



# The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

## Pit Report

### November, 2010



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#### October Meeting Recap



George Bonafede (left) and Mickey Gauldin, Autocross Drivers

**October 6, 2010**—Learning through the experiences of two veteran central Florida drivers, our club has now been exposed to yet another motorsports venue—the world of autocross. Our main speakers at the October 6 meeting were representatives of the Martin Sports Car Club (MSCC) of Orlando, and brought with them a wealth of anecdotal and statistical information about autocross, defined as a “...safe, low-cost competition and active participation...where drivers run a timed competition, navigating one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic

cones, rather than racing on a track with multiple other cars.” Most people familiar with autocross will tell you that it’s a form of racing that puts a premium on driving skill and the ability to configure a car for maximum handling, with raw horsepower secondary to what’s required for success. George Bonafede, MSCC’s president, provided insights into background of autocross, as well as the various requirements for preparing a car to run in the sport and the various classes in which cars can compete. George is a recognized figure in autocross both locally and nationally, having recorded two national-level wins in his career. Mickey Gauldin, a member of MSCC for a number of years, also provided numerous insights into autocross, including the narration of a typical course configuration. Both Mickey and George stressed the low-cost aspect of autocross, as well as its strength as a family sport.

Mickey and George punctuated their remarks with a series of video clips that demonstrate autocross at the Lake County (Tavares) site where MSCC holds their monthly events. In case you were unable to make it to the meeting, here are the links for these videos...you can key them into your browser and live vicariously through some of our local autocross experts:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcpkwVIZ2yI&NR=1>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPak4z1PG10>
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_2ojiBOb2o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_2ojiBOb2o)



## Make Your Reservations for the 2010 Hall of Fame Dinner—Sunday, December 12

As most of you are aware, the 2010 edition of our annual Holiday Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Ceremony will be held **Sunday, December 12** at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. This marks the fourth induction ceremony we've held, and once again includes a stellar list of motorsports celebrities and talented local folks who shared their time and expertise with us during the year. The Class of 2010 includes a NASCAR veteran, a reigning track champion, rising stars in the local racing world, an NHRA competitor, track operators, Autocross veterans, and a few of our own members with great stories to tell.

Like prior events, this will be a sort-of-formal affair (meaning only that this is one of the few occasions where we don't wear our yellow club shirts!), and will include an excellent catered dinner.

Barbara Nolan is once again serving as coordinator for this event, and she and her committee have again put in a lot of planning and organizing time in order to make this another grand affair. All reservations should be phoned in to Barbara at 750-9082, or mailed to her at:

1772 Millwood Way  
The Villages, FL 32162

The cost is \$22.50 per person/\$45 per couple, and the reservation cut-off is December 9, 2010. Additional details are presented on the flyer included with this newsletter (*see page 8*).

Let's all come out and make this a great celebration while we thank our great guests from 2010!

## It's That Time of the Year Again... Officer Elections

Our club is rolling full steam ahead into its fifth year, and the momentum we've been able to achieve is incredible. We've had the benefit of a capable and dedicated pit crew, and we've been blessed with a diverse membership that has supported the activities we've organized. For all of us on the Crew, it's been a labor of love, and it's now time to share the experience with some other folks with new ideas, new thoughts, and new suggestions on the future direction for the club. It has been our custom to revisit this matter toward the end of each year, so here we are!

We're looking for fresh crew members to continue carrying us to new heights. We kiddingly say after just about every event, "How are we gonna top that?" and yet we do just that, time and time again. It's because we've been able to continually get new thinking into our midst, and we'd like to continue to do that in the year ahead. In particular, it's critical that we continue to rotate fresh leadership in at the top of our organization, so we are actively searching for a candidates to step forward and assume a position on

The board. This is the opportunity to stand atop the pit box, so to speak, and help keep what is clearly a supremely capable pit crew moving in a direction that meets the needs of the club. Our crew has led us this far, but now its time to broaden our thinking with some fresh input on the board. Please give this some thought and, we'll discuss it at our January meeting. If you have an interest, just give any members of the Pit Crew a call and chat with them (their names and phone numbers are shown on page 7). Also, we'll be keeping our eyes open for candidates, so we may be approaching a few of you!

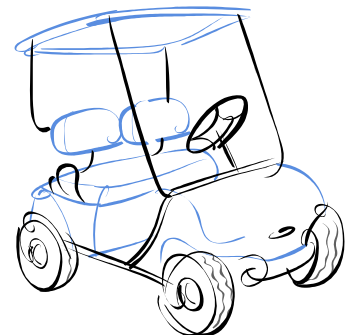
## Another Assault on The Guinness Book of Records

On November 14, The Villages is going to make another attempt to capture the Guinness World Record for golf carts in a parade. This time around, the record attempt again takes the form of a fund raiser, with all net proceeds to be donated to the "Hope for the Warriors" ® program.

This will be a good opportunity for the club to show up as a group,

yellow shirts and all! Here are some of the details:

- Gates open—7:00 am
- Parade begins—Noon
- Starting point—The Villages Charter School
- Contribution—\$10 (cart and driver), \$15 (cart/driver/passengers)
- **Sign-up at [www.golfthevillages.com](http://www.golfthevillages.com)**



## November 3 Meeting Preview

### Rat Rods, Pocket Bike Racing, the Green Mamba. and more!

Our November 3 meeting will cover more uncharted territory...the fascinating world of Rat Rods, as well as a form of racing that's growing in popularity around the world—Pocket Bike Racing. Our speaker for the evening will be Villages resident Joe Eytalis, a veteran "car guy" with a wealth of experience in the world of car building, drag racing, and a variety of motorsports-related topics.

Joe will discuss the growing popularity of Rat Rods—hot rods or custom cars that typically imitate (and often exaggerate) the hot rods many of us remember from our younger days. Rat Rods are not restored or recreated hot rods, but rather owner-built cars that emulate coupes or roadsters from the 1930s through the 1950s, and appear on the road in "unfinished" works in progress.

Pocket Bikes are quite a bit different from motorcycles or motorbikes, and basically are miniature racing motorcycles raced on kart tracks. They're also known as "minimotos" or "mini Gran Prix" bikes. With a broad price range of \$200 to about \$7000, they tend to appeal to a wide cross section of racing enthusiasts.

Joe also plans on spending some time discussing the Green Mamba Jet Car, a phenomenal vehicle that some of us have seen in action. In addition to these specific topics, Joe plans to cover some of his experiences in car-building and drag racing, as well as contacts with some of the major names in motorsports. This will undoubtedly be another in a continuing series of outstanding meetings for our group.



1930 Ford Rat Rod



Pocket Bikes in Action!



The "Green Mamba"...picture this on Morse Boulevard!!!

## Our "Club Car" is on the Road to Recovery!

Dick Anderson and a host of crew members have been working feverishly over the past few weeks re-building the No. 92 after it's September 17 wreck at Columbia Motorsports Park in Lake City. They know the clock is running (the Governors Cup clock, that is!) and Dick is optimistic that the car will be ready for driver Jeff Scofield to take it to Victory Lane at New Smyrna Speedway on February 20. Dick is planning to drop in at our November 3 meeting to give us another update, and to discuss some of the format changes that are planned for the Governors Cup up event. You won't want to miss this!



From this...



To This...



To this...

**Plans are for the next picture to be taken in the Governors Cup Victory Lane!!!**

## Welcome, New Members!

Our membership ranks keep growing, and we greeted two new members at our October 6 meeting. Make it a point at the next meeting or club function to introduce yourself to these folks and share your interests in motorsports with them!



Sandy Dempsey, Massachusetts



Gary Civiletti - Spencerport, New York



## How About a Self-Driving Car?

Most of you who routinely use the internet for research have probably used Google and are well aware of the power and reach of this incredible search tool. But did you know that Google is actively engaged in its own product development and commodity research activities, one of which is the development of cars that drive themselves? Called "autonomous cars," "driverless cars," "free-ranging vehicles," or several other names, the development of the fully-automated vehicle has been progressing since the 1970s, but Google has recently stepped up the pace with an eye toward marketing the technology to car manufacturers in the not-too-distant future.

The driverless car uses 360° cameras, in conjunction with roof-

sensors and front- and rear-mounted radar sensors to continually locate the positions on Google maps and navigate it accordingly. The system drives at the speed limit it has stored on Google's maps and maintains its distance from other vehicles using its system of sensors. Override capabilities,

similar to conventional cruise control, can allow an on-board human to brake or turn the wheel.

Hey, this may be a solution to NASCAR's annual Silly Season situation! Anyway, here's what one looks like, so you'll recognize them when they come to The Villages.



## Special Events Roundup



Well, here we are at the doorstep of another Governors Cup event. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, our club car—the famous No. 92—is scheduled to be totally rebuilt and ready to go in time for the event. We’re hoping to fill the bus so we can again put a big splash of yellow in the stands, and so we can make our sponsorship package for New Dixie Racing as good as possible. Other big events unfolding in the next two months include the David Reutimann Foundation deal in Zephyrhills on December 3, as well as our 2010 Holiday Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Ceremony. This will be another great night for the club...you won’t want to miss it!

Here’s a quick look at what’s ahead for next few weeks. As always, we appreciate your input, thoughts, and suggestions for trips and/or activities. Just give us a call!

*Wendy*

Date/Event	Event Details
November 11-14, 2010 DAARA Event	This will probably be a car pool to the November 11-14 U.S. Vintage Oval Track Nationals at Orlando Speedworld, featuring the cars of Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association (DAARA). (This event replaces the Zephyrhills 26th Annual Fall Autofest.)
Saturday, November 20 45th Annual Florida Governor’s Cup 200, New Smyrna Speedway	Reservations will be taken at the November meeting. This will be a bus trip, leaving Laurel Manor at 4:00 pm on the 20th. The per person cost is \$50, which includes admission a \$10 food voucher, bus transportation, and the sponsorship package for the No. 92 (to be driven by Jeff Scofield).
December 3, 2010 David Reutimann Charity Event	The Sixth Annual David Reutimann Charity Bar-B-Q and Auction will be held at the Silverado Golf and Country Club in Zephyrhills. We’re hopeful of organizing a group to attend this event...details to follow.
Saturday, December 11 Christmas Parade	Joan Rybacki and Zoe Ann and Buster Burt have signed on as coordinators for the club’s participation in this event. Stay tuned for more details and sign-up information later in the year. <b>Call Zoe Ann (751-4346) or Joan (753-3738) to sign up.</b>
Sunday, December 12 4th Annual Holiday Hall of Fame and Awards Night	The Class of 2010 includes 14 new inductees to our Hall of Fame. See details on page 8 regarding the event; contact Barbara or Wayne Nolan (750-9082) to reserve your spot at the event.
Saturday, January 8 Annual Speedway Park Awards Banquet	We’ve been invited to join the fine Speedway Park folks at their 2010 Awards banquet. The event will be held at La Hacienda in The Villages, and club members will be participating in the program for the evening. Further details will be announced later in the year.
Wednesday, January 26 Charity Bingo	Our annual fund-raiser will be held at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, with proceeds to benefit the charities our club supports. Pricing and details to be announced.
<b>February, 2011</b>	<b>Daytona trips—Check website for details (<a href="http://www.villagesracingclub.com">www.villagesracingclub.com</a>)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February 12—Bud Shootout</b></li> <li>• <b>February 17—Gatorade Duel</b></li> <li>• <b>February 20—Daytona 500</b></li> </ul>
Future 2011 Events	Hot Rods & Hot Dogs Auto Show—Date TBD (need committee to organize) Poker Run/Picnic—Date TBD (need committee to organize) Fantasy of Flight Bus Trip—Date TBD Food Drive Collection—(need Volunteer to coordinate)

## Buzzie Shows Up Big at Ocala

A group of about 15 club members made the trip up to Ocala Speedway on Friday, October 22 to cheer for club favorite Buzzie Reutimann in the Colortyme Open Wheel Modified event. He didn't win the feature, but it was still a great night for Buzzie! Our contingent from the club got to watch him put a good old woodshed whipping on the rest of the field in the second heat race, where he started fifth, moved to third by the end of the first lap, and took the lead on the second lap. From there, he pulled away...some said he was "showing off," some said he was "driving like a teenager," but it was great to watch the beautiful blue Aarons machine, with our club logo on both sides, as the 69 year old master put on a dirt track clinic. Unfortunately, his hard driving took a bit of a toll on the car...he was experimenting with a new shock package, and the speed he was carrying

into the turns caused pressure problems that eventually broke a mounting bracket. What happened next was a frantic scramble to locate a welding unit, which they did, followed by a pit-side remounting procedure that ended just as the modifieds were being called to the staging area for their 25-lap feature. Buzzie started third in the feature, and ran in the top five the entire race, finishing a respectable third with a car that wasn't handling entirely to his liking.



Buzzie and sister Joy enjoying a pre-race break.



### Local Racing Corner

Race Track	Website & Telephone	November Race Schedule
Ocala Speedway, Zuber	<a href="http://www.ocalaspeedway.com">www.ocalaspeedway.com</a> 352-622-9400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Wheel Mods Nov. 5</li> <li>• Top Gun Sprints Nov. 12</li> <li>• Late Models Nov. 19 (FINAL EVENT of 2010)</li> </ul>
Citrus County Speedway, Inverness	<a href="http://www.citruscountyspeedway.com">www.citruscountyspeedway.com</a> 352-726-9339	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBARA Sprints Nov. 6</li> <li>• Pro Challenge and Open Wheel Mods Nov. 13</li> </ul>
New Smyrna Speedway, Samsula	<a href="http://www.newsmyrnaspeedway.org">www.newsmyrnaspeedway.org</a> 386-427-4129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro Trucks 100 Nov. 6</li> <li>• Open Wheel Mods &amp; Late Mods Nov. 13</li> <li>• Gov. Cup 200 Nov 20</li> </ul>
Orlando Speedworld, Bithlo	<a href="http://www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org">www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org</a> 407-568-1367	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed for the 2010 season</li> </ul>
Volusia Speedway Park, Barberville	<a href="http://www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net">www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net</a> 386-985-4402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed for the 2010 season</li> </ul>
Speedway Park- Fruitland Park	<a href="http://www.originalspeedwaypark.com">www.originalspeedwaypark.com</a> 352-308-7664	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racing first and third Saturdays in November</li> </ul>

### Your Pit Crew

Gerry Hafer, President (751-3643)  
 Mike Touchette, Vice President (430-0239)  
 Silky Meegan, Secretary (259-2029)  
 Tom Horrmann, Treasurer/Official Photographer (430-0195)  
 Wendy Touchette, Special Events (430-0239)  
 Bob & Camille Sherman, Membership (751-1771)  
 Dave Bockman, Member at Large (751-0381)  
 Wayne Nolan, Member at Large (750-9082)  
 Bill Wilkie, Member at Large (350-2080)  
 Dave Colbert, Technical Planning (408-3712)  
 Peter Tetrault, Member at Large (205-8503)  
 Glen Carter, Immediate Past President (751-6442)  
 Buster & Zoe Ann Burt, Honorary Members (751-4346)

### Another Christmas Idea!

We're hurtling toward the Holiday Shopping Season, and your newsletter staff is continuing to keep tabs on the market for gift ideas that appeal to the motorheads among us. Since motorheads are by their very nature mechanically inclined, we pay particular attention this month to a piece of jewelry that would surely be of interest to a car buff. We're talking about the "Gear Ring" marketed by Kinekt Design LLC. The Gear Ring, pictured here, "is made from high quality matte stainless steel. It features micro-precision gears that turn in unison when the outer rims are spun ... It is currently available for purchase in ten standard US ring sizes: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14."



Kinekt's website (<http://www.kinektdesign.com>) has a video that demonstrates the movement of the gears and inner and outer rims. A little pricey, maybe, at \$165, but you gotta admit...it's pretty cool!

### Some words of wisdom

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

## Wayne Anderson Captures FAST Title

**Wayne Anderson** led wire-to-wire in the Sunoco Florida All Stars Tour's final race October 9 at Desoto Super Speedway, putting a cap on a season of domination in the inaugural running of Florida's newest Late Model Stock Car racing series. Anderson led throughout the Tour's 2010 season, winning four of the nine feature events and finishing with a 146-point margin over runner-up **Austin Kirkpatrick** of Ocala Florida. Along the way, Anderson set the fastest qualifying time twice, while compiling an average starting position of 2.7. His finishing record was by far the best among series members, with eight top five finishes and an average finishing position of 4.1.

17 year-old Kirkpatrick also posted a strong set of statistics during the Tour's nine-month span, finishing four times in the top five and seven times in the top ten, with an average qualifying position of 7.7 and an average finishing position of 8.3. Kirkpatrick won the FAST "Rookie of the Year" title by a margin of 38 points over 16 year-old **Randy Anderson** of Wildwood, and captured the "Rookie of the Race" title—the honor awarded to the highest finishing rookie in each event—in five of the nine feature events. The younger Anderson was named "Rookie of the Race" three times (including the final race at Desoto Super Speedway), and recorded one top five finish and seven top ten finishes during 2010.

Here are the final points standings for the 2010 Tour:

Driver	Points
Anderson, Wayne	901
Kirkpatrick, Austin(*)	755
Anderson, Randy(*)	717
Gerstner, Jeremy	689
Maynard, Kyle(*)	686
Bruns, Alan	570
Allen, Todd(*)	427
Gerstner, John II	409
Maddox, Daniel	402
Lane, Cody(*)	312
Lovelady, Perry	261
Craft, Talon(*)	248
Laing, Tyler(*)	245
Lovelady, Raymond	244
Vail, Jason(*)	244
Caudill, Casey(*)	198
Calabrese, CJ (*)	169
Zehr, Dalton(*)	128
McCormick, Shaughn(*)	112
Haines, Gayle	100
Seth, Hans(*)	39

(\*) Rookie



**2010 HOLIDAY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND AWARDS NIGHT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010  
COLONY COTTAGE RECREATION CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

**MENU  
(CATERED BY VIC'S EMBERS)**

**DINNER SALAD (SERVED AT TABLE)**

**BUFFET  
ROASTED PORK TENDERLOIN  
MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY  
VEGETABLE MEDLEY**

**DESSERT  
CHOCOLATE MOOSE  
COFFEE, TEA**

**ROLLS AND BUTTER**

The cost is \$22.50 per person/\$45.00 a couple. Guests can bring their beverage of choice. Ice and plastic glasses will be on the table for their use.

Anyone who is on a restricted diet or is vegetarian can be accommodated

Reservation cut off is December 9, 2010  
Cancellations will be accepted up to December 9, 2010

**To make a reservation call Barbara Nolan at 750-9082. You may mail your check to Barbara at 1772 Millwood Way, The Villages, FL 32162**

**OR**

**Barbara will be available to take your reservation and money at the November 3, 2010 meeting. Look for her at the back of the room.**