



The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Pit Report - July, 2010

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Daytona...Here We Come!!!



July 3, 2010—at 2:00 pm sharp, the bus rolled from Laurel Manor Rec Center parking lot with 30 club members and guests on board, bound for what was expected to be an action-packed day at Daytona International Speedway. Despite some serious heat and humidity and a 90-minute rain delay, the Coke Zero 400 did not disappoint this marauding band of race fans who returned to The Villages almost 14 hours later—exhausted, but at the same time wired with a full set of racing memories that will last them a long while. If you watched the race broadcast, you know the highlights, and you may have even seen a yellow shirt or two in the stands (they really do make a statement!) In the next few days, we'll publish a recap of the day's experience, including many, many photos (Wendy took a few hundred herself, including the shot of the scoring pylon above...look who's in first on lap 121). If you were along on the trip and have photos to share, send them to Wendy so we can get them in the collection.

July Meeting Preview

Our July 7 meeting will feature the official presentation of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club College Book/ Tuition Scholarship winner for 2010, Scott Hensley from Fruitland Park. We're expecting Matt Bowers, our 2009 scholarship recipient, to be on-hand to participate in presentation of the award, and to give us an

update on his racing program.

Also, as a result of popular demand, Club Board Members Bob and Camille Sherman have agreed to share with us some of the highlights of their recent trip to Charlotte, North Carolina to take part in the induction ceremonies for the NAS-

CAR Hall of Fame, as well as the highlights of the 2010 All-Star Race held May 22 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.



Dick Anderson Brings Home a Fourth Place Finish

Battling an ill-handling race car, oppressive heat and humidity, and a full field of talented Super Late Model competitors, Wildwood's Dick Anderson put on a strong showing in the June 11 Orange Blossom 100 at Orlando Speedworld. Anderson converted a mediocre qualifying run—he placed 11th out of 24 cars entered in the field—into a solid fourth place finish at the end of the grueling 100-lap contest that saw the starting field reduced to eight cars running at the end.

"We missed a little on our set-up," commented Anderson. "Putting on sticker tires for the race didn't give us the edge we were looking for, and wound up making the car run entirely too tight." During practice sessions the night before and earlier in the day, Anderson's No. 92 was the class of the field on Orlando's tight 3/8 mile asphalt oval where a tight-handling car equals passing difficulties.

Anderson ran in the top 10 through most of the race, dodging a rash of accidents that produced 17 caution periods, three of which resulted in red flags to stop the cars for clean-up of major wrecks. As the race moved into its final ten laps, he moved into the top five, and then to third place on lap 92, when he was the victim of a bump-and-spin incident while making a front stretch power bid for second place over Joe Winchell of Dade City. On the lap 93 restart, he moved quickly from 6th place in the running order to 4th, earning a solid finish in the first 100-lap event on his comeback tour.

Longwood, Florida's Tim Russell—a perennial favorite in the Super Late Model ranks at many race tracks—led the first half of the event before being caught up in a major accident late in the race. Russell started on the pole for the event, but was credited with an 11th place finish. Veterans David Rogers of Orlando and Winchell finished first and second, with Huntsville, Florida's Marty Pierce coming home third followed by Anderson, with Jared Allison of Cocoa, Florida rounding out the top five. Rogers set the fastest qualifying time, laying down a 13.4 second lap—100.7 miles per hour—on the slick asphalt surface.

Anderson's fourth place finish in the June 11 event, coupled with his four feature wins this year, place him first in the points standings for Super Late Models at Orlando Speedworld. He presently maintains an 18-point lead over second place Ben Kennedy of Daytona, Florida. Anderson continues to show the local racing world that "once a racer, always a racer." Does it bother him competing against drivers less than half his age? "No," Anderson asserts. "In fact, at the finish of the Orange Blossom, I felt like I was 25 again!"

About 18 club members made the trip to Orlando on June 11 to support Anderson in his bid for another win. Our club logo was on the car—we put it on the back bumper so more cars could see it as they followed Dick! Anyway, before arriving at Speedworld, our spirited group made a side trip to Hooter's Restaurant in Waterford Lakes (see photo below), where we had an enjoyable pre-race strategy session. Everybody basically behaved, although there were some tense moments. At the track, we had an unexpected Matt Bowers encounter...Matt was serving as a member of Dick's pit crew, and made a trip over to the grandstands to spend some time with us. Here are some random photos from the trip...



The No. 92 waits out one of the three red flags.



Wayne Nolan, “Dr. Golf” Comes Through Again!

The club’s first golf scramble of 2010 continued Wayne Nolan’s string of successes on the activity circuit. Although there were a few last-minute adjustments to the foursome grid, the 28 diehards who took to the Bogart Executive Golf course on June 7 had a great, hot, and partially wet time! The weather appeared more threatening than it really was, with a few minor showers passing through near the end of our scheduled playing time.

Although the competition was fierce, the foursome of Mike & Wendy Touchette, Dave Littleton, and Silky Meegan prevailed to take top honors, followed closely by Mary Loux, Dan Fiddick, and Ed Bull in second place. Third place was captured by the threesome of Jake Loux, Gerry Hafer, and Matt Paterson, with Jim Boyd, Peter Tetrault, and Bill Tharp coming in fourth.

Closest to the pin honors went to Diana Cahalane on the fourth hole,

Mary Loux on #6, Matt Paterson on the 7th, and Rich Lehtanen on the 9th.

Here are a few candid shots of the action...



Keith Moldenhauer, displaying PGA-class form!



The Audit Committee, L-to-R - Al Stone, Wayne Nolan, Peter Tetrault



Diana Cahalane...a serious golfer

Updates on Club Favorites

Since our club’s formation in late 2006, we’ve sought out relationships with race teams that have resulted in our logo being carried into competition on a number of occasions. We consider these relationships to be long-term, and we maintain contact with the drivers and car-owners throughout each season. Here’s an update on some of those who have (and are still carrying) our club colors:

Nic Fernandez—currently holding down a solid fourth-place in the Jr. Purple (8-10 yr olds) at Speedway Park. In his most recent race, he captured a third-place finish in the feature race, leading a large portion of the event. He’s off until September, when the 2nd half of the season kicks off.

Steve Griffin—his return to racing continues in a successful direction...he’s won five of the eight events he entered, including of course the 100-lap event May 22 at Citrus County Speedway. Steve’s next race will be



Nic Fernandez leading the way, 6/19

July 10 at Citrus, and after that he’ll run at New Smyrna on July 17. One of Steve’s hallmarks is his ability to take care of his equipment, and here’s an example: the set of tires he used for the 100-lap event carried him through the next two races!

Buzzie Reutimann—We’re still anticipating Buzzie’s return to Ocala to capture “the one that was taken away from him last year.” Open Wheel Modifieds are on the schedule up there for Friday, July 9, so that might be the date. As soon as we get a confirmation, we’ll let you know.

In the meantime, we’re still anticipating Buzzie’s entry into the “Wienernationals” night event at Volusia Speedway Park on August. We’ll confirm that as soon as we know one way or the other.

As you know, Buzzie’s been pretty busy with David on the Cup trail, where he provides strategic and tactical oversight to the “00” team. He’s picture below at Daytona, getting a briefing from Mike and Wendy Touchette before the Coke Zero 400 on July 3.



Next Time You're in New York...



Fresh on the heels of our 2010 Villages Cup experience, we've been hearing a lot of suggestions about how to raise the

bar for next year's edition. The thoughts range from starting our own "senior" division at the Speedway and competing regularly, to renting a race-ready street stock and racing at New Smyrna Speedway. While all of the ideas represent a step-up, an "ultimate" was called to our attention in the form of a recently-built luxury automotive resort in upstate New York titled "Monticello Motor Club." Maybe we'll have Wendy give them a call and see if we make a deal to have the club rent the 4.1 mile road course facility for a weekend! Just kidding, of course, and if you take a look at Monticello's website (www.monticelloMotorClub.com), you'll understand why!



Here's an excerpt from their homepage: "Our vision is to offer a club that caters to individuals like you, who are passionate about automobiles, who relish the driving experience and who seek a place of belonging among like-minded people. Here, you can enjoy your lifestyle in the manner you desire." Sounds at least a little bit like our club

vision, don't you think? Although the scale is a bit different.

Anyway, if you visit Monticello's website, be sure to browse to their Gallery page and take the "lap with Jeff Gordon" experience. It will give you a good overview of what the facility is all about.

Remember Drive-In Movies?

Most of us are of the age where we remember fondly the drive-in movie theatres that once populated the landscapes where we lived. What better way to spend a balmy Friday night than catching a new movie in the great outdoors, surrounded either by a carload of close friends (as many as you could hide in the car) or that one special person (in which case you didn't really want your idiot friends in the car). So, while you're reliving those memories, here's another item of trivia for you...on June 6, in addition to commemorating the 1944 D-Day landing in Normandy, France, some folks across the nation were also reflecting on the 77th anniversary of the opening of the first drive-in theatre. And here's another piece of minutiae...the first drive-in was located in Camden, New Jersey, and it was actually called a "park-in" (which is probably more accurate).

But what's all this have to do with our club, you might wonder? Well, here it is: USA Today's Drive-On department recently observed the drive-in theatre's anniversary with its selection of all-time, most-preferred cars for watching a movie on the outdoor giant screen. Here they are, along with the logic behind their selection:

- **Ford Flex.** Holds lots of people but the key here is three tiny words: built-in refrigerator.
- **Chrysler Sebring convertible.** Nothing beats an open sky for watching a drive-in flick.
- **Mercury Grand Marquis.** Get them while you can -- 'cause dealers will be gone by year's end. The Grand Marquis may appeal to the senior-citizen set, but all that interior space is unbeatable for movie watching.

- **Land Rover.** Take your pick, any model. They all have an acre of glass to make the big screen seem even bigger.
- **Smart car.** Nothing like a little intimacy with your honey, even if you can't exactly stretch out.



Mother Nature Wins Feature at New Smyrna

With a full field of cars assembled, and with a full grandstand of spectators gathered for one of the season's most anticipated local stock car racing events, the reality of summer weather in Florida took control and forced cancellation of the Clyde Hart Memorial/Sunoco Florida All Stars Tour (Sunoco FAST) July 1 at New Smyrna Speedway. After waiting out intermittent showers and after monitoring weather stations for several hours, speedway officials pulled the plug on racing activities at about 9:30 pm, announcing that the prestigious event had been rescheduled for Saturday, September 4, 2010.

Breaks in the weather earlier in the evening had allowed race entries to qualify for starting spots in the 100-lap event, with Austin Kirkpatrick of Ocala leading the way in a car prepared by Wildwood, Florida's Wayne

Anderson. Kirkpatrick laid down a blistering 17.589 second lap (102.337 mph) around the half-mile asphalt oval, while Anderson was fourth fastest, posting a time of 17.719 seconds (101.586 mph). Sumter County was also represented by Florida standout driver B.J. McLeod of Wachula, driving the famous No. 92 Super Late Model entry owned and prepared by Dick Anderson, also of Wildwood. The third generation of racing Andersons, Randy, was also in the mix, qualifying seventh fastest at 17.813 (101.050 mph).

The race would have been the sixth stop on the Sunoco FAST 2010 tour. The next race in the series is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 at Citrus County Speedway over in Inverness. Wayne

Anderson continues to hold down first place in the series points, with Kirkpatrick second and Randy Anderson third. A total of 10 races make up the 2010 schedule, with the final race scheduled for October 16 at Desoto Superspeedway in Bradenton, Florida.



Veteran car owner Dick Anderson (R) discusses race strategy with driver B.J. McLeod while waiting out the rain.

Where Does Our Club Logo Appear?

In case you've ever wondered, our club logo has had a great deal of visibility in our three and a half years as an organization. Eleven drivers—six of them in Dick Anderson's legendary No. 92—have taken to the track carrying either our full logo or the abbreviated decal-type logo. Here's the list:

- Jeff Choquette
- Wayne Anderson
- Matt Bowers
- Buzzie Reutimann
- Steve Griffin
- Nic Fernandez
- Harold Bedell
- Dick Anderson (the man himself!)
- Jessica Murphy
- Cale Gale
- BJ McLeod

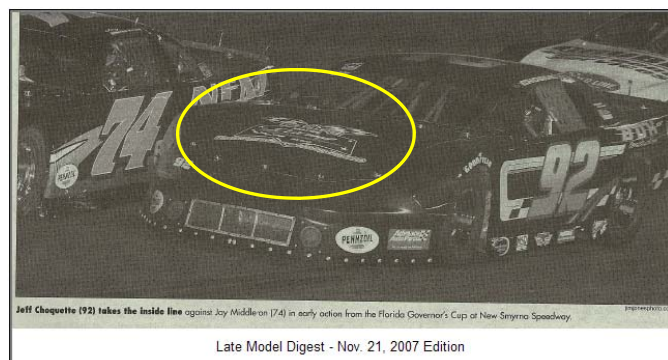
In addition, our logo has been pictured in several major publications, including Late Model Digest and Circle Track Magazine. Here's a sampling of where we've appeared in print media>>>>



BACK TO THE FUTURE CAR
Story and photos by Rob Bullies

Circle Track Magazine - April 2008 Edition

In addition, our logo has been seen in several specific track publications (e.g., the Governor's Cup commemorative program), and it makes appearances in a variety of websites around the internet. One of the more consistent comments is, "Hey, aren't they the folks with the yellow shirts?" Suffice it to say, we get noticed!



Jeff Choquette (92) takes the inside line against Jay Middle on (74) in early action from the Florida Governor's Cup at New Smyrna Speedway.

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Special Events Roundup



Well, Daytona's done until 2011, but that doesn't mean we're taking a break from club trips and activities. We're gearing up for the next bus trip (the visit to Volusia Speedway Park for the 3rd Annual Wiener Nationals), and we've begun to do the preliminary planning on a number of trips slated for the second half of the year. Many of you are aware that The Villages transportation facilities are now available for club trips, so we're exploring options in that regard, as well. We may be able to arrange bus trips for smaller groups using these facilities. We'll keep you posted.

Here's a rundown of the full slate of events now on the board for the next few months. As always, if any of you have any suggestions for trips or activities, we'd love to hear them. Just give me or any members of your pit crew a call!

Wendy

| Date/Event | Event Details |
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| Saturday, August 7 Wiener nationals at Volusia Speedway Park | We've now taking reservations this one. The bus will leave from Laurel Manor at 4:30 pm; cost is \$35 pp. Sign up at the meeting or email Wendy (mrswmt@comcast.net). Rumor has it that Buzzie Reutimann might be running that night with the modifieds, so that would clearly add to the excitement! |
| Monday, September 13 Golf Scramble | Golf event at Hawkes Bay Executive course; post-golf picnic at Churchill Pavilion 3-6 pm. Additional details TBA |
| Saturday, October 16 FAST Finale | This will be a bus trip to Desoto Superspeedway in Bradenton, FL for the final race of the 2010 Sunoco Florida All Stars Tour. Watch for sign-up details on the website and at the August meeting. |
| November 11-14, 2010 DAARA Event | This will probably be a car pool to the November 11-14 U.S. Vintage Oval Track Nationals at Orlando Speedworld, featuring the cars of Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association (DAARA). (This event replaces the Zephyrhills 26th Annual Fall Autofest.) |
| Saturday, November 20 45th Annual Florida Governor's Cup 200, New Smyrna Speedway | Save the date; reservations will be opened at the club's August meeting; Sponsorship TBD. At this point, there's a developing possibility that two-time Gov. Cup winner Dick Anderson may be driving his famed No. 92 in the event, challenging his son (three-time winner Wayne) for the Cup. |
| November 26-28, 2010 David Reutimann Charity Event | The Sixth Annual David Reutimann Charity Cookout, Auction, and Golf Tournament will be held at the Silverado Golf and Country Club in Zephyrhills. We're hopeful of organizing a group to attend this event...details to follow. |
| Sunday, December 12 4th Annual Holiday Hall of Fame and Awards Night | Save the date; Details will be announced in mid-summer |
| Saturday, January 8 Annual Speedway Park Awards Banquet | We've been invited to join the fine Speedway Park folks at their 2010 Awards banquet. The event will be held at La Hacienda in The Villages, and club members will be participating in the program for the evening. Further details will be announced later in the year. |
| Future Events...at least some of them...more to come! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Parade (Need committee) • Poker Run/Picnic (Need committee) • 2nd Annual Hot Rods and Hot Dogs Show—date TBD |

U.S. Vintage Oval Track Nationals

November 11-14, 2010 and February 10-13, 2011

Orlando Speedworld

Our friends at the **Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association (DAARA)** have made us aware that they'll be producing fall and winter editions of the "U.S. Vintage Oval Track Nationals" at Orlando Speedworld in Bithlo, Florida. Similar to the events conducted in prior years at Zephyrhills, the four-day racing extravaganza will feature racing in eight vintage classes, and will include a swap meet, car show, and a variety of activities including a DAARA BBQ in November and a banquet in February.

DAARA president **Bill Wendt** (pictured below in his 1946 Hilligas Midget racer) reports that the Nationals will feature racing in these vintage classes:

- Flathead midgets
- Overhead midgets

- Non-caged sprints
- Caged sprints
- 6 cylinder & flathead stocks
- V6 & V8 stock cars
- Modifieds
- Speedsters

Mark these dates on your calendars..it promises to be great!



Local Racing Corner

Here's a quick rundown of what's going on at the tracks close to The Villages...let's get out there and support them!

| Race Track | Website & Telephone | Race Schedule |
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| Ocala Speedway, Zuber | www.ocalaspeedway.com 352-622-9400 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Friday night racing in July • Top Gun Sprint series scheduled for July 16, along with Florida Mini-sprints |
| Citrus County Speedway, Inverness | www.citruscountyspeedway.com 352-726-9339 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Saturday night programs in July • Larry MacMillan Memorial 100 lap Open Wheel Modifieds 7/10, along with Mini Stocks (Steve Griffin is running) |
| New Smyrna Speedway, Samsula | www.newsmyrnaspeedway.org 386-427-4129 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Saturday night programs in July • Super Late Models 7/24 (Brighthouse Challenge) • Mini stocks run 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31 (Steve Griffin scheduled to run 7/17) |
| Orlando Speedworld, Bithlo | www.OrlandoSpeedworld.org 407-568-1367 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Friday night racing in July • Super Late Models—7/9 • TBARA winged sprints—/30 |
| Volusia Speedway Park, Barberville | www.volusiaspeedwaypark.net 386-985-4402 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Saturday night racing in July • Top Gun Sprint series scheduled for July 17, along with Florida Mini-sprints |
| Speedway Park- Fruitland Park | www.originalspeedwaypark.com 352-308-7664 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer break July-August; check website for special events |
| Sumter Motorsports Park, Bushnell | www.sumterracing.com 863-286-9456 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular oval track racing July 10 • Summer break starts July 11; racing resumes August 28 |

Visit our website (www.villagesracingclub.com)

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Christmas Shopping Idea

I couple of weeks ago, I saw an ad in the newspaper for a clever item for the motorheads among us. It's a "desktop tool box" designed as a miniature replica of the toolboxes one typically finds in a garage or in a well-equipped pit stall at a racing venue.



The item is available via "The Busted Knuckle Garage" and can be purchased online at their website (thebustedknucklegarage.com).



Words of Wisdom, Villages Style!



So you don't need to look it up...

You may have noticed that there are quite a few commercials during the broadcast of a Sprint/Nextel Cup race. Have you ever wondered just how many there are? And, how much of the total air time is devoted to commercial advertisement? Well, here's a recap, courtesy of the [Jayski's@ NASCAR Sprint Cup Silly Season Site](http://Jayski's@NASCAR Sprint Cup Silly Season Site), of the commercial airtime from the 2010 Lenox Industrial Tools 301 held June 26 at Loudon, NH. It's sort of interesting, but mind-boggling at the same time.

- Total air time — 184 minutes (1:00 to 4:04)
 - Total race broadcast time — 123 minutes
 - Total commercial time — 61 minutes
- In other words one minute of commercials for every two minutes of race broadcast.

But wait...there's more:

- Total number of commercials — 124
- Total number of companies/entities represented — 62
- Total number of brief promos of products/services during the race broadcast — 46 (they involved 17 individual sponsors and consumed an additional 5 minutes and 15 seconds of your attention)

And, don't forget these commercial items:

NASCAR on TNT 'Race Averages'
 Coors Light 'Pole Award'
 Burger King 'Race Analysis'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Biggest Movers'
 AFLAC 'Trivia Question'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Race Off Of Pit Road'
 TNT's Race Buddy/Coca-Cola 'In-Car Camera'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Through the Field'
 Toyota 'Off Track Race Car (T.O.R.C.)'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Top 5'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Hendrick Motorsports Running Order'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Pit Stop Times'
 AT&T 'Fastest Pit Crew of the Year Standings'
 AT&T 'Fastest Pit Crew of the Year Report'
 Ford 'Built Ford Tough Driving Force'
 NASCAR on TNT 'Points As They Run'
 Verizon 'Race Summary'
 Captain Morgan 'Captain Clutch Moment of the Race'

Finally, here's another significant item of trivia (I think that's an oxymoronic phrase, actually) for those who carefully paid attention to the ads during the race broadcast:

The name of the girl group accompanying the Captain Morgan figure during commercials is "The Morganettes."

Drink Responsibly!



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