



## *PIT NEWS* *November, 2021*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: December 1, 2021**

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



Here we are in December already. Your board of directors has been hard at work coming up with different functions for all our members. The board is also working on a diversified panel of guest speakers for our members.

We had a nice turnout for the Governor's Cup race at New Smyrna Speedway and I must say it was a blast. Our members were able to go onto the track to award \$100 to the third-place finisher and take pictures. The track announcer also announced that The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club was there.

Don't forget to order your tickets to our Hall of Fame Celebration on January 30, 2022. Please invite your friends and neighbors. More information is in the newsletter.

I hope to see a large crowd at our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 p.m. We will be at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, as always. We will have a very knowledgeable guest speaker, Dave Salot, who is currently an official with NASCAR who does timing and scoring.

Upon closing, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. May you all have a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Regards,  
Chris Bleistein

## Next Meeting – December 1



**Dave Salot wrapping up at Phoenix**

Our next meeting is on Dec. 1 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be club member Dave Salot. Dave is a timing operator in the NASCAR Competition Technology group that travels to all NASCAR Cup events across the country.

It will be interesting to learn about the responsibilities of Competition Technology staff at NASCAR events -- everything from the maintenance and repairs of scoring loops to issuing and maintaining transponders, as well as feeding all the transponders data to teams and race officials.

The Competition Technology staff is also responsible for the NASCAR OSS, Optical Scanning Station, and PRO, Pit Road Officiating system.

We look forward to hearing from Dave and learning about the job of maintaining these systems and delivering the data coming from them.

## Important Upcoming Dates

December 1, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7pm
December 11, Saturday	The Villages Christmas Parade, Polo Fields
January 5, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7pm
January 14, Friday	Charles Poindexter's Gold Mine Tour
January 30, Sunday	Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

## *We Need Your Cooperation*

We need everyone's cooperation when attending the monthly meetings.

Everyone is required to stop at the tables that are set up right outside the meeting room and check in. The Villages Recreation Dept. requires us to give them an accurate count of the number of people in attendance for safety reasons. Their count needs to match our headcount which is very important to ensure we continue to be able to hold our monthly meetings in the current room.

Please refrain from coming in the back door. Please DO NOT bypass checking in at this table.

### **Pictures from our November 3 Meeting**



Chris Dirato was our speaker and told our membership about his time working for a New York City-based PR agency between 1993 and 2012, working with Jeff Burton, Kurt Busch, Antron Brown, Angelle Sampey and Tony Schumacher, along with others.

## **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

### *The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Hall of Fame Induction Celebration*

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**



Doors Open: 4:30 PM

Dinner: 4:45 PM

#### **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 are on sale now. If you are unable to attend 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 call Donna at (401) 323-1334 or email Donna at [donnaracing27@gmail.com](mailto:donnaracing27@gmail.com).

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

## **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](mailto: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.

## The Governor's Cup Race at New Smyrna Speedway



Our members who attended the Governor's Cup race on November 14 enjoyed a beautiful day at the races. The weather cooperated and there was great fan participation. Our members presented Jake Finch, third place winner in the Super Late Model race, with a \$100 prize from our club.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership so far. We will be taking renewals at the December meeting again. This is a reminder to all that you must check in at the sign-in table, no matter which entrance you use. Be sure to bring your membership card so we can attach the blue sticker for 2022. To make things move faster, we will have two tables, one for sign-in and one for renewals/new members.

We have to report attendance count to the rec center staff, so your cooperation will be appreciated greatly.

If you have any questions about your membership, please let me know either by email [ltaylr@hotmail.com](mailto:ltaylr@hotmail.com) or phone (352) 633-5624. Anyone who is out of town can just mail a check to me at THE VILLAGES MOTOR RACING FAN CLUB and send it to 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163.

Lois Taylor, Membership Coordinator





## Christmas Parade December 11, 2021



Once again, we have been approved to participate in the annual Villages Christmas Parade at the Polo Field on Saturday, December 11.

We have been a part of this holiday celebration for over a dozen years. We, as a club, are so visible in our yellow shirts or Christmas attire as well as our racing-themed decorated carts and colorful banner.

We plan to hand out little checkered flags to the children who line the parade route.

Although I have already handed in our application, I left room for a last-minute cart entry as well as four more walkers.

If you decide to participate, you need to contact me at [silkyssunshine@gmail.com](mailto:silkyssunshine@gmail.com) or really last minute, see me at the December 1 meeting. You must have a pass and I will have a few extra ones.

We also invite you to attend the parade and cheer for your club's entry. It is a festive way to enjoy the season.

Silky Meegan, Corresponding Secretary

## Prediction Row 2021



The 2021 racing/prediction row season is over, and we have a new champion. Congratulations to Doug Baker, who is a new club member. We have had our Prediction Row column in the Daily Sun for over a dozen years and have been invited to participate again next year.

The success of Prediction Row is the result of our members being willing to participate. I want to reach out especially to the newer members as this is a fun and easy way to get involved. Several of our predictors this year were new club members. You don't have to be a NASCAR or racing expert to be a winner.

The only requirements are that you must be a club member, be able to communicate totally by email, and commit to predicting the winner of the NASCAR Cup race for 13 races. Of course, if you are in the top three, you get to compete in the Playoffs. The Playoff winner is crowned champion, is presented with a trophy at our Hall of Fame Celebration and has bragging rights for the next year.

I need 11 volunteers for the 2022 racing season and would love to fill out the roster by the end of the year. Doug Baker will automatically participate as the defending champion. If you have questions or want to become a predictor, please email me at [silkyssunshine@gmail.com](mailto:silkyssunshine@gmail.com) or look for me at the December 1 meeting. I will have on my recruiting hat!

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row

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



### *Did you know ...*

- There are almost 8 million possible seven-digit phone numbers per area code (and to think I sometimes cannot remember mine).
- Santa Claus was given an official pilot's license in 1927 from Assistant Secretary of Commerce of Aeronautics William P. MacCracken.
- Do you know what Arachibutyrophobia is? You got it...the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. And now you know.....

## For a good laugh ... submitted by member Eileen Bleistein

You Might Be a Redneck If ... you watched the last twenty laps of the Daytona 500 before taking your wife to the emergency room.

Quote from Jeff Foxworthy



*Let's Welcome our New Members!*

No new members



## 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](mailto:cbfla13@bellsouth.net).

## 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](http://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](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com).



We are still 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](mailto: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
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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Lefthander Chassis  
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