



PIT NEWS *May, 2024*

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: September 4, 2024

A Few Words from the President's Desk



As we end our season of meetings and take a summer break to attend races all over the country or to vacation as our hearts desire or just have a staycation and enjoy all we have to do for fun here in The Villages, I want to thank all of you for attending our meetings, being respectful of our speakers and supporting our special events. Our attendance is always the best.

I also would like to thank each member of our board of directors for all the time and effort they put toward making our racing fan club the fantastic group that it is. Each one contributes in their own special way. We have many talents on our board and they are using their talents to serve you. I have to tell you that no matter who, or what I ask of them, they NEVER turn me down or refuse to help me. They are a very special group and I hope they know how much I appreciate each one of them.

We are planning for next year's meetings and events as I write this and look forward to seeing you all again in September or when you come back to the "stable." Be safe, be well, and with a smile do at least one act of kindness every day, you will be blessed for it.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Gerry G.
Your Prez

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 29, Saturday Car Club Showcase, Brownwood Paddock Square, 5-9PM
- July 18, Thursday Camp Villages R/C Car Racing, La Hacienda Rec Center, 8:30AM setup
- Sept. 4, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7PM
- Oct. 2, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7PM

Picture from May 1 Meeting



Club members Bill and Linda Samuels and club president Gerry Greim

Pictures from April 3 Meeting



Club member Jeff Ing and club president Gerry Greim

Gone but not Forgotten

Guest Speaker Blackie Wangerin



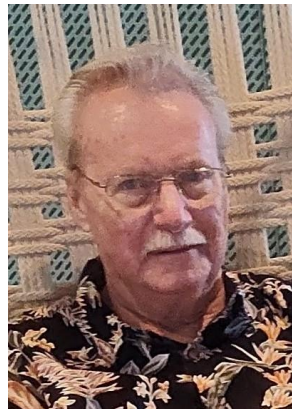
Blackie was a NASCAR Winston Cup racing legend from Minnesota, and he was our guest speaker in December 2022.

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.

In 2022 The Living Legends of Auto Racing presented Blackie with the Tribute To The Early Days Award for his many accomplishments in auto racing.

Club Member Mike Roemer



May both Blackie and Mike Rest in Peace



Prediction Row May 2024



The Darlington race on Sunday, May 12 will be the last race in the Spring Segment. The Kansas race last week produced three winner pickers which realigned our standings:

Donna Gross	1 win	462 points
Mike Petix	1 win	441 points
Shel Larson	1 win	427 points
Warren Reynolds	1 win	344 points
Gerry Greim	1 win	326 points
Rick Almeida	0 wins	350 points

There are many potential scenarios to determine the top three who will move on. The most important, however, is the number of wins. There could, no doubt, be many predictors with the same number of wins, so highest points will be the tie breaker. It all depends upon who picks which drivers to win.

Check the club website after the race, as we will name those moving on to the Playoff Segment.

After the Darlington race there will be a week break for the All-Star Race. The Summer Segment begins May 26 in Charlotte.

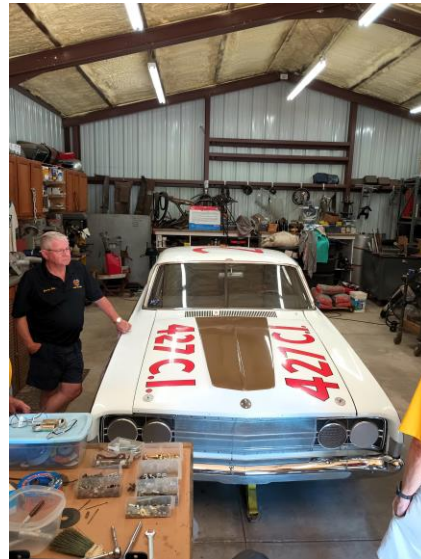
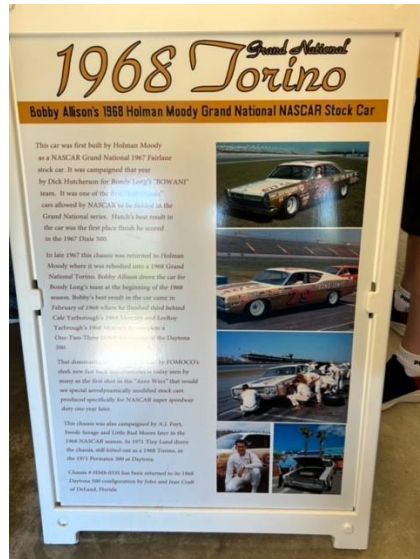
Summer Segment Predictors

Brian Dillon, <i>Defending Champion</i>	Gerry Hafer
Brian Broughton	Larry Palermini
Bob Carlblom	Marty Wool

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

John Craft Shop Tour

On April 20 club members carpooled to Eustis and were hosted by NASCAR historian John Craft. He has meticulously restored the 1968 Ford Torino driven by Bobby Allison during 1968 in the NASCAR Grand National series. After the tour they enjoyed lunch at a restaurant on the St. Johns River.



Car Club Showcase June 29th Brownwood

Our club will be one of seven car clubs displaying cars on June 29 at Brownwood Paddock Square, 5-9 p.m. Come on out and wear your yellow club shirts.

Pictures from March 29 Car Show



Helping Camp Villages Kids Start Their Engines



Bob and Janine Woodsford are once again spearheading the Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza. They need volunteers to help set up and transform La Hacienda Rec Center into a tough oval race course for the annual Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza on Thursday, July 18.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!
Call Bob Woodsford at 352-430-5249

Volunteers are needed at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, for track setup. Racers will begin registering at 9 a.m. and competition will begin at approximately 10 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with the event. Yellow shirts are required on the day of the event.



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.

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.

Let's Welcome our New Members!



RICHARD ADKINS - WISCONSIN
STEPHEN BEATTIE - FLORIDA
CLAY DAVIS - TEXAS
WALT MALCOLM - VIRGINIA
PETER ZAAGMAN - ILLINOIS

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



Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

Why did the old man fall in the well? Because he couldn't see that well.

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

NEW ITEM AVAILABLE



We have a new item, a **Knit Cuff Beanie with our logo, \$15**. 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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Orlando, FL
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