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Letter from the President

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For those that attend our Board meetings, there is a location change, at least for the September meeting. It will be held at the La Familia Recreation Center meeting room, 65 S Elati St in Denver. It is between Santa Fe & Broadway, north of Alameda. Another group booked the Thornton space before I could.

The Colfax Cruise returns again on Saturday, September 19th. Organized by the Old Car Council of Colorado, (www.oldcouncil.org) this is a wonderful chance to show off your street cars. While we have no organized display, if you go, remind those you talk to about RMVR.

The Colorado English Motoring Conclave (www.thecoloradoconclave.com) returns to Oak Park in Arvada on Sept. 20th. While we lost the energetic Ellis Cahn, who provided seemingly unlimited energy in organizing RMVR's annual involvement, we do not have a replacement for him. A volunteer would be very welcome. This event is great exposure for our club to many folks interested in the cars we race. If you are planning on entering or attending, please stay tuned to our Bulletin Board &/or email for possible details on a RMVR display.

The favorite event of many members, the Enduro, is our last race of this year. It will be held for the first time at High Plains Raceway, instead of Pueblo. Get your entry in for the October 3 & 4 event. Early entry makes our planning much easier.

We are looking forward to 2010. President-Elect John Brosseau is already at work on our event schedule. Elections for your Board of Directors are just around the corner; please consider running for a position. I have been most fortunate to have a great group on the current Board to work with, and I'm sure we'll have another one next year with your help. The potential change in eligibility is still being worked on; be sure your voice is heard on this important topic. Our Feedback Session is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, and eligibility will be the main topic.

I hope to see you at an event soon. Please email me if you have any comments.

Mark Robinson
president@rmvr.com

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner @ the Enduro

The Formula Ford run group will be sponsoring the 7th Annual Dinner for the RMVR Volunteers, Saturday evening, at the Enduro event. Details are sketchy at this point, since we are at HPR this year. A new food service provider still has to be located and the menu determined.

Volunteer dinners will be covered by the ticket sales. Ticket prices for non-volunteers are TBD but should be in the \$12-\$13 range. You don't need to be a FF drive to join the dinner party. Watch the RMVR Bulletin Board for details or contact Scott Sanders (303-931-8301) or John Mihalich (970-326-5631 cell).

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

President's Comments

Mark Robinson announced that the rest of this year's board meetings will be held at the La Familia Recreation Center at 65 S. Elati Street in Denver. Robinson and Bonnie Mortimer won't be at the September meeting; John Brosseau will conduct the meeting.

Pueblo City Manager Jerry Pacheco sent a letter to the Colorado Motorsports Council (CMC) saying that, starting on Oct. 1, 2009, Pueblo Motorsports Park (PMP) will be managed by the city council through the Parks & Recreation Department. John Brosseau has also already been in touch with the city about our 2010 schedule.

Carol Stiehr reported to Robinson that the club now has 470 members, 38 of which are free memberships for volunteers. There are 45 entries

Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing, Ltd.
 Regular Board Meeting 8/19/09
 Thornton City Hall,
 9500 Civic Center Drive,
 Thornton, CO

Bob Mitchiner – Past President
 Bob Alder – Treasurer
 Traci Pearson – Secretary
 Dan Berry
 Tom Deats
 Lynn Fangué
 Bonnie Mortimer
 Jamie Stiehr
 John Stokley

Board Members Present:

Mark Robinson – President
 John Brosseau – President Elect

Excused absence: Bob Darcey

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Note Location Change for remaining 2009 Board meetings !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM, at the La Familia Recreation Center at 65 S. Elati Street, Denver, CO 80223 [MAP](#)

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for Hastings as of today; 39 of those signed up for Friday.

Jamie Stiehr said that Ken Petrie plans to bring his Indy car to Hastings to try to break his own track record on Friday.

Tom Deats asked whether the board might decide to cancel the race at some point. Bob Alder said that 85 of the 130 entries for our last HPR race came in the week before the race. He also pointed out that, so far, the ratio of Friday entries to the overall entries for the Hastings race was higher than we'd budgeted, so the average entry fee collected is higher. He will send another e-mail announcement about the Hastings race to our members tomorrow.

Past Minutes

Traci Pearson said she'd made a mistake on the July minutes, attributing a statement to Bill Rosenbach who had not even been at the meeting. Bob Alder motioned to accept the corrected minutes, Bob Mitchiner seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously among those present.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Alder said that, after settling all the HPR bills, we have a little less cash than we did last month, but we made almost \$8000 on our recent HPR race (more than twice what we budgeted). We lost about \$2000 on the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, but Alder thinks it was still a great success and that our participation in both the race and the Manitou Springs car show generated a lot of interest in RMVR, both locally and perhaps even nationally.

There's a chance we didn't include Friday's track rental at Hastings in our budget, but Alder pointed out that it doesn't really matter now and we'll just hope for at least 100 entries and a lot of Friday entries.

As mentioned in the July minutes, the merchandise team has put together a calendar of vintage RMVR cars for 2010. The calendars required a down payment of \$1700, but the calendars will be for sale at the Enduro, as well as at the

feedback session, the banquet, and online. Ethel Mitchiner won't be at the Hastings race to sell merchandise, and Bonnie Mortimer offered to help figure out another way to handle that job.

Seven board members are planning to go to Hastings.

Bob Mitchiner said the Ethel Mitchiner and Janet Markey will hold a "clean out Bob's basement sale" at the Enduro.

Special Reports

CAMA (Colorado Amateur Motorsport Association)

Bob Darcey's written report to the board:

Financial Results Thus Far: Attached are the HPR financial reports for the period ending June 30th. The Income Statement shows that the operation is comfortably in the black. Possibly the most interesting of the three reports is the "Budget/Actual" report, which compares the 2009 performance with our budget projections made last year. As I stated last month, the operation thus far is meeting or exceeding expectations. We are ahead of projections on revenue and roughly even on expenses. This can be a bit misleading, though. For example, "Track Maintenance and Repairs" shows minimal activity so far, but when something goes wrong (pavement break-up, erosion damage, etc.), the hit will be large and sudden. Note also that debt service begins in September, and has not been an expense thus far. Taking the 2009 performance thus far and overlaying it onto 2010 (with full debt service), it indicates that the current operation would meet 2010 obligations, with a reasonable surplus.

Scheduling: While lapping day and semi-exclusive revenue are exceeding budget, some improvement can be made in the weekend event-rental revenue bucket, which is currently running below budget. One reason for this is the late start CAMA got in marketing the weekend dates to the non-CAMA member clubs and businesses. In many cases, the

availability of 2009 dates was established too late for some clubs--their 2009 schedules were already set. To this end, CAMA is asking the member clubs to select their respective dates by October 1st, so that HPR management can hit the streets earlier. I have had this conversation with John Brosseau and he agrees to that plan.

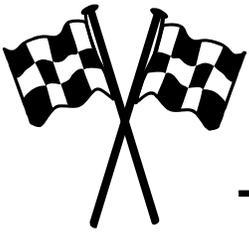
Other Developments: Due to the weather-related catastrophes experienced by clubs renting last April, CAMA concludes that some relief is required in order to make these early weekend dates more attractive. HPR will institute a policy changes for 2010 so as to make renting the early April dates less risky. In the event of snow in sufficient quantities to make the track unusable or to shut down the highway system, HPR (at HPR's sole discretion) can declare the weekend cancelled and replace the dates with like dates later in the season. This effectively ensures that a club would not be "out" their deposit for a snowed-out event.

Deposits: Another change for 2010 will be in the area of deposits for weekend rentals. For 2010, a 10% deposit will be required to reserve a date, with an additional 15% due by February 1st. At 60 days prior to the event date, an additional 25% will be required, bringing the total deposit to 50% by 60 days prior.

Darcey sent CAMA financial information to the board members along with his report. Bob Alder pointed out that the new deposit structure for HPR will require us to pay less up front, which will help our cash flow.

CMC (Colorado Motorsports Council)

Guest Bill Miller said six of the seven members of the advisory board to the Pueblo City Council are SCCA members and one is also an RMVR member. They have held two meetings so far, and Nancy Foster, the CMC president, attended the first. Jenny Eickelman, Pueblo assistant city manager, wants CMC to be an advisor to the advisory board. Foster told them the race



RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

September, 2009

By Pauline Wilson

Labor Day is late this year, so I'm just packing to go to Hastings. It sounds like it should be a great weekend. We have just enough people to staff the event, except for tech. It's always a problem here. This year, Roger & Diane Hively are adding something new – Go Kart races on Friday evening. All you need is \$5 and a helmet. Knowing this group, it should be interesting. Saturday is the famous Nebraska Steak Dinner, followed by the Bacardi Bus trying to set a new track record. And we are racing all three days. BJ will tell you all about it next month.

It has been a very busy year. With the opening of High Plains Raceway we have had lots of opportunities to meet new people and work with other clubs. The new track is so large that it takes at least 30 corner workers to staff it. This has been a challenge for all of us and all of you have pitched in to help. Thank you to all of the veteran workers who have been contributing and to all of the new workers who have come out this year. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you. A special thanks to those of you who have been performing "crossover" duties – working both RMVR & SCCA events. It has made for a hectic summer.

Coming up in September, after we get back from Nebraska, we have the Colfax Cruise from 2-7 PM on Sept. 19th, hosted by the Old Car Council. Relive the 50's & 60's and join the fun driving up and down Colfax Avenue. Several party locations are set up along the way. On Sunday Sept. 20th we have the annual British Conclave of Cars in Arvada. Lots of British cars and some of our very own race cars will be on display. This is always a good time.

Next we have our last race of the season on October 3 & 4 – the Enduro. This year we are having it at High Plains Raceway, which means we need lots of workers. To get to the track, take I-70 east to Byers, then Hwy 36 east 17 miles to the track. We will be staying at the Longhorn Motel. As you know we have limited rooms available – Friday & Saturday nights for those from out of the metro area and Saturday night only for those from metro Denver. Contact me soon if you need a room – they go fast. This is the weekend that we usually have the "Volunteer Appreciation Dinner" hosted by the Formula Ford Drivers. I have not yet heard if they will be continuing this tradition – I'll let you know in our e-mail blast later this month. *(The FF drivers WILL be continuing the tradition, just not sure of all of the details yet! Ed.)*

A few thanks –

Thanks to the Formula Vee drivers for the "special" beer they always provide and a special thanks to Bill Howard for his contribution to the workers' parties. Thanks to all of the drivers for providing so many great worker rides and drives. And last but not least, thanks to BJ Kellogg for the worker prizes he gives out at every event!

See you at the races!

Sign up soon and sign up often. Contact one of the chiefs below or sign up on the RMVR website. We are looking ahead to a very busy and fun summer

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clubs will want to schedule next year's PMP events this October. Cherrie Contreras will continue to be the clubs' contact at the track.

John Brosseau said he'd already talked to Contreras and she was responsive and helpful. He's reserved June 12 and 13, 2010, for our Trans-Am race and Sept. 11 and 12, 2010, in case we want an alternative to our Hastings race.

Miller said PMP will charge \$2000 per day on weekends and holidays for the first 57 cars and, he thinks, \$35 for each car over 57. Bikes will pay less. A new manager is being sought for the track. Earlene Theis will continue to run the concession and Darrell Contreras will still work for the track.

John Stokley asked whether we could rent the track on the Fridays before our races to prevent our members from having to pay Faasst Performance Driving School for track time. Unfortunately, RMVR can't afford to do that because of the additional costs for the ambulance, tow truck, and workers. Miller said it might be possible to negotiate the cost of the track, but we'd have to talk to Eickelman. Alder thought the new pricing would actually help us. BJ Kellogg suggested asking whether Eickelman could help the club get better prices on rooms for the workers and perhaps even for drivers and their families.

CMC now has 14 member clubs, including the Colorado and the Continental Divide regions of the SCCA. The original national Audi club has been reinstated.

Old Car Council (OCC)

Not much happened at the OCC meeting because the legislature is not in session. They talked a little about the Colfax Cruise, which is scheduled the same weekend as the Conclave.

Chiefs of Specialties Reports

Eligibility

Bob Mitchiner had nothing new to report.

Flagging and Communication

BJ Kellogg said they have only eight workers for the Hastings race. The grid, however, is fully staffed. He praised Don Suiter for doing a great job lining up accommodations for the workers. Four people have signed up to work the Enduro so far.

Timing and Scoring

Dennis McIlree said they've sent one of their rental transponders to be repaired or replaced.

They've also investigated the timing and scoring software they will need to provide completely separate scoring for the split starts the board has discussed in the past. Our current software (Orbits 2) will not do what we want, but Orbits 4 will, and it is on sale now for \$1500 (it's normally \$4000). Jamie Stiehr pointed out we could use it to separate the race results for whichever group—Formula Ford or Formula Vee—runs with the Wings & Things. McIlree said it would run on our current computer.

All board members present voted to let Timing & Scoring buy the new software.

Technical Inspection

Andy Kitchens said he won't be at the Hastings race, but he has two people to work the hot pits there. He has four people signed up for the Enduro.

Open Discussion

Tom Deats said we should continue to have other car clubs join us at the track and suggested we put together some sort of a bag with RMVR information and maybe some swag for the drivers. Bob Alder agreed that we should invite some other club to every event we have; the additional insurance (\$200 per weekend) isn't that much. Mark Robinson said he'd ask the co-chairs to invite another club to the Enduro, and Alder said that perhaps that should become part of the chairs' duties for next year.

John Brosseau finished his summary of the small bore eligibility expansion meeting and sent it to Joe Pizzi for review, after which he will e-mail it to all the

small bore drivers. He wants people to know as soon as possible what the group is thinking about doing and is considering surveying the small bore drivers.

Mark Robinson said he thought the big bore and small bore groups ought to work together on their eligibility expansion, but Bob Alder said he thinks the small bore group seems to be on a "different path," that they're not coming together as quickly as the big bore group. He thinks theirs will be a longer, more complicated process. Jamie Stiehr said he doesn't think they're coming to the same kind of consensus.

Brosseau wants to make sure the small bore drivers don't feel this expansion is getting rammed down their throats.

Alder said there are about 105 small bore car owners in the club and only 35 or 40 attended the meeting. Bob Mitchiner said the historic group and sports racers were also represented, although this eligibility expansion doesn't affect the historic group.

Mitchiner asked Bob Alder how the formula group is coming on considering Monoposto rules. Alder said they're basically sitting on their hands.

BJ Kellogg asked how many newer cars might run on ethanol. No one was certain, but Robinson did say one of our 914s runs on E-85.

Dennis McIlree and Tom Deats are working on coordinating the Enduro and figuring out how they're going to run the event.

McIlree asked if we knew yet what track configuration we were going to run, and BJ Kellogg said a lot depends on how many workers we have.

There was some discussion on how best to grid the cars and get them out of and into the paddock, and it was clear more workers will be needed to handle it.



EVENT • The Enduro High Plains Raceway

DATE: October 3 & 4, 2009
LOCATION: High Plains Raceway

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DEADLINE: September 25, 2009

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\$150 Full Day / \$90 Half Day

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,
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All drivers must attend the Driver's Meeting.

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Cancellations later than 72 hours or no shows will be assessed a \$25 cancellation fee.

High Plains Raceway

Byers, CO

Official track website:

<http://www.highplainsraceway.com>



Accommodations:

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[Strasburg Inn](#) 1406 Main St Strasburg, CO 80136
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(303) 644-5551

John Brosseau asked if anyone has thought about how to run three groups at the Enduro. Pauline Wilson said they've done it before but cutting the races to 90 minutes.

Bob Alder reported that the Gala did well, though he doesn't know exactly how much money it brought in. All the exotic rides were sold, two touring groups were filled, and the merchandise sold well. He said that Denise Longwell started on this event last year, with previous events such as Arie Luyendyk visit and the Valentine Grand Prix providing the seed money for the Gala. There has been talk of doing a similar event every year.

Tom Deats said he heard of people visiting or touring the track on

Saturday and then coming back on Sunday to do some lapping. A lot of people were impressed by the sheer number of people and cars that showed up for the event.

Mark Robinson asked for opinions about what we should do about the Conclave, since we no longer have a representative. We gained only two members two years ago, but Alder said he thought it was an important automotive event we need to attend, with at least a booth and four British cars. John Brosseau said he'd talk to Arne McDaniel about putting something together.

John Brosseau has created a tentative schedule for next year that's basically the same as this

year's except that he has moved drivers' school to HPR. There's no race scheduled at either La Junta or PPIR, and there's no August race.

Some board members felt we should hold only our minimum three races at HPR—since our alternate dates will almost certainly be taken by other clubs and HPR won't lose any money—and support other local tracks, particularly PPIR. They also felt that using more tracks will provide our drivers with more variety. There was quite a bit of discussion about this, with a number of options proposed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.
Traci Pearson, Secretary

Classifieds

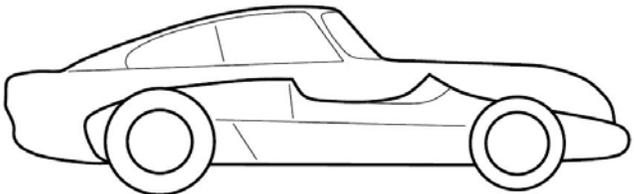
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Showboat Grand Prix @
Motorsport Park Hastings
Enduro @ High Plains Raceway
Feedback Session- Location TBA

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