



## *PIT NEWS* *August, 2023*

*Editor: Donna Gross*

**Next Meeting: September 6, 2023**

### *A Few Words from the President's Desk*



Greetings Fellow Yellow Shirts:

It seems like we were just watching fireworks in the summer sky and now it's Labor Day, and the kids are all back at school. It's time to get back to our racing fan club activities.

Our September meeting is Wednesday evening September 6, going **green** at 7:00 p.m. at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Be ready for a motorcycle theme.

The Chase is on in the NASCAR Cup Series and we will be having a watch party for the final race of the season at Phoenix on November 5 also at Colony. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Please bring your special potluck dish to share and favorite beverage.

Watch the weather and pray we miss out on any hurricanes. For those of you still away, we look forward to your return to The Villages and safe travels. Come join our fun when you get here.

I hope to see you soon, either here at the meeting or at one of our local tracks.

Sincerely, Gerry G  
President

## ERIC CINNAMON – SEPT. 6 GUEST SPEAKER



Our guest speaker is Eric Cinnamon, an up-and-coming motorcycle racer from Port Orange, Florida.

Eric competes on a Yamaha R6 600 cc Sport Bike for the east-coast-based motorcycle racing team, Free Hugs Racing.

Known for his determination and commitment, Cinnamon was rewarded with his first "podiums" Oct. 15 and 16, 2022 on the high banks and high speed 3.5-mile Daytona International Speedway road course.

Eric was recently selected to be a primary rider on a Harley-Davidson Bagger, a new class in motorcycle racing. If all goes well, and his motorcycle is fully built, he may be racing in September in Austin, Texas at the Circuit of The Americas.

Cinnamon also volunteers to help the Florida State University Motorcycle Program, where he teaches young riders the safety and procedures of proper motorcycle riding.

## Pictures from July 20 Camp Villages R/C Racing

The La Hacienda Recreation Center was turned into an indoor racetrack for all of the Camp Villages kids and their grandparents. Car owners, Bob and Janine Woodsford, along with a pit crew of club member volunteers and statisticians in their yellow shirts, made it a great time for all who participated. Thanks to all for making this event a great success.



## Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 6, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1, Wednesday Monthly Meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5, Sunday Watch Party Final NASCAR Race, Colony Cottage Rec Center 2:30 p.m.

## Prediction Row 2023

### END OF THE REGULAR SEASON



The last regular season race at Daytona was full of drama, crashes, aggressive driving, and last minute and maybe surprising chances to make The Playoffs.

Our Summer Segment predictors, however, were fairly secure in their chances of participating in The Playoffs.

Those listed below in **BOLD** will be moving on. The Summer Segment standings are as follows:

**Tim Burk – 3 wins, 413 points**

**Donna Dillon – 2 wins, 371 points**

**Chris Dirato – 1 win, 424 points**

Rick Kegel – 1 win, 341 points

Linda Samuels – 0 wins, 381 points

Bob Lupini – 0 wins, 304 points

### THE PLAYOFFS

The top three predictors of our two segments will compete in the Playoff Segment. Please notice the husband and wife team competing against each other. That always adds a layer of excitement. Each of the Playoff predictors begins with 3 points awarded for each win during their previous segments.

Let me introduce you to our Playoff competitors:

Tim Burk – 9 points

Brian Dillon – 6 points

Donna Dillon – 6 points (2022 defending champion)

Rick Almeida – 3 points

Chris Dirato – 3 points

Craig Simundza – 3 points

Many of our competitors will be sitting at special tables for the September meeting. They will have a chance to introduce themselves and say a few words. They will have competed in one race by the meeting.

Martin Truex, Jr. was named the NASCAR Cup Regular Season Champion.

Silky Meegan

Prediction Row Coordinator



*Let's Welcome our New Members!*

HUGH AUSTIN, ILLINOIS  
MONICA AUSTIN, ILLINOIS  
DENNIS HINKLE, KENTUCKY-ILLINOIS  
JIM LEE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
DUANE MALO, WASHINGTON  
M. KAY (CASEY) MALO, WASHINGTON  
SANDY SANDERS, MISSOURI

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



JUST FOR GIGGLES

My husband and I often laugh about how competitive we are, but I laugh more!

Women sometimes make fools of men, but most men are the do-it-yourself type.

Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you're a mile away and have their shoes.

(I know, I know! Don't quit my day job.)

## *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](mailto: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 members.

## *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.*

## **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\*\*](http://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 need to order a minimum of six 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 Mike Gross at a club meeting or contact him at [mikesg201@gmail.com](mailto:mikesg201@gmail.com).



## Sponsorship Opportunity with The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club



Our club's Sponsorship Program is "revved" 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, Gerry Greim at 215-630-1402 or [gerryglbi@cs.com](mailto:gerryglbi@cs.com).



### **Assistant Media Coordinators**

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, club website and Facebook. We aren't looking for one person to learn all this. If you would like to talk about this opportunity, please call or email Mike, 217-714-2245 or [mike.mag70@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mag70@gmail.com).

### **Recording Secretary**

We need a volunteer to record minutes at our board of directors meetings. These are held at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, August - April. The minutes are then emailed to the board members. Please call or email club president Gerry Greim to talk about this opportunity, 215-630-1402 or [gerryglbi@cs.com](mailto:gerryglbi@cs.com).



## 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
Tony Kennea	Vice President	Car Chief	352-603-9197
Silky Meegan	Corresponding Secretary	Front Tire Carrier	352-430-6042
<b>Volunteer needed</b>	Recording Secretary	Crew Coach	
Roger Taylor	Treasurer	Fueler	352-633-5624
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	Sponsor Coordinator	Rear Tire Carrier	414-305-8094
Art Fehrman	Special Tours Coordinator	Front Tire Changer	708-254-5196
Jeff Ing	Car Shows Coordinator	Spotter	631-897-6263
Chris Dirato	Member At Large	Mechanic	917-921-9070
Chris Bleistein	Immediate Past President	Team Owner	954-729-3050
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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