

VINTAGE MESSENGER

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President Elect's Message

Greetings from the President-Elect!

I'm looking forward to 2008 and with your help and participation I'm sure we'll have another great year.

Mark Labor Day 2008 on your calendars and plan to attend the "SHOWBOAT GRAND PRIX" at Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH) in Nebraska. George Anderson and all the folks in Hastings really put out the red carpet for RMVR. We had a great time this year and drew a field of almost 140 cars (the largest field in MPH's history). It would be great if the folks who have been to Hastings would talk it up with members who haven't been and we could set a new record for entries in 2008. We had 22 big bore cars this year and they all had a great time. I can't remember when we've had that many big bore cars. Some advertising is in the works to attract drivers from other clubs. Don't worry about the tow- 6 to 7 hours of four lane interstate all the way from Denver unless you want to take the scenic route. I understand that it's a very good road and you get to see lots of little towns in Colorado and Nebraska. And there's not one mountain pass on either route to cross.

If you attended the British Car Conclave or Hastings you may have noticed Ethel Mitchiner and Janet Markey selling RMVR merchandise. Sales at both sites went well and they have volunteered to be co-chairs for RMVR merchandise. Thanks, Ladies!! They are busily looking for sources and new designs. If you have suggestions, please give them a call. For example, my suggestion was T-shirts and golf shirts with pockets so I'll have a place for my glasses.

The Ballots for next year's board will be out soon. Be sure to vote! Also while you're voting you should keep in mind that all these folks are volunteers and that RMVR cannot succeed without folks who give their time and energy to the various jobs that make events work. You've all heard the old saw about volunteer organizations that says that 10% of the members do all the work and the other 90% enjoy the benefits. Let's see if we can change that in RMVR. Check the Chiefs of Specialty list on the second page of the roster and find a job you'd like to do and give me or the current Chief a call and volunteer to help. We'd really like to increase our percentage, so sign up soon. If you're interested, with little persuasion I might even give up my "Chief of Eligibility" position.

Don't miss the RMVR awards banquet on January 12th at the Arvada Center. The food and company are always excellent.

Here's wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and prosperous New Year!!

Bob Mitchiner

Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday January 12, 2008, at the Arvada Center.

Mailbox Watch

Watch your mailboxes for a special mailing. It will be mailed to **ALL** members and will contain:

- Election 2008 information- a ballot and the candidates' bios. Please remember to return your ballot by the deadline!!!
- A membership renewal form-renew early so that you are included in the printed roster.
- Annual Banquet information and registration form.

Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Ltd.

Regular Board Meeting & Feedback Session 11/17/07

American Motel
I-70 & Kipling
Wheat Ridge, CO

Board Members present:

Bill Fleming-President
Bob Mitchiner-President-Elect
Roger Hively-Past-President
Mark Robinson-Secretary
Bob Alder-Treasurer
Dan Berry
Bob Darcey
Tom Ellis
Marcia Hubbell
Kevin Lynch

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM, at the Lone Tree Library, 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124-8961 The Library is on Yosemite, south of County Line and north of Lincoln. Yosemite intersects both County Line and Lincoln just west of I-25. A link to a map follows: [MAP](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Diane Hively - 6745 West Third Place, Lakewood, Colorado 80226 - (303) 319-3062

Dennis McIlree
Scott Sanders

Call to order: 8:43AM

President's Comments

Bill Fleming welcomed all to the combined Board meeting & Feedback Session. The format will be to complete our regular Board meeting duties, then move to the annual Feedback session. Bill noted that Richard Bowler was selling \$10 raffle tickets for RMVR's first entry at High Plains Raceway. Tickets will be sold up to, and at, the annual banquet, where the winning ticket will be drawn. Winner need not be present to win. Proceeds will be added to RMVR's equity share of the HPR track.

Minutes

Mark Robinson said there were no corrections or omissions to the October minutes as published. Dan Berry made a motion to accept them, Dennis McIlree seconded, and they were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Alder handed out to the Board & members present our current balance sheet, including profit & loss statements (overall & for events), with breakdowns for revenues & expenses. He noted that there should be a small profit by year end (estimated \$10-\$12,000). The primary reason is about 70 more entrants for races & drivers' school than was budgeted. The biggest item on the balance sheet is \$188,400 invested in RMVR's portion of the HPR track project. It came from Second Creek track rebates plus an additional \$50,000 from our treasury to match the other CAMA clubs' deposits. It is shown as a separate item in case the project does not happen. Additional

Ever Wish You Could Run The Pikes Peak International Hill Climb?

The possibility of a Vintage run group for the second oldest race in the U.S. — **The Annual Pikes Peak International Hill Climb** — is now under consideration.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VINTAGE RACING, LTD. (RMVR) has been approached by the Pikes Peak sanctioning body (PPIHC) about the possibility of a Vintage run group at the July 20th event in 2008. PPIHC would sanction the event. RMVR, however, is acting to help put together such a Vintage group and is responsible for seeking and accepting applicants, setting and gathering the entry fees, etc.

PPIHC is seeking two kinds of vintage cars for this special run group. First, they'd like current vintage racing cars (Sorry, PPIHC says no open wheel cars.), but only those capable of running the 12.4 miles hill climb in under 15 minutes with roll full cages. This probably means only large bore vintage race cars or perhaps some of the faster sedans. The second group of cars they'd like to see is any vintage race car which has a documented history of having previously run the Hill Climb.

PPIHC will require a minimum number of cars for this vintage grid. More cars will keep entry fees more "reasonable." Currently with a minimum grid of about ten cars, the entry fee could be about \$1,000. With more cars, the entry fee could be lower.

If you have an interest in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, you should quickly contact the following RMVR people to express your interest and to learn more about the particulars of this unique opportunity. A minimum of 12 individual commitments to attend must be received no later than Jan 15th, 2008 in order for RMVR to create the Vintage run group. If you have an interest, please contact either of these two people as soon as you can for up-to-date information and to express your potential interest.

Bill Fleming- 303-690-3506
RMVR53@aol.com

Tony Martins- 303-797-8953
cycleworksusa@msn.com

current assets total about \$80,000, including \$55,000 held in CD's. The balance is used for monthly operating expenses. Bob noted that 93% of our revenue comes from entry fees; about 1/3rd of expenses go to track rentals, 17% to worker expense, 12% to ambulance/tow truck/van costs, and the rest to insurance and other overhead. Most members choose to receive the Vintage Messenger electronically, but 130 are still mailed (included about 50 complimentary copies to other clubs). Member Bill Rosenbach

suggested advertising in the regional motorsports publication "The Latest Scoop" to reach the car-minded population. At Bob's request, Bill will forward information to review. Bob had investigated changing banks to one with multiple branches to make transacting RMVR business easier & more convenient than the existing bank for the present & future Treasurers. Services offered & interest rates are comparable. With this in mind, Bob made a proposal to change RMVR's bank from First National Bank to

Wells Fargo. Tom Ellis seconded, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

Nominating Committee Report

Chairman Scott Sanders, with the help of committee members Bob Mitchiner & Mike Curley, was happy to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2008 Board:

For three At Large Director positions: Kent Baird, John Stokley, Jamie Stiehr, Dick Benson, Richard Bowler, Lynn Fanguie, Tom Deats, and Kevin Lynch.

For Secretary:
Tracy Pearson

For President-Elect:
Mark Robinson

Feedback Session

There were approximately 50 members present for the Feedback Session. Bill Fleming began with an update on Pueblo and La Junta.

Pueblo: Per Jay Gilman of Pueblo, new paving for the 2008 season will include turn 9, the following short chute to, and including, turn 10, and the drag burnout area. Turn 10 will be a slower, flat 90 degree turn, similar in radius to 9, and delineated by cones. The corner station may be moved to the outside of the turn.

La Junta: Bill had John Arnold of CMC (Colorado Motorsports Council) provide an update of CMC's efforts to manage La Junta: John stated that the CMC voted in April 2007 to pursue taking over track management from the City of La Junta. A proposal modeled after the Second Creek operating lease was presented. He hopes to have a management contract in place

by January 2008. There is a \$90,000 estimate for some paving. CMC has provided \$15,000 to be matched by the city. John said \$45,000 is available in La Junta's coffers, and CMC will ask for \$30,000 more from the city. He urges RMVR to keep its dates at La Junta, and said the \$100 CMC annual membership fee will allow preferential track rental rates, should CMC become the track manager.

High Plains Raceway: Bob Darcey, our CAMA (Colorado Amateur Motorsports Associates) representative, reported that the loan program documents are ready for distribution to the approximately 22 parties that have expressed interest. This will be done by individual contact instead of a public offering. A L.L.C. has been formed to protect the lenders' interests. There is a well on site that has the capacity to serve the track's non-potable uses, but not enough for residential development. A construction manager has been hired, and bid documents are in process. Noted track designer Alan Wilson is under contract for construction specifications and safety features, not for track design. For an update on the permit process, Bill Howard reported that zoning has been approved, and the Use by Special Review application is at the county now. A hearing date with the county commissioners for their approval has been requested. If approved, land purchase and construction contracts can be issued. There has been no negative feedback from adjacent land owners or the county. Bob Alder, working on the Capital Campaign, noted that of the estimated potential 1400-1500 track users, approximately 500 have donated to the track, and about 130 of those are

RMVR members. He has received feedback from some potential donors that the project is not "real" without the USR and land purchase. When these obstacles are overcome, that should convince them and help the donations to continue. Bob Alder is more than willing to conduct site visits; please contact him for arrangements.

Motorsports Park Hastings:

Track owner George Anderson was in attendance, and expressed his thanks for supporting MPH. He noted that the HPR track looks great, and is excited about our next Hastings event, the Showboat Grand Prix, scheduled for Labor Day weekend 2008.

Pike Peak Hillclimb: Bill Fleming, Tony Martins, and Mark Robinson had met with staff of the Hillclimb. Tony said we are in conversation with them about a possible vintage class at the 2008 event. They are looking for 20-40 production cars, or those with Hillclimb history, capable of completing the 12+ mile mixed dirt & paved road in 15 minutes or less. Tech, practice & race day spans 6 days. Entry fee for the historic event is not set, but could be as much as \$800. 6 Feedback attendees expressed interest.

2008 Schedule: President-Elect Bob Mitchiner announced our preliminary schedule:

March: Fire & Rescue School

April 18-20:

Drivers' School & Race, La Junta

June 14-15:

Trans-Am Invitational, Pueblo

July 26-27:

Inaugural Race, High Plains Raceway

Labor Day Weekend:

Showboat Grand Prix, Hastings

September 14:

Colorado English Motoring
Conclave, Arvada, CO

September 27-28:

Enduro, Pueblo

October 18-19:

Race, High Plains Raceway

Group Discussion Results

The members broke into run groups and discussed several topics of interest to the specific groups. Summary by group:

Small Bore: A) To group cars with similar tire capabilities, have a "race" tire group, and a "street" tire group, possibly by minimum tread wear rating. B) Do not mix big bore cars with small bore (to avoid problem as occurred at Hastings). C) Put sports racers with Formula Fords; similar performance capability, and they are hard to see in a production car. D) Any new rules change should have a 2 season "trial" period to evaluate effects before becoming permanent. E) All practice & qualifying sessions should begin under a yellow flag instead of green, to avoid cold tire issues. F) Allow 1800cc 5 main bearing MGB engines sleeved down to 1625cc in MGA's; original 3 main MGA engines are becoming difficult to find. G) Have separate small bore and big bore driver awards, as there is such a large class of new drivers this year. H) Suggested fun race format: "Tag Team" race- pair a fast qualifier with a slower one as a team, each races for an equal number of laps of a race, quickest combined overall time among teams wins.

Open Wheel: Consider eligibility of Sports 2000 race cars.

Big Bore: Increase years of eligibility to attract more cars. How to classify to match performance capabilities?

Workers: They are very happy to have HPR coming, but there are not enough current workers to safely staff all HPR corner stations. It is very difficult to recruit new workers when all current races are out of town events. Having HPR as a local track will help. Racers need to work on recruiting also; hand out the new worker recruitment pamphlet to any interested parties. Our best tool for gaining new workers is through our current membership. Racers should work if not racing! Consider having new drivers work corners before being licensed, or at a minimum, attend Fire & Rescue School. New & old drivers can benefit from attending the School.

Open Discussion:

Roger Hively noted that Curt Hansen drove a '88 Toyota Atlantic as an exhibition car at Hastings. As host of Race Central TV, he has offered to promote RMVR on a show, and will do the same for HPR on a future program. His program airs on the Altitude Channel. The Showboat Grand Prix over Labor Day at Hastings will have 3 days of on track action (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday). Monday will be a travel day. Kevin Lynch, as our new Chief Driving Instructor, welcomed Lynn Fangué as Assistant Chief Driving Instructor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Robinson, Secretary

Classifieds

FOR SALE: The late Dave Boyer's **1967 Datsun 1600**, #875 RMVR certified & beautifully prepared as raced by Dave. Turn the key and race! Asking \$8500.

Call Bill Cross @720-261-3935



OR SALE – CLASSIC CAR TRAILER

– Aluminum enclosure. Interior dimensions: L = 14' 10"; W = 6' 5"; H = 58". Total length: 18' 8". Two small front access doors and roof hatch. Two tool boxes, tire rack, plates for mounting winch and battery, safety chains, E-track, D-rings, breakaway system, self-storing ramps, beaver tail. Dual axle, electric brakes, 7000 lb. GVW. New tires and valves, repacked wheel bearings and brakes inspected in June 2007. \$3400.00. Call Jim at 303-679-8124 or e-mail plgmiller@msn.com

Fall clean up of the garage.

Call or email with questions. Andy Antipas 970-963-8297 or aantipas@sopris.net. Offers are welcome. Thanks for looking!

Winkelmann WDB4 chassis (one of 5 made) = offers, used pair weber 40 DCOE nice and clean = \$400 pair, used ford cross flow inlet manifold = \$100, used Hewland FF gearbox adaptor good condition = \$100, Lucas/ford distributor missing skew gear, twin cam? = \$75, Ford Motorcraft distributor not race preped = \$50, pair Koni single adj shocks for FF/FB 13.75 in long = \$100 each, pair Koni single adj shocks for FF/FB 14.75 in long = \$100 each, pair bilstein shocks for FF/FB 12.5 in. long = \$100 each, pair Sachs gas shocks for FF/FB 13.75 in. long \$100 each, used K&N air filter for weber FF DGV, good shape = \$20, used K&N filter for weber DGV, compact but needs minor repair = \$10, Eastwood fuel tank sealer kit, new in box = \$10

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 aaantipas@sopris.net.
www.titannorthamerica.com.

FOR SALE: 1961 DKW 750 Sedan. Excellent Historic Group Entry Opportunity! A pair of them, actually, Das Kleine Wunder, one of the four rings of AUTO UNION. Audi, Horch, and of course, AUTO UNION, being the other three. The DKW 750 features a venerable, time-tested, 3 cylinder, 2 stroke, longitudinal engine, fitted with a 4-speed fully synchromesh transaxle, with inboard front brakes, to form its front-wheel-drive drive train. Four wheel independent, torsion bar suspension. Steel frame and coach work, 1400 Lb. curb weight in street trim. Join the 3=6 revolution, get POWER EVERY TIME a piston moves down, and reduce the number of moving parts you need for FUN! Competition history includes RMVR Steamboat, & Second Creek, for the one that has been on track. Both in very complete condition, 'safety tubes' (roll bars), included. \$2000/pair. Delivery available. Contact: Clive Averill, (303) 420-3062 E-Mail : eagle1933@hotmail.com



HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY

An Update
Bob Alder, Capital Campaign

Two significant events this past month.

First, the **documents for the loan program are finally finalized** (if that's not a redundant phrase). Long-time in coming, this important step now allows CAMA to begin gathering commitments from participants in the program. As those people sign up, those loan commitments will count in the total dollars raised to meet total project funding.

Re: the USR, last month CAMA submitted responses to the few nominal comments from the county on the HPR USR application. So, the ball is now in their court, hopefully without the need for any further comments. And, the next big news is **that the county has the USR hearing scheduled for early 2008**. Barring something unexpected (let us pray), that could be when the USR is approved. So while we were hopeful that the USR might be approved before year end, things often don't move that fast (Arrrgh!!!), especially over the Holidays. Nevertheless, approval of the USR in that time frame will represent the last major entitlement step in the "reality" of HPR; a very big deal.

As noted last month, as soon as the USR is approved, CAMA will exercise their option to buy the property. At that point, all that will stop us from breaking ground is having enough money in the kitty — and that is up to you and me, nobody else.

Please remember, I'm available to conduct site tours on a very flexible schedule even on short notice, weather permitting. Just call me at 303-757-0868 to set something up. The track layout is now completely marked with stakes along the centerline of the latest design. Way cool! It's a great way to kill a couple of hours checking it out. Beats Christmas shopping!!!

Many of you have already taken advantage of a new feature on www.highplainsraceway.com. But if you haven't, you can now sign up to receive the **HPR Email News Service**. It's a very convenient way to quickly receive the emails about news releases, news about new items on the website, etc. For details and how to sign up, please visit the [CONTACT US](#) page or the track website.

And while visiting the track website, you might check the Donor Page and see if you name is there. If it's not, start asking questions, something like, "Why haven't I contributed yet???" If you're stumped, call me and let's talk about any questions you might have.

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

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