

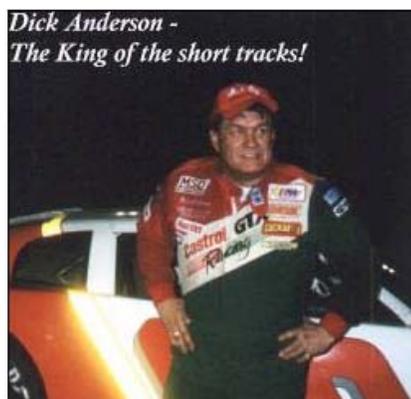
# The Villages NASCAR Fan Club

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## Message from the Crew Chief/President

Our newsletter is intended to help keep members current on the development of The Villages NASCAR Fan Club. As we move through the early stages of our formation, it's essential that all of you know about the progress we're making, the thoughts that we're having, and the plans that we're developing. This newsletter is one of the tools we'll use to keep information flowing to you, and we hope that you take the time to read it carefully.

You can help create a better-informed Club membership in many ways, one of which is by providing input to this newsletter. Providing ideas for items to be included in the newsletter will help your Pit Crew/Steering Committee make certain that members are receiving the information they need to help promote the growth of the Club and to help ensure the success of its efforts.

So, as you read this edition, give thought to what you might like to see as content in future newsletters, and simply let me or any of my fellow Pit Crew/Steering Committee members know your thoughts. We want to make this a useful tool, so your thoughts and suggestions are important to us!

## First Regular Meeting...A Smashing Success!

The Club's first regular meeting took place at Laurel Manor on October 4, 2006. It was a grand kick-off to what we all expect to be a wildly successful project. We filled the grandstands with over 80 eager fans and, by the time the checkered flag flew, we had added 76 new members to our growing ranks.

In addition to Crew Chief Glen Carter's update on the planning accomplished to-date, and after the club's initial pit-crew/steering committee was introduced (see roster later in this newsletter), the crowd was treated to an exciting, free-flowing look at the world of short-track racing. The Club was honored to have, as the main ingredient in this discussion, nationally-known racing legend (and Wildwood resident) Dick Anderson.

In introducing the speaker, Matt Vaughn noted that Dick Anderson is legendary in stock car racing circles, and that he is known as "The King of the Florida Short Tracks." With over 1,000 wins to his credit, Dick held all of us spellbound as he traced his career through the years, and as he shared numerous stories of his on-track (and some off-track!) experiences with the likes of Dick Trickle, The Alabama Gang, and many others. Dick shared his views on the future of stock car racing at all levels, and resourcefully fielded a variety of questions from the floor.

Dick also acknowledged one of his fellow racers from several years ago, Buddy Pearce, who was in the audience for this meeting. Like Dick, Buddy shared several entertaining tales of his exploits on Florida's racing circuits.

## Future Club Activities

As the Club's start-up progresses, there will be a wide variety of activities designed to appeal to racing enthusiasts. For example, tours of local race tracks are being considered, as well as additional speakers for upcoming club meetings. Trips to racing events at such tracks as Ocala Speedway, New Smyrna Speedway, USA Speedway, and others will be announced periodically, either in the form of bus trips or carpooling arrangements. Our Special Events Committee will be keeping an ear out for items that might be of interest to you, and we'll be passing these along from time-to-time via email broadcasts. If you haven't given us your email yet, or if you do not have email access, be sure to let us know. We want to be sure everybody's in the loop!

## December Meeting Preview

Plans are underway to have a marketing representative from International Speedway Corporation (ISC) with us at our December regular meeting (December 6, 2006). As you may know, ISC is the organization that owns eleven major racing facilities, including Daytona, California, Richmond, Talladega, Phoenix, and Homestead-Miami. ISC also owns MRN Radio and Daytona USA, and has a stake in a variety of other racing interests across the nation.

We'll also discuss progress on our Club's various planning efforts, including our long-range plans for events and activities for 2007. As always, your pit crew welcomes any suggestions or ideas you may have to further the development of the Club.

## Local Racing Corner

One of the best things about living in Florida is the availability of a wide variety of racing venues within a relatively short distance. Did you know that there are nine race tracks of small to intermediate size within a comfortable driving distance from The Villages? Here's some basic information about a few of them:

Track	Location	Size	For more information
Ocala Speedway	Ocala	3/8 mile	<a href="http://ocalaspeedway.com">ocalaspeedway.com</a>
Citrus County Speedway	Inverness	3/8 mile	<a href="http://citruscountyspeedway.com">citruscountyspeedway.com</a>
New Smyrna Speedway	Samsula	½ mile	<a href="http://newsmyrnaspeedway.org">newsmyrnaspeedway.org</a>
Orlando Speedworld	Bithlo (Orlando)	3/8 mile	<a href="http://orlandospeedworld.org">orlandospeedworld.org</a>
USA Speedway	Lakeland	¾ mile	<a href="http://usaspeedway.com">usaspeedway.com</a>
DeSoto Superspeedway	Bradenton	3/8 mile	<a href="http://desotasuperspeedway.com">desotasuperspeedway.com</a>
Bronson Motor Speedway	Bronson	1/3 mile	<a href="http://fascar.com">fascar.com</a>
Charlotte County Speedway	Punta Gorda	3/8 mile	<a href="http://charlottecountyspeedway.com">charlottecountyspeedway.com</a>
Columbia Motorsports Park	Lake City	½ mile	<a href="http://karnac.com">karnac.com</a>

### *Special Notes:*

- **The 41<sup>st</sup> annual Governor's Cup 200 late model event is currently scheduled for Saturday, November 18 at New Smyrna Speedway.**
- **USA Speedway is hosting the R. H. Brooks Memorial (Hooter's Pro Cup) 300 event on Saturday, November 25.**

## Meet Your Pit Crew/Steering Committee

As all racing fans know, it takes a full complement of dedicated folks to make a team successful. We've been fortunate that, under the leadership of Glen Carter, your Club has been able to assemble a crew that is serious about making this organization a wild success. Let's meet them:

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In addition to the team members listed above, we are fortunate to have the participation of Matt Vaughn as we navigate the start-up waters. As those of you who were at our September exploratory meeting will recall, Matt is a stock car racing veteran with over 25 years experience in a variety of divisions, including late models, sprints, and modifieds. He was a regular for some time in the IMCA ranks in Texas, and currently owns and drives the Fastway Motorsports Ford Taurus in the NASCAR Southwest Racing Series. Matt's successes on the track give him substantial credibility at many

levels of the racing world, as well as name recognition with many of the prominent racing teams in NASCAR.

In addition to his on-track experience, Matt brings with him a tremendous amount of "insider" knowledge about NASCAR and the key players that run the sport of stock car racing. He has been instrumental in organizing the debut of drivers in the Southwest and Northwest Tours, as well as several Winston/Nextel Cup breakthrough drivers. Matt has been a great help in getting us launched, and has given all of us many excellent ideas for future Club activities. We look forward to his continued involvement and guidance.

## So You Don't Need to Look it up!

Most of us from time-to-time wonder about some of the statistical information routinely maintained in the record-books. For example, when you hear that Rusty Wallace retired as a 55-time Cup winner, don't you wonder where that places him on the "all time" list? To help put you mind at rest, and to help you avoid those long, sleepless nights as you try to recall your NASCAR history, we'll be including in each newsletter a piece of history for your reading enjoyment. Let's start with this, courtesy of *NASCAR.com*:

### Top 25 race winners (CUP) in the Modern Era (1971 to present)

Rank	Driver	Total	Super Speedways	Short Tracks	Road Courses	This Year
1	Darrell Waltrip	84	18	47	9	0
2	Dale Earnhardt	76	29	27	3	0
3	Jeff Gordon	75	15	15	10	2
4	Cale Yarborough	69	15	29	9	0
5	Richard Petty	60	19	23	8	0
6	Bobby Allison	55	24	12	7	0
7	Rusty Wallace	55	5	25	11	0
8	David Pearson	45	20	1	4	0
9	Bill Elliott	44	16	2	4	0
10	Mark Martin	35	5	7	5	0
11	Dale Jarrett	32	9	4	0	0
12	Tony Stewart	28	2	6	5	4
13	Jimmie Johnson	23	2	2	0	5
14	Ricky Rudd	23	4	5	6	0
15	Terry Labonte	22	3	9	4	0
16	Bobby Labonte	21	3	1	0	0
17	Benny Parsons	20	9	7	1	0
18	Davey Allison	19	8	4	2	0
19	Geoffrey Bodine	18	3	8	3	0
20	Jeff Burton	18	2	2	0	1
21	Harry Gant	18	9	5	0	0
22	Neil Bonnett	18	8	3	3	0
23	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	17	7	4	0	1
24	Buddy Baker	15	8	2	0	0
25	Ernie Ivan	15	5	4	3	0

## Upcoming Event

Rob Newton with WVLG will be doing a live remote broadcast from Cindy Chevrolet in Wildwood on Thursday, November 2. The Jeff Gordon Simulator will be on-hand, and our Club has been invited to join in the festivities. **WVLG will want to interview some of our members during their broadcast at 12 noon.** This promises to be an excellent opportunity for our club to build publicity. We hope many of you can be there!

