



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

### *Pit News*

*August, 2017*

Next Meeting Wednesday September 6, 2017 at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

### Prez Says



As you know one of our recent speakers was Ann Young, owner of the Bronson Speedway. We have offered and agreed to be a sponsor for the trophies at one of the upcoming events at the speedway. Although the date has yet to be agreed we will make it slightly later in the season, once the rainy season has passed, and more of our seasonal members return to The Villages. The plan would be to organize a trip to the speedway and Ann has agreed to dedicate that race to our club. As soon as we have more details we will let you know through our Monthly meetings, and the newsletter.

There are 2 spots left for the night golf on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Saddlebrook, so it's not too late to join the fun.

A reminder that our trip to the Scorpion Racing Products, a rocker arms manufacturer, will leave Laurel Manor parking lot at 9:00am on Thursday, August 31st.

The Villages Cup will be October 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am at Bushnell Motorsports Park, Jerry Conkle has the sign up sheets.

Lastly our October picnic is coming up on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Details will be given at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

As mentioned at the August meeting, we are looking for someone to fill the position as Treasurer for the club. Tom Horrmann will continue to maintain this position until we have a qualified candidate. If you would like to hold this position, please talk to Tom, or any of our pit crew about this opportunity.

Traditionally the club has an annual garage sale to sell off memorabilia and other items people would like to contribute. This year we propose to hold the event on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will restrict it to a 1 day event. It will be held at Wayne Nolan's house on Millwood Way in the Village of Winifred.. We'd like to encourage volunteers to help set up the tables before hand. We will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting for volunteers. So start turning out those items you have been storing away in the attic just in case. If it's not been used for more that 2 years you are probably never going to use it again anyway.

Okay folks, see you at the next meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. *Regards, Tony*



## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our guest speaker is going to be Rick Bristol, and **NO**, he is not the owner of Bristol Motor Speedway. He is the Marketing and Promotions Director at Auburndale Speedway. Rick's familiarity with racing in Central Florida is the result of 30 years in a variety of operating positions at several tracks. Rick should have all of the current info.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Mark Palmer



**COMING!!**

**VILLAGES CUP**

**Bushnell Motorsports Park**

**October 14, 2017 11:00**



**2017 Participants**

**2017**

### WINNERS

1st Place -

Art Fehrman

2nd Place -

Lou Palmer

3rd Place -

Shel Larsen





# GimmeInfo Recipe for Homemade Dog Biscuits!

Posted Tuesday, October 18, 2016 by [GimmeInfo.com](http://GimmeInfo.com)

## Doggy Delicious Dog Biscuits!

Our pets are special to us, so it's nice to treat them to homemade treats once in a while. Our recipe is healthy and easy to prepare!

### Gimme info's Homemade Dog Biscuits

#### Ingredients:

- 3 cups whole wheat organic flour
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup canned pumpkin puree; NOT the sweetened pie filling
- 2 tablespoons all natural peanut butter; NO salt or sugar added
- Water, as needed – for consistency
- A few sprinkles of parsley for fresh breath (NOT spring parsley, which is harmful)

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk all of the ingredients together, adding small increments of water *if needed* to dough to make it pliable, yet firm. Roll the dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Use a dog bone shaped cookie cutter to cut out pieces. Bake until edges of biscuits are lightly golden, about 25 to 30 mins.

#### Good to know:

- Whole wheat flour is recommended in our recipe because of its superior nutritional content. Like humans, some dogs have a sensitivity to wheat. If so, use regular or oat flour instead.
  - Our recipe contains no added salt or sugar. Tip: Never share salty foods with pets (such as potato chips). Salty foods are dangerous for dogs' health and can cause a host of symptoms from excessive thirst to death. Too much sugar in a dog's diet is also harmful and may cause behavioral problems and could lead to diabetes.
- Limit your dog's intake of peanut butter. Some studies suggest that peanut butter may contain fats and toxins that are not especially healthy for pets, so keep the quantity of consumption low. NEVER buy peanut butter containing sugar or salt for your pet. Make sure your peanut butter does NOT contain [xylitol](#), which is sometimes used as an artificial sweetener in foods.
- Canned pumpkin puree is very healthy for dogs. It is loaded with fiber and beta-carotene, which the body converts to vitamin A. However, too much A can be harmful to dogs. Limit canned pumpkin puree to a tablespoon or two per day.
  - Be sure to have fresh water available for your pet when feeding them.

# The Cup Vs. Xfinity Debate: Still in the Air

Posted Tuesday, July 25, 2017 by [Gerry Hafer](#)

It hasn't surfaced too often in recent months, but it's still there...the continuously-evolving debate about NASCAR Cup drivers making appearances in the lower-tier Xfinity racing series. It remains an issue among Xfinity purists—those who firmly believe that there needs to be a separation between the highest and next-to-highest levels of the sport—and those who buy in to the philosophy that there are benefits to mixing of the two levels, and so far in 2017 the debate has been flamed by another round of dominance in the Xfinity winner's circle by Cup drivers. Nearly three-quarters, just to put it in perspective.

The current rules set limits on how many Xfinity events full-time Cup drivers can enter—10—and commentary in the airwaves indicates that thought is being given to cutting this in half. Despite the current limitation, Cup drivers have won 13 of the 18 Xfinity events this year (72%), after capturing 21 of 2016's 33 races (64%). The number of Cup winners has remained pretty stable (nine in 2016, eight this year), although the mix has changed. Last year, Kyle Busch bagged 10 wins, compared to three this year. The dynamics of the current season are likely what's creating continued concern, since there have been only three non-Cup winners: William Byron (3 wins), Ryan Reed (1), and Justin Allgaier (1).

So, where's it all headed? Well, the website [alt Driver](#) reports that Xfinity series director Wayne Aton is leaning toward the reduction in allowable entries, with an announcement expected in the next few weeks. "NASCAR officials believe lowering the limit from 10 ([see our previous post](#)) to five will drastically help the Xfinity Series drivers improve and have a better chance to win," the article explains. If this comes to pass, it will be the third major rule change aimed at leveling the playing field for Xfinity series drivers, following the change several years ago that prohibited Cup drivers from competing for championships at both levels ([see our previous post](#)).

The argument has been raging for years—decades, actually—dating back to drivers like Mark Martin in the 1990s putting up numbers like Kyle Busch is now recording. And every time there's a prolonged string of Cup winners, the argument re-surfaces. NASCAR does not appear ready or willing to take an absolute position on the issue, instead tweaking the rules from time-to-time to impose limitations on Cup drivers entering Xfinity events. Chairman Brian France, commenting on Sirius Radio, has taken the position that "It's a fair debate. I can get on either side of it. Right now, that's the rules of the game, and we're going to take the benefits of the rules of the game over some of the things that may be drawbacks."

## Good Thing or Bad Thing?

In a [previous post](#) on this general subject, we reported that while the "typically better-equipped 'senior' drivers deprive the regular nationwide drivers of opportunities to earn wins and higher pay-outs, ... this concern is countered by the observation that competing against higher-level drivers gives the lower-tier drivers a valuable opportunity to learn from those presumably better skilled. Also, the appearance of Cup-level drivers tends to boost attendance at Xfinity races, a factor considered beneficial to the sport in general."

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### ***DID YOU KNOW***

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump. (And aren't we glad.)
2. Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he did not wear pants.
3. Over 2500 left handed people a year are killed from using products made for right handed people.
4. Taphephobia is the fear of being buried alive.

## LOCAL TRACKS

Track	Location	Phone #	Address	Zip
Auburndale Speedway	Winter Haven	(863)551-1131	5640 E County Rd 542	33880
Bronson Speedway	Archer	(352)486-4998	9950 FL-24	32618
Bubba Raceway Park	Ocala	(352)622-9400	9050 NW Gainesville Rd	34482
Citrus County Speedway	Inverness	(352)341-5764	3600 S Florida Ave	34450
Desoto Speedway	Bradenton	(914)748-3171	21050 State Rd 64 E	34212
East Bay Raceway Park	Tampa (Gibson)ton	(813)677-7223	6311 Burts Rd	33619
Marion County Speedway	Ocala	(352)812-3922	7197 NW Gainesville Rd	34475
New Smyrna Speedway	Samsula	(386)427-4129	3939 Florida 44	32168
Original Speedway Park	Fruitland Park	(352)787-4968	35400 Micro Racetrack Rd	34731
Orlando Speedworld	Bithlo	(407)568-1367	19164 E Colonial Dr	32820
Putnam County Speedway	Satsuma	(386)649-6969	1009 US 17	32189
Showtime Speedway	Pinellas Park	(727)561-9646	4550 Ulmerton Rd	33762
Volusia Speedway Park	De Leon Springs	(386)985-4402	1500 E State Rd 40	32130

## UPCOMING LOCAL RACES

### Auburndale Speedway

July 1 through September 2, 2017

CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK

### Citrus County Speedway and Track

Sept 9, 2017 50 lap Sportsman Feature, & Mod Mini Feature, 25 lap Mini Stock and Pure Stock,  
2 wheel show and PS Powder Puff

Sept 16, 2017 40 lap Sprint Car, 25 lap Street Stock, Pure Stock, and Mod Mini, Monster Trucks

Sept 23, 2017 75 Lap Open Wheel Modified, 25 lap Mini Stock, Street Stock, Pure Stock and Mod Mini

Sept 30, 2017 75 lap Super Late Model, 25 lap Pure Stock, Street Stock, Mod Mini .

### New Smyrna Speedway

Sept 2, 2017 Pro Late Models, Sportsman 50 Modifieds Modifieds, Mod Minis, Bombers

Sept 9, 2017 Super Stocks, Sportsman, Modifieds 50, Bombers

Sept 16, 2017 Pro Late Models, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Bombers

Sept 22, 2017 Marion Edwards Memorial Super Late Models, Sportsman, Modifieds, Bombers

Sept 30, 2017 Pro Late Models, Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bombers