



PIT NEWS *September, 2021*

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Next Meeting: October 6, 2021

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. This will be a celebration of our club's 15th anniversary. Due to the decrease in COVID numbers, we are able to go back to our format of tables and chairs. This should be an enjoyable evening. The Board of Directors has decided to serve pizza to all of our attending members and cake will also be served. **Please bring your own beverage.**

We will be showing an episode of Dale Jr. Download. Please see page 2 for more details on this video.

The Board of Directors has been busy. Please be sure to read page 4 regarding our Hall of Fame Induction Celebration coming up on January 30, 2022, an event I am very excited about.

I strongly encourage everyone to read the entire newsletter, which is always filled with lots of information.

Don't forget that everyone is welcome to join us every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. for a fun breakfast get-together at Bob Evans on 466 to discuss racing and whatever else comes to mind. We meet in the back room, so just ask for the racing club.

If anyone has a suggestion for a guest speaker or anything else they would like to see the club do in the future, please let me know. My e-mail is cbfla13@bellsouth.net.

I am looking forward to seeing our members once again and having a fun and interesting year.

Regards, Chris Bleistein

Next Meeting - Oct. 6



Our next meeting is on Oct. 6 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

It's our club's 15th Anniversary and we have planned a special celebration.

We will be enjoying complimentary pizza and cake while we watch a special video. **Please bring your own beverage.** The room will be set up with tables and chairs.

The video is from the television series, Dale Jr. Download. In this 33-minute video, Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s crew chief, Larry McReynolds, details everything the team went through leading up to the 1998 Daytona 500 - the first and only Daytona 500 won by Dale Sr. McReynolds also reflects on the scene in victory lane following the event.



Prediction Row 2021



In the last newsletter, I reported the standings with one regular season race to go before the Playoffs. At this time, we are in the second elimination round of the Playoffs with a new group of predictors. Listed below are the top three from the Spring and Summer segments with their current statistics in parentheses.

Standings After Las Vegas

Melanie Scott - 2 wins (172 points)
Doug Baker - 0 wins (186 points)
Jim Dropp - 0 wins (164 points)
Steve Poplarski - 0 wins (161 points)
Alan Sneider - 0 wins (158 points)
Art Staus - 0 wins (132 points)

Melanie Scott came out strong, scoring a win in the first two races. As you can see, the point spread is fairly close but it is the wins that count. With six races to go before the Prediction Row Champion is crowned, will it be luck or skill that determines our winner?

Needless to say, the Playoff races have been very intense with a lot of tempers flaring, hard racing and intentional wrecking. There have been some defining moments.

In the Richmond race, Truex was sent to the rear after beating the pole-sitter past the start/finish line. Truex prevailed and came from last place to win the race. At Bristol, the on-track and after the race confrontations between Elliott and Harvick totally overshadowed Larson's win. What will happen at Talladega?

For the latest weekly predictions, follow Prediction Row in the Daily Sun on NASCAR Cup race day and look for the most recent updates on our website.

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

Important Upcoming Dates

October 6-Wednesday Monthly Meeting-Colony Cottage Rec Center 7pm

November 3-Wednesday Monthly Meeting-Colony Cottage Rec Center 7pm

January 30, 2022-Sunday Hall of Fame Induction Celebration (see below)

Save the Date for our Annual Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

Sunday, January 30, 2022



Doors Open: 4:30PM Dinner: 4:45PM

LAKE MIONA RECREATION CENTER

1526 BUENA VISTA BLVD

THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

The Board of Directors have been hard at work planning the Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Extravaganza. This year there is a new format that we are excited about. There will be entertainment provided by the duo "In Motion" so wear your dancing shoes. This event is not limited to members only, it is open to members, spouses, significant others and friends. So please feel free to invite your friends. The meal is being provided by Pasta Faire followed by cake for dessert.

Tickets are \$35 per person and will go on sale at the Oct. 6 meeting. If you are unable to make a meeting, but you want to purchase tickets, you can mail a check made payable to TVMRFC in the amount of the number of tickets you will need directly to Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163. Should you have any questions about the tickets, you can also email Donna at donnaracing27@gmail.com.

Hoping all can attend and make this a memorable event. Business casual attire is appreciated.

Pictures from September 1 Meeting with Carl Eckert



Carl Eckert brought his Thunder Roadster to the meeting for members to enjoy!



Thank you, Carl and Vickie!

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SPEEDWAYS!



October 2: \$10,000 to win 3rd Annual Grocery Getter Enduro 150 with School Bus Figure 8's, \$400 to win Crocketts Towing Ford Outlaws 40 laps and finally \$1,500 to win Franhart Roofing Demolition Derby \$15.00 Cash/NO ATM Opens 5:30pm, Heats 7pm, Races 7:30pm

October 16: Mike Scott Plumbing Super Late Model Twin 50's The Club will be presenting the overall 3rd place winner with \$100, so come to the race, wear your Club Shirt and go down onto the racetrack when \$100 is awarded. Also, Pure Stocks 25 laps, Ford Outlaws 25 laps and Mod Minis 25 laps. \$15.00 Cash/NO ATM Opens 5:30pm, Heats 7pm, Races 7:30pm

October 23: \$10,000 to win Fall Brawl Sportsman 200 Lap Race, Pure Stocks 25 laps, Outlaws 25 laps, Mini Stocks 25 laps and Motorsports Legend Cars 25 laps. \$15.00 Cash/NO ATM Opens 5:30pm, Heats 7pm, Races 7:30pm

Just a reminder:

JERRY CONKLE AND JOHN ANGIOLO ATTEND THE RACES AT CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WELCOME FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS TO JOIN THEM. JOHN'S NUMBER IS 414-305-8094, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT HIM. THEY ALWAYS SIT AND TRY TO RESERVE A SECTION BEHIND THE FLAG STAND RIGHT BELOW THE ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH. JUST LOOK FOR THE YELLOW SHIRTS AND HATS. (WEAR YOUR CLUB SHIRTS PROUDLY).

The website where you can find the 2021 schedule of events is www.citruscountyspeedwayandtrack.com. Looks like fun for the entire family but keep in mind it is CASH ONLY and there is NO ATM on the premises.

Kyle Harvey Inducted Into Hall of Fame



John Angiolo, Kyle Harvey, Jerry Conkle and Art Fehrman

August 21, 2021, Historic Auto Attractions Museum, Roscoe, Ill. -- Club board of directors John Angiolo, Jerry Conkle and Art Fehrman had the pleasure of inducting Kyle Harvey into our Hall of Fame.

Kyle was unable to attend induction ceremony in January 2020 because he was spotting for Tower Motorsport in the 24 Hours at Daytona.

John, Jerry and Kyle were attending the Illinois Stock Car Hall of Fame Festival & Induction Ceremony in Illinois. Art "Fireball" Fehrman is the founder of the Illinois Stock Car Hall of Fame and serves on its board of directors.

Hal Lynch Featured in The Villages Magazine



Club member Hal Lynch has always been a classic car guy. In the '80s he shared his uncle's dream to transform his uncle's 1970 AMC AMX from a daily driver to a road course muscle car.

When his uncle passed away in 1984 and left the classic AMX to Lynch, Hal began the task of building out the AMX to be a road racer.

He completed the task in 1991 and has campaigned the car on many tracks ever since.

Visit the club website to download the full The Villages Magazine article.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED, READ BELOW

BREAKING NEWS: RPM ACT REINTRODUCED FOR 2021—ACT NOW!

Our voices have been heard! After receiving more than one million letters from enthusiasts like you, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act) has been reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2021-2022 session of Congress!

The RPM Act must be enacted into law to guarantee your right to modify street cars, trucks, and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles, and ensure that industry can offer parts that enable racers to compete.

Now is not the time to take our feet off the gas. Even if you've previously contacted your lawmakers about the RPM Act, we need your voice once again now that the bill has officially returned for consideration in 2021! Tell your U.S. Representative to do their part to finally save racing from government threat by supporting and passing the RPM Act into law this year.

The website is www.semasan.com where you can select to contact the lawmakers.

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.

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



Did you know.....

The average U.S. household has 300,000 things in it, So, think about that when the average Villager moves three times) We like stuff, lots of stuff.

The top speed of the winning car in the first U.S. race was 7mph (we can go 20-22mph in our golf carts). Frank Duryea reached a top speed of 7mph when he raced the second car he had ever built with his brother, Charles, on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1895.

OK, now Jerry's joke. I told you he would return.....

An artist lived out in the country and one day a limo pulled into his driveway. A woman got out and she was dressed to the hilt. She knocked on his door and he answered the door. She asked if he did portraits, he said he did. She then asked if he could paint in oils. He replied yes and she asked if he could paint her in the nude? He said he would have to ask his wife. The woman said I will pay \$5,000. He went and asked his wife and came back and said, "I can, but I will need to leave my socks on so I have something to wipe my brushes on".



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Phillip Brown from Florida
Chris Dirato from New Jersey
Lars Lindell from Illinois and Sweden
Fred Ruth from California

SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 25-28, 2021 AND GET OUT YOUR STURDY WALKING SHOES



Thursday-Saturday \$15 per day, gates open 8am-4pm
Sunday \$10, gates open 8am-2pm

Scooter Rentals are available for \$75 per day if needed.

Go to <https://turkeyrun.com> for more details and also to inquire about scooter rentals and handicap parking and other FAQ's.

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.

Club Apparel

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.



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.

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.



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
John Angiolo	Hospitality Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Manager	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
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.

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.



Mammoth Machines
Leesburg, FL
407-235-5282



Parts Geek
Doylestown, PA
800-541-9352



Lefthander Chassis
Roscoe, IL
815-389-9999



Kokomo Speedway
Kokomo, IN



Bob Woodsford, Realtor
The Villages, FL
352-430-5249



ARCA Midwest Tour



Ultrix Printing
Lady Lake, FL
352-205-8222



Triline Services
The Villages, FL
217-433-1394



Mike Scott Plumbing
Wildwood, FL
352-748-9111

Benefactor

Pat Fehrman
The Villages, FL

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