



PIT NEWS
October, 2026
Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: October 7, 2026

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Hi everyone,

October is here already. It's time for pumpkin spice everything. LOL
The year went too fast but cooler weather is on the way.

I hope everyone enjoyed our speaker, Sarah Bradley, at the last meeting. It was a great start to the Fall/Winter meetings.

At our October meeting we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of our club. The green flag drops at 7:00, October 7th at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Our guest speaker will be Tony Cassata, a very knowledgeable person about the legendary Smokey Yunick. Tony's presentation will give us an interesting look at his career and life. You won't want to miss this.

We also have many things planned for October, November and we are already working on events and races for 2027.

I hope a lot of you were able to get to some of the racing events and races around Florida this summer.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and celebrating 20 years. Bring an appetite, as we will have pizza and cake!

Keep racing and keep the pedal to the metal.

Jeff Ing
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Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 5, Monday	Monday Night Car Show, Brownwood Paddock Square, 5 PM
Oct. 7, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Oct. 23, Friday	Fast Friday Craftsman Truck race at Hooters, 4 PM
Nov. 4, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Nov. 8, Sunday	NASCAR Cup Championship Watch Party at Hooters, 2 PM
Nov. 21 Saturday	Volusia Speedway Park Tailgate Party, 3 PM

October 23 – Fast Friday

Fast Friday Craftsman Truck Race Watch Party at Hooter's, Lake Deaton Plaza, 700 Kristine Way at 4 PM. You are invited to come and enjoy the race and a bite to eat. Everyone is responsible for their food and beverage.

November 8 – NASCAR Cup Championship Watch Party

This year we are planning on meeting to watch the NASCAR Cup Championship Race at Hooter's, Lake Deaton Plaza, 700 Kristine Way from 2 PM – 6 or 7 PM. So come and cheer on your favorite driver to win. Everyone is responsible for their food and beverage.

November 21 – Volusia Speedway Park Tailgate Party

Join us at the Volusia Speedway Park Tailgate Party. It's the Reutimann Memorial Modified Race at 3 PM. A sign-up sheet will be at the October and November meetings.



Membership Dues – Time to Renew for 2027

It is that time of year again to renew your dues for 2027. The dues are \$25. I will be at the door starting at the October meeting to collect your dues **AND ALSO WILL ASK YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR INFO WE HAVE ON FILE** to make sure all of your information is updated, so please do not just pass by me when checking in. If you are unable to attend an upcoming meeting you can go on our website VillagesRacingClub.com and go to section About Us/Join Us to download and print the membership form to renew the dues. Make check payable to TVMRFC and mail it to: Donna Gross, 3871 View Path, The Villages, FL 32163. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Donna Gross, Membership Coordinator



Prediction Row

2026



We have completed four weeks of the ten-week Chase Segment and had our first winner pickers (4) last week. Hamlin has been picked more often than any other driver, but has scored no wins yet. After the September 27 race at Kansas, our standings are as follows:

Len Pouncey 1 win, 217 points
 Cathe Rezendes 1 win, 196 points
 Pete Zaagman 1 win, 191 points
 Jim Rezendes 1 win, 170 points
 Steve Poplarski 0 wins, 189 points
 Bob Patterson 0 wins, 165 points

You can find Prediction Row in the Sports Section of the Daily Sun on NASCAR points race days. For the latest updates, check the club website - villagesracingclub.com.

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

OCTOBER 7 – 20th Anniversary Meeting

At our October meeting our club will be celebrating 20 years. To commemorate our anniversary, we have ordered an Anniversary cap that will be available beginning 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. We will also be having pizza and cake to celebrate our anniversary.



Next Meeting – October 7



Tony Cassata

Our next meeting is at Colony Cottage Recreation Center on October 7 at 7 p.m. when Smokey Yunick's legacy takes center stage.

Join us for an unforgettable evening with guest speaker Tony Cassata, a lifelong Smokey Yunick guru visiting us from Ormond Beach.

Smokey Yunick was NASCAR's untouchable master of "creative rules interpretation" and a legendary, persistent thorn in the side of NASCAR founder Bill France.

During this special presentation, Tony will share:

- The Tribute Car: The story behind his own tribute to Yunick's infamous No. 13 1966 Chevelle. Though it never raced a single lap in NASCAR, it has earned honored display space at both the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte and Daytona's Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.
- The Memorial Monument: How years of persistent effort finally led to the dedication of a permanent monument honoring Yunick. Standing just steps from the former site of Yunick's iconic **Best Damn Garage in Town**, the monument was brought to life through Tony's personal dedication alongside the Motor Racing Heritage Association.

Don't miss this inside look at the life, controversy, and mechanical genius of one of motorsport's most enduring legends!

Pictures from the September Meeting



Guest speaker Sarah Bradley with her dad and club members



Guest speaker Sarah Bradley and club president Jeff Ing

Let's Welcome our New Members!



EVA CANGEMI – FLORIDA
DUANE KNUTSON – MINNESOTA
FRED SCARBROUGH – OHIO
RANDY SLOAN – INDIANA

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



Why did the employees get fired from the calendar factory? Because they took the day off.

Why did the donut maker retire? He was tired of the hole business.



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 take orders and make 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.

Thinking of You & Sending Warm Wishes

To all of our members and families currently navigating health challenges or recovering from an illness: please know that your club family is thinking of you. We're sending our warmest thoughts for a smooth and steady recovery!



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

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