



PIT NEWS *October, 2022*

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: November 2, 2022

A Few Words from the President's Desk



I want to thank all of the members who attended the October 5th monthly meeting and joined us for pizza and cake to celebrate the club's 16th year anniversary. After enjoying a snack, we were entertained by guest speaker Cody Hills, as he told us about how his career is evolving with the Daily Sun and how excited he gets when it involves racing events and hopes to continue the tradition of taking his son to racing and sporting events.

Prediction Row is heating up with only a handful of races left to the season. Hope you can join us on Sunday, November 6 at a potluck watch party to watch the final race of the NASCAR Cup season. It will be held at Colony Cottage Recreation Center beginning at 2:30PM until the checkered flag is waved. Please bring a dish to share.

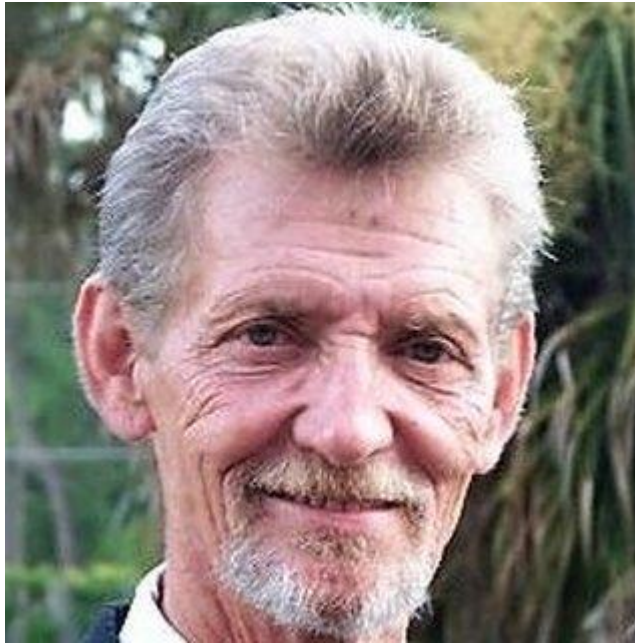
Tickets are now available for our annual Hall of Fame Induction Celebration. This year it is being held at the Eisenhower Recreation Center on Saturday, February 4. Tickets are \$40 per person. Please see details in this newsletter and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to a great night out.

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. **Please note I have a new e-mail.** It is cbracer1316@gmail.com. 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.

Our next meeting is November 2 at Colony Recreation Center. Our guest speaker is Richard Poindexter and the meeting goes green at 7PM. Hope to see you all there.

Regards,
Chris Bleistein

Next Meeting – Nov 2



Our next meeting is on Nov. 2 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker is a die-hard racer from Gainesville, Richard Poindexter.

Richard began racing in 1974 and for several years drove a dirt Late Model. In the '80s he moved to an All-Pro Limited Late Model.

Over the years Richard has competed on tracks from southern Georgia to north-central Florida.

He is a member of the Jacksonville Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame.

Having stepped away from racing for about 25 years, Poindexter is again behind the wheel, this time competing in the Southern Modified Sportsman Series with a '34 Chevy.

Governor's Cup – New Smyrna Speedway

We have been notified that due to remnants of Hurricane Ian and the damage it caused to the New Smyrna Speedway, the Governor's Cup race that was scheduled for November 11-13, has **BEEN CANCELLED.**



*Tickets are now on sale at monthly meetings for
Hall of Fame Induction Celebration or
by calling Donna Gross at (352)399-6072.*

*The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club
Hall of Fame Induction Celebration
Saturday, February 4, 2023*

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

EISENHOWER RECREATION CENTER

3560 BUENA VISTA BLVD
THE VILLAGES, FL 32163

Suzie Casta will be performing.
COST \$40.00 per person

You can also purchase tickets by mailing a check payable to TVMRFC to
Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Nov. 2, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 6, Sunday | Final Race of the Season Potluck Watch Party, Colony Rec Center, 2:30pm |
| Dec. 9, <u>Friday</u> | Monthly Meeting, <u>Laurel Manor Rec Center</u> , 7 p.m. <u>Please note change of location and date of the December meeting.</u> |
| Jan. 4, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 1, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 4, Saturday | Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, Eisenhower Rec Center 4:30 p.m. |



November 6 (Sunday) - Final Race of the NASCAR Cup Season Watch Party

Wear your yellow club shirts and hats and join your fellow racing fanatics to watch the final race from the Phoenix Raceway. We will be watching it on the big screen at Colony Rec Center at 2:30p.m. until they wave the checkered flag. Hoping to see club members come together and cheer on their favorite driver.

Please bring a dish to share. BYOB.

Gone but not forgotten...



Jimbo Chadwick passed away on October 3, after a struggle with health issues. He was a member of our Class of 2015 Hall of Fame. Rest in Peace.

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.

Membership Notice

As we near the end of the year, we will be taking renewals for 2023 at the membership tables at the November and December meetings. Of course, you can renew by mail if you wish, but please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me Lois Taylor, 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163 and I will mail you your 2023 sticker to be placed on your membership cards. If you cannot find your card, please let me know ASAP and I will request a new one for you. Also, include your home state so it can be printed on your card.

By starting now, we hope to reduce the line at check-in at the meetings. I look forward to seeing all of you again this year. The club is growing so arrive a little early and PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK IN. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY RACE FANS ARE ATTENDING BECAUSE THIS ASSURES US THAT WE CAN KEEP OUR BIG ROOM AT COLONY.

If you have not picked up your membership card, please check the table by the entrance to the meeting room. I have a number of cards that have not been picked up.

Lois Taylor
Membership Coordinator

Oct. 5 Meeting - Pictures



Cody Hills and Chris Bleistein



Prediction Row 2022

There are two remaining races in the 2022 NASCAR Cup racing season. The Playoff races have been filled with controversy as well as with exciting racing. Bubba Wallace was suspended for one race because he deliberately wrecked Kyle Larson on the track and physically confronted him off the track. This left last year's NASCAR champion, Kyle Larson, below the cutline and ineligible to compete in the final four. In addition, drivers are very vocal about safety issues with the new Next Gen cars. Several drivers have suffered concussions; veteran driver Kurt Busch had to retire from racing. Owners maintain the car is costing more to race rather than leveling the playing field. NASCAR is addressing these problems for next year. After the Homestead race, our predictor standings are as follows:

Phil Brown has 2 wins, 227 points
 Donna Dillon has 1 win, 258 points
 Chris Six has 1 win, 211 points
 Doug Baker has 0 wins, 251 points
 Bob Lupini has 0 wins, 230 points
 Alan Sneider has 0 wins, 130 points

At the time of the newsletter, it was statistically impossible to predict the winner of the Prediction Row Trophy. It is all about the number of wins predicted, not the total points. Be sure to attend our Phoenix race potluck party (See page 4 of the newsletter) to congratulate our winner. If you cannot make the party, check out the website after the race. If you would like to compete during the 2023 NASCAR racing season, contact Silky at silkyssunshine@gmail.com.

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator



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



Gerry is driving down the freeway when he runs out of gas. He's sitting there in the driver's seat wondering what to do next when a bee flies in through his window.

"What seems to be your problem?" asks the bee.

"I've run out of gas", Gerry replies.

"That's unfortunate", says the bee. "However, if you wait here I can help you."

The bee then flies off, only to return minutes later with an entire swarm of bees. They all fly into his gas tank, leaving Gerry wondering exactly what's going on.

After a few minutes, the swarm flies off and the bee says to Gerry, "Try it now."

Gerry turns his ignition key and his car fires into action immediately.

"Wow!" Gerry exclaims. "What did you put in the gas tank?"

The bee smiles and says, "BP, of course."

OK, one more.....

Married men should forget their mistakes. There is no need for two people to remember the same thing.....

Sorry Jerry Conkle, I am doing my best but I have big shoes to fill.



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Jeff Ing from New York

Alan Martinelli from Illinois

Bill & Linda Samuels from New York

Dennis Slattery from Connecticut

Returning member – Welcome Back

Joe Kavalaukas from Ohio

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



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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
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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



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