



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club

Pit News

November, 2016

Next Meeting Wednesday Dec 7th at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Going **GREEN** at 7:00PM

Editor: Janine Woodsford

Prez Says



At our November meeting we were introduced to the world of monster trucks. Todd Morey gave us a fascinating insight to the sport, supported by some videos of the racing. My thanks to Todd for making this a very entertaining presentation.

We saw six new members sign up at our last meeting. (See names and pictures on page 3.) Welcome to them. A reminder that members can renew their 2017 membership anytime between now and January.

Our Hall of Fame dinner tickets are selling fast, so please purchase your tickets as soon as possible as we are limited to the number of people we can admit.

The guest speakers for December meeting will be Josh Todd and Bruce Allen Griffin. And we are already gathering a list of fabulous guest speakers for 2017.

Remember to sign up for the rescheduled Bushnell event on January 22, 2017.

Wishing everybody in the club a Happy Thanksgiving



DECEMBER SPEAKERS



Josh Todd is a club favorite and we have been following his career for several years. He is the driver of the #7 Open Wheel Modified for Dick Anderson.

Josh is going to share a driver's perspective of his many wins with Dick Anderson as well as his other achievements.

Bruce Allen Griffin is a former Super Late Model racer. Although he has hung up his helmet, he did dominate the Florida asphalt tracks and still stays close to his sport by running a number of Florida based racing history websites.

He is going to share some of that history with us.



CLUB MEMBERS AT THE RACES

Martinsville International Speedway Oct 29 & 30, 2016



I finally got my Infamous Martinsville Hotdog!!



Monster Trucks at Citrus County Speedway November 5, 2016



Governor's Cup at New Smyrna Speedway November 13, 2016



EARLY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2017

December and January meeting.
Register early—\$10.00 per person.

Welcome to our new members



Michael & Donna Gross



Tom & Sharon Bellino



Edward Lloyd



Gary McConnell



Watching the Homestead race at Colony Cottage.

AND HERE COMES JIMMIE JOHNSON
NOT ONLY TO WIN THE RACE, BUT ALSO TO WIN
HIS 7TH CUP!!!



WELL, GUESS WE CAN'T CALL HIM "6 PACK" ANYMORE .

CONGRATULATIONS JIMMIE!!



And special congratulations to
HARRY SCHEIBLIN
the winner of
PREDICTION ROW 2016





Politics and Racing— Taking a Stand Against Regulatory Overreach

Posted Tuesday, October 25, 2016 by [Gerry Hafer](#)

“We’re from the government and we’re here to help.” While that statement is usually placed somewhere in the context of a joke or a sarcastic rendering, it sometimes can be true. Such is the case with the flurry of activity that took place last year, when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its 629 pages of proposed rules for fuel economy standards. Embedded in the rules package was an unannounced proviso that was interpreted to make it illegal to convert vehicles originally built for on-road use into racecars. Further, the rule was interpreted to prohibit the sale of certain aftermarket emissions-related parts on these racecars. Taken in its entirety, the proposed rule was viewed by many as an act of overreach by the EPA, with the potential outcome of regulating competitive racing in the U.S., especially at the hobbyist level.

Specialty Equipment Market Association Takes a Stand



The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) is a trade association consisting of a diverse group of manufacturers, distributors, retailers, publishing companies, auto restorers, street rod builders, restylers, car clubs, race teams and more. As such, their antennae picked up on the potential interpretation of the EPA ruling and sounded the alarm, raising the awareness of many organizations and fans countrywide of what could happen through enactment of this type of ruling. SEMA’s position, as articulated on their [website](#), was: “The regulation would impact all vehicle types, including the sports cars, sedans and hatch-backs commonly converted strictly for use at the track. While the Clean Air Act prohibits certain modifications to motor vehicles, it is clear that vehicles built or modified for racing, and not used on the streets, are not the “motor vehicles” that Congress intended to regulate.”

SEMA officials subsequently met with EPA representatives to obtain a verification that the rule would in fact prohibit conversion of vehicles into racecars and make the sale of certain emissions-related parts for use on converted vehicles illegal. With that verification in hand, the organization set about building opposition to the proposal, working with a host of affected organizations and government officials, resulting in introduction of The Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016 (RPM Act) earlier this year. The Act, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives as H.R. 4715 and in the U.S. Senate as S. 2659, seeks to confirm that racecars are not subject to EPA regulation and to further confirm that modifying street vehicles for exclusively on-track competition is not a violation of EPA rules... While the EPA subsequently withdrew the rule, the agency has made clear that it believes it has the authority to regulate competitive racing cars.

Because of this, SEMA continues its efforts to clarify the matter by pursuing passage of the RPM Act.” H.R. 4715 was originally co-sponsored by U.S. Representatives Patrick McHenry (R-NC), Henry Cuellar (D-TX), Richard Hudson (R-NC), Bill Posey (R-FL) and Lee Zeldin (R-NY), while S. 2659 was originally co-sponsored by Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV), Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV). In fact, to date RPM Act has 117 cosponsors in the House and 27 in the Senate. Both bills have been introduced and referred to committee, where they now reside.

HALL OF FAME DINNER
LA HACIENDA RECREATION CENTER
RICARDO MONTALBAN ROOM

January 21, 2017 6PM—9PM

Catered By HILL'S BBQ & CATERING

*Menu: Whole Pig, Baked Beans,
Caesar Salad, Pasta Salad, Dinner Rolls
Sweet and UnSweet Iced Tea and Coffee*

TICKETS \$10.00

Only 100 available

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT 2 MEETINGS
OR BY CALLING BARB PAPPAS (219) 395-4306
OR MIKE ROEMER (352) 633-0134

Attire: Business Casual (no yellow shirts please)

**DOOR PRIZES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO
1 PAIR OF GATORNATIONAL TICKETS!!**



THIS COULD BE YOU!!

VILLAGES CUP
Bushnell Motorsports Park
Sunday, January 22, 2017

Registration starts at 1:30

Racing starts at 2:00

\$25.00 for 10 laps. For more Info call

Jerry Conkle-352-750-1185 or John Angiolo-414-305-8094



OR THIS!!

PIT CREW

Name	Position	Duties	Phone #
Tony Kennea	President	Crew Chief	(352) 603-9197
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LOCAL TRACKS

Track	Location	Web URL
Auburndale Speedway	Winter Haven	auburndalespeedway.net
Bronson Speedway	Archer	bronsonspeedway.net
Bubba Raceway Park	Ocala	bubbaracewaypark.com
Citrus County Speedway	Inverness	citruscountyspeedwayandtrack.com
Desoto Speedway	Bradenton	desotospeedway.net
East Bay Raceway Park	Tampa (Gibsonton)	eastbayracewaypark.com
Marion County Speedway	Ocala	marioncountyspeedway.com
New Smyrna Speedway	Samsula	newsmyrnspeedway.org
Original Speedway Park	Fruitland Park	originalspeedwaypark.com
Orlando Speedworld	Bithlo	orlandospeedworld.org
Putnam County Speedway	Satsuma	putnamcountyspeedway.com
Showtime Speedway	Pinellas Park	showtimespeedway.us
Volusia Speedway Park	De Leon Springs	vspracingcom

DID YOU KNOW

(AKA Almost Totally Useless Trivia)

Non-dairy creamer is flammable.

Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.

The average North American will eat 35,000 cookies during their life pan.

You can be fined up to \$1,000 for whistling on Sunday in Salt Lake City, Utah.