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Letter from the President

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As I write this, our Secretary Traci Pearson's computer is trying to come back from the dead. This has delayed her Minutes of the last Board meeting, so there is a chance they may not be in this month's Messenger. If not, they will be in the next issue.

Our second Showboat Grand Prix in Hastings over Labor Day weekend featured spectacular weather, great racing, & lots of fun! Just look at the Bulletin Board for some great feedback from those that were there. The Big Bore guys are really turning out to support this event, among about 100 cars that were entered. Kudos to the Race Chairs Roger & Diane Hively, who really went above & beyond to make it a wonderful weekend. Unfortunately, we did not add anything to our revenues, as we lost about \$2600. Add to that another \$800-1000 that Roger, Diane, & track owner George Anderson personally kicked in to add some fun aspects for us...THANK YOU!!

The annual Feedback Session is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, at 8AM, again at the American Motel in Wheat Ridge. Look for added details in this issue. Please attend if at all possible. Our proposed change in years of eligibility will be the main topic, and we are looking for your input on where RMVR should go in the future.

We have selected a Nominating Committee to fill the slate of Board positions for 2010. If asked to run, please give it serious consideration. If you are interested in running, or would like to suggest someone, please contact the Committee. Nominees for 3 at large Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, & President-Elect are needed.

Mark Robinson
president@rmvr.com

Feedback Session

The Feedback Session will be held on Saturday November 7, 2009 at the American Motel, I-70 and Kipling.

Doors open at 8:00AM.
 Meeting starts 8:30 AM.

Donuts, pastries, juice & coffee will be served.

Eligibility expansion will be the main topic of discussion.

Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing,
 Ltd.
 Regular Board Meeting 9/16/09
 La Familia Recreation Center
 65 S. Elati St., Denver, CO

Board Members Present:

John Brosseau – President Elect
 Bob Mitchiner – Past President
 Bob Alder – Treasurer
 Traci Pearson – Secretary
 Dan Berry
 Bob Darcey
 Tom Deats
 Lynn Fanguie
 John Stokley

Excused absences: Mark
 Robinson, Bonnie Mortimer,

Jamie Stiehr

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

President's Comments

John Brosseau welcomed everyone, mentioned the board members whose absences had been excused, and congratulated everyone for a job well done at the Hastings race. In particular, he thanked Roger and Diane Hively, the co-chairs; Jamie Stiehr, the race steward; Carol Stiehr, the club administrator; Dennis and Eloise McIlree, who got the new Orbits4 software up and running with only a few glitches; and everyone in Control.

Dennis McIlree added that the Hively's and Bob Raub helped pay for the food Friday night.

Brosseau said 40 small bore drivers attended his and Joe Pizzi's eligibility expansion meeting. Thirty-two of those voted yes on the proposal they came up with. Since then, eight e-mails and three phone calls have brought in 11 more yes votes. Brosseau and Pizzi are preparing a summary for the feedback session and the eligibility team. Brosseau is also creating a readable PDF version of the 1981 SCCA General Competition Rules (GCR) and Production Car Specs (PCS) that will be available on the

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 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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RMVR website.

Brosseau asked the board members to start thinking whether we want to look for someplace cheaper than the Arvada Center for our January banquet. He suggested considering Lone Tree, which is more central for many club members.

Bob Alder said that the Vintage Motorsports Council (VMC) is holding their annual meeting here in Denver on November 14th, and all RMVR board members are invited to all the day's activities. The daytime meeting will be at a hotel near DIA. The dinner will be at the Mathews Collection, and all RMVR board members and their spouses are invited; RMVR is paying for the buffet, and Harry Mathews is paying for the drinks. The VMC members will also visit High Plains Raceway (HPR).

Past Minutes

Bob Alder motioned to accept the August minutes, Lynn Fangué seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously among those present.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Alder first motioned to renew the club's Directors and Officers insurance. Tom Deats seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously among those present.

Alder then said our \$30,000 CD is due next month and he is going to roll all but \$3000 of it into another CD. The \$3,000 will go into the checking account to replace funds used for recent equipment purchases and the new Orbits4 software.

We're within \$100 of the dues we collected this time last year. Overall, we're about \$5000 ahead this year, but we'd budgeted to be about \$18,000 ahead. The bulk of the losses came from the banquet, which we'd planned on, and the poor turnout at La Junta because of the lousy weather, which we hadn't. We also lost over \$2000

on the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.

We lost about \$3000 on the Hastings race, but we expect some money back from Motorsports Park Hastings (MPH).

Alder had prepared a special report comparing income at our drivers schools since 2004 and at all our Hastings races. Since we moved the school to La Junta and combined it with our first race of the year, we've made money only one year, and that was only \$1000. We've also lost money every year at Hastings, although we managed to cut our loss to less than \$3000 this year by charging separately for Friday and for the Saturday dinner.

Special Reports

CAMA (Colorado Amateur Motorsport Association)

Bob Darcey's written report to the board:

Capital Campaign:

The HPR Founding Contributors program is now officially ended, and the success of the program demonstrates the generosity of the Colorado motorsports community and the resolve of the HPR Capital Campaign Committee. In total, 1,667 members of the community contributed \$841,670.68 to fund the construction of High Plains Raceway. This is a staggering accomplishment, and we thank all the individuals of the Capital Campaign group who donated their time, facilities and expertise to create this incredible result. RMVR members Bob Alder, Kyle Popejoy, and Greg Kyde played significant roles in this effort, and the RMVR membership contributed nearly 30% of the final total—a remarkable effort and a remarkable accomplishment. A heartfelt thanks to all for making HPR a reality.

For those who didn't get to be a Founding Contributor, the Sustaining Contributor program is

now underway, ready, and willing to accept your contributions; details at www.highplainsraceway.com.

Projects:

Since the last report, the various smaller projects have been completed, including the T&S and Classroom buildings, the entry sign and paddock area fencing. For those who haven't been to HPR since our July event, the facility is looking very nice. CECA has donated \$1800 toward a dozen picnic table frames that are due to arrive next week, and BMC West has again given HPR a good deal on wood, so we hope to have the tables ready for CECA's September 26th event and RMVR's Enduro event October 3rd and 4th. Permits for the fuel depot project are complete and construction is ready to begin, so expect the fuel depot to be operational next spring.

Bob Alder said 1100 or 1200 discrete donors was a more accurate number and estimated that 1400 to 1500 people actually use the track.

Guest Bill Miller said picnic tables will be placed near Mo Foster's concession.

CMC (Colorado Motorsports Council)

Bob Mitchiner said there was no quorum at the last CMC meeting, and they still did not have a treasurer's report.

The Pueblo City Council's advisory board (for Pueblo Motorsports Park) is coming along well. Track rates have been set for next year, and the board has requested money for improvements at the track. Earlene Theis will continue to run the concession but is awaiting a city health inspection. The jersey barriers on the front straight may be moved to the edge of the track. NEK will still be renting the track.



RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

October, 2009

By BJ Kellogg

What happens in Nebraska stays in Nebraska but I will grant you a peek. It was an honor and a privilege to meet Mr. Bob Beirow who drove the #17 blue FV. He is a gentleman and a racer. I even got his autograph. There was dancing - both pole and line - go-kart racing, and a plunger and a golf cart thing that some people cannot remember. Friday started out with everybody being by him or herself in the fog. Just you on a corner watching the cars go by. Then the checker has gone green. I think everyone was waiting for the Guardrail Go-kart Grand Prix Challenge. Equal weighted go-karts with the winner moving on to the next round. The finals were held Saturday at lunch with Scott Blackett winning by a nose. I think that is what happened because there was a lot going on from golf matches to go-karts to golf cart races. One of the drivers was brought in and had starter Pauline go tell him that he should check his car because it was reported he had a leaking ego. The steak dinner on Saturday was amazing. And there was dancing! Dancing on the corner stations, both line and pole, to the dancing machine Bobcat Bob, to dancing on the happy bus. Patrick and Arthur were given RMVR backpacks for silly reasons. Sunday brought us great weather but for some reason we were under a watch for storm clouds that could have been forming at any moment. Directions were given if the watch was going to be upgraded to a warning. What happens in.... you get the point.

Next up is the Enduro at High Plains on Oct 3+4. Thank you to all the workers because we are able to field a full track. We were thinking that we would have to cut off a loop because we could not find the help. The Enduro is a tough event because it is long and tiring. Many hands are needed from the corners to timing and scoring to the grid and tech. It is great to see that people stepped up to help out for this last event of the year.

Next up is the Feedback session at the American Motel at I-70 and Kipling in Wheat Ridge on Nov 7th. Coffee and doughnuts at 8:00am and 8:30 the Feedback meeting followed by a wrap up and discussion of the past year and look towards 2010. Everyone is invited and all voices will be heard. Then is the Banquet, which is usually in the first part of January. Then we crank it up again in March with Crash and Burn school.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for a great year. I will not do the Steve Martin joke -thank you, thank you, thank you etc ... over the course of the race season we have had about 50 people volunteer their time on a weekend to put on the races. In fact we have had 100 or so people volunteer throughout the year. You volunteered for an hour or a day or a weekend in every area of the club. To each of you thank you.

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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The board is working on their bylaws.

Nothing has happened with La Junta, and no action is planned soon.

SCCA is having radio problems at High Plains Raceway, but MRA isn't. Both are using UHF radios. Chad McCabe is still working on getting two VHF licenses for RMVR's radios; he needs those to finish building our repeater. Bob Darcey suggested we try using an antenna with a tuner (like the Porsche club uses).

Bob Darcey asked what CMC plans to do about La Junta. Mitchiner said there isn't any plan right now.

Guest Bill Miller said that, with the approval of the Pueblo city manager, Nancy Foster will be an advisor to the city council's advisory board for PMP. Jay Gilman was asked to come to one of the advisory board's meetings and talk about the facility. The board has written a job description for a facility manager, but it hasn't yet been approved; Jay Gilman may be offered the position. The track's past income is being questioned (whether it was honestly managed or accurately reported) and there may be tighter controls on the track's finances now.

Miller said that *all* CMC members want to help La Junta by forming a separate LLC to manage the track, even the members who don't use the track. RMVR, one of the SCCA clubs, and the Porsche Club of America were the only groups that used the track last year.

Old Car Council (OCC)

Dan Berry said the Colfax Cruise is Saturday. He didn't attend the OCC's last meeting in Colorado Springs and doesn't have the minutes from that meeting. The

OCC may be looking for a new secretary.

Chiefs of Specialties Reports

Eligibility

Bob Mitchiner has talked to John Brosseau and Joe Pizzi about the small bore eligibility expansion and will have more to discuss at the October board meeting. He will put Brosseau and Pizzi in touch with Greg Stanley, the small bore eligibility representative, before then.

Flagging and Communication

BJ Kellogg said they had a great time at MPH. Next year, he said, the Nebraska State Fair will be at Grand Island.

Ten minutes before the worker meeting, he was told Hastings could not supply the number of local workers we'd contracted for, and he didn't get much help from the track manager. The hotel wasn't great either.

Kellogg thanked a number of people for helping, including Mark Robinson, for helping out on corners; John Brosseau, for helping Tech; Pauline Wilson, for working in the starter stand; and all the Colorado workers who came. Pauline Wilson made a point of thanking Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) driver Sam LeComte for recruiting people to help; she said we couldn't have raced on Sunday if not for the extra help.

Bob Alder asked whether we were billed for the local workers we didn't have. Wilson said she passed that information along to Diane Hively, along with the fact that RMVR's lunch counts probably included MPH workers we should not have paid for.

Bob Mitchiner asked how many CVAR drivers we had. John Stokley thought we had about ten; John Brosseau suggested asking Carol Stiehr.

Kellogg said that, if we run at MPH next year, we're going to invite MPH workers to our Fire Rescue School here in March. They had only two races this year and they need more experience. Wilson said probably only two or three will attend our school, which we're paying for (for them) since they're paying for their travel, lodging, and food. Bob Darcey said that, if MPH doesn't get the two Motorcycle Roadracing Association (MRA) races they had this year—and if we don't race there—MPH may have no races next year.

Pauline Wilson said that, for the Enduro, they have enough people for control, timing and scoring, and grid. With the corner workers they now have, though, we can only race two-thirds of the track. There are enough corner captains, but F&C needs eight more people to have a minimum number of corner workers to run the full track. It was suggested that drivers could work a half day to help out, but that would work only on Sunday. Dennis McIlree added that Timing and Scoring also needed volunteers on the grid for the Enduro.

Wilson said that Scott Sanders and the other Formula Ford drivers were putting on a worker appreciation dinner Saturday evening at the track.

Timing and Scoring

Dennis McIlree said they've worked out the bugs in the new Orbits4 software. All the stewards, Carol Stiehr, and the chairs have the information they need for the Enduro, but T&S needs more volunteers.

Technical Inspection

John Brosseau said a lot of people helped at Hastings but Tech will need more people for the Enduro. Wilson said Andy Kitchens has four volunteers for the hot pits on Saturday and six on Sunday.

Open Discussion

2010 Schedule

John Brosseau said he's heard from a number of members that want to go to La Junta, Hastings, and even Miller Motorsports Park. He's been working with Mark Robinson on putting together a tentative schedule for 2010. One big question: how many races should we have? We won't have the HPR inaugural race again next year, of course, and we have to keep in mind that we're still losing money on many of our races.

Arne McDaniel has offered to help with marketing next year, to try to get more race entries and volunteers. Mike Rogers will continue to concentrate on advertising.

Lynn Fanguie said we first needed to figure out where to hold the drivers school. He handed out a report he'd put together on the pros and cons of using La Junta, Pikes Peak International Raceway (PPIR), and HPR for drivers school. Fanguie prefers HPR: using the short course on Friday and adding the west loop Saturday and Sunday. He also talked about how we can get more students to drivers school and wants to run the advanced drivers school again later in the year. There was also some discussion about the possibility of having more than one basic drivers school per year.

Bob Darcey pointed out that, if we wanted to reserve a Friday before one of our races at HPR, we'd have to guarantee a minimum of \$4000 revenue for the track. It wouldn't work at Pueblo because the Faasst Performance Driving School reserves those Fridays.

Fanguie said the SCCA holds their schools at different times across the country, so they have more opportunities for students to

attend. Ideally, he'd like to have our school at HPR and then hold our next race at HPR so that the students would race on the same track twice in a row. He suggested we could even hold a refresher for the students the Friday before our second race. He also pointed out that SCCA requires their students to attend two schools before they race.

Brosseau said that running two different course configurations at HPR might also draw more regular entrants, because of the variety. Also, we'd need fewer corner workers. He pointed out that, at HPR, instructors will have to drive out onto the track to watch the students on anything but the short course.

John Stokley said that multiple drivers' schools would have to be planned in advance and that we'd need to have the necessary volunteers and classroom for them. Bob Darcey was concerned that we'd end up getting only a few students at each school, which wouldn't pay for the schools. Bob Alder said perhaps we could make it more clear to potential students that they can attend schools other than ours.

The board generally felt that HPR would be OK for our regular drivers school. If we hold the next (Spring) race at HPR, and the Enduro, that accounts for the three races we'll run at HPR next year. More than three races at HPR, though, might become boring for our drivers.

The weather at HPR in the spring and fall vs. at the more southern tracks was discussed and deemed not to be enough of an issue to worry about.

Not using La Junta next year was undesirable to some, but John Brosseau said it's a "big unknown" and we can't get much information from the city. Others pointed out that, in 2008 and 2009, we arrived at the track not knowing the condition of the track or whether the gates would even be open. The board decided to drop La Junta from our 2010 schedule.

The Board unanimously chose to hold our Trans-Am race at Pueblo as usual. PPIR was considered for our July race.

Bob Alder stressed that we will *not* budget any event at a loss next year. He said that Bob Raub wants to help us—financially—make sure we can run at Hastings again next year, which is good because so many of our members love that track. Others said we should do more to reach out to other clubs whose drivers might be interested in joining us at Hastings. Alder pointed out that we re-structured the Hastings race this year and lost the *least* amount yet in the four years we've run there, so we're moving in the right direction.

The *tentative* race dates for next year are:

- Drivers school and first race:
April 16–18 at HPR
- Spring race:
May 15 & 16 at HPR
- Trans-Am race:
June 12 & 13 at Pueblo
- Summer race:
July 10 & 11 (TBD)
- (no race in August)
- September race:
September 3–5 at Hastings
- Enduro:
October 2 & 3 at HPR

Meeting adjourned: 9:06 p.m.
Traci Pearson, Secretary

Classifieds

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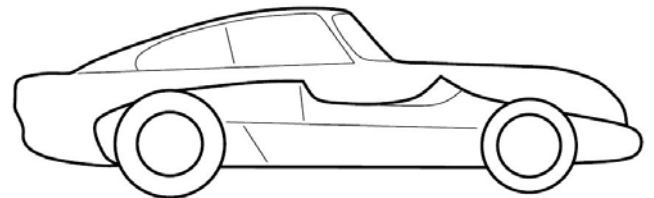
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2009 Event Schedule

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2010 *Provisional* Event Schedule

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(TBD)

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Enduro at HPR

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