



PIT NEWS *April, 2022*

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Next Meeting: May 4, 2022

A Few Words from the President's Desk



We are fortunate to have Bill Blair Jr. as guest speaker for our meeting on May 4. His father, Bill Sr., won the Daytona beach race in 1953. Bill Jr. has a full resume himself with his own racing stories and accomplishments. Please see more information on Bill Jr. in the body of this newsletter.

Many of our snowbirds have left or will be leaving shortly to return to their home state. We have had many activities this past season and are already planning for another full season of activities this next season. I would like to thank all of our members for helping out with attending our activities and making them such a great success, especially most recently the enormous amount of help from our membership at the Motor Racing

Show at the Brownwood Paddock Square. It was so nice to see a "sea" of yellow shirts and hats.

May 4 will be our last monthly meeting until we meet again in September. Wishing everyone a safe trip and I am looking forward to bringing another fun-filled season of knowledgeable guest speakers and lots of activities for all our members.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends. As they say, "See you in September."

Regards, Chris Bleistein

Next Meeting - May 4



Our next meeting is on May 4 at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, going green at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Bill Blair Jr. from High Point, North Carolina.

Blair Jr. grew up working on race cars with his father, NASCAR pioneer Bill Blair Sr. Bill Jr. would later go on to help NASCAR veteran Jim Paschal.

Bill Jr. achieved success in drag racing. He was inducted into the Muscle Car Hall of Fame, the Wall of Fame at Farmington Dragway, and is a board member of the North Carolina Drag Racing Hall of Fame.

A master engine builder, Blair Jr. also owned Bill Blair Automotive and built many powerhouses for winning NASCAR teams.

Important Upcoming Dates

May 4, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.
May 12, Thursday	Golf Outing, Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course, 10 a.m.
July 21, Thursday	Camp Villages, RC Racing
September 7, Wednesday	Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Golf Outing



Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course Thursday, May 12, 2022

This enjoyable event is always a fun time - putting contest and scramble golf.

The putting contest starts at 10 a.m. Tee times are 11:05 a.m. to 12:08 p.m. \$1 per person for putting contest and \$2 per person for prizes.

Meet at the pavilion when all done - BYOB and snacks.

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 ltaylr@hotmail.com or calling her at (352) 633-5624. It is important that we have updated information in the event we need to reach out to you

Get Well and Thinking of You

We would like to send well wishes and positive healing thoughts to our members and their families who may be recovering from or are in the midst of dealing with a medical illness.



Prediction Row 2022

With three races to go in the Spring Segment, any three of the six predictors can move on to the Playoff Segment if they are the most “winner pickers.” It could get very interesting by the last segment race at Kansas on May 15. Be sure to check the Daily Sun on race day and our club website for the latest updates.

Standings after Talladega on April 24:

Bob Lupini – 2 wins, 346 points
Doug Baker – 2 wins, 292 points
Jim West – 1 win, 336 points
Rich Benitz – 1 win, 298 points
Chris Six – 0 wins, 362 points
Chris Dirato – 0 wins, 281 points

The **Summer Segment** begins with six new predictors after the May 22 All-Star race in Texas. Please welcome the new competitors who begin Memorial Day weekend:

Phil Brown
Donna Dillon
Rick Giroux
Valentin Menendez
Steve Poplarski
Alan Sneider

Be sure to check the Daily Sun on race day and our club website for weekly updates as our meetings won’t resume until after the Playoff begins.

Silky Meegan
Prediction Row Coordinator

Gatornationals Update

Notice to all who purchased tickets to the Gatornationals event in March 2022.

We have received confirmation that all tickets will be good for the March 2023 event. Everyone will be contacted one month prior to the event to advise how tickets will be handled. Be sure to hang onto your tickets from March 2022. We will advise everyone as we get more information.

Lois Taylor, Membership Coordinator

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



They say laughter is good for the soul, so here goes.....

A man and his wife were awakened at 3 a.m. by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband. "It is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed. "Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunken guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not. It is 3 a.m. and its pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves all people, including drunks, too."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please," comes the reply from the dark. "Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing set," replies the drunk.

OK, could not resist this one liner.... Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.....HAHA



Let's Welcome our New Members!

Tim Osborn from Indiana
Mike Fitzgerald from Minnesota
Tim Smith from Nevada
Allan Martinelli from Illinois
Rex Norris from Indiana
Wanda Frost from Indiana
Craig Simundza from Illinois
Brian Kimmett from New York
Wayne Darnell from Florida
Sonny Schwaber from New York
Jon Shackelford from Michigan
Maureen O'Connor-Bueter from New York
John R. Bueter from Illinois



Next month's newsletter will have a write-up and pictures from our 1st Annual Motor Racing Show that took place on March 28th at Brownwood Paddock Square.

Club Apparel Is Back

Show off your club pride with "crew uniform" apparel items featuring the club logo. To view the complete line of apparel, please go to the club's website, VillagesRacingClub.com

These high-quality items may be seen at every club meeting. Some items without your embroidered name are "cash and carry." Orders for embroidered items are taken at each meeting but we now need to order a minimum of 6 items at a time. Cash or check is required at the time of order.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please see Crew Uniform Manager Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at mikesg201@gmail.com.

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Announces a New Sponsorship Opportunity



The club's Sponsorship Program is "revving" up. Here is the information that is given to a sponsor to show them what the club will provide in return for their sponsorship.

We are pleased to announce your sponsorship will be showcased on our website Sponsor Page. It will also be promoted at our monthly meetings and at every racing booth throughout the year. We will provide handouts and advertise your business at our racing events.

Sponsorships will go a long way toward making our goals a reality. We are striving to bring informative and diverse racing-related events to The Villages. For more information to become a sponsor, please contact club president, Chris Bleistein, 954-729-3050 or cbfla13@bellsouth.net.



We are searching for helpers to assist media coordinator Mike Anderson with activities that he handles. They are quite varied: email blasts, print member badges, PowerPoint at meetings, Word, club website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. This is about sustainability and continuity. About half of these things are done online, each requiring a user name and password at a specific website. If Mike were to become unavailable, the club could experience immense difficulty.

If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or mike.mag70@gmail.com. If you have experience in any of these areas, great – he wants to talk to you! If you are interested in learning how to handle any of these areas, he is a willing and patient teacher.



PIT CREW

**Need to get in touch with a member of the Pit Crew?
Please see the information below.**

Name	Position	Duties	Phone
Chris Bleistein	President	Crew Chief	954-729-3050
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
Gerry Greim	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	215-630-1402
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
Mike Gross	Special Events Coordinator	Jack Man	401-323-1313
Lois Taylor	Membership Coordinator	Mechanic	352-633-5624
Mike Anderson	Media Coordinator	Fabricator	217-714-2245
Mike Gross	Crew Uniform Coordinator	Logo Mart	401-323-1313
Donna Gross	Newsletter Editor	Rear Tire Changer	401-323-1334
John Angiolo	Member At Large	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Art Fehrman	Member At Large	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jerry Conkle	Past President	Team Owner	352-750-1185

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

Thank You

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support. We ask that you please support these businesses so that they can continue to be a vital part of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club.



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Kokomo Speedway
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