



PIT NEWS *April, 2024*

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Next Meeting: April 3, 2024

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Spring is here and activities are picking up again. I hope some of you were able to attend our Motor Racing Car Show at Brownwood Paddock Square on Monday, March 25.

Our meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Colony Cottage Recreation Center will feature our own Jeff Ing talking about his racing career in the Northeast.

I wish to update our club photos with a group picture of all who attend the April 3 meeting, so again wear your yellow shirt, if at all possible. At this meeting we will have signups for attending the May 18 Super Late Model race at Citrus County Speedway in the skybox suite. Payment of \$20 must accompany your sign up and the trip is limited to 25 people. The club is supplementing the cost of the skybox.

I am halfway through my Presidency and am looking for someone to be Vice President, who will take over my position in January 2026. Please talk to me if you enjoy the club and want to become a more active member in the workings of the club.

I wish you all a Blessed Easter. See you soon.

Gerry G.
Your Prez

Important Upcoming Dates

April 3, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7PM
TBD	Garage Tour, John Craft, Eustis FL
May 1, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7PM
May 18, Saturday	Citrus County Speedway, Twin 50-Lap Late Model Features

Next Meeting – April 3



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

Our guest speaker will be club member and North Massapequa, NY native, Jeff Ing.

From a young age, Jeff always wanted to be a race car driver. A week after his high school graduation, he accomplished his dream (?) when he competed in a demolition derby.

Jeff realized that he needed to race in a series where he still had a car to drive when the events were finished. Over the following winter a friend of his dad helped him get a Street Stock going.

Ing competed in Street Stocks from 1976 to 1983. He won numerous features at New York tracks like Freeport Speedway, Islip Speedway, Riverhead Raceway and White Lake Speedway.

Picture from February 7 Meeting



Jim McCraw and Club President Gerry Greim

Pictures from March 6 Meeting



Kenny Troutt and Club President Gerry Greim



Members meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive (corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Ln) every Thursday by 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.



On Saturday, May 18 we have the opportunity to attend the races at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness and sit in the Skybox to watch the Twin 50-Lap Late Model features. The cost is \$20 per person and at both the April and May meetings there will be a sign up sheet. The **\$20 payment is required at time of sign up** and there is a limit of 25 people, so first come, first serve. It should be a fun night.

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED!

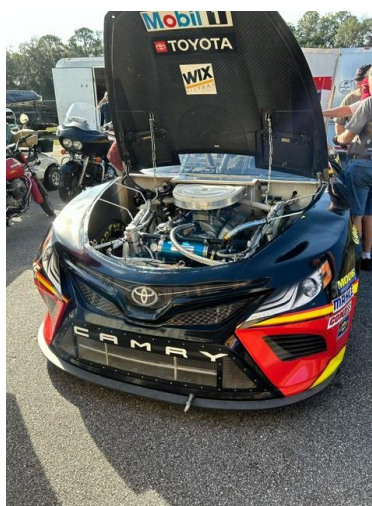
Did you move, change your phone number or e-mail address? We need to know. Please let membership coordinator Lois Taylor, know by either checking in with her at a meeting or emailing her at ltaylr@hotmail.com or calling her at (352) 633-5624. It is important that we have updated information in the event we need to reach out to members.

Pictures from Various Tours

Alan Carey - Shop Tour



Bob Lupini - Garage Tour



Pastor Paul - Garage Tour



THANK YOU

These tours were enjoyed by all who attended and we wish to thank Alan Carey, Bob Lupini and Pastor Paul for graciously opening their shops to our club members.

Let's Welcome our New Members!



MARK LLOYD - FLORIDA
KEN TREMBLAY - RHODE ISLAND

LET'S WELCOME BACK
GERRY HAER - PENNSYLVANIA

Prediction Row 2024



What is Prediction Row? Prediction Row appears in the sports section of The Villages Daily Sun every NASCAR race day. A group of 12 club members sign up at the beginning of the season. Six predict the winner of races 1 – 13; six predict the winner of races 14 – 26. Using the points NASCAR awards after each race, our competitors accumulate points for their predictions. From each group, the three with the most wins/highest points move on to the Playoffs.

Our six Playoff predictors then compete for the Prediction Row trophy. The player with the most wins/points is crowned the Champion.

After the Circuit of The Americas (COTA) race on March 24, the standings are as follows:

Warren Reynolds - 1 win 205 points
Donna Gross - 0 wins 237 points
Shel Larsen - 0 wins 187 points
Mike Petix - 0 wins 179 points
Rick Almeida - 0 wins 172 points
Gerry Greim - 0 wins 100 points

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

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



There were four engineers driving in a car. It sputtered and died, so they pulled over. At first, the electrical engineer said, "The coil is bad. We should replace the core." Then the chemical engineer said, "No! It is the fuel. We should drain it, then replace it." Next the mechanical engineer said, "It is the valve lifter. We need to get in there and take it apart." After a moment the computer engineer said, "Maybe we should all get out, then get back in."

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

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.



Assistant Media Coordinators

We are searching for helpers to assist media coordinator Mike Anderson with activities that he handles. They are quite varied: print member badges, email blasts, 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.

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.



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 and Prediction Row Coordinator	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 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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Leesburg, FL
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