



## *PIT NEWS* *January 2024*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

Next Meeting: January 3, 2024



**URGENT: GET YOUR TICKETS SOON. THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY 3 MEETING OR CALL DONNA, 401-323-1334. IT IS A GREAT EVENT AND A LOT OF HARD WORK HAS GONE INTO MAKING IT A GREAT EVENT, SO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.**

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

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

Doors Open: 4:30PM      Dinner: 4:45PM

#### **ROHAN RECREATION CENTER**

850 KRISTINE WAY  
THE VILLAGES, FL 32163

TIGHT GENES - singing siblings will be performing

The ticket price has NOT increased – the cost remains at \$40 per person. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a great night. Catering by Pasta Faire.

Please see Donna Gross OR if you cannot attend the meeting but want tickets, you can also mail a check (payable to TVMRFC) for \$40 per person to Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163.

## *A Few Words from the President's Desk (via Donna)*



To all my fellow motor racing fan club members, Ms. Prez, Gerry Greim, is currently taking a much deserved vacation. So in her absence, the Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Toys for Tots drive.

We are pleased to announce that Craig Simundza has stepped up and accepted the Recording Secretary position on our Board of Directors, a.k.a. Pit Crew. THANKS YOU, Craig!

No worries Gerry will be rested and ready for the January 3 meeting.

This is an abbreviated newsletter, wanting everyone to enjoy their holidays.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

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| Jan. 3, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.              |
| Jan. 6, Saturday  | Car Club Showcase, Brownwood Paddock Square, 4 p.m.             |
| Feb. 7, Wednesday | Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.              |
| Feb. 18, Sunday   | Daytona 500 Watch Party, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 2:30 p.m.   |
| Feb. 20, Tuesday  | Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, Rohan Rec Center, 4:30 p.m. |



Members meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive (corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Ln) every Thursday at 8 a.m. to sit and chat about all things racing. So come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast.

## Next Meeting - Jan. 3



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 3 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Robert Malke who owns and operates Gulfstream Motorsports LLC in Largo, Florida. He provides automotive appraisals, consulting, pre-purchase inspections, brokerage, and diminished value reports.

Since 2010, Malke has hosted a live weekly radio show, "Nostalgic Radio and Cars" where he interviews fascinating and legendary people in the motorsports world. He also is a past contributor, auction analysis reporter and summary writer for Sports Car Market and American Car Collector magazines.

Robert has been the voice of multiple classic car auctions and emcee for the prestigious "Festival of Speed" motoring events in Florida.

Malke specializes in vintage Porsches and Shelby Mustangs; he is also one of Florida's representatives for Shelby American Automobile Car Club.

## Car Club Showcase

Our Club has been invited as one of seven featured car clubs to showcase cars on **January 6 from 4-9 p.m. at the Brownwood Paddock Square**. If you are interested in volunteering that night, please call Jeff Ing at 631-897-6263.

## Pictures from Dec. 6 Meeting



Guest speaker Richard Golardi and club president Gerry Greim

*Let's Welcome our New Members!*



NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

## 2024 Membership Information

It's that time of year again. Memberships expire on December 31. You can renew your 2024 membership at the January 3 meeting if you want get it done. Renewal cost is \$20 per person. If you won't be at the meeting, please feel free to print off a renewal form from the website and mail it to me. Send it to me at: Lois Taylor, 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163

The Board of Directors has been working hard to get top-notch speakers and a lot of other things for this year's club meetings. See you there. Please be sure to stop at the sign-in tables and check in. We have to get an accurate count to continue to keep our meeting room at Colony Cottage Rec Center.

Lois Taylor  
Membership Coordinator

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



AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR, BOARD MEMBER AND ALSO ON THE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, I AM URGING YOU TO BUY A TICKET TO THE EVENT. IT IS A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF CAMARADERIE, GOOD FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT, FEATURING "TIGHT GENES," A SINGING TRIO OF SIBLINGS. EVEN IF YOUR SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR IS NOT A RACING ENTHUSIAST, THEY WILL DEFINITELY ENJOY THIS EXTREMELY WELL-ROUNDED AND ENTERTAINING NIGHT. WHERE CAN YOU GO AND GET A MEAL, DESSERT AND ENTERTAINMENT ALL FOR \$40 PP?

### *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 members.

### *Get Well and Thinking of You*

*We would like to send well wishes to all of our members and their families who may be recovering from or are in the midst of dealing with a medical illness.*

### **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 need to order a minimum of six 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 Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at mikesg201@gmail.com.

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### **Assistant Media Coordinators**

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, club website and Facebook. We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. 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).

## **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, Gerry Greim at 215-630-1402 or [gerryglbi@cs.com](mailto:gerryglbi@cs.com).



## PIT CREW

**Need to get in touch with a member of the Pit Crew?  
Please see the information below.**

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Gerry Greim	President	Crew Chief	215-630-1402
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	708-744-7292
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
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	Sponsor Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jeff Ing	Car Shows Coordinator	Spotter	631-897-6263
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
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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The Villages, FL  
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352-241-2000

## Benefactors

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