

VINTAGE MESSENGER

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Volunteers needed!!!

to help sell RMVR merchandise at the Grand Prix (2 or 3 hours) please contact Janet Burgess at 303-722-1827.

Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Ltd.
Regular Board Meeting 7/21/04
Porter Hospital Auditorium
2525 S Downing St
Denver CO

Board Members present:

Norm Pettitt-President
Bob Darcey-Past President
Jim Bradley-President Elect
Mark Robinson-Secretary
Andy Gould
Janet Urbanek
Marcia Hubbell
Keith Davidson
Joe Pizzi

Excused absence:

Ross Robbins
Steve Gesse-Treasurer
Tom Ellis

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Announcements from Norm Pettitt

Norm wished to present two awards for spectacular off-track excursions at the last 2nd Creek race: the "Dukes of Hazzard" award to Bob Darcey (FF #29 Green), and the "John Deere Tractor" award to Keith Davidson (#163 White Falcon). Fortunately, both drivers are OK. In accepting his award, Keith advised all to avoid Wilwood 570 Brake Fluid. His brakes failed when this fluid boiled. Norm introduced Dave Plank as our new Apex editor. He is a professional freelance journalist, whose writing has

appeared in Automobile Magazine, the New York Times, and Rolling Stone. His interest in old cars and racing will be well used in this position. Norm urged all to buy tickets now and go to the Denver Grand Prix to support this event, and vintage racing's part in it.

Minutes

Mark Robinson reported that Bob Alder has advised of a mis-placed parenthesis in the proposed Provisional Log book rule change as was published in the Messenger. It will be corrected in future publication. With no other changes, Andy Gould motioned for approval; Keith Davidson seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report in the absence of Steve Gesse.

Chiefs' Reports

Flagging & Communication

Pauline Wilson reported that from her standpoint, the last race at 2nd Creek went well. Andy Gould and Arthur Santomango were awarded "MVP" pins for their handling of the Corner 1 incident during Saturday's Group 5 race. Free chair massages, donated by Jess & Nancy Valentine, were awarded by Pauline to 9 lucky workers. Thanks also to Ted Hummell for buying breakfast burritos for the workers on one morning. The revised Web site was credited for attracting a few new workers to give our sport a try.

Eligibility

Bob Mitchiner handed out copies of a new application for car eligibility that will be put into use. The Historic group was well represented at the last race, with positive feedback received by its' drivers. He hopes that there will be enough entries at 2nd Creek Backwards to allow another Historic run group. He states that the Eligibility Team will do a better job

La Junta

Be sure to book your rooms early as there are several other events taking place, concurrently with RMVR's race, that will be increasing the demand for rooms.

It's Baaaaack!!!

Dinner and Trivia Contest Don't miss it!!

Dinner Saturday Night,
at the Otero Junior College.

A buffet that will include: BBQ Beef Brisket/BBQ Chicken, Salads- Potato & Pasta, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Corn Muffins & Massive Desert Station

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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

in preparing the '67 GCR rules for Historic group cars.

Publicity/Marketing

Arne McDaniel said that there will be a Touring Group for historic sports cars at 2nd Creek Backwards. Presentations were made to the MG and Triumph car clubs, and a mailing was made to advertise the event.

Timing & Scoring

Eloise McIlree stated she has made display placards for the Denver Grand Prix vintage cars with year, make, model and driver for the spectators' information. Dennis McIlree noted that MyLaps.com has our race results posted.

Merchandise

Janet Burgess reported \$933.00 in sales of new merchandise at the last race. At the Denver Grand Prix, a permit to sell merchandise is \$2000.00. Much discussion ensued about the feasibility of doing this. Keith Davidson made a motion to allow Janet a \$10,000.00 budget for inventory, permit, and expenses to offer event shirts, and other related items (i.e. memberships, water, etc.), for sale. All related costs and profits could be reduced if Nostalgia wants to participate equally. Marcia Hubbell seconded. Motion approved. FOR: Bob Darcey, Jim Bradley, Mark Robinson, Andy Gould, Janet Urbanek, Marcia Hubbell, Keith Davidson, Joe Pizzi. OPPOSED: none. It was noted that volunteers will be needed to work the booth, ideally in 3 hour shifts. If members are willing, please contact Janet to schedule: (303)722-1827.

Administrative Assistant

Catie Davis stated there were 170 entries

at 2nd Creek, and about \$1000.00 in gate receipts. We are at 474 members. Entries for 2nd Creek Backwards are coming in.

CMC/New Track Report

Reporting for Scott Sanders, Bob Darcey said that there was lots of discussion among the CMC about using Continental Divide Raceway at Mead. In regards to the new track, Bob Darcey presented the following proposal as a result of the CMC meeting. (This was presented at the Regular Board meeting for review, then proposed and voted on at a Special Board meeting 7/26/04 at Brooklyn's Restaurant, 901 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO.)

Proposed that RMVR remain a partner in the CAMA effort to build a replacement track and participate in procuring the required financing, subject to the following guidelines:

1. Project Cost is approximately \$4.0 million.
2. Project Scope is to procure the land and zoning, and build the first track with all improvements and paddock required for operation.
3. Colorado Amateur Motorsports Associates (CAMA) intends to pursue ownership of the land, and will consider alternate ownership plans only as a secondary option.
4. Operating budget will assume a ~20% revenue increase via rental and T&T rate increases.
5. Project debt will be limited to that which can be serviced with a 1.3 coverage ratio (gross revenue divided by 1.3 = available funds for debt

servicing).

6. Project budget of \$4.0 million to be funded approximately as follows:
Fundraising (individual contributions/donations "in kind"): \$1.25 million
Debt via loans from individuals: \$2.0 million
Contributions from 5 CAMA groups: \$250K (5 X \$50K)
Retained earnings from SCR operations: \$500K (includes existing \$200K)
Financing Total: \$4.0 million.
7. All RMVR-raised funding will be deposited in a separate RMVR account for the project. Funds will be released only with RMVR Board approval.

Bob Darcey made a motion to accept the proposal, Ross Robbins seconded. Approved. FOR: Bob Darcey, Jim Bradley, Mark Robinson, Andy Gould, Janet Urbanek, Keith Davidson, Joe Pizzi, Ross Robbins, Steve Gesse, Tom Ellis, Marcia Hubbell (by proxy). OPPOSED: none.

Eligibility: Provisional Log Book

There was the second reading of the proposed rule change as presented last month. A motion to accept the change was made by Bob Darcey, seconded by Jim Bradley, and approved. FOR: Bob Darcey, Mark Robinson, Andy Gould, Janet Urbanek, Marcia Hubbell, Keith Davidson, Joe Pizzi, Jim Bradley. OPPOSED: none. The RMVR General Rules are changed as follows (changes are **underlined**):

E. RACE EVENT REGULATIONS:

2. Regulations for Cars:
c. All entrants must have an RMVR Log Book with the required photos, and it must be presented at registration, tech inspection, and drivers' school. This **log** book will be issued by the **Eligibility Team**. This rule does not apply to cars in the touring class.

C. CAR ELIGIBILITY

1. RMVR Car Race Groups
(add following new paragraph j.)

j. Cars meeting all the current rules and eligibility requirements will be issued a Log Book by the Eligibility Team. Some acceptable cars, but for a few minor non-compliant items to be remedied, will be issued a different

**RMVR Infraction Report
July 17-18, 2004**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
7/17/04	Myrl Sumner	Off-track, minor damage	3 event probation 10/3/04
7/17/04	Bob Cope	Contact, minor damage	3 event probation 10/3/04
7/17/04	Ron Shollar	Contact, minor damage	3 event probation 10/3/04
7/17/04	Bob Polich (PCA)	Off-track, minor damage	3 event probation 10/3/04
7/17/04	Bobby Dahlstrom (PCA)	Over-aggressive driving, contact w/PCA guest	3 event probation 10/3/04
7/17/04	William Sant (PCA)	Over-aggressive driving, contact w/PCA guest	3 event probation 10/3/04
7/18/04	Bob Darcey	Over-driving, off-track, damage to car	1 event suspension 8/8/04

colored Provisional Log Book which will clearly note the items requiring fixing and an expiration date for the Provisional Log Book. The owner will have six races or one calendar year from the date of issuance of the Provisional Log Book , whichever comes first, to remedy the items upon which a regular Log Book will be issued. If all items are not corrected, the car will no longer be eligible to run with RMVR.

Meeting adjourned, 9:24PM
Mark Robinson, Secretary

Classifieds

Enclosed 20 ft trailer, heavy axles (5200 lbs. GAWR) 9800 lbs. GVWR, 3 sets of D-Rings, spare tire, electric brakes. Call Joe Pizzi 303-794-4619. \$4,500

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.

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.

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

66 CORVETTE Roadster, Corvette City 427 motor, fully race modified, runs cool, goes fast, Randy 305-744-0168.

1964 MGB Race Car # 225. Newly built engine with only a few practice laps at second creek. The car has only been driven in 5 race weeks since 1998. Almost new BF Goodrich R1 racing tires. Car is in excellent condition and could be raced this weekend. Call Rodger McCafferty - 719-837-2216

Tech Tidbit – The Hot Pit Lane

The hot pit lane around the tech tent is busy and even dangerous sometimes. If a car comes off the track with mechanical difficulties, the driver is often frustrated or in a hurry. At the end of a race, drivers might be tired, ecstatic, or (again) frustrated. The tech tent is just a dot on the map between the track and the paddock, easy to discount. But hustling tech people, parked race cars, meandering spectators, and distracted drivers can create dangerous situations.

Slow down in the hot pits. If you're just driving through, stay to the side of the hot pit lane *away* from the tech tent.

When you come into the hot pits, signal to or tell us why you're there; our mind-reading skills aren't as advanced as you might wish. If you have gone 4-wheels off the track, hold up four fingers as you approach the tech tent so we'll know. If you're just passing by, point down the hot pit lane.

When you pull away from the tech tent, *don't* tear off as if it were a standing start. Doing so endangers tech inspectors and other cars and is likely to earn you a visit to the steward. Unfortunately, you've got to keep your speed down until reentering the track.

If you've been black-flagged (as opposed to meatballed) or need to make emergency repairs in the hot pits, don't park in front of the tech tent. We need the space in front of the tech tent for short-term visitors. Park *past* the tech tent if you can, and pull to the side (the tech-tent side) as far as possible. Don't block access to the paddock. Make sure you're safely out of the way of other drivers. If you don't have an emergency, don't stop in the hot pit lane.

Remember: Tech is here to serve you and your fellow drivers. We try to communicate clearly with drivers and work quickly, but we're human. Our operating environment is often more dangerous and chaotic than you might expect. So slow down, take a deep breath, and help us help you as best we can.

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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

Wanted: a copy of the GT-40 poster from Steamboat '98. We have extras of 1996 - year of the Porsche we would trade or we would purchase one from someone. Thanks -Rodger McCafferty - 719-837-2216

1970 Winklemann FF Vintage race with RMVR and/or Club Ford racing with SCCA. Popular Winklemann 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.

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.

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2004 Event Schedule

Aug. 7-8
Sept. 11-12
Oct. 2-3

Second Creek (backwards)
La Junta
Pueblo Enduro

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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
VINTAGE RACING
NEWSLETTER

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

RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

August, 2004

There are race weekends and there are **RACE WEEKENDS!** The Second Creek Race was certainly a **RACE WEEKEND**. There were way too many incident reports filled out, but there sure was some great racing! From the addition of the **Porsche Club** to our Big Bore group (group 5 was really interesting!) to the first time out this year for our **Historic Group**, we got to see some wonderful competition. In race control, there was lots of joy in seeing good competition in our Historic Group from cars who usually are stuck at the back at the pack. **Bill Miller** was actually running in the middle! And **Ray Jones** actually passed someone – several times! Unfortunately we had to take the bad with the good. **Keith Davidson** ran out of brakes on the front straight and took the path of least resistance into the grass – passing very close to **Rick Boucher** in the flat bed. He was able to execute some spectacular donuts and keep the car on all four wheels and away from anything hard! **Bob Darcey** wasn't so lucky. He made a slight error in judgment in Kamikaze (5) and ended up using the berm for a launching ramp. He executed a complete 360 and landed on all four wheels, pointed in the right direction – off track, halfway to corner 2. He does have a compression fracture in a disk though which will keep him off the track for 6-8 weeks. Hopefully that will be long enough to fix his car! I told him he had given a whole new meaning to 4-off. Corner 1 had their share of craziness too. For the first time in 18 years of starting races, according to **Dan Berry**, we had a major collision in turn 1. Of course it happened in group 5! We had to red flag the race and start over. **Andy Gould** and **Arthur Santomango** got MVP pins for that one. We also had 9 chair massages to hand out to some very deserving workers thanks to **Nancy & Jess Valentine**. Thank you both! And thanks again to **Ted Hummel** – it was breakfast burrito time Saturday morning! Everyone really enjoys that!

Our next event will be our last race at Second Creek – so of course we are running it backwards – or anti-clockwise to some folks! As far as we know, we will be losing this great track after this year. It will be especially hard for Skip & I as this is where we were married. Unfortunately, Skip is having knee replacement surgery on August 2nd, and probably won't even be able to come out. This event will be August 7th & 8th and of course – **WE STILL NEED WORKERS!**

The event that we need to talk about this time is La Junta on September 11th and 12th. We enjoyed La Junta in the fall so much last year, that we decided to do it again. The best part, of course, is the melons are in season! But the weather was wonderful, also. Our Race Chairs, **Deb** and **Joel Gray**, are once again hosting the Saturday night banquet, and I heard that we might be reprising the trivia quiz – not John Twenty's that we have been doing the last couple of years, but the one for everyone (racers and workers) that used to be a La Junta staple. The dinner will be at the Otero Community College. More details will come in the event notice. Don't miss out, sign up now.

The workers will be staying at the Midtown Motel again. Remember that you will be sharing a room with another worker, unless husband and wife are both working. As always, you are free to provide your own accommodations, but make your arrangements early as there are not a lot of motels in the area and there is something else going on that weekend. The motel's phone # is 719.384.7741.

To reach La Junta, go South on I-25 from Denver to Pueblo, then east on Hwy. 50. As you enter La Junta, Hwy. 50 will fork to the left, and the business route will go straight into town. Follow the business route into town. Go past the traffic light in the center of town and the Midtown motel will be a few blocks down on your left. If you reach the stop sign at Hwy. 50, you missed it! Check in at the motel office. Tell them you are on the RMVR worker list - - and give them your name. The track is North of town next to the airport. The motel owners can give you directions, as can almost anyone else around! The workers usually congregate in the motel parking lot on Friday night (it's a small town!). When Catie arrives (usually around 9), she will let us register for the weekend if we want to, or Pauline may have the waiver with her. Otherwise, register at the track Saturday morning.

As usual in La Junta, be prepared for any kind of weather. Plan on hot and dry, hats and sunscreen, bug spray and sun glasses - but bring your winter coat and rain gear just in case! Also, bring safety glasses or goggles, when the wind blows the blowing sand can be miserable for your eyes. The only bad part of La Junta is the water. Bring your own or go to the local supermarket and get bottled drinking water. We even fill the water jugs on the van with Boulder water and add packaged ice as necessary.

Just a reminder.... On our website www.rmvr.com there is an online registration form. Just fill it out and send. John & I will both get it and get you signed up. Or you can e-mail us directly – see below.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESPONSE TO THE APPROPRIATE CHIEF LISTED BELOW.

If you have any preferences as to whom you share a room with, please be sure to let your chief know. Remember that all specialties are limited as to the number of workers for whom they can provide accommodations, so send in your reply form before the deadline.

F & C John Twenty 8451 Mariposa Dr. Morrison, CO 80465 303-697-2846 smithtwenty@aol.com	F & C Pauline Wilson 564 S. Joplin St. Aurora, CO 80017 303-745-7860 pauline266@comcast.net	GRID Kevin Rutherford 4156 Lowell Blvd. Denver, CO 80211 303-477-5562 rutroracing@att.net	TECH Don Woeber 2706 Dundee Ct. Ft. Collins, CO 80525 970-223-9546 woden6@frii.net
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EVENT • La Junta Race

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DATE: September 11 & 12, 2004
 LOCATION: La Junta Airport
 CHAIR: Deb Gray (719) -384-7640
 RACE STEWARD: Chris Cooley (303) -933-9339
 RACE ENTRY FEE: \$180
 LATE ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 after August 26, 2004 (at the track \$50.00)
 DEADLINE:
 August 26, 2004

Fuel WILL be available

EVENT SCHEDULE

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

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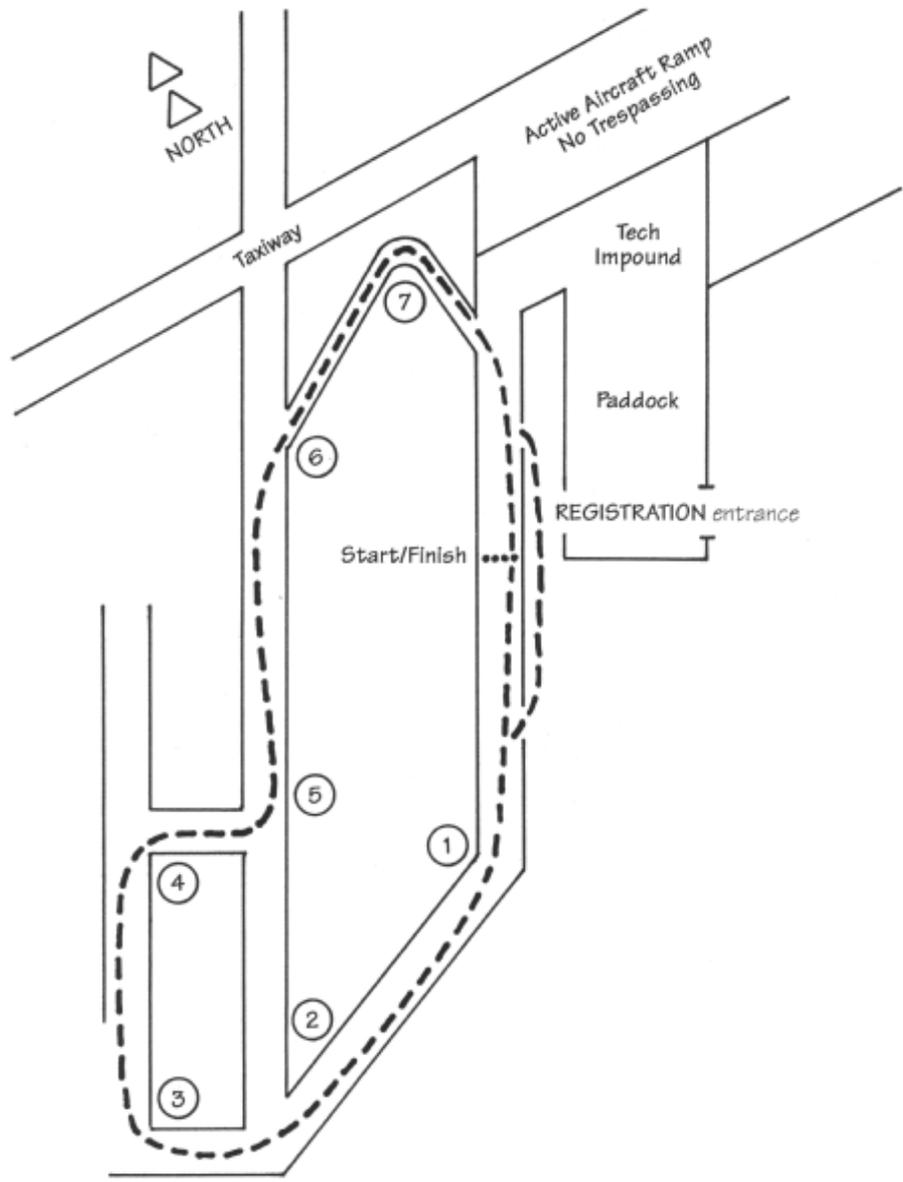
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The rest of the schedule will be handed out at either registration or at Driver's Meeting.
 All drivers and crew must sign in at registration.
 Any driver that has not signed in, by the above specified time,
 will not be allowed on the track.
 All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

LaJunta Municipal Airport • LaJunta, Colorado

1.6 miles · Altitude 4238'



Accommodations:

La Junta Inns & Suits- 1325 E. 3 rd	(719) 384-2571
Stage Coach- 905 W 3 rd	(719) 384-5476
La Junta Travel Inn-110 E 1 st	(719) 384-2504
Westerner-1502 E 3 rd	(719) 384-2591
Super 8- 27882 Hwy 50 Frontage Rd.	(719) 384-4408
Midtown Motel- 215 E 3 rd	(719) 384-7741
Holiday Inn Express- 27994 Hwy 50 Frontage Rd	(719) 384-2900