Annual Banquet
Mark you calendars for the Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday January 6, 2007, at the Arvada Center.

Reservations can be made up until December 28th.

Wanted: Assistant Chief Steward for 2007

Please contact Chip Hane at 303-904-7446 or hane99@msn.com

Minutes
The November Board Meeting was the Feedback Session. No minutes were recorded.

Classifieds

For Sale 1958 Giulietta Veloce Winner of 1992 Rainbow Classic at Steamboat Springs. Completely rebuilt drive train. This car was eligible from 1988-1992. It has a 2 liter drive train and brakes. Fast and dependable then and is now. $20,000.00 Shawn Knopp 720 621-8213 Email knoppshawn@aol.com

For Sale- 1967 Porsche 911S # 308377S, Viper Green, 2.0L/Webers, “all #’s matching car, long list of additions, ***** RMVR and Porsche Club Racing Log Books, SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY!! $50,500 US. Contact: Dale Thero 303-832-4181 Ext. 117 week days.

For Sale Race Bits. Authorized dealer for Arai and Zamp helmets (SA2005), Hans devices, Sabelt harness sets (FIA), Sabelt nomex clothing, Sabelt racing seats, Pipercross airfilters, Spax shocks, and Titan drysump and steering equipment. Contact Andy Antipas (formula ford L&P #77) with your needs at 970-963-8297 or aantipas@sopris.net. www.titannorthamerica.com.

For Sale- 1968 Autodynamics FV, PRICE REDUCED, motivated seller, baby on the way. RMVR log books. This is a fast car prepped by Paul Malcomb. Very competitive, best of everything. Includes spares and open trailer. $6,500. Call Matt 970-870-2873. matthew.cail@us.schneider-electric.com


2000 Ford Super Duty, F-250 XLT, Super cab, V-10, long wheel base, positracktion, tow pkg, Glasstite Cap, bed rug, Captains chairs, etc, 43k miles. Clean as new! $13,950. Terry Allard 303-816-0776

For Sale: 1970 Lotus Type 65 Europa Series-2 Renault Gordini with 2 X 45 DCOE Weber carburetors, aluminized equal length 4 into 1 header, Type 352 four speed transaxle, Carroll Shelby 8” X 13” alloy wheels, wheel arches flared to accommodate 50 series tyres. Seats in leather, suspension as original. $5,500 Contact: Clive Averill 303-420-3062

For Sale: CALDWELL D-13 FORMULA VEE. Green and silver Caldwell D-13 Formula Vee as raced with RMVR for the last five years. This is a front running championship car that is ready to go with race prep just completed. All the go fast parts still on the car, nothing removed. Comes with four NEW slicks, mounted on a set of spare wheels, and a spare nose with new matching paint and clear bra. Call Mark @ (720) 272-2009

The January 2007 Board Meeting will be the Annual Banquet, January 06, 2007.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Diane Hively - 6745 West Third Place, Lakewood, Colorado 80226 - (303) 319-3062
For Sale- 1972 Zink C-4 RMVR 
#58 This car is very competitive. The motor was gone through by Paul Malcomb and only has 3 races on it. Includes open trailer, transponder, and spares. $5,500. Contact Steve @ (303) 579 - 8810 or veeracer@yahoo.com.

Tech Tidbit – Cleaning Leather

First, keep your leather driving shoes and leather-palmed driving gloves as clean as possible. As soon as possible after getting out of the car, take off your shoes and gloves. (This will also save wear and tear on them. The soles of your shoes are not designed for walking around in and will wear out more quickly on asphalt and concrete.)

If you do need to clean your driving shoes and gloves, remember not to put anything on them that makes them less fire-retardant or is actually flammable. Be careful not to put anything on the leather palms of your gloves that leaves them slippery.

You can brush light dirt and debris off suede with a nylon brush. On smooth leather, you can use an eraser to remove light stains. Rubbing cornmeal on leather will also pull out oil and grease stains.

For heavier stains, you can use soapy water or a leather stain remover, then wipe clean with a damp sponge.

A good way to clean gloves is to put them on while you wash them. Shampoo (the cheap stuff without perfume and conditioners) cleans oil and grease well and rinses cleanly. Hair conditioner will soften your glove leather; just make sure you rinse it completely. Hang dry your gloves out of the sunlight.

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FOR SALE: If you receive RMVR email or frequent the RMVR Bulletin Board, you already know that I have been working on a neat project for the past year -- a Steamboat Commemorative Poster Album. That project is now completed and the album can be purchased in three different sizes.

Please be aware, I'm not trying to make a nickel on this project. I just felt that many people would like to have an album with all the posters to help remember and commemorate the Steamboat Vintage Races. The album price also includes a separate Entrant List containing all Steamboat entrants, their car, and home state. It is organized by event year into a nicely bound 8-1/2" x 11", seventeen-page bound booklet (Entrant booklet not shown in picture).

So, if you have an interest in learning more about these various sized albums and buying one, please go to a webpage created to more fully describe them, their content, prices, and how to order. Go to www.TeamTerrificRacing.com and click on the photo of the album at the top of my Home Page.

Briefly, the small pocket book softcover album (8”x 6”) is $28, the mid-sized (11”x 9”) hardcover album is $61, and the large coffee table edition (15”x 12”) is $92. As noted, each album will also include a copy of the separate Entrant booklet. Considerably more detail and more pictures are on the website.

If you know of any of the many out-of-towners who raced at Steamboat I’d appreciate you letting them know of this album. I don’t have any way to reach all those people and they too may have an interest. Thanks and enjoy. Bob Alder 303-757-0868 if the website doesn’t answer your questions.
I’m holding up the production of the Club’s Newsletter again so I’ll be brief. The racing season has come to a close. Our last racing event of the year was the Enduro at Pueblo. This is always a fun weekend for me and I hope it is for all you workers and drivers. The racing was good and without incident. Saturday evening the Formula Ford drivers prepared a spaghetti dinner for the workers. This was great!!! Thanks Ford Drivers!! On Sunday Chad and the Grid Crew (a new band) had the production cars lined up for their enduro with enough time that we had to wait for the published time to start. Superior work! Everybody welcome Chad McCabe as the new Chief of Grid!!!

Pauline offered to let me write this Newsletter as a chance to say goodbye. Well, I’m not saying goodbye, I’m not going anywhere. I’ll be here driving and working when I can, I just don’t feel that I can give proper time to being co-chief of Flagging and Communications. B. J. Kellogg has agreed to take my place and I know he will do a great job. I do want to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers that have made this an enjoyable 11 years. We have had some adventures, haven’t we? Enough said, what happens at the race track, stays at the race track. Without the volunteers there would be no RMVR, you are great people. OK, on to the end of year commercial.

With the racing season over we will be finding other things to do with our weekends. Spending more time with our families, watching football, skiing, yard work and those of us with project cars in our garages will not have an excuse not to work on them. Let’s not forget RMVR completely, however. This is a good time to think back over the season and decide if there was anything you would have liked to have done differently, things that would improve your experience at the races or would improve the operation of your specialty. If you have any ideas, an excellent opportunity to present these is the Feedback Session. But it was November 11th and I’m so late with the Newsletter that you may have missed it. Lots of good ideas have originated at the feedback session; like providing worker lunches each day and the tarps for bunker shade. If you couldn’t attend the feedback session, you can still discuss your ideas with your chief of specialty at any time.

Another way to stay involved during the winter might be to discuss the fun you had this summer with your friends and acquaintances. Encourage them to join us next year. Spread the word. Invite them to attend the Fire and Rescue School in mid-March if they have questions about what they would be asked to do. Tony Peak has volunteered to be our instructor again this year and Pauline and B. J. will assist in the planning and organization. This year, again, we will be at the new training facility for the North Washington Fire Dept. We will be burning a real car.
In the spring, we will be scheduling a day for cleaning out the van and doing inventory. If you would like to get involved with any of these projects over the winter, please feel free to phone any of the people involved to volunteer your services. Call us if you can. We never really take time off, you know, we just start preparing for next year!

The last activity of the year is actually in January, our **Holiday Banquet**. If you worked enough events last year, you will receive your banquet ticket at no charge through the generosity of one of our race car drivers. **Pauline** is compiling a list of the number of days that everyone worked. We will then e-mail each of you to determine your entree choice, and you will be able to pick up your ticket at the banquet. If you are unable to attend, let us know and we will pass your ticket on to the next person on the list. If you wish to bring your spouse, you will need to purchase a ticket for them.

We didn’t get to do much cross-training this year. This was mostly necessity, though, because this year we never had enough workers for the corners or the grid. If you have any special interest in working control or any other area, please be sure to let us know and we will do our best to arrange it. We always try to accommodate everyone in their wishes, because we want all of you to enjoy yourselves and come back! Please understand, however, that our number one concern will always be safety. There will be times, especially when we are short-handed, that we will have to rearrange assignments to fit the needs of the event. Try to be patient, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Driver’s School is usually a good time to try new things, as it is low-key compared to some of the later events. We also need 7, qualified Corner Captains at Driver’s School who enjoy training, because this is when the largest group of new workers join our ranks.

Since this is the last newsletter this year, don’t look for one in December, Pauline and I, and the following newcomers, want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the excellent help this year and wish you all **Happy Holidays!!**

B. J. Kellogg, Co-chief Flagging and Communications
Arthur Santomango, Equipment Chief – Radios
Rick Boucher, Equipment Chief – Van
Chad McCabe, Chief of Grid
Jason Franikowski, Chief of Tech

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Dear RMVR Members,

As I finish my term as your President, I am stepping back to evaluate this past year, and I come to a conclusion that may be obvious, but sometimes seems to escape us as board members of RMVR. We need to realize that the focus of this club should be concentrated in one area; good, fun, racing. These ideas may seem like a simple concept, but the simplicity of it often gets lost in the details of various board functions and activities. Hold that thought.

First, let me briefly mention the successes that we have had this past year. In the first post-Second Creek year of RMVR, we presented five successful race weekends. Additionally, for the third time, we provided nearly 40 of our drivers with the once in a lifetime chance to race on the Champ Car circuit in a vintage race at the Denver Grand Prix. Our restructured Driver’s School at La Junta was an unqualified success, and will serve as our model for future schools. The 2006 APEX was very well received and will provide us with fond memories as we leaf through the pages. RMVR inaugurated the new track at Hastings, Nebraska with an event that was highly acclaimed by our participants and brought a great amount of excitement to the local community.

As I see it, the expectations of members of this club are simply to race. How can the leaders of RMVR satisfy this expectation? There are two categories of activity that your board pursues to accomplish the goal of providing desirable racing for our members. The categories are facilities and events.

In the facilities category, our job is to support activities that will provide our members with the best tracks that we can. One way to do this is by supporting the maintenance and improvement of our existing tracks, namely Pueblo and La Junta. This support obviously comes primarily in the form of track rental. Historically, our relationship with the Colorado Motorsports Council (CMC) was designed to provide additional support to these tracks. With the final closure of Second Creek completed, I believe that the role of CMC is poorly defined as we move into the future, and I think that our board may wish to consider support for these existing tracks independently of CMC.

The pursuit of a new track on the Front Range through our membership in, and monetary commitment to Colorado Amateur Motorsports Associates (CAMA) is another of the functions that your board is pursuing in the facilities category. Accomplishing the goal of providing good, fun, racing is quite complex as it relates to the pursuit of a new track. The work of CAMA continues to be a concerted effort among several local clubs to provide a club owned race facility. RMVR support of the CAMA effort may include a long term commitment by our club. As you may imagine, the purchase of property, the design, construction and operation of a race track is a daunting task for a small group of volunteer organizations. As you read this, there are four other groups who are attempting to site a new track that may ultimately provide us a place to race. These other options are all privately owned venues that RMVR would utilize by means of track rental. The board is trying to remain up to date on all of the possibilities, and guide RMVR in the direction that will best benefit our club.

In the events category, it is our job to provide you with the best race weekends that we can. We must do the best with what we have. This past year, with a healthy treasury, your RMVR board made a conscious decision to subsidize our club racing, with the purpose of keeping members active, in the interim period, when a new local track was not available. Our goal was to provide the best racing weekends possible. This year’s races were as inexpensive as possible, and we provided as many amenities as possible, with trackside dinners at four out of five of our races. By these functions, your board satisfied our duty to provide you with the best race events that we could. As expected, the RMVR treasury declined this year, perhaps more than anticipated, primarily due to the unforeseen delay of the opening of the track at Hastings. Our year end balance will be approximately $114,000. For 2007, the board has decided that we must try to maintain this balance to face potential future commitments to CAMA. You will see race entry fees rise slightly, but we are still the least expensive racing club in the country.

I am happy and proud, because I believe that we accomplished our specific goals this past year. I am not completely satisfied in some areas, but I believe the 2007 Board of Directors has well defined tasks, and I am hopeful that next year will bring some clarity to our dilemma related to the issues that we are facing. If we keep our goals in sight, RMVR will remain a strong and healthy club that will provide our members what they want; good, fun, racing.

Thank you for making me your president for this past year, and as always please feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions.

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2006 Event Schedule
Banquet

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2007 Provisional Event Schedule
April 20-22
June 1-3
August 17-19
September 7-9
September 29-30
October ?

Driver's School and race at La Junta
Trans-Am at Pueblo
Denver Grand Prix

VERY TENTATIVE

MPH Hastings, Nebraska
Enduro race at Pueblo

An additional race at La Junta,
or Sandia(Albuquerque)???

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