



PIT NEWS *November, 2025*

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: December 3, 2025

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Hello Crew Members,

Welcome back to The Villages to all our snowbirds. It's been pretty quiet around here without you.

Many of you missed the best meeting in my tenure as president. On November 5th we had "Godfather of the Club" Dick Anderson speak. He had almost cancelled, thinking his health wouldn't hold up. I was concerned for him as he started to talk, but once he got going, there was no stopping him. Sometimes these old, vintage racers need encouragement and that's just what Art Fehrman gave to Dick.

My pleasure was seeing a full house, and after our speaker finished, small groups lingered and talked together for quite a while. To say a good time was had by all is an understatement.

Don't miss the fun at the next meeting. Bring a friend who enjoys racing and join a great bunch of folks for bench racing at its finest.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving. I am grateful for a great board of directors who have helped me in the past three years and for all members of the club who have done nothing but encourage me along the way.

Sincerely,

Gerry G, Prez
Your Prez and Crew Chief

Important Upcoming Dates

Dec 3, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7PM
Dec 11, Thursday	Christmas Parade, 12PM, Villages Polo Club (more details below)
Jan 7, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7PM
Jan 24, Saturday	Villages Car Club Showcase, Brownwood Square 4-8 PM

Pictures from November 5 Meeting Club's 19th Anniversary



L to R "The Godfather" Dick Anderson, Gerry Greim, president and Bobby Brack
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November 5 Pictures Continued



L to R Bobby and Pat Brack, Dick and Mary Anderson



Dick telling his stories

Pictures from October 1 Meeting



Guest Speaker Bill Taylor and Club President Gerry Greim

Next Meeting – December 3



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

We will learn about Clay Millican, who rocketed to stardom in the IHRA, dominating with an unprecedented six consecutive Top Fuel championships, from 2001 through 2006. During that run, he racked up over 50 event victories, becoming the winningest Top Fuel driver in IHRA history.

After the IHRA era, Millican transitioned to the NHRA Top Fuel ranks, where he has scored eight wins and remains a fan favorite. His best elapsed time is 3.628 seconds, and his top recorded speed is 338.26 mph.

We will watch a video that gives you a firsthand look at the incredible world of NHRA Top Fuel drag racing. Millican takes you from one end of the car to the other, explaining how every component works and what makes these machines the quickest and fastest accelerating piston-driven vehicles on the planet.

In another video Millican offers a detailed look at the controls and procedures involved in driving an NHRA Top Fuel dragster. He explains the step-by-step process from initial checks to the car's launch, to the race-ending shut down.



Christmas Parade – December 11, 2025



The Villages Christmas Parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at noon at The Villages Polo Club. Jeff Ing is looking for walkers to march and carry the race club banner. He is also looking for a “Race Theme” decorated golf cart. We are allowed 8 decorated carts. Please contact Jeff Ing at (631) 897-6263 ASAP if you can attend this event. More details to follow.

The Villages Car Club Showcase – January 24, 2026

The Villages Car Club Showcase will be held at Brownwood Square on Saturday, January 24, 4PM-8PM. Come see a variety of Vintage Stock Cars, Dragsters, Modifieds and NASCAR cars.





Prediction Row 2025



*Congratulations to the 2025 Prediction Row Champion
Craig Simundza*

PREDICTION ROW 2026

Craig Simundza, Defending Champion

Steve Poplarski, Redemption Slot

Bob Patterson

Ken Ronk

Larry Palermini

Robert LeBlanc

Plus six more and I am in active recruiting mode.

To participate in Prediction Row, you must be a club member and be able to communicate by email. The commitment is for 13 weeks, plus 10 more if you make it to the Playoffs. Because this is an easy and fun way to become active in the club, I especially urge new members to sign up. If you want to compete or have questions, please contact Silky Meegan at silkyssunshine@gmail.com.

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator



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.

*Gone but NOT FORGOTTEN.....
May both of these fine ladies Rest in Peace*

*Janine Woodsford
November 28, 1943 - October 9, 2025*



*Camille Sherman
January 26, 1943 - October 5, 2025*



Living Legends of Auto Racing February 10, 2026

Here are the details if you are interested in attending: The event starts at 5PM, cash bar. Dinner starts at 6PM. The cost is \$66.00 per person and checks need to be payable to Chris Bleistein. Checks can be given to Chris at the December meeting or you can mail the check to Chris Bleistein, 4111 McDowell Drive, The Villages, FL 32163. Please include your phone number and whether you need a ride or can drive for the carpool.



You are invited to an evening with

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The RAY FOX <i>Memorial Award:</i>	JUSTIN FOX
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RUSS MOYER <i>Media Award:</i>	KARL FREDRICKSON - SPEEDWAY ILLUSTRATED
SATURDAY NIGHT <i>Hero Award:</i>	JACK HEWITT
PIONEER OF <i>Racing Award:</i>	BILL BLAIR, JR.

Tuesday, February 10th, 2026

at THE HARD ROCK HOTEL

918 N. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

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 ltaylor@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.



New Members

Timmy Hendrix – Indiana (correction from last month)

Lynne Schnell – New Jersey (previously missed)

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



Husband and wife were sitting in the living room when the husband said, "Woman, go get me a cup of coffee." The wife's response was "Go get it yourself." He states, "The kitchen is woman's domain and the coffee pot is in the kitchen, so you need to get me the coffee." She says, "No, and it says so in the Bible." He hands her the Bible and says, "Show me." She takes the Bible and flips thru a few pages and points, "Here it is. It says, 'He Brews.'"

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
Gerry Greim	President	Crew Chief	(215) 630-1402
Jeff Ing	Vice President and Car Shows Coordinator	Car Chief	(631) 897-6263
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary and Prediction Row Coordinator	Front Tire Carrier	(352) 430-6042
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Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	(954) 729-3050
Tony Kenna	Past President	Team Owner	(352) 603-9197
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	(352) 630-9234

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