

VINTAGE MESSENGER

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Centrix Financial Grand Prix of Denver
August 13, 14, and 15

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Thanks to each of you for helping make this an annual vintage event. See you at the races! Come hang out in the vintage paddock.

Help Wanted!

APEX Editor, for 2005, to start now.

Advertising Chief.

Enduro Chair, for this year's race.

Old Car Council Rep

Please contact Norm Pettit.

Attending the Denver Grand Prix???

If you know of anyone planning on attending the Denver Grand Prix, please have them mention that they are coming to see the Vintage cars when they purchase their tickets. If you belong to any other car clubs, groups that may be interested, or know any other gearheads, please promote this message to all possible ticket buyers. This will really help meet the goals that were set to establish the impact Vintage racing has at the Grand Prix.

If you are buying tickets out of Nostalgia Racing's block of tickets, you will have already have done your part.

THANK YOU!

The regular RMVR Board Meeting is held the third Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7 p.m. at Porter Hospital Auditorium (enter by the Cancer Center entrance) 2525 S. Downing St., Denver, CO
 FOR MORE INFORMATION: Catie Davis - Box 2096 - Estes Park, Colorado 80517 - (970) 586-6366

Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Ltd
Regular Board Meeting 5/19/04
Porter Hospital Auditorium
2525 S Downing St
Denver CO

Board Members present:

Norm Pettitt-President
Bob Darcey-Past President
Jim Bradley-President Elect
Steve Gesse-Treasurer
Mark Robinson-Secretary
Andy Gould
Tom Ellis
Marcia Hubbell
Keith Davidson
Joe Pizzi
Ross Robbins

Excused absence:

Janet Urbanek

Call to order: 7:05PM

Announcements from Norm Pettitt:

Norm wished to express his thanks to Bob Mitchner for accepting the job of Eligibility Chief, and to Richard Griffin for his tenure in the position. Norm attended the Rennsport Reunion Porsche event at Daytona; over 600 cars and no incidents. He was happy with the turnout at our first race of the year but disappointed at the on track incidents. The club is in need of a new Apex editor, an Advertising Chief, a rep for the Old Car Council, and a chair for the Enduro. Please contact Norm if anyone can help in these areas.

Minutes

Mark Robinson stated there were no corrections to the minutes as published. A motion to approve was seconded and passed. All those present voted to approve, with the exception of Ross Robbins and Keith Davidson, who abstained.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Gesse reported that the combined financials for Drivers' school and the first race show that we will come out ahead over the budgeted amounts. Steve will pay the 2nd Creek track fees based on cars actually in attendance (as most clubs do) instead of by entries mailed in. He will work with Catie to resolve any differences. The 2003 tax return has been completed.

Chiefs' Reports

Eligibility

Bob Mitchner presented his proposed restructuring of Eligibility. He will re-establish an Eligibility Committee, with regular meetings, to improve contact between Eligibility and the various run groups. Tom Ellis made a motion that the Board support Bob's efforts. It was seconded and approved unanimously. The Board expressed their gratitude to Richard Griffin, for his efforts, over the past years.

Timing & Scoring

Dennis McElree presented information regarding setting run groups by lap times instead of class. It was decided that this is not a Board decision, and should be determined by the Race Steward of an event and Timing & Scoring.

Flagging & Communication

Pauline Wilson said that there is an urgent need for workers at the Trans-Am Invitational. If there is not sufficient help, they will be asking at the Drivers' meeting for help in order to be able to put cars on track.

Administrative Assistant

Catie Davis reported there are 433 members (paid & unpaid). There are 54 entries for the Trans-Am event so far, 25 for Advanced Drivers School (with a waiting list), 5 for Test & Tune.

CMC/New Track Report

Bob Darcey said that track improvements for La Junta are planned in the fall; no specific details yet. At Pueblo, turns 2,3,5, and 8 have large concrete aprons. There is substantial rock and concrete debris on the outside of turn 1 that will probably still be there at our event. The financial information that was being sought from 2nd Creek records has been obtained, and will be used to assist in financing the new track. A topographical survey of the site was done 5/2/04, and Roger Hively has prepared a needed environmental report.

APEX Magazine

Norm Pettitt reported that the current issue is at the printer, and should be available by 6/1/04. Thanks to Bill Betts for pulling this together, despite slow ad sales and his possible moving to California. Plans are to hand out to members at Pueblo, and mail the balance.

Denver Grand Prix

Ross Robbins happily reported that the Vintage cars are definitely in the program. They will be the final run group each day: Friday (practice), Saturday (qualify), and Sunday (race). Race dates are 8/13-14-15/04. Other run groups will be Trans-Am, Formula Atlantic, Champ Cars, and Formula BMW. 32 vintage cars, (possibly as many as 36), will be selected by committee, (RMVR, Nostalgia, and John Frew). Cars down to E Production may be invited. The new pit area will be outside turn 1-2, behind Kacey Furniture, with display car space also. Many thanks to John Frew of the Denver Grand Prix for his support in bringing us back.

2nd Creek Fundraising Race

Marcia Hubbell is seeking suggestions as to how to raise money, promote vintage racing, and say goodbye to 2nd Creek at this event. If anyone has ideas, please contact Marcia.

Trans-Am Invitational

Keith Davidson is hoping for 150 entries at this event. He has emailed about 50 owners of Trans-am sedans across the country inviting them to attend. About \$2500 in advertising for the program has been raised. This is the 3rd year for this event. A Pit Boss is needed to help organize the paddock parking. Keith would like to use the rows closest to the grid area for the Trans-Am cars. There will be some ex-Mark Donahue cars and big sedans with Trans-Am history entered, as well as Porsche & BMW club cars. David Tom of the Historic Trans-Am Registry will display an ex-Gurney car and memorabilia.

2005 Schedule

Jim Bradley presented a very tentative schedule for next year. With improvements being done at the Mead track, consideration is being given to having an event there. It is difficult to lock in dates at this time at all our tracks.

Vintage Motorsports Council

Bob Alder suggested the club order 150 copies of the V.M.C. Rookie Drivers' Handbook at \$10 each. This will allow V.M.C. to produce an inventory of the book to draw from. As suggested before, this book can be used as part of our Drivers' school materials and for promotional purposes. A motion was

made to go ahead with this purchase. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Historic Group Tire Rules

A second reading of the proposal made last month was tabled, as it had been modified again. Bob Mitchner will present the revised proposal next month.

Meeting adjourned, 9:12 PM.

Mark Robinson, Secretary

Classifieds

Cheap race wear: Jacket - Filler Safety brand, "natural" off-white color with red stripes, Nomex single-layer, Size L. Has vintage look, \$25.

Pants - Nomex IIIA (current technology), near new, navy blue, 34x28, \$29, now \$19; and size 36x29.5, \$36, now \$24 (Industrial catalog price is \$82@.)

Flyer's coveralls, fire resistant, olive drab, excellent condition. Size 40 Long, \$32; and Size 42 Regular, \$49.

Tool: K-D click-type torque wrench (model 2951), 3/8" drive, range: 15 to 100 ft-lb. Compact and very accurate. Sears catalog price \$156, little use, in plastic case for just \$78.

Prices plus shipping. Andy Keller, 1455 Twin Sisters Drive, Longmont CO 80501 (Less than 8 miles from I-25.) Call 9 am to 9 pm: 303 772-4801 keller@svvi.net

BT-40 BRABHAM, current RMVR car with log book, fresh pro build (MWE) BDD 1600cc. Spares including wheels, gears, etc. A nice clean example of the Marque, ready to run for 2004 season. Car and trailer \$35,500. Call Terry for details. 303-9733074.

66 CORVETTE Roadster, Corvette City 427 motor, fully race modified, runs

cool, goes fast, Randy 305-744-0168.

FOR SALE: Trailer, enclosed, double axle. Accommodates a Formula Ford or Formula Vee as well as an older Corvette, XKE or smaller sports car. Low profile, excellent condition \$3500. Call Bob Durham, days - 303-526-9570. evenings and weekends 3003-674-7282.

1970 Winkleman FF Vintage race with RMVR and/or Club Ford racing with SCCA. Popular Winkleman WDF-2. Race ready, requires nothing. Strong, solid, reliable, certified "Legal and Proud" car, with fresh motor. Easy-load drop-axle open trailer. Pick it up today, race Second Creek tomorrow. \$15,000 OBO. Andy Hiller, 970-2235068. smartzAH@comcast.net.

WEBER carburetor 45DCOE series 9, 34mm chokes, F2 emulsion tubes, 145 main jets, 180 air correctors, 45F8 idle jets, 62mm air horns, with Warneford manifold (possibly fits Lotus Europa R16 engine). \$200. Dick Shearer 303-789-1658. rgshearer100@hotmail.com

Several Tex Racing/OMR Chevy Super T-10 Road Race 4-speed transmissions. Bullet proof fine spline front and rear, used, fresh and new from \$950. 1969 Caldwell D9 FF, new body, radiator, complete and ready for reassembly. Original log books. \$9500. 970-988-3076

Austin - Healey Sprite 1967-Body race prepared, complete with roll bar, gages, wiring, primer and sealcoat. Ready to paint. Plus a test car 1973 MG Midget, Licensed, with the race prepared engine, and all drive line and suspension. Plus a 1969 MG Midget parts car, with good body. More parts than can be listed. Only \$2500.00 for all. Call Ralph Covell at 970-731-9483, or Vic Vaile at 719-687-5925.

RMVR Infraction Report May 5, 2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
4-24-04	Henry Moore	Contact with student (Powell) Aggressive Driving	1 Race Suspension - 6/7/04 Probation until 8/1/04
4-24-04	David Seeland	Major Driver Error Contact with barrier	1 Race Suspension - 6/7/04 Probation until 8/1/04
4-25-04	York Kielnecker	Over Aggressive Driving Major Contact w/Toscano	2 Race Suspension - 7/19/04 Probation until 11/1/04
4/25/04	Mike Norris	Over-Driving - Off Track	Probation until 7/1/04

Tech Tidbit Washing NOMEX

Most driver's suit manufacturers say NOMEX® is a fairly delicate fabric. They recommend dry cleaning. If you do this, make sure the cleaners pretreat any petrochemical (fuel, oil, grease) stains; these severely compromise NOMEX's fire resistance.

At home, you can hand wash your NOMEX or machine wash it on the delicate cycle in cold water. Woolite® is recommended as a good, non-abrasive soap. Pretreat any stains, and do not use any bleach. Fasten all the Velcro and zip all zippers to protect both them and the fabric. Hang dry your NOMEX.

If you machine wash your NOMEX, do not wash it with any other clothing; any lint makes it less fire resistant. Do not use any bleach or fabric softener.

I found in my research, however, that such care is not always recommended. DuPont says NOMEX's inherent fire-resistance can't be washed or worn away and the fabric is extremely durable and resistant to abrasion. Some sources suggest pretreating stains with a regular, non-bleach spray, washing NOMEX in warm (up to 140°) water with regular non-bleach detergent such as Tide®, then throwing it in the dryer. I imagine delicate washer and dryer cycles are still best. (I machine washed my NOMEX underwear because I don't have to worry about it fading, and it was turning gray from dust and sweat. I even used the regular wash cycle, and my underwear looks and feels better than when I bought it.)

Other Important Points:

Don't machine wash your gloves (with leather palms) or anything else leather. Watch for my upcoming article on cleaning leather.

Keep your suit out of the sunlight as much as possible. NOMEX, particularly red, orange, and purple, easily fades.

Special thanks to Phoenix Custom Apparel (303.289.6090), makers of driver's suits and crew wear, here in Denver.

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2004 Event Schedule

June 5-6	Trans-Am Invitational PMI
July 17-18	Second Creek (RMVR charity event)
Aug. 7-8	Second Creek (backwards)
Sept. 11-12	La Junta
Oct. 2-3	Pueblo Enduro

RMVR Website- <http://rmvr.com>

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
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NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 2096
Estes Park, CO 80517-2096

RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

June, 2004

Our first race of the season was at Second Creek. Our good luck of the last two years has finally run out. The weather was almost as bad as Driver's School. Saturday wasn't too bad; actually better than expected, considering all of the snow we got on Thursday & Friday. But Sunday was supposed to improve and turned out to be incredibly cold and drizzly. We didn't get started until mid-morning and although it finally dried out some, it never really warmed up much. Somehow all of the workers managed to survive and we got in two races. Quite a few drivers packed up and went home early, but those that stayed had a good time.

Next we head for Pueblo and the Trans Am Invitational (6/5 & 6). Keith Davidson is promising some interesting cars again and more great speakers at the Saturday night dinner. Unfortunately, we don't have enough workers. It looks like this is going to be a tough year.
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Our next race will be at Second Creek on July 17th & 18th. This is usually our charity event, but this year we are doing a fundraiser for the new track. I don't have any details yet, but everyone had lots of ideas at the last board meeting on ways to raise money. The plans for the new track are progressing nicely. We should know by the end of the summer if it will be a go.

We have confirmation that there will be a vintage group at the Denver Grand Prix again this year. It will be made up of Nostalgia & RMVR cars – 30+. There is information on the bulletin board and Bob Alder e-mailed everyone with all of the details. Be sure to pass the word to everyone that you know – we need lots of people to say that they are there for the vintage cars.

We now have sign-up sheets on the website. Go to www.RMVR.com and scroll down on the home page to find it. I am foregoing the tear off sheet at the bottom since no one uses it anymore anyway. Please feel free to call or e-mail if you prefer.

To get to Second Creek go north on Tower Road from I-70 to 88th Street. Go west on 88th to where 88th turns north into Buckley. The gate will be off Buckley just after you turn north. You can also exit I-76 onto 96th Avenue. Go east until the road turns south at Buckley. Look for the open gate.

Don't forget to collect "Second Creek Remembrances" for Mary Sue Powell.

PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE CHIEF LISTED BELOW TO VOLUNTEER.

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Ft. Collins, CO
970-223-9546
woden6@aol.com

Please take a moment and post this announcement some place where other automotive/race enthusiasts will see it; at work, at your local parts shop, at a car show, or anywhere that you think it will be seen. By getting the word out, we can make the Vintage Grid at the Denver Grand Prix a success.

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EVENT • Second Creek Race

DATE: July 17 & 18, 2004
LOCATION: Second Creek Raceway
CHAIR: Ralph Veit (303) -646-6230
RACE STEWARD: Bob Mitchiner (303) -772-7438
RACE ENTRY FEE: \$180
LATE ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 after July 3, 2004 (at the track \$50.00)
DEADLINE: July 3, 2004

Fuel WILL be available

EVENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION & TECH: Saturday 7:00 AM
DRIVER'S MEETING: Saturday 8:30 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM

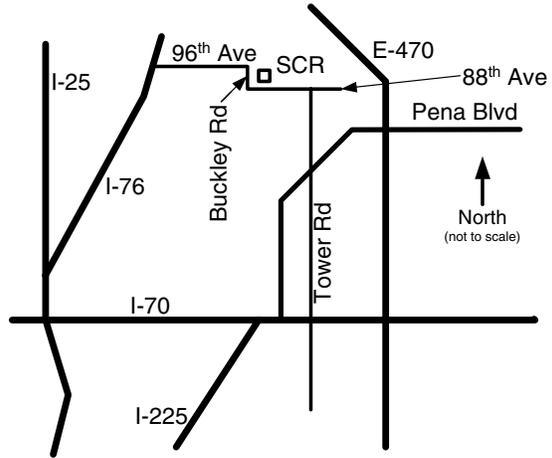
The rest of the schedule will be handed out at either registration or at Driver's Meeting.
All drivers and crew must sign in at registration.
Any driver that has not signed in, by the above specified time,
will not be allowed on the track.
All drivers must attend the Driver's Meeting.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Total reimbursement of race fee will be issued
If registrar is notified of cancellation no later than 72 hours prior to race dates.
Cancellations later than 72 hours or no shows will forfeit the race fee.

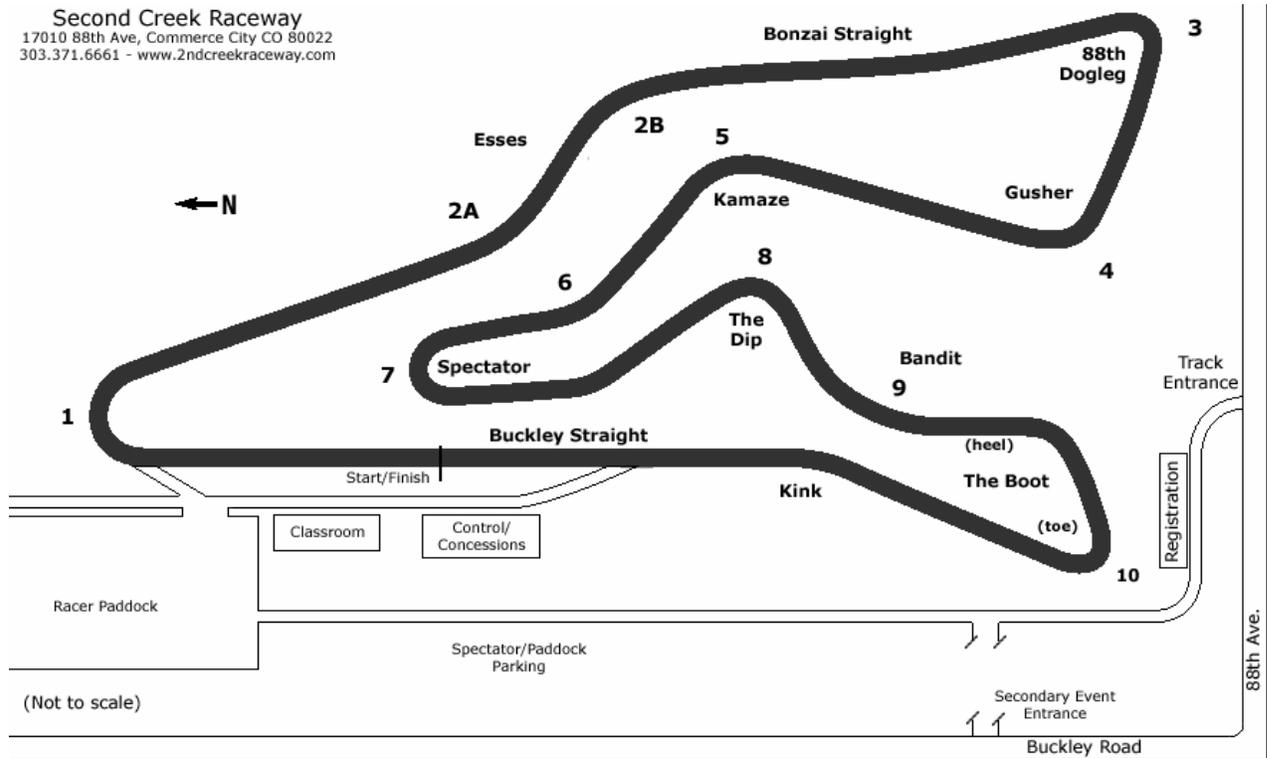
Second Creek Raceway Commerce City, Colorado

1.7 miles
Altitude 5200'

*There are no "used oil" receptacles at the track.
Therefore, participants must pack out all "used oil"!*



Second Creek Raceway
17010 88th Ave, Commerce City CO 80022
303.371.6661 - www.2ndcreekraceway.com



Accommodations:

Comfort Suites, Tower Rd.....	(303) 371-9300
Courtyard, Tower Rd.....	(303) 371-0300
Days Inn, Tower Rd.....	(303) 373-1500
Hampton Inn, Tower Rd.....	(303) 371-0200
La Quinta, Tower Rd.....	(303) 373-0888
Ramada Inn, Tower Rd.....	(303) 373-1600
Red Roof Inn, Tower Rd.....	(303) 371-5300
Super 8, Tower Rd.....	(303) 371-8300
Sleep Inn, E 40 th Ave.....	(303) 373-1616
Quality Inn Airport.....	(303) 371-5640
Holiday inn Express, Tower Rd.....	(303) 373-4100