



## *PIT NEWS* *August 2020*

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**Next Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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



Here we are as another month goes by and the recreation centers are still closed. Unfortunately, we will not be having a meeting in September due to the COVID-19 virus. I will keep everyone updated as to when our next meeting will take place. My number one priority is keeping everyone safe and healthy.

On a positive note, your board members are still meeting and planning for our return. We have arranged, with the Villages approval, to have an outdoor racing show at Brownwood Paddock Square on Feb. 1, 2021.

At this time, we already have 17 exhibitors who have committed to be there. This includes two record-setting motorcycles, four drag race cars, two SCCA road race cars, plus many vintage stock cars and possibly current late models which Art Fehrman is currently working on.

This will be a very enjoyable night for all and a chance for our club to be recognized. Please be sure to invite all your friends to attend.

Let us keep supporting our local racetracks through these difficult times. Close by, we have Citrus County Speedway, Volusia Speedway Park, New Smyrna Speedway, Bubba Raceway Park, East Bay Raceway Park, Showtime Speedway and Auburndale Speedway. The Saturday night racing at all these tracks makes for a fun evening at a very reasonable price.

As always, I am open to different ideas about things that you as a club member would like to do. Please let me know by e-mail at [cbfla13@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbfla13@bellsouth.net) or call me at 954-729-3050. Stay safe and healthy.

Regards,  
Chris Bleistein

## Gatornationals Update

NHRA has rescheduled the makeup race for the 2020 Gatornationals. The dates chosen are September 25-27, 2020 at Gainesville Raceway. The ticket you have is valid for the makeup race (no bus transportation available) or for the 2021 Gatornationals.

In light of this information, the club's board of directors has recommended that the best choice for our club members and their guests is to use their tickets for the 2021 event. We will once again be able to have a bus and do a complete trip. We will also be guaranteed our current block of seats. If you do not feel that this option works for you, please contact me at 352-633-5624 and we can discuss your options.

If you decide you would still like to attend the Gatornationals in September, the gates open every day at 7 a.m. Social distancing is currently in effect and is expected to remain in effect at the time of the race. The track is currently open. NHRA has plans to start allowing fans back in the stands in August as long as they abide by CDC guidelines which include temperature checks and social distancing. Further CDC guidelines are available at the top of the NHRA website. They will keep us apprised as to how it will work.

REMEMBER, PLEASE DO NOT THROW YOUR TICKETS AWAY. THEY ARE VALUABLE TO YOU AND THE CLUB. All refund requests (if any) will be handled through the Club.

My standard reminder to you is this: As NHRA said to me, "This information could change and we will do our best to keep you up to date because we want to give you a Gatornationals this year, even if you just watch it on TV."

Thanks,  
Lois Taylor

## Future Meetings and Events

TBA	Gatornationals
TBA	Monthly Club Meeting
TBA	Hall of Fame Banquet
Feb. 1, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Race Show

**LOCAL SPEEDWAYS HAVE OPENED ... DRIVERS, START YOUR ENGINES!!**

**Just a reminder:**

**JOHN ANGIOLO ATTENDS THE RACES AT CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WELCOMES FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS TO JOIN HIM. HIS NUMBER IS 414-305-8094, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT HIM.**  
**(WEAR YOUR CLUB SHIRTS PROUDLY).**

## Club Members Stepping Out



The gang at Lefthander Chassis fab shop in Roscoe, IL. This is the latest state-of-the-art car. Lefthander has 25 dealerships across the U.S.



1939 Chevy Coupe. This is a race-ready tribute to the career of Art Ferhman's father, who was the 1953 Mance Park Speedway Champion. This car is used to promote the Illinois Stock Car Hall of Fame. It is a museum ready to travel!



Club members with Richard Petty's 1959 Plymouth. This is the original car he won his second and third races of his career!

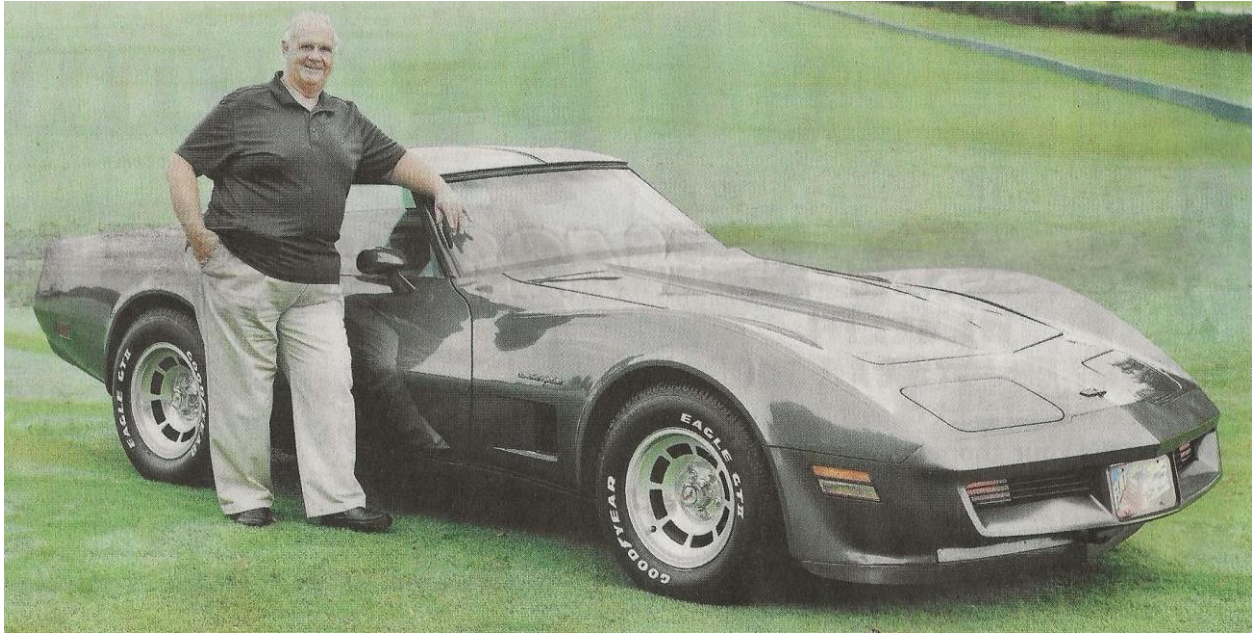


Here are John Angiolo, Joe Lipp and Jerry Conkle at the Racing Legends Wall of Fame at the Historic Auto Attractions Museum in Roscoe, IL.



## Interesting Daily Sun Article About Club Member

Chris Bleistein is featured in The Villages Daily Sun



The pride and joy of club president Chris Bleistein is his 1982 Corvette. A gift to himself, he bought it new and still drives it today.

The accomplishments of his deli restaurants enabled Chris and his family to enjoy the 'Vette over the years. Road trips and car shows were always enjoyable.

Visit the club website to download the full Daily Sun article and see pictures of Chris' pride and joy.

## We Have Lost a Couple of Notable Racing Figures



Maurice Petty was an American NASCAR crew chief and engine builder for Petty Enterprises, of which he was part owner. He was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2011. He was subsequently enshrined into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2014.

Maurice passed away on July 25, 2020. He was 81.



Bob Bahre, who built New Hampshire Motor Speedway and also formerly owned Oxford Plains Speedway in Maine, died July 24, 2020. He was 93.

## Prediction Row



The Summer Segment of Prediction Row began on Saturday, June 27 at Pocono. It will run to the beginning of the NASCAR Playoffs and the start of our Playoff Segment.

After nine of 13 races, here are the current standings in the Summer Segment. The top three will advance to compete in the Playoff Segment.

### Standings After Michigan

1. **Steve Poplarski 2 wins, 390 points**
2. **John Goodyear 2 wins, 318 points**
3. **Donna Gross 1 win, 314 points**
4. Gerry Hafer 1 win, 279 points
5. Bob Woodsford 0 wins, 347 points
6. Paul O'Connor 0 wins, 271 points

To follow their predictions, be sure to read The Villages Daily Sun each race day, or visit the club website to see their predictions and check the standings.

## Jerry Conkle's Trivia Has Returned

1. Who was the oldest driver to win the Daytona 500?  
A) Mark Martin B) Bobby Allison C) Richard Petty D) Dale Earnhardt
2. Who was the oldest driver to win the Indianapolis 500?  
A) A. J. Foyt B) Roger Ward C) Al Unser D) Sam Hanks
3. Who won the last race NASCAR ran on the sand at Daytona?  
A) Lee Petty B) Tim Flock C) Marshal Teague D) Paul Goldsmith
4. What car number has won more NASCAR races than any other?  
A) 11 B) 43 C) 2 D) 42

GOOD LUCK. ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 8 - NO PEEKING



*Let's Welcome our New Members!!*

**NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT**

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



**So, here is a list of the seven most successful father-son duos in the rich history of NASCAR.**

1. Lee Petty and Richard Petty
2. Bobby Allison and Davey Allison
3. Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Dale Earnhardt Jr
4. Ned Jarrett and Dale Jarrett
5. David Pearson and Larry Pearson
6. Buck Baker and Buddy Baker
7. Coo Coe Marlin and Sterling Marlin

**Here Are the Trivia Answers**

1. B) Bobby Allison
2. C) Al Unser
3. D) Paul Goldsmith
4. A) 11





# PIT CREW

**Need to get in touch with a member of the Pit Crew?  
Please see the information below!**

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**Don't forget to visit our website for more club information.**