



PIT NEWS

November, 2026

Editor: Donna Gross

Next Meeting: November 4, 2026

A Few Words from the President's Desk



Hi fellow Race Fans,

Wow, the year went by too fast! Fall is here and the holidays are around the corner. There are only two races to go in the Cup series. There may only be one race left if you don't read this until Monday!

I hope everyone enjoyed our 20th Anniversary Celebration last month. It is so tough to squeeze everything into two hours of time, but it all worked out after just a couple of caution flags being thrown. LOL

We have a great speaker for our November 4 meeting. Sandy Brantley is the Director of Marketing for City Garage Motorsports, a family-owned Lakeland Florida-based ARCA team with driver Quinn Davis. The City Garage Motorsports ARCA team focuses on helping young drivers develop their craft. You will not want to miss her presentation.

We also have many things planned in November like the Cup Championship watch party at Hooters and a tailgate at Volusia Speedway Park.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and having a time of fellowship with other Race Fans!



Keep Racing & keep the pedal to the metal!
Jeff Ing
Prez



Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 4, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Nov. 7, Saturday	UARA Sportsman Race, Citrus County Speedway
Nov. 8, Sunday	NASCAR Cup Championship Watch Party at Hooters, 2 PM
Nov. 21, Saturday	Volusia Speedway Park Tailgate Party, 3 PM
Dec. 2, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 7 PM
Dec. 4, Friday	The Villages Christmas Parade, The Villages Polo Club, 12 PM



Membership Dues – Time to Renew for 2027

It is time to renew your membership for 2027. The dues are \$25. I will be at the door at the November 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 **SO PLEASE BE PATIENT 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 your membership. 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



We will be collecting toys at the December 2 meeting. They will go to children in the Tri-County area with the Toys for Tots program, run by the Marine Corps veterans. **Bring a new, unwrapped toy for someone up to 12 years of age. No candy, clothing or gun-like items, please.** Craft items such as crayons, coloring books, stickers, doodle pads and colored pencils are also desired. Thank you for making a child's Christmas a bit brighter!

Next Meeting – November 4



Our next meeting is at Colony Cottage Recreation Center on November 4 at 7 p.m. when the business of a NASCAR ARCA team takes center stage.

Join us for a memorable meeting with guest speaker Sandy Brantley, the Director of Marketing for City Garage Motorsports, a family-owned Lakeland-based ARCA team focused on helping young drivers develop their craft.

Sandy's responsibilities at the team include managing sponsorships, media, and fan engagement to secure mutual value for partners and necessary support for the team. The CGM team emphasizes community involvement, especially with their primary sponsor, Orlando Health. We will learn about what she deals with to successfully promote their drivers and partners.

Before joining City Garage Motorsports, Sandy was a Fortune 50 company executive, a bestselling author, and a speaker who has spent years helping young people grow into successful adults.

Don't miss this inside look at how a start-up professional race team can do things differently by sharing their purpose and the relentless desire to win!

October 23 – Fast Friday

Fast Friday Craftsman Truck Race Watch Party was held at Hooter's, Lake Deaton Plaza. It was a fun time for those who were in attendance. Bill Clark, Ed Bender, Duane Knutson (all new club members), Art Fehrman, and Jeff Ing are pictured below. Not pictured is John Goodyear who had to leave before the picture was taken.



November 7 – Citrus County Speedway

There will be NO TAILGATING at this race. It will just be getting together to watch the race.



November 8 – NASCAR Cup Championship Watch Party

This year we are planning to meet and watch the NASCAR Cup Championship Race at Hooters, 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. We have a room available to us that seats 35-50 people, so mark your calendar to attend.



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 November meeting.





Prediction Row

2026



There is only one regular NASCAR season race left (which is at Martinsville) before the Championship race on November 8. Check our website for the latest standings.

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

Silky Meegan, Prediction Row Coordinator

OCTOBER 7 – 20th Anniversary Meeting Pictures



Guest Speaker Tony Cassata and Club President Jeff Ing



Yummy cake and pizza were on the menu. Thanks to Angie Ing for the Gluten-free cake.

The Villages Christmas Parade

Jeff Ing was notified that the Christmas Parade will be December 4 starting at noon at The Villages Polo Club. Stay tuned for more information.

Living Legends of Auto Racing Awards Banquet

If you are interested in attending this event, please see Chris Bleistein at a meeting.



You are invited to an evening with
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The RAY FOX Memorial Award:	BONDY LONG
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RUSS MOYER Media Award:	JAMIE LITTLE
SATURDAY NIGHT Hero Award:	BRETT HEARN
GRASSROOTS RACING Visionary Award:	KATHY ROOT



Tuesday, February 16th, 2027

at THE HARD ROCK HOTEL

918 N. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Reservation Required / Business Attire Requested \$65.00 Per Person

CORPORATE TABLE OF 8 \$560 or TABLE OF 10 - \$700
Preferred Seating

Valet Parking \$15 **RECOMMENDED** - Payable at the Front Desk
Tickets validated at the valet desk. Self Parking \$35

CASH BAR: 5:00 PM. Pick up Name Tags at AVALON Pre-function area.

DINNER SERVED: 6:00 PM

AWARD PRESENTATIONS 7:00 PM

Tickets Committee will Honor Reservations upon payment.
No Tickets will be held unless paid in full.

Please make checks or money orders payable to:
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Mail to: LIVING LEGENDS OF AUTO RACING - P.O. Box 290854, Port Orange, FL 32129
For More Info Call Michele Hess @ 386-547-4796 or Nanci West @ 386-846-3274

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED

Did you move, change your phone number or email 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.

Gone but not forgotten....

Craig Simundza (1950-2026)



Our fellow club member Craig Simundza passed away on September 3, 2026 at Cornerstone Hospice. Craig served as Secretary on our Board of Directors and as the reigning champion of our Prediction Row competition. May he Rest in Peace.

Let's Welcome our New Members!



ED BENDER - VIRGINIA
LINDA MARALDO – NEW JERSEY

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



What do you call a pumpkin that works at the beach? A LIFE GOURD

Why did the pumpkin pie go to the dentist? BECAUSE IT NEEDED A FILLING.

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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.

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
Open	Secretary	Crew Coach	
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

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors for helping to keep the engines running! When you have the chance, please support their businesses. They are a big reason our club continues to thrive.



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(352) 748-9111

Village Kart Aide



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(352) 409-5853



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(217) 433-1394



Bob Woodsford, Realtor
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(352) 430-5249



Mammoth Machines
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Historic Attractions
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(815) 389-7917



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(352) 205-8222



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(352) 245-4496



Fox Pest Control
Orlando, FL
(407) 863-3592



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Kokomo, IN
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(352) 633-5059



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The Villages, FL
(352) 460-3763

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