



***The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club
Pit News
August, 2016***

Next Meeting Wednesday Sept 7th at Colony Cottage Rec Center.
Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM



PREZ SAYS - - -

First, let me congratulate Janine Woodsford on her first newsletter. And many thanks to Gerry Hafer for the many years he put his time and effort into the newsletter.

Second, Bob & Camille Sherman, Membership Coordinators, have announced that they will need to step down at the end of the year. Many thanks, Bob & Camille, for the 8+ years of your dedicated service. However, that leaves a great opportunity for another member to step into the role and become a part of the pit crew. The Shermans are more than willing to assist in your training to make the transition easy. The position will require an understanding of printing skills.

Our 10th Anniversary is fast approaching. The evening will be designed to reflect on the Club's achievements and momentous occasions. Details of the evening will be announced at our September meeting.

Many of us attended the re-opening of the Citrus County Speedway and it was a great event. The venue is now up and running on a regular basis and they say they will keep the general admission at \$5.00.

And last, I would like to thank Gary Civiletti for updating me that the land speed record for wheel driven vehicles was broken on August 15th by 66 year old Danny Thompson in his "Challenger 2" at an average speed of 406.7mph!!

See you in September.

AUGUST SPEAKERS

Tom Ward and son Sean Ward proudly displaying their NHRA trophies.

Tom is a long time NHRA drag racer and the two of them shared some of their trials and tribulations.





Our September Speaker is Terry Cordle, he is a Logistics Specialist at the Daytona International Speedway and works all the events at the track.

He is going to give us a behind the scenes look at what goes on to make a successful track event.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Guy and Jackie Putman

From Lyme, Conn.

Stop and say "HI" to them at the next meeting.



THREE PALMS SPEEDWAY, PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA

THIS HISTORIC RACE TRACK IS PLANNING A COMEBACK!!

The new owner says it will take a lot of time, hard work and money. They plan to bring it back to all of the enjoyment for the drivers, the fans and the community.

And the facility will sport a new name: 4-17 Southern Speedway.

They are aiming to have an inaugural race in November.

Do You Have What It Takes To Be On A Professional Pit Crew?

Eighteen former college student-athletes (participants starred in football, basketball and softball) were selected to compete in the national combine in Concord, NC, but only nine were invited to join the D4D (Drive for Diversity) pit crew. These nine will receive expert training over the next 12 months as tire changers, carriers and jackmen, with their goal of obtaining a fulltime position with a NASCAR series race team.

This D4D program has produced 35 graduates, 3 of which were crew members that celebrated in Victory Lane with Chris Buescher.

If you are a former college “star” athlete, you may want to submit your name for the next completion sponsored by D4D.

GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE

Our garage and bake sale is being held on Saturday, Oct 1, 8am to 1pm. It will be on Millwood Way in The Village of Winifred.

We need your donations now. You can drop them off or have them picked up. Any questions, call Wayne Nolan,

352-750-9082

**The Villages Cup is Coming
AND IT'S GONNA BE BIG!!**

When: October 15, 2016

**Where: Bushnell Motorsports
Park**

**Details: Those will be announced
at the September Meeting.**

Be There or Be Square

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 1— Garage & Bake Sale

Oct 5—Club Anniversary Celebration

Oct 15—Villages Cup

Jan 21, 2017—Hall Of Fame

PIT CREW

Name	Position	Duties	Phone #
Tony Kennea	President	Crew Chief	(352)603-9197
Wendy Touchette	Vice President	Car Chief	(352)303-9734
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Jack Person	(352)259-2029
Mike Anderson	Social Media Coordinator	Fabricator	(217)714-2245
Gerry Greim	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	(215)630-1402
Tom Horrmann	Treasurer/Photographer	Fueler	(352)430-0195
Darren Ivey	Special Events Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	(352)552-1977
Bob & Camille Sherman	Membership Coordinators	Mechanics	(352)751-1771
Wayne Nolan	Member at Large	Crew Uniform Manager	(352)750-9082
John Angiolo	Member at Large	Rear Tire Carrier	(414)305-8094
Mike Touchette	Member at Large	Transporter Driver	(352)603-5077
Tina Ivey	Member at Large	Rear Tire Changer	(352)552-1977
Janine Woodsford	Member at Large/Newsletter	Front Tire Changer	(352)430-5804
Syd & Nancy Baker	Hospitality Coordinators	Engineers	(352)750-1185
Jerry Conkle	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	(352)750-1185
Gerry Hafer	Past President	Team Owner	(352)396-9961
Glen Carter	Past President	Team Owner	(352)874-8152

TRACK	LOCATION	PHONE #	Web URL
Auburndale Speedway	Winter Haven	863-551-1131	auburndalespeedway.net
Bronson Speedway	Archer	352-486-4998	bronsonspeedway.net
Bubba Raceway Park	Ocala	352-622-9400	bubbaracewaypark.com
Citrus County Speedway	Inverness	352-634-5953	citruscountyspeedwayandtrack.com
Desoto Speedway	Bradenton	941-748-3171	desotospeedway.com
East Bay Raceway Park	Tampa (Gibson ton)	813-677-7223	eastbayracewaypark.com
Marion County Speedway	Ocala	352-812-3922	marioncountyspeedway.com
New Smyrna Speedway	Samsula	386-427-4129	newsmyrnaspeedway.org
Original Speedway Park	Fruitland Park	352-787-4968	originalspeedwaypark.com
Orlando Speedworld	Bithlo	407-568-1367	orlandospeedworld.org
Putnam County Speedway	Satsuma	386-649-6969	putnamcountyspeedway.org
Showtime Speedway	Pinellas Park	727-561-9646	showtimespeedway.us
Volusia Speedway Park	De Leon Springs	386-985-4402	sportsvolusia.com

Note from your new editor:

Well, got this first one out, but I hope you will remember I am a work in progress. I want to thank Gerry Hafer. He has been extremely helpful, and has shared a lot of information with me.

But if you would like something else included in the newsletter, stories I may have missed or something I am not covering, I will accept any constructive advice and suggestions.

I reiterate, I am a work in progress.

Thanks, Janine Woodsford

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DID YOU KNOW----

(AKA totally useless trivia)

The first auto race ever seen in the United States was held in Chicago in 1895. It ran from Chicago to Evanston, IL and the winner was J. Frank Duryea with an average speed of 7-1/2 MPH.

Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

A pig's orgasm lasts for 30 minutes.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.