



PIT NEWS *August, 2022*

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Next Meeting: September 7, 2022

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Welcome back to all of our members. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

The Board of Directors has been working diligently to bring a full line up of interesting guest speakers and other fun activities and outings for this coming year which our members can participate in.

Our first meeting for this season is Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. We go green at 7 PM.

Unfortunately, the guest speaker we had scheduled for this meeting is ill and can't attend. We will watch a video about an extraordinary woman who is a member of our Hall of Fame. Betty Skelton, known as the First Lady of Firsts, is featured in this documentary produced by FOX Sports. I am sure you will enjoy it.

As the new season begins once again, I would like to remind all of our members that I am always open for suggestions as to how to make the club better than it currently is. If anyone has a suggestion for a fun activity, please let me know. My e-mail is cbfla13@bellsouth.net. Please put Racing Club in the subject line as I get quite a few emails and do not want to miss it. You can also call me at 954-729-3050.

Racing in the area short tracks is once again at full throttle and many families can have a fun-filled evening for very little cost. The racing is very competitive.

Regards,
Chris Bleistein

Next Meeting – Sept. 7



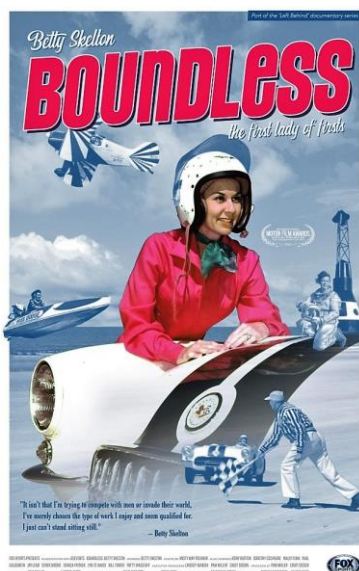
Our next meeting is on Sept. 7 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

We will watch the movie, *BOUNDLESS: BETTY SKELTON*, a one-hour FOX Sports documentary presented by NASCAR RACE HUB during March 2022.

Betty Skelton lived in The Villages and was our guest speaker at the August 2009 club meeting. She is a member of our Hall of Fame.

Skelton was known as the "First Lady of Firsts" and made a lasting impact, breaking gender barriers in motorsports, aviation, astronautics and even the advertising business throughout 1950s and 60s. She set 17 aviation and automobile records and is a member of 10 different Halls of Fame.

Please Note: This presentation replaces our scheduled guest speaker who is ill and cannot attend. We are very pleased to show this video because it features the prominent accomplishments of a fellow Villager and a member of our Hall of Fame.



Important Upcoming Dates

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

Oct. 5, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Nov. 2, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Dec. 9, Friday Monthly Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, 7 p.m.

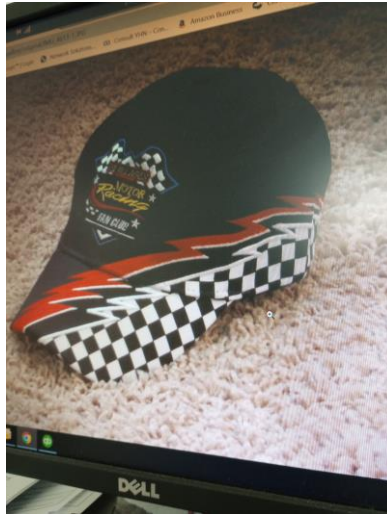
HELPING CAMP VILLAGES KIDS START THEIR ENGINES



Bob and Janine Woodsford, along with other dedicated club members, transformed the La Hacienda Recreation Center into a tough oval race course for the annual Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza on Thursday, July 21. A fun time was had by all. Thanks to all of the members who helped.

I need your help!

If you have a hat like this, can you look at the tag inside the hat and tell me if there is a manufacturer name? I am looking to re-order these but our vendor said she needs some info that may be found inside on a tag. You can contact me at donnaracing27@gmail.com and let me know what the tag reads. Thanks, Donna Gross



Public Service Announcement regarding Apparel

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mike and Donna Gross will not be able to attend the September 7 meeting so no orders for apparel will be taken that night. BUT if you previously ordered apparel and didn't pick it up at the last meeting, they have made arrangement to get these items to the meeting for pickup.

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 or calling her at (352) 633-5624. It is important that we have updated information in the event we need to reach out to you.



Prediction Row 2022

The competition grows fierce with only one race remaining before the Playoff Segment begins. After the Watkins Glen race, our predictors are ranked as follows:

Phil Brown – 2 wins, 419 points

Alan Sneider – 2 wins, 414 points

Donna Dillon – 2 wins, 391 points

Rick Giroux – 1 win, 319 points

Val Menendez – 0 wins, 397 points

Steve Poplarski – 0 wins, 312 points

It is safe to say that Phil, Alan and Donna will be moving onto the Playoff Segment.

After the Daytona race Saturday night, the top three will move onto the Playoff Segment. The top three from the Spring Segment and the Summer Segment make up the Playoff segment. Each of those six predictors will begin with zero points. Predictors will then be awarded 3 points for each winning driver selected during his/her segment.

The Top Three Drivers (and their beginning points) from the **Spring Segment** are:

Bob Lupini - 3 wins, 9 points carried forward

Doug Baker – 2 wins, 6 points carried forward

Chris Six – 1 win, 3 points carried forward

By attending the September 7 club meeting, you will have the chance to meet the Playoff contenders and, perhaps, engage in some racing “trash talk.”

If you cannot attend, please check the club’s website for weekly updates. Prediction Row can be found in the Sports section of The Villages Daily Sun on NASCAR Cup race day.

Silky Meegan

Prediction Row Coordinator

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



My grandparents would always take me out to dinner when I was a kid and jokingly ask me, "Are you paying this time?" I would laugh and say, "No! I don't have any money." They did this right up until I started college. We went to dinner same as usual but at the end they didn't ask me. It was strange but I figured they forgot. Well after a while it started to bother me. Finally after dinner one night I asked them, "Why don't you guys ask me to pay anymore?" They looked at me and said, "You're in college now. There is no point in asking. We KNOW you don't have money."

OK, one more.....

A traveler stopped at a monastery and they invited him to stay for a delicious dinner of fish and chips. After dinner he went in the kitchen and asked a guy, "Are you the fish friar?" and the guy said, "No, I am the chip monk."



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Darrell McLean from Washington

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

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 now need to order a minimum of 6 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.

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.

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.



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.



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
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	Member At Large	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
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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407-235-5282



ARCA
Midwest Tour



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The Villages, FL
352-430-5249



Ultrex Printing
Lady Lake, FL
352-205-8222



Lefthander Chassis
Roscoe, IL
815-389-9999



Professional
Home
Maintenance
and Repair
Services

Triline Services
The Villages, FL
217-433-1394



Kokomo Speedway
Kokomo, IN



Mike Scott Plumbing
Wildwood, FL
352-748-9111



Parts Geek
Doylestown, PA
800-541-9352



Fox Pest Control
Orlando, FL
407-863-3592



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