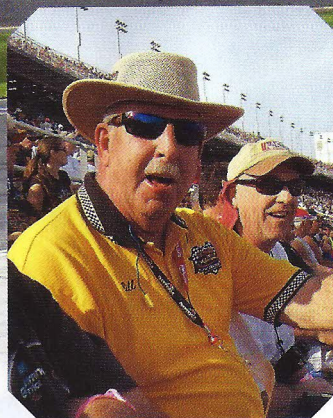
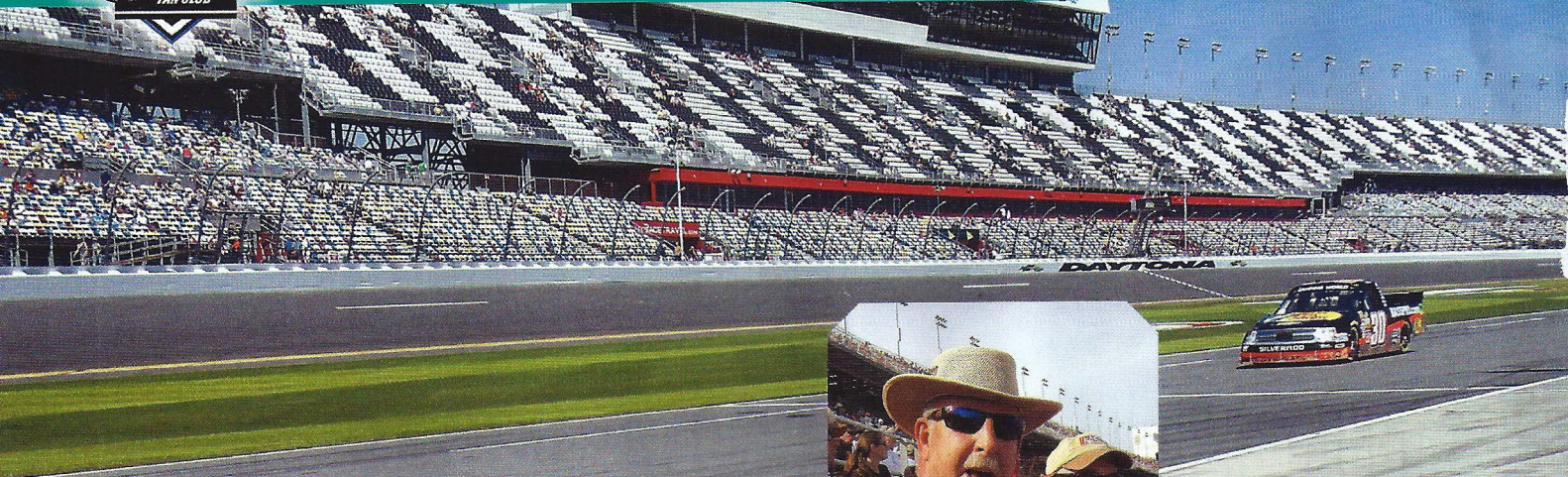


THE VILLAGES MOTOR RACING FAN CLUB



Jerry Conkle, a Village of Rio Ponderosa resident, loves auto racing. Back in Indiana, he watched Jeff Gordon in midgets and followed the superstar's career all the way to NASCAR. He became involved with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club after moving to Florida's Friendliest Hometown and reading about the club in The Villages Daily Sun. "The group is made up of race enthusiasts of all types. The club meets the first Wednesday of each month at Colony Cottage Recreation Center," said Jerry.

In addition to cookouts, the club also welcomes some well-known speakers such as Geoff Bodine and Marvin Panch, both whom have won the Daytona 500. "We have had guest speakers bring race cars and race boats to meetings," said Jerry.

Tell us about The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.

We have about 150 members right now, and we meet once a month. We have cookouts and we have different speakers come and talk about automobile racing. The club has welcomed people of all kinds such as jockeys and folks who race airplanes. But it is mostly automobile racing.

Does the club get together to watch races?

Yes, we do bus trips to Daytona and carpool to different racetracks. The club also raises money for scholarships at places like Camp Boggy Creek. We have a lot of fun.



Some members of the Villages MRFC at the Budweiser Duel, Daytona Speedway.

For information on joining the club, visit villagesracingclub.com.