



**PIT NEWS**  
**August, 2025**

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: September 3, 2025**

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



Hello Crew Members,

Summer is sliding to an end quickly. The Little League World Series is underway and school has started in many locations. We have a board meeting in ten days to plan our upcoming season.

We hope all of you that are in town will be able to attend our first regular meeting, Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Our speaker will be Alan Sheppard, former NASCAR inspector. When he spoke to us last time, he had so many stories about behind the scene scenarios. This time, he will tell us about his successful business, Sheppard Racing Enterprises, which he has operated since 1994. They offer race car preparation, maintenance, and customization for local racers.

I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

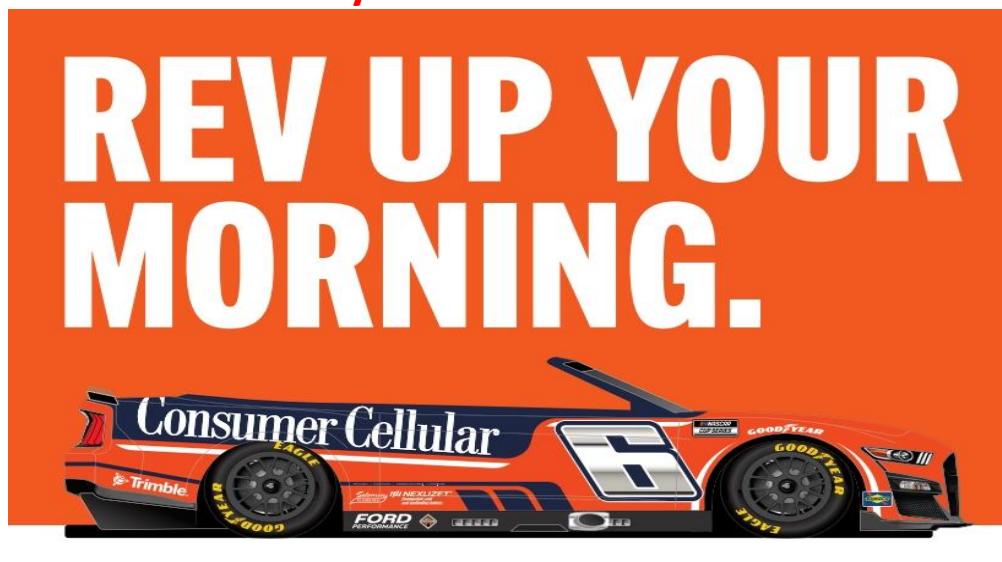
Sincerely,  
Gerry G.  
Your Prez and Crew Chief



## Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 21, Thursday	Consumer Cellular, Lake Sumter Landing, Exclusive Event 8-10AM
Sept. 3, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Sept. 13, Saturday	Tailgate at Citrus County Speedway
Sept. 15, Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Club Race Car Show at Brownwood Paddock Square
Oct. 1, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7PM

**August 21 Consumer Cellular, Lake Sumter Landing  
Brad Keselowski's #6 Convertible Car plus Coffee & Breakfast  
Wear your Yellow Club Shirt**



**CONSUMER CELLULAR INVITES THE VILLAGES MOTOR CLUB TO AN EXCLUSIVE MORNING EXPERIENCE!**

**Thursday, August 21st from 8:00 to 10:00 AM  
Consumer Cellular Store, 1095 Canal St, The Villages, FL 32162**

- Get an up close look at the Consumer Cellular #6 convertible.
- A chance to win free race tickets in our exclusive raffle.
- Test your racing knowledge and win autographed merch.
- Start your day with complimentary coffee and breakfast.

**DON'T WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES—BE PART OF THE ACTION! SEE YOU THERE.**

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## September 13 - Tailgate Party at Citrus County Speedway

There will be a sign-up sheet for this event at the Sept. 3 club meeting. More details will be available at the meeting.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Race Car Show Monday, Sept. 15 - Brownwood Paddock Square, 4-8PM



Villages Motor Racing Car Club Race Show  
Monday September 15, 2025

Featuring Dragsters, Modifieds, NASCAR Cars and Super Late Models



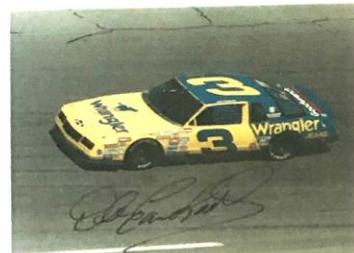
Vintage Stock Cars



Sox & Martin Dragster



Modifieds



NASCAR Cars

We are proud to announce that we will be showcasing various forms of Motor Racing cars at our display at the Brownwood Paddock Square on Monday September 15, 2025 from 4pm.-9pm.

On display will be Open Wheel Modifieds, Dragsters, NASCAR Cars, Super Late Models

For more information call  
Jeff Ing @ 631-897-6263 or Art Fehrman @ 708-254-5196

**The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club**

SHARING INTERESTS IN ALL FORMS OF MOTOR RACING

## Next Meeting - September 3



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, September 3, at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our meeting will feature a special return visit from Alan Sheppard, a Hall of Fame member we first met at our April 2016 meeting. Back then, we learned that his racing career began at local tracks in Iowa and Illinois, where his winning ways soon carried him into the national spotlight in ARCA, USAC, and NASCAR's Winston Racing Series. From 1974 to 1992, he battled it out on the track, then shifted gears in 1998 to work behind the scenes as a NASCAR inspector for 15 years before taking his expertise to the ARCA Racing Series.

At this meeting you will hear about his successful venture, Sheppard Racing Enterprises, launched in 1994 while living in Rockford, Illinois and now operating out of an 8,000 sq. ft. shop west of DeLand, Florida. Alan and his wife Lori provide everything from stock car set-up and maintenance to tool and part manufacturing for race teams across the country. They've even run five cars for car owner Jim Daley and also build composite bodies for ARCA chassis.

This is more than a talk – it's a pit pass into the fast-paced world of professional racing from a man who has lived it.

## Prediction Row 2025

With only two races left in the Summer Segment, Bill McCormick and Craig Simundza hold a comfortable lead. The battle is for third place, the final transfer spot. After the Richmond and Daytona races, the top three predictors will move on to the Playoff Segment. The current standings are:

**Bill McCormick - 5 wins, 390 points**  
**Craig Simundza - 4 wins, 420 points**  
**Rick Kegel - 2 wins, 374 points**  
Rick Almeida - 2 wins, 366 points  
Len Pouncey - 2 wins, 344 points  
Marty Wool - 2 wins, 314 points

## Camp Villages R/C Car Racing Roars to Life at Laurel Manor

The Laurel Manor Recreation Center was transformed into a high-octane indoor racetrack on July 10 for the annual Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza – and it was full throttle fun from start to finish! There were 18 racers!

Leading the charge once again were Bob and Janine Woodsford, the event's dedicated "team owners," who brought their passion for racing to life for a new generation of fans. Backed by a pit crew of yellow-shirted volunteers, the Woodsfords orchestrated a smooth and exciting afternoon at the races for kids and their grandparents alike.

From practice laps to the final lap, the energy was electric as young racers navigated the turns with guidance from seasoned enthusiasts. Thanks to the incredible efforts of everyone involved, this year's Camp Villages R/C car racing event was a checkered-flag success.



## ENJOY MORE PICTURES BELOW



Kids, Young and Young-at-Heart, had a great time!

*Gone but not forgotten ... May he rest in peace*

**Rex White**  
**August 17, 1929 - July 18, 2025**  
**Club Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Hailed as one of NASCAR's Greatest Drivers**



**EVERY THURSDAY** Club members and guests meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive, corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Lane.

**EVERY FRIDAY** Club members and guests meet at Toasted Yolk Cafe, 657 Kristine Way, Lake Deaton Plaza.

We order at 8 a.m. Come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast and chat about all things racing.

## **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 [Itaylr@hotmail.com](mailto:Itaylr@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.



## *New Members*

None at the time of this publication

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



What's the opposite of artificial intelligence? Natural stupidity.

What's the secret to having a smoking hot body as a senior? Cremation.

Old age makes us great multitaskers. Why? I can sneeze and pee at the same time.

## Club Apparel



Get ready to rock your club pride with our exclusive "crew uniform" apparel, featuring the iconic club logo! From shirts to caps to totes, show the world you are part of the action. Check out the full collection now at [VillagesRacingClub.com](http://VillagesRacingClub.com)!

These top-quality items are available for viewing at every club meeting, and some items – without your personalized embroidery – are "cash and carry" for your convenience. Need your name embroidered? No problem! Orders for personalized gear are taken at every meeting, but we do require a minimum of six items per order (total from all members). Remember, cash or check is needed at the time of purchase.

Got questions or ready to place your order? Catch Mike Gross at a club meeting or reach out via email at [mikesg201@gmail.com](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com). Let's gear up and represent the club in style!

## 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.*



## 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
Jeff Ing	Vice President and Car Shows Coordinator	Car Chief	631-897-6263
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary and Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	708-744-7292
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
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	Spotter	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsors Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
Tony Kenna	Past President	Team Owner	352-603-9197
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-630-9234

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

# Thank You

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## Village Kart Aide



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