Lois Taylor at the Membership Desk...

Thank you so much to all of you who have responded and paid your dues for this year. 2020 and 2021 have been extremely difficult for clubs in the Villages. Fortunately, we were able to resume slowly and grow back to full attendance in May. As usual, we are taking the summer off and will resume meeting again in September. Some very interesting speakers have been lined up for the meetings starting in September.

There are a few of you who have not renewed and we will be removing those names from the e-mail list. If you wish to renew and not be removed, please let me know by mailing a check for \$20 to TVMFRC, 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163. If you have a question about your membership, just give me call at (352) 633-5624 or send an e-mail and I will check it out for you.

All membership cards and renewal stickers for your membership have been mailed to the address provided. These are the cards that we have been holding for pickup at club meetings.

There are summer activities going on starting out in July with the R/C cars racing for Camp Villages. This is a perfect opportunity to come out and be a grandparent for a few hours, a race official while the kids race or just a fan to encourage them on. Look for the details elsewhere in the newsletter and it is inside so you can be out of the July heat.

Of course, you can also always join those yellow shirt club members going to Citrus County Speedway for the summer racing programs.

Have a good summer and see you in September.

Members on the move again...

In April, some of our members enjoyed some time with Capt. Bob and lunch at the Blue Gator in Dunnellon.



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



Here is some Summertime Trivia, I decided to give Jerry Conkle the Summer off!

- 1) Dog days of summer refers to the weeks between July 3 and August 11. These are the hottest days of summer. It's called dog days because a) you like to chase cars; b) drink out of the toilet; c) pant like a dog; d) lay on cool tile floor
- 2) Former US President Ronald Reagan declared July as National Ice Cream month in what year? a) 1981; b) 1984; c) 1986; d) 1988
- 3) What's the Guinness World Record for the longest barbecue?
a) 80 hrs; b) 102 hrs; c) 72 hrs; d) 52 hrs
- 4) Who is the public service mascot that was first inducted to the US on August 9, 1944?
a) Woodsy Owl; b) Smokey Bear; c) Eddie Eagle; d) Scruff McGruff
- 5) Ice pops were invented by accident in what year by an 11-year-old boy?
a) 1910; b) 1922; c) 1927; d) 1905

See the answers to Trivia question on page 8

OK, Now Donna's Joke.....

A man yells to his wife: "Pack your bags, honey. I just won the lottery."

Wife: "Oh wonderful. Should I pack for the beach or the mountains?"

Husband: "I don't care. Just get out."

DON'T WORRY, JERRY WILL RETURN AFTER SUMMER BREAK!

**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 FAQ's.



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.

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

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.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. D



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.

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
352-748-9511

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