



## *PIT NEWS* *July, 2023*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: September 6, 2023**

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



Greetings Fellow Yellow Shirts:

Here in Florida, it is very hot! As I look at The Daily Sun's weather map, I note that many of you summering north of here are pretty warm as well. Even the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach is like a bathtub of warm water. Be assured, cooler days are coming and we are planning for a good meeting season ahead.

The afternoon rains have cancelled many local track races. However, six yellow shirts were in attendance at the Citrus County Speedway July 8 to watch the Winged Sprints and Pro Trucks, Bandoleros and Legends races. It was fun to see 7-10-year-olds out there competing like the big guys. The future of racing gave us a good show. I hope all of you are catching some local racing and are going to bring back some stories to tell at the September meeting.

That's it for now. See you on September 6 and if you are still away, then the first Wednesday of the month when you return. Look forward to seeing you all again.

Happy rest of your summer,

Sincerely, Gerry G  
President

*This month's newsletter includes pictures from most of the events that took place since the last newsletter.*

## Pictures from June 24 The Villages Car Club Showcase

The Brownwood Square was the scene of a great Car Club Showcase, which we were proud to be a part of. John Angio's '35 Ford pace car led the parade into the square. A HUGE thank you to Car Show Coordinator Jeff Ing, along with Art Fehrman, John Angiolo and Roger Taylor, for making this event a success. Fans stopped by the display and cars and chatted with the car owners.



The club's logo



John Angiolo's pace car



Ricky Mosey, Traveled Farthest



Jim Ander & Art Fehrman, Reunion Award - Bob Lupini, Best Appearing Award and John Angiolo



Dick Anderson's Camaro, People's Choice Award and John Angiolo

## Pictures from June 24 The Villages Car Club Showcase (Continued)



Board Members Jeff Ing & Roger Taylor – Dave Poe, Oldest Car, '32 Coupe

## 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 La Hacienda Recreation 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 at 10 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with this event. Yellow shirts are required on the day of the event.

## Important Upcoming Dates

July 20, Thursday                      Camp Villages, La Hacienda Rec Center 8:30 a.m.

September 6, Wednesday      Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7 p.m.

## Prediction Row 2023



### The Summer Segment has taken the green flag.

William Byron got his fourth win of the 2023 Cup Season after the Atlanta race was shortened by 75 laps due to rain. Nobody picked the winner. Our three predictors in the transfer spots didn't change, but Chris Dirato inched a little closer to the third spot.

Here are the standings after the Atlanta race.

Tim Burk – 2 wins, 242 points  
Donna Dillon – 1 win, 182 points (defending champion)  
Linda Samuels – 0 wins, 197 points  
Chris Dirato – 0 wins, 179 points  
Rick Kegel – 0 wins, 160 points  
Bob Lupini – 0 wins, 134 points

Silky Meegan  
Prediction Row Coordinator



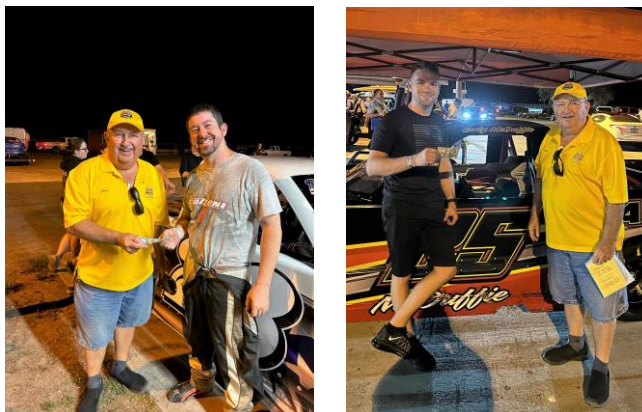
## Citrus County Speedway Races

### July 8 Bandolero Racing



Future Racers: Two 7-year-old boys, an 11-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl. The cars are equipped with lawnmower engines and can exceed speeds of 70 mph. Pictures supplied by George T who said it was a hoot to watch. 😊

### April 8 Twin 50-lap Truck Feature Races



John Angiolo presenting 3<sup>rd</sup> place award to Truck #28 (left) Daniel Webster  
John Angiolo presenting 3<sup>rd</sup> place award to Truck #25 (right) Andy McDuffie

## *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](mailto: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 all of 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....



### SUMMERTIME CORNY JOKES

Q: What did the cake say to the fork?

A: You want a piece of me?

Q: What kind of tree fits in your hands?

A: A palm tree.

Q: What do you call a Labrador at the beach in August?

A: A hot dog.

(I know, I know! Don't quit my day job.)



*Let's Welcome our New Members!*

NO NEW MEMBERS

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## Benefactors

John Angiolo  
Pat Fehrman  
Alan Stone

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