



PIT NEWS
February, 2026
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Next Meeting: February 4, 2026

A Few Words from the President's Desk



I would like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement for me to be voted President of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club. Gerry Greim has done a great job for the past three years and also being in the club for almost twenty years.

As we approach the month of February, we are in the middle of what they call Florida Speed Weeks. Not just Daytona, but Volusia, New Smyrna, Ocala and Citrus County speedways, to name a few. So if you have tickets to the 500 or love supporting our local tracks, it a great time for racing.

Our February 4th regular meeting is at 7pm at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. We welcome our guest speaker Kelly Falls. He has spent a lifetime in the middle of racing history. His goal isn't to lecture us, but to entertain us with stories, behind the scenes moments and some laughs. This is a meeting you won't want to miss.

Also as a reminder, February is our last "regular" meeting until April, as we have our Hall of Fame celebration dinner on March 4th at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Please support this event and see Donna Gross to get your tickets. February 15th is the deadline to buy tickets. We'll have great food from Pasta Faire, with entertainment from "Forever Young" for dancing or just for your listening enjoyment.

Mark your calendar for the 5th Annual Motor Racing Fan Club Car Show, at Brownwood Paddock Square, **Monday, March 9 from 5-8PM**. This is a car show showcasing just the cars from our members. Come join me and fellow members.



Sincerely,
Jeff Ing, Prez

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 4, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Feb 9, Monday	Living Legends Beach Parade, Daytona 9:30AM
Mar 4, Wednesday	Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, Colony Cottage, 4:30 PM (No monthly club meeting in March)
Mar 9, Monday	5 th Annual Motor Racing Fan Club Car Show, Brownwood, 5-8PM
Apr 1, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM

Pictures – January 10 Citrus County Speedway

14 members got together on January 10 to watch some racing at Citrus County Speedway.



Next Meeting – February 4



Our next meeting takes place February 4 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker, Kelly Falls, has spent a lifetime right in the middle of motor racing history. Hired in 1990 by Greg Leffler as general manager of Hyperco, Kelly worked at the highest levels of open-wheel racing, supplying cutting-edge suspension components to top Champ Car teams before expanding into grassroots racing. When MW Industries acquired Hyperco in 1993, Kelly helped take the brand global, working with teams and legends across the sport of motor racing. But titles and resumes only scratch the surface. Kelly was there at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, witnessed firsthand the birth of the CART-IRL split, and lived through IndyCar racing during its unforgettable heyday. And just to keep things interesting, he even strapped in and raced the Baja 1000.

Along the way, he's collected stories you won't find in record books – including a memorable clash with our own Hall of Fame member Alan Sheppard over "questionable" racing parts, and the time A.J. Foyt's crew managed to wreck their rental cars on the way to the Detroit race. Kelly's goal isn't to lecture, it's to entertain. Expect candid stories, behind-the-scenes moments, plenty of laughs, and an energetic Q&A session.

If you love racing history, colorful characters, and stories that only come from someone who truly lived it, this is a meeting you won't want to miss.

STOP, did
you buy
your ticket



Deadline to
purchase
tickets is
Feb. 15

Special Event
Buy your
tickets NOW!

*The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club
Annual Awards Celebration
Wednesday, March 4, 2026*

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

COLONY COTTAGE RECREATION CENTER
510 COLONY BLVD, THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

"FOREVER YOUNG" WILL BE PERFORMING

PASTA FAIRE WILL BE CATERING

Menu: Stuffed Pork, Chicken Francais, Pasta Bolognese, Veggies, Salad Rolls, Cake, Soft Drinks

\$40 per person

Tickets will be available at the Feb 4 meeting or you can
purchase tickets by calling Donna (401) 323-1334

Make check payable to TVMRFC and mail to
Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163
** Villages ID or Guest Pass Required **

Hall of Fame Celebration – Important Notice

The Hall of Fame Celebration will be held on our normal Wednesday meeting night, but if you
DO NOT purchase a ticket, you will not be permitted to enter because this is a special event.



Membership Dues – Important Membership Message to All

All members who have not renewed by the close of the February 4 meeting will have their name removed from the roster after the meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting but want to renew your membership, you can go to the club's website (villagesracingclub.com), download and print the membership form and mail it with a check made payable to TVMRFC for \$25.00 and mail the form and check to Lois Taylor, 701 Abdella Way, The Villages, FL 32163. Please keep in mind that I need to receive payment on or about February 4.

Lois Taylor
Membership Coordinator



Prediction Row

2026



The following club members are competing in the Spring Segment of Prediction Row:

Craig Simundza, Defending Champion	Larry Palermini
Bob Patterson	Jim Rezendes
Bob Woodsford	Pete Zaagman

They will be officially introduced at the February 4 club meeting. Be sure to attend and get a chance to hear what these competitors have to say.

Silky Meegan
Prediction Row Coordinator

Pictures from the January Meeting

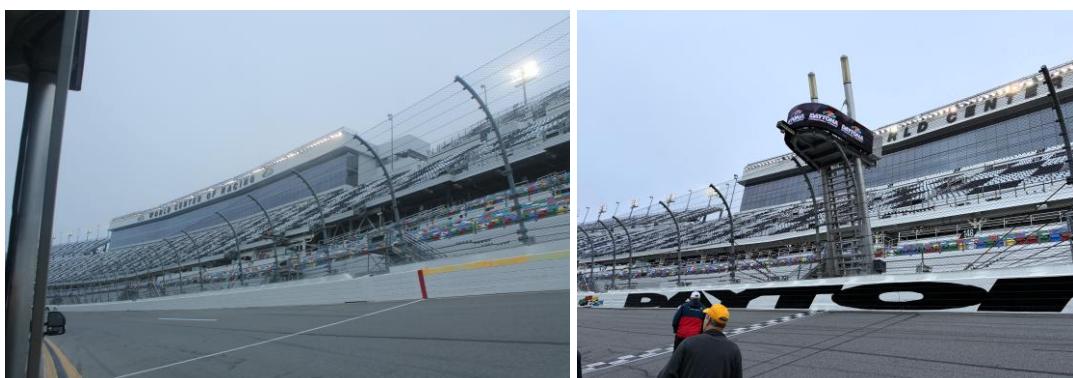


(L) Incoming President Jeff Ing presenting Outgoing President Gerry Greim with her plaque of appreciation.
(R) Outgoing President passing the wrench to Incoming President Jeff Ing.



(L) Speaker Dave Dion -- (R) Dave Dion and Club President Jeff Ing

Pictures from Motorsports Hall of Fame and Daytona Speedway Tour – January 5



The Villages Car Club Showcase – January 24, 2026

The Villages Car Club Showcase was held at Brownwood Square on Saturday January 24 and it was packed with people.





New Members

Diana and Derre Buike – Ohio
Brian Lindtner – Pennsylvania

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



I tried to watch racing on my computer, but every time I hit the F1 key, it opens a help window.
Motorsport drivers do not eat before a race, so they don't get Indy-gestion.



EVERY THURSDAY Club members and guests meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive, corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Lane.

EVERY FRIDAY Club members and guests meet at Toasted Yolk Cafe, 657 Kristine Way, Lake Deaton Plaza.

We order at 8 a.m. Come join the fun. Sit with fellow members and have a coffee or have breakfast and chat about all things racing.

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 your updated information in the event we need to reach out to members.

Club Apparel



Get ready to rock your club pride with our exclusive "crew uniform" apparel, featuring the iconic club logo! From shirts to caps to totes, show the world you are part of the action. Check out the full collection now at VillagesRacingClub.com!

These top-quality items are available for viewing at every club meeting, and some items – without your personalized embroidery – are "cash and carry" for your convenience. Need your name embroidered? No problem! Orders for personalized gear are taken at every meeting, but we do require a minimum of six items per order (total from all members). Remember, cash or check is needed at the time of purchase.

Got questions or ready to place your order? Catch Mike Gross at a club meeting or reach out via email at mikesg201@gmail.com. Let's gear up and represent the club in style!

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.



PIT CREW

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

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Board of Directors, Elected Officers (2026-2028)			
Jeff Ing	President and Car Shows Coordinator	Crew Chief	(631) 897-6263
Art Fehrman	Vice President and Special Tours Coordinator	Car Chief	(708) 254-5196
<i>Open</i>	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	
Craig Simundza	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	(708) 744-7292
Pat Fehrman	Treasurer	Fueler	(630) 347-0052
Board of Directors, Appointed by President (2026-2028)			
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	(217) 714-2245
Lois Taylor	Membership Coordinator	Mechanic	(352) 633-5624
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Spotter	(401) 323-1334
John Angiolo	Sponsors Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	(414) 305-8094
Chris Bleistein	Past President	Team Owner	(954) 729-3050
Tony Kennea	Past President	Team Owner	(352) 603-9197
Non-Board Members			
Bob Woodsford	50/50 Coordinator and Camp Villages R/C Car Racing Coordinator	Rear Tire Changer	(352) 430-5249
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Coordinator	Jack Man	(401) 323-1313
Silky Meegan	Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	(352) 430-6042

Don't forget to visit our website for more club information.

Thank You

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors for helping to keep the engines running! When you have the chance, please support their businesses – they're a big reason our club continues to thrive.



Mike Scott Plumbing
Wildwood, FL
(352) 748-9111



Bob Woodsford, Realtor
The Villages, FL
(352) 430-5249



Ultrex Printing
Lady Lake, FL
(352) 205-8222



Kokomo Speedway
Kokomo, IN
(765) 459-3877



A-1 United Tree Service
The Villages, FL
(352) 460-3763

Village Kart Aide



Village Kart Aide
The Villages, FL
(352) 409-5853



TriLine Services
The Villages, FL
(217) 433-1394



Historic Auto Attractions
Roscoe, IL
(815) 389-7917



Choice Awards
Bellevue, FL
(352) 245-4496



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(407) 863-3592

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Golf Central
The Villages, FL
(352) 633-5059



Midwest Tour

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