



PIT NEWS *November, 2022*

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Next Meeting: December 9, 2022

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Please note that our next meeting will be on a different night and also a different recreation center. The next meeting will be **on Friday, December 9 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center** in the Lincoln Theater Room, going green at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you all there.

Our guest speaker for December is Blackie Wangerin. He will have many racing stories from his many years of racing in Minnesota and in NASCAR Winston Cup.

We had a great turnout of almost 50 people at our watch party for the last NASCAR Cup race of the year. We all enjoyed spending time with each other. Thank you to all who attended and for bringing a pot luck dish for all to enjoy.

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

Just a reminder that 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.

Regards,
Chris Bleistein

IMPORTANT NOTE

**Our December Meeting Will Be Held on
Friday, December 9 at
Laurel Manor Recreation Center**



Our next meeting is on Friday, Dec. 9 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker is a NASCAR Winston Cup racing legend from Minnesota, Blackie Wangerin.

In his early racing career, Blackie made a name for himself racing stock cars on Minnesota tracks such as Elko Speedway.

Wangerin started his first NASCAR Winston Cup race at Atlanta in the Fall of 1977. He made at least one start every season thereafter until 1984. Blackie competed in three Daytona 500 races.

The Living Legends of Auto Racing recently presented Blackie with the Tribute To The Early Days Award for his many accomplishments in auto racing.

November 2 Meeting Pictures



Club President Chris Bleistein and Guest Speaker Richard Poindexter



*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 per person

You can also purchase tickets by mailing a check payable to TVMRFC to

Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163

VillagesRacingClub.com | Facebook: VillagesRacingClub

Important Upcoming Dates

Dec. 9, Friday	Monthly Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center , 7 p.m. Please note change of location and date of the December meeting.
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.
Feb. 19, Sunday	Daytona 500 Watch Party
Mar. 1, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Christmas Parade December 2, 2022
Spanish Springs Town Square 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.



We have been selected to participant in this year's Christmas Parade - 8 golf carts and 4 walkers to carry the banner. Come on out and cheer us on.

Pictures from the final Race of the Season Watch Party



Enjoying each other's company.....



A fun time had by all.....



Mark your calendar

*Plans are being made to reserve rooms for the
Daytona 500 Watch Party, February 19, 2023*

December 17 Car Show

Art Fehrman will have his 1971 Ford Torino at the Car Show at Spanish Springs on Saturday, December 17, 4-9 p.m. Art would appreciate club members come out with their yellow club shirts and hats and help answer questions about our club and also help distribute club flyers.



Living Legends of Auto Racing 30th Annual Awards Banquet and Auction

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 *Cash Bar: 6:00p.m. * Dinner Served 7:00p.m.

Hard Rock Hotel in Daytona Beach, FL

Driver award to Kyle Petty, Media award to Jackie Arute

Crew Chief award to Larry McReynolds

Club President Chris Bleistein is trying to get a table of 10 to attend this event. Tickets are \$66.00pp **and must be paid no later than December 15 and may also be paid to Chris on the night of our next meeting on Dec. 9.** Please contact Chris at 954-729-3050 to make him aware of your interest in attending and to review details.

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.



Wrap Up for Prediction Row 2022

It was truly an exciting season when the Prediction Row championship is determined by the last race of the year. Donna Dillon, who picked race winner Joey Logano, prevailed. Both Donna and Phil Brown had two wins, but Donna beat him in points.

The playoff competitors finished in this order: Donna Dillon, Phil Brown, Chris Six, Doug Baker, Bob Lupini and Alan Sneider.

Donna Dillon will be honored at our January 4, 2023 meeting at which time she will be presented with the Prediction Row trophy. Please attend the meeting and give her the congratulations she deserves. Donna is only the third woman to win Prediction Row. She will be defending her title during the 2023 racing season.

Speaking of the 2023 racing season, The Villages Daily Sun has invited us back for our 16th year. I am actively recruiting and especially urging more women and more of our newer members to volunteer for this fun and easy way to participate in club activities. You might win a trophy! Please email me at silkyssunshine@gmail.com if you would like to be part of Prediction Row for 2023.

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

Membership Notice

As we near the end of the year, we will be taking renewals for 2023 at the membership tables at the 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 your 2023 sticker to be placed on your membership card. 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 if you want it 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. Our 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 COTTAGE.

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

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



A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Tim and Debbie Burk from Florida

The Board of Directors would like to wish our club members and their families



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.

Sponsorship Opportunity with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club



Our club's Sponsorship Program is "revved" 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 cbracer1316@gmail.com.

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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815-389-9999



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