



## *PIT NEWS* *September 2020*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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



We are entering another month of COVID-19 restrictions, but I do have some positive news to report. Although I have to cancel the October 7 meeting, there is a good possibility we can have a meeting on November 4.

Today I signed the club's contract for the next year at Colony Cottage Recreation Center for the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7 p.m. As of now, we will have to social distance with only chairs -- no tables -- and our room can hold up to 100 people. The recreation department at Colony Cottage is asking that you wear a mask while entering and leaving the room. The chairs will be 6 feet apart and must not be moved.

Masks are optional while in the room, due to good social distancing policy. My main concern is keeping everyone safe and healthy. Therefore, if you are able to wear a mask, please do so even though it is not mandatory in the room.

**I would appreciate some feedback.** Would you be willing to attend a meeting if we could put one together for November 4? Please let me know at [cbfla13@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbfla13@bellsouth.net)

The board has put together some fun things for members to do to get together. They are as follows:

- 1) Get together on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at Lake Sumter Landing by the clock. Bring your own chair and beverage or get something at Starbucks, Panera or Johnny Rockets and join other members for good conversation. Let's give this a try!
- 2) We are having a club event on October 31 where we go to late lunch/early dinner and then carpool to Citrus County Speedway for a night of racing. You will be getting a separate flyer with all the details. Set the date aside and come join us for a fun day/night of racing.
- 3) We have confirmed February 1 with The Villages for a racing show to be held at Brownwood. Art Fehrman has obtained commitments from many exhibitors to be there. These include two record-setting motorcycles, numerous Legend cars, sprint cars, modified stock cars and a monster truck that have agreed to be there. He already has 17 cars committed. This will be a great show and will definitely make for a fun evening for all.

I hope to see many of our members at the above events. Come join us for some fun times!  
Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Regards,  
Chris Bleistein

## Future Meetings and Events

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).**

## Member Featured in the Daily Sun



*Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun*

**John Angiolo, of the Village of Glenbrook, shows some of his racing memorabilia at his home in the Village of Glenbrook. Angiolo is an avid racing enthusiast and longtime member of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.**

Seemingly for his entire life, club hospitality coordinator John Angiolo has enjoyed every aspect of auto racing.

Since leaving Wisconsin to enjoy retirement in The Villages, Angiolo's passion for racing continues at full throttle. John is no stranger to many tracks and racers across central Florida.

Visit the club website to download the full Daily Sun article.





## Prediction Row

The NASCAR Playoff Season of Prediction Row is underway!

The following Club Members are in the playoffs. The standings are as follows as of the time this newsletter went to print.

### Standings after Bristol

1. Gerry Hafer 1 win, 156 points
2. Larry Hanna 1 win, 144 points
3. Jim West 1 win, 121 points
4. John Goodyear 0 wins, 150 points
5. Art Staus 0 wins, 138 points
6. Steve Poplarski 0 wins, 100 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. What was the first year NASCAR raced at Darlington?  
A) 1946 B) 1948 C) 1950 D) 1952
2. What was the number of the winning car at the Indy 500 in 2020?  
A) 20 B) 25 C) 30 D) 35
3. Jim Nabors (aka Gomer Pyle) used to sing Back Home Again in Indiana. What state was he born in?  
A) Indiana B) No. Carolina C) Alabama D) So. Carolina
4. What NASCAR driver has the most wins at Darlington Raceway?  
A) Jeff Gordon B) Richard Petty C) Dale Earnhardt D) David Pearson

GOOD LUCK. ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 5 - NO PEEKING



*Let's Welcome our New Members!!*

**NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT**

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



**Unfortunately, I have been extremely busy these last few weeks working my "real job" as a bookkeeper so I am going to use a few funny one liners.**

I know they say money talks, but all mine says is "Goodbye".  
I always take life with a grain of salt. And a slice of lemon. And a shot of tequila.  
Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

PLUS, Those of you who know Jerry Conkle know he loves jokes, sooooo I have to give credit where credit is due so the one liner below is one Jerry sent to me .....

*I used to work where they made fire hydrants, but I quit because you couldn't park near the place.*

**Here Are the Trivia Answers**

1. C) 1950
2. C) 30
3. C) Alabama
4. D) David Pearson

## Article from Yesteryear

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Pit Report

December 2007

Written by Gerry Hafer, Editor

### The Governor's Cup – Another Win for the Club!

Saturday night, Nov. 17 was another great night for our club! There were 91 members and guests at New Smyrna Speedway feeling the excitement of watching Jeff Choquette drive Dick Anderson's No. 92 Super Late Model, blazing its way through the field in the 42nd Annual Governor's Cup 200.

It's difficult to describe the level of interest that race fans experience when they have a vested interest in a race entry. Let's simply say it's a great feeling, watching our car, in our race, driven by our driver take command of a highly competitive event. It felt like we were all right inside the car, helping Jeff muscle the car through the turns, weave through the lapped traffic, and stay focused on the track ahead. It's probably no understatement to say that he had an additional 90+ spotters working the race for him.

As club president Glen Carter commented after the race, "Well, there's another one we couldn't have scripted any better." From the signatures on the hood, to the banner on pit wall, to the many announcements on the track's public address system, our club was highly visible at the speedway, and not only because of the sea of yellow shirts or the two classy buses.

Also on the card for the Nov. 17 event was the 100 lap Florida Mini Stock Challenge, featuring another soon-to-be-inducted member of our club's Hall of Fame – Steve Griffin. Steve started in fifth position, and moved steadily toward the front of the pack during the early laps. Shortly after taking over second place, though, a broken drive shaft sidelined him coming out of turn 2 midway through the race, and he was done for the night. Nevertheless, he received an ovation from the club's section of the grandstand after coasting to a stop in the pits. As they say, that's racing, and we'll all look forward to cheering for Steve in the 2008 season.

Special mention needs to go out to Wendy and Mike Touchette and the Special Events Committee. Once again, their incredible attention to detail provided the club with a well-organized and well-controlled experience for the 91 hearty members and guests making the trip. Those of you who may have been involved at some point in putting trips like this together can certainly appreciate what it takes to make things go so smoothly.

**The Governor's Cup  
New Smyrna Speedway  
November 17, 2007**

Signatures on Hood



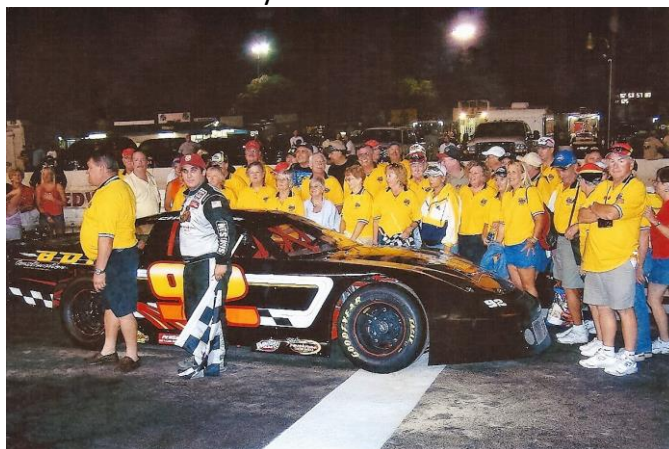
Let's Go Racin'!



Club Logo on Pit Wall



Victory Lane Celebration





# PIT CREW

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

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
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Tom Horrmann	Member At large	Mechanic	352-430-0195
Janine Woodsford	Member At Large	Mechanic	352-430-5804
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-750-1185

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