



## *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club*

### *Pit News*

**September, 2019**

Next Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

### Prez Says



Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to all after our summer break. We will be kicking off our meetings again on Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm. Our first meeting will have no outside speaker. However Jerry Conkle and John Angiolo have offered to talk about races they have attended this summer. It is worth noting that Citrus County Speedway will be holding their big Late Model race on September 14th. I am sure Jerry and John will talk about this at our meeting, as well as mentioning about wearing your yellow shirt.

In October we will welcome back Sabrina Gardiner and her two sons to talk about their quarter midget racing, and hopefully they will bring a car for us to see. Sabrina formerly worked at Daytona International Speedway and is already a member of our Hall of Fame.

We will also talk about some of the upcoming events.

Don't forget the Don Garlitz museum tour on Friday, November 1st. I believe Ron Schauster has a few places left. Be sure to contact him at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 4th.

*Regards, Tony*



THAT WILL BE OUR NOVEMBER MEETING  
SO — START PRACTICING NOW  
MORE INFORMATION TO COME



## **FUTURE MEETING AND EVENTS**

- Sept. 14 trip to Citrus County Speedway for big Super Late Model race, 100 laps, \$10,000 to win. Special Motor Racing Fan Club display will be there.
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- Oct. 2 club meeting: guest speakers that race quarter-midgets at New Smyrna Speedway.
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- Nov. 1 trip to Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing.
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- Nov. 6 club meeting: chili cook-off competition for club members.
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- Nov. 9 trip to Florida Governor's Cup at New Smyrna Speedway.

## **OPEN CLUB POSITIONS**

- Schedule guest speakers –Open since June 2018  
Assistant Crew Uniform Manager –New  
Assistant Social Media Coordinator –New

This is a tremendous club with history dating back to its founding in 2006. And we think it has a bright future – and a lengthy one. We truly believe this: if everyone does a little, no one does a lot.

## Villagers, Grandchildren Compete With R/C Cars

About 15 grandchildren attended the Camp Villages R/C race event at La Hacienda Recreation Center

The Villages Daily Sun Monday, July 29, 2019 By Summer Jarro

Hailey Schittone's favorite part of the R/C Model Race Cars event was winning. The 15-year-old New Jersey resident was one of about 15 grandchildren who put their competitive skills to the test at the Camp Villages event Thursday at La Hacienda Recreation Center while they raced remote-controlled cars on an indoor course. First-, second- and third-place winners were chosen at the end of the championship race. Hailey won first place during her first race, followed by second and first place again in her next races. Camp Villages provides intergenerational fun for Villagers and their families. The program, sponsored by The Villages Recreation and Parks Department, hosts about 4,000 children, ranging in age from 3 to 16, each summer, said Lisa Parkyn, lifestyle events manager and Camp Villages coordinator for the recreation department. The 19th Camp Villages summer program runs through Aug. 9. Thursday's event was put on by The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club. Club members assisted the grandchildren with their cars and made the atmosphere feel like Motor Racing Fan Club. Club members assisted the grandchildren with their cars and made the atmosphere feel like attendees were participating in a real NASCAR event. One club member acted as a sports announcer and provided commentary during the races, while another waved a checkered flag whenever someone finished a race. The club has been hosting the Camp Villages event for the past several years. They enjoy sharing their interest in model cars with the younger generation, said club member Bob Woodsford. "I think (the event is) excellent for them," the Village of Springdale resident said. "It gets them in an atmosphere with other kids their own age, and it's something that the grandparents can get to do with the kids in The Villages. Camp Villages really is a good thing." During the event, attendees were split into groups of two or three and raced two laps around the course. For some, controlling the cars came easy. For others, there was a lot of crashing or wheelies before they got to the finish line. Kaley Foster, who attended with her grandmother, Village of Virginia Trace resident Margaret Morgan, started off slow but got better each heat. At first, she was spinning out. "I was going on full by mistake," the Grand Island resident said. Once she corrected the mistake, she went from third place in her first race to first place in her last. As the club members tallied up the scores to choose three racers for the championship race, some grandparents raced against one another.

Hailey volunteered her grandmother, Village of Santiago resident Gail Toscano. Toscano finished second. "The only way I got through the race was with (Hailey) helping," Toscano said. In the championship race, Leland Scott, of Kentucky; Holden Yakola, of North Carolina; and Rand Grindol, of Kansas, battled it out. Ten-year-old Leland finished third; Rand, 11, finished second and Holden, 12, took first place. Holden felt good after the race. "It was fun," he said. "I would come back next year."



**2019 RACING SCHEDULE  
SPRINT CARS  
DYLAN REYNOLDS #555  
JANUARY 2019 GUEST SPEAKER**

March 30, 2019	Auburn Speedway	Auburn, FL
April 27, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
June 22, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
July 27, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
August 24, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
Sept 14, 2019	417 Southern Speedway	Punta Gorda, FL
Sept 28, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
Oct 26, 2019	Showtime Speedway	Clearwater, FL
Nov 9, 2019	Citrus County Speedway	Inverness, FL
Nov 23, 2019	417 Southern Speedway	Punta Gorda, FL
Dec 17, 2019	417 Southern Speedway	Punta Gorda, FL



DID YOU KNOW?

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

1. Gatorade was named for the University of Florida Gators where the drink was first developed.
2. The largest lake in Florida is Lake Okeechobee.
3. Miami installed the first bank automated teller especially for roller bladers.
4. Key Largo is known as the Dive Capital of the World.

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As you can see, our list of Board of Directors has many open positions due to many people having to *“step down”* for one reason or another.

We desperately need people to *“step up”* now! In order to keep our club going, we must have certain positions filled. And in order to keep our club interesting and people coming, we need other positions filled. We all have certain talents, so share!!

