



PIT NEWS SPECIAL EDITION

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**HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION
COLLAGE OF PICTURES**

A Few Words from the President's Desk



I hope you all enjoy seeing what you missed at our Hall of Fame Celebration, held on February 20, 2024 at the Rohan Recreation Center in this special edition of our newsletter, created by a very special person, Donna Gross, newest Glen Carter Crew Chief Award winner. Donna is my right arm, helping me keep everything straight and does an outstanding job with our newsletters, along with many, many other things for the club.

We honored our speakers from the 2023 season and also our past presidents who were not already in the Hall of Fame. It was very moving to watch a video Glen Carter, founder of our club, created as an acceptance speech. He is a wonderful guy with a never-ending love of racing and I wish you all could know him. We will replay his video at our upcoming anniversary meeting in October.

Speaking of meetings, our next speaker will be Kenny Troutt, an engine builder, fabricator and pit crew member with NASCAR for 25 years at the Wednesday, March 6, meeting at 7:00 pm at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. It should be a great meeting. Come and join us.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped create our very successful 2024 Hall of Fame Celebration. So many hands making light work for ALL. Without each of your contributions, it would not have happened.

Sincerely, Gerry G.
Your Prez

We enjoyed a great meal from Pasta Faïre and we were entertained by the trio, "Tight Genes." We would like to thank the many club members and their spouses who helped set up and breakdown the room and table decorations.



Our Master of Ceremonies, Austin Griffis, experienced track announcer in central Florida, and Hostess and Club President Ms. Gerry Greim

And so the fun begins.....

Our 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees



Joe Gerardi



John Mulloy



Ron Hedger



Bill Samuels



Will Cagle



"Wild" Bill Stevenson

Let's congratulate them!

The three Past Presidents who were inducted at this event



Chris Bleistein



Gerry Hafer



Club Founder Glen Carter

(Glen was not in attendance but a video of his acceptance speech was watched)











Silky awarding Brian Dillon the Prediction Row Trophy



*2022 Crew Chief Recipient Chris Bleistein awarding the
2023 Glen Carter Crew Chief Award to Donna Gross*



Current Inductees and Past Presidents



L-R Gerry Hafer, Chris Bleistein, Ron Hedger, Joe Gerardi, Will Cagle, Bill Stevenson,
John Mulloy and Bill Samuels
Not pictured: Glen Carter

Seasoned Veterans of the Club (Oldies but Goodies)



L-R Bob Woodsford, Janine Woodsford, Gerry Greim, Gerry Hafer, Silky Meegan, Jerry Conkle, Mike Anderson, Wayne Nolan, Wendy Touchette and Tony Kennea

Editor's Corner



As a club member, I would like to take a moment to say Thank You as I accept the 2023 Glen Carter Crew Chief Award. I am humbled and appreciative. As the Newsletter Editor, I will continue to do my best to provide the members an informative and entertaining newsletter. I enjoy helping out my fellow Board of Directors in any way I can. I hope you enjoy the collage of pictures and hope this encourages more members to attend next year. Also, I would personally like to thank all the members and their spouses who helped set up and breakdown the table decorations.

Thank You

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Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

February 20, 2024

Hall of Fame Inductees

Joe Gerardi-Drag Racer
John Mulloy-NASCAR Crew Member
Ron Hedger-Journalist
Bill Samuels-Car Builder, Racer
Will Cagle-Dirt Modified Racer
Bill Stevenson-IL Area Stock Car Driver

TVMRFC Past Presidents

Chris Bleistein-Past President
Gerry Hafer-Past President
Glen Carter-Founder and Past President

Program

Opening Remarks
-Ms. Gerry Greim, President

Dinner
- Pasta Faire

Master of Ceremonies
-Austin Griffis, Experienced track announcer, Central FL

Awards Ceremony
-Inductees
-Prediction Row
-Crew Chief Award

Entertainment
-Tight Genes

50/50 Raffle
Closing Ceremony

Pictures of the inductees and award winners will be taken following the program.