



PIT NEWS
September, 2026
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Next Meeting: September 2, 2026

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Hi everyone!

September is almost here and The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club is getting back on track and ready to roll. The green flag will drop at 7 PM on our next meeting, which is September 2nd at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Our guest speaker will be a young lady racer by the name of Sarah Bradley. Sarah has been racing Legend Cars the last few years. She has spent the last few years racing and growing her talent in go-kart racing. It will be an interesting night!

We are also working on plans for our 20th anniversary celebration/meeting on October 7th. Wow, 20 years!

We are planning some new events and things for the upcoming months and into 2027. I made a survey sheet you can fill out at the meeting. It will be located on a table in the back of the room.

Finally, I hope you had a great and safe summer. I'm hoping you were able to go to local races, travel to see family and friends, and enjoy the Villages lifestyle! LOL

Hope you can join us at the September meeting!

Keep racing and keep the pedal to the metal,
Jeff Ing, Prez

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 2, Wednesday

Oct. 5, Monday

Oct. 7, Wednesday

Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM

Monday Night Car Show, Brownwood Paddock Square, 5 PM

Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM



Prediction Row

2026



With one race remaining in our Summer Segment, our current standings are:

Len Pouncey - 5 wins, 579 points
Cathe Rezendes - 4 wins, 502 points
Steve Poplarski - 4 wins, 495 points
Jason Woodsford - 3 wins, 467 points
Ken Ronk - 2 wins, 371 points
Rick Almeida - 1 win, 365 points

At the end of the Summer Segment, the top three will move on to the Chase Segment. They will compete against the top three predictors from the Spring Segment, who are:

Bob Patterson
Pete Zaagman
Jim Rezendes

Keep up with the latest standings by checking our website after each race.

Silky Meegan
Prediction Row Coordinator

Next Meeting – September 2



Our next meeting is on September 2 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Join us as we welcome 16-year-old rising star Sarah Bradley.

Sarah got her start behind the wheel at just 5 years old, spending a decade honing her skills in go-karts. After securing back-to-back North Texas Karting Kid Kart championships (2016 & 2017), she sharpened her racing skills season after season. Ultimately Sarah earned a runner-up finish in the 2023 SuperKarts USA Winter Tour.

Since transitioning to Dirt Legends in late 2025, Sarah has already made her mark on the track, driving to a feature race victory at Marion County Speedway in March and taking home a runner-up finish at the Dirt Legends of the South feature at Needmore Speedway in Georgia on August 8.

Don't miss the chance to hear from one of the region's top young racing talents!

May 11 – Car Show at Brownwood Paddock Square



Camp Villages Kids - July 23

La Hacienda Recreation Center

Bob Woodsford once again spearheaded the Camp Villages R/C car racing extravaganza. The event was held at La Hacienda Recreation Center. There were approximately 16 racers. A good time was had by all. Trophies were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place racers. Bob wants to thank the club members who came out and gave a lending hand.



Pictures from May Meeting



Art Fehrman and Guest Speaker Vince Heywood



Vince Heywood and President Jeff Ing

June 27 – Tailgating at Citrus County Speedway

Another successful night of tailgating and racing at Citrus County Speedway.



ANNIVERSARY HATS ARE COMING

In October our club will be celebrating 20 years. To commemorate our anniversary, we have ordered an Anniversary cap that will be available at the October 7 meeting. It is yellow with a black bill, the club logo and a gold 2006-2026 ribbon. The cost will be \$5.00 and each member is entitled to purchase one hat at the current time. So bring your \$5.00 to the October 7 meeting.



Let's Welcome our New Member!



NO NEW MEMBERS AT THIS TIME

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



Why don't race cars ever get lost? Because they always stay on track.

Why are motorsport drivers good at giving relationship advice? They are trained to look for red flags.



EVERY THURSDAY We order at 8 a.m. Club members and guests meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, 2199 Parr Drive, corner of CR 466 & Tall Trees Lane.

EVERY FRIDAY We order at 7:30 a.m. Club members and guests meet at Toasted Yolk Cafe, 657 Kristine Way, Lake Deaton Plaza.

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 Donna Gross know by either checking in with her at a meeting or emailing her at donnaracing27@gmail.com or calling her at (401)323-1334. It is important that we have your updated information in the event we need to reach out to members.

Club Apparel NEW VENDOR – CUSTOM APPAREL

We have changed to a different apparel vendor. We will no longer be taking orders and making members wait for 1-3 months to get the item. You can now walk into Custom Apparel and order the appropriate size, pay for the item and voila, you have your item. The new vendor is **Custom Apparel** and they have two locations. Their website is customapparelthevillages.com

MIDDLETON STORE
7612 Middleton Drive
Middleton, FL 34762
352-321-4015

SOUTHERN TRACE STORE
3451 Wedgewood Lane
The Villages, FL 32162
352-750-1600

More details will be coming or see Jeff Ing for more information

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
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Rich Benitz	Treasurer	Fueler	(908) 625-5522
Board of Directors, Appointed by President (2026-2028)			
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	(217) 714-2245
Donna Gross	Membership Coordinator & 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
Silky Meegan	Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	(352) 430-6042

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

Thank You

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