

VINTAGE MESSENGER

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Help Needed

The club needs help in these important positions:

- Merchandise Chief of Specialty
- RMVR is a volunteer club, so please step right up and contact Pat Hogan.

Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing, Ltd.

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Garcia's

5050 S. Syracuse Street

Denver, CO

The September Board of Directors meeting began at 7:00 pm at Garcia's Restaurant at 5050 S. Syracuse Street. Christy Hopkins Jaime Stiehr, Ed Milstein and Bob Darcey not present but excused.

President's Comments:

Pat Hogan commented on the results of the Hastings event as a successful event; waiting for the final numbers and contributions to offset the bottom line.

Our banquet is firmed up for January 7, 2012.

Pat passed the floor to our incoming President, Mike Ries to review the proposed 2012 schedule, which is as follows:

-Drivers school at PPIR (targeting April 21 and 22)

-May race to be at HPR (targeting May 12 and 13)

-June race to be at Pueblo (targeting June 23 and 24)

-July race is our charity event at HPR (targeting July 21 and 22)

-August / Sept event to be MPH or Pueblo (TBD)

-September event at HPR (targeting Sept 29 and 30)

-End of October event to return to PPIR

There was a question to Mike Ries from Conchi about splitting the drivers' school.

Additional questions from Pat Hogan about splitting the performance / competition license students.

Bill Miller brought up a potential conflict between CECA event and RMVR as it pertains to the September HPR event. Mike and Bill will work to resolve the conflict.

The floor was returned to Pat Hogan who reviewed the financials of the club ytd which are generally on track and positive.

Pat Hogan turned the floor over to John Brosseau.

John Brosseau presented work he is review as outgoing President and rule conformity:

-Outgoing President has the responsibility of reviewing the rules and ensures conformity and there are several areas not need attention;

- Membership / honorary memberships

- Annual dues there are discrepancies on dates for members and corner workers

- Corner workers who work over 100 hours during a season will have free membership and full privileges as long as they submit an application to trigger this.

Bill Miller asked for clarification on what qualifies a corner worker to have full privilege and the response to this is the proper protocol of the worker submitting an application each year

- There are issues with how annual votes are counted and handled. The Board approved Kyle Popejoy as the official counter for the next voting cycle.

- There are discrepancies on how the club selects chiefs of special events. This is the role of the President, not the specially appointed chiefs.

- How to handle free entries for assistant race stewards.

- Car reclassification based on driver's ability.

- Changes to the rules for post 1981 cars

- John will summarize and present his findings to the board

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM. The Board Meeting location has been changed to: Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, 5050 S. Syracuse St. Denver, CO 80237 303-779-4177 [CLICK HERE](#) for map.

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at the next board meeting.

The floor went back to Pat Hogan who motioned to approve last month's minutes, which were approved.

Pat Hogan reviewed the treasurer's report which shows member count at 384 and that the club has roughly \$60k in cash with a PL on the positive of \$16,296 YTD.

-This discussion lead to an inquiry about collecting the subsidizing funds ahead of the event which, according to Pat Hogan, is not possible until we know the final entry fees paid and then solicits the gap to those who subsidize the gap.

No CAMA report was available for the meeting.

No updates on CMC Pueblo or paving.

Flagging and Communications

Conchi Lopez-Fay and BJ Kellog:

-Recap of Hastings and another communication issue with the outdated radio's taking communications down at a critical time during an incident at corner 1.

-Conchi recommended the purchase of new radios over refurbished units and/or reconditioned unit and/or spending any more money on the existing radios.

-Tony Peak interjected just how important this issue is.

-John Brosseau: Discussed RF specifics to RMVR and asked about communications with the repeater at HPR and it was confirmed that this set up is not robust.

-A request for Pat Hogan to call Chad McCabe on a quote for new radio's with details so this can be reviewed.

-From BJ, as of today we have enough workers to staff the upcoming Enduro event.

Timing and Scoring:

Frank and Salina Leslie are to intern and begin taking over timing and scoring from Dennis and Eloise McIlree at the upcoming Enduro event. Special thanks were made to Dennis and Eloise for the 20+ years of faithful and outstanding service to RMVR.

Shell Racing Fuel Recap

Pat Hogan:

Pat reviewed the proposal from Shell and a summary of the concerns of the board members. Paul Kuchay spoke about contact from Marvin Fisher from Hill Petroleum who is the Sunoco distributor

MGA Recap from last month.

Pat Hogan and Boyd Mason:

-Pat Hogan reviewed the technical solutions available and the survey results which were positive for the allowance of MGB motors being made available to the MGA owners.

-A motion was made to add an exception to a section of the 1972 General Competition Rules (GCR's) section 2.2.D.4 which will state MGA owners are allowed to run 1798cc motors instead of the 1500, 1600 and 1622cc motors. By upgrading MGA motors to the 1798cc version drivers will have to upgrade in class to EP.

-Board approved the motion, Bob Mitchiner opposed.

New Business

Coterie Press' review of Apex

-Jo Taylor presented an update on Apex Magazine

- Jo indicated that they have signed several major commitments for advertising which includes companies like Ferrari of Denver, Race Kraft, Schomp and many others.

- Jo and her husband are looking for additional content in the form of pictures so please contact her at 303-933-2526 to discuss.

- Targeting the end of October to finish content and secure the rest of the advertising and content. Launch at our banquet on January 7th.

Pat Hogan Summary comments

-Is there room for another charity race or is one enough? John Brosseau commented on watering down the existing race and the demands on drivers for donations.

-Tony Peak was contacted by the media about the PPIR race and was then recommended to be the media coordinator for the event. If Tony needs help please just call and we will add to the support.

-Bill Miller commented about the VIP area for the charity race and his observation of alcohol consumption prior to a cold track. Pat Hogan will investigate and ensure that the Morgan Adams Foundation is aware of this rule for next year's event.

Pat Hogan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

October President's Message

I was talking to a man who attended his 60th high school reunion recently and he said about 30 of his classmates from 1951 were there. I started thinking about the popularity of these reunions. No matter what horrible toll the years extract many of us still want to attend the reunions. Why the popularity? My theory is that the shared bonds of high school are strong and powerful and maybe there's the hope that some mischief or romance may ignite just like in the good ol' days. Also, there are plenty of laughs and lots of new stories told of family, jobs, vacations and hobbies. The high school yearbooks are cracked open amid "look how young we all looked back then" comments and it is the yearbook that serves the wistful when the reunions are years away.

We are re-launching our yearbook, The Apex, this year. It will be the record from 2011 of the people, experiences, cars and stories that help to define our Club. It is being produced and edited by Coterie Press, www.coteriepress.com. We will print many editions that will be distributed throughout the metro area. We have some very impressive advertisers lined up already but we need more. We would like you to join us if you have a business that would like a presence in the 2011 Apex. Please contact Jo Taylor at 303-933-2526. The ad rates are very reasonable but the ad window closes on October 31st so do not delay.

By the time you read this, the Enduro will be history and we'll have one more race that will conclude our season. The Octoberfast Spooktacular will be a low-key, low price, fun event that will also combine our annual feedback session on Sunday, October 30th. Tony Peak, the race chair, has some Halloween themed activities planned too.

Also, in the next few weeks you'll be receiving a ballot for some new board members and executives. Each ballot will include a statement from the candidates about their qualifications, vision and commitment to the Club. Please consider each of them carefully and, above all, please vote.

Finally, I wanted to single out a couple of our volunteers for their years of service. Dennis and Eloise McIlree have been working timing and scoring for about 20 years and they have decided to step down. I pass along my heartfelt thanks for all that they have done for us. We have been very fortunate to have them in that role and they have served us all brilliantly. Thank you Dennis and Eloise!! Gradually assuming the reins will be Frank and Salina Leslie. Many of you know Frank and his yeoman work on pit and grid. He's the effective and ebullient lead on P&G who will often tell drivers how appreciative the Club is that they entered the race. Frank, we'll miss your great attitude on the grid but we know that you and your wife will be excellent in your new roles. I wish all of you the best of luck in the upcoming year.

Pat Hogan [president | rmvr | com]

RMVR Writer Announces Car Book

New '50s Sports Car Book Features 80 Driver Profiles

Title: "They Started in MGs"

LOVELAND, CO, September 27, 2011...A new book on sports car racing in the fifties has been published by McFarland & Co. Titled "They Started in MGs," it features eighty mini-biographies of drivers both well-known and little-known, all interesting characters. The forward of the book is written by racing champion John Fitch.

A complete list of the drivers accompanies this announcement but highlights would include American Formula One Champion Phil Hill, first SCCA National Champion John Fitch, Arnolt MG creator Wacky Arnolt, longtime Put-In-Bay driver Ralph Cadwallader, Briggs Cunningham, Midwest Elva driver Suzy Dietrich, OSCA and SIATA driver Isabelle Haskell, Pike's Peak champion Porsche driver Bob Donner, Rowland Keith the driver who beat Carroll Shelby, Carroll Shelby, colorful ex-Battle of the Bulge veteran Bob Shea, Corvette champion Dr. Dick Thompson, Bridgehampton race founder Bruce Stevenson, MG Specials builder Ken Miles, Alfa Romeo Champion Chuck Stoddard, club organizers Jim and Sally Carroll, Charlie Ellmers of the Funny Face Auto Racing Team and the 1955 SCCA HP Class winner George Valentine, MGTC.

All the drivers either began in or were inspired by the MG, usually a T-Series car. They either stuck with the marque, as in the case of David Ash, or went on to other cars. These included Ferrari, Maserati, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Porsche, Alfa Romeo, Corvette, Mustang, OSCA, SIATA, Bandini, Nardi, Giuar, Kieft, Formula Vee, Elva, Lotus, Cooper, Honda F1, Austin Healey, and Triumph.

Most of the mini-biographies are first-person. Interesting vignettes include Phil Hill and the EX-181 MG Streamliner: "I was the fastest guy in an MG," he recalled, "I set a record on the salt flats at 254.9. I loved Bonneville." Then there's Watkins Glen founder Cameron Argetsinger enumerating a list of his cars "...and I had a black Jaguar XK-120M with beige interior, just like Phil Hill's!" Then there was the Dick Irish FIII Kieft "tuned by a Canadian wizard, its megaphone exhaust created an ear-splitting shriek and fumes from the alcohol fuel made your eyes water." California driver Bill Pollack comments on Fangio's test drive of the Corvette Sting Ray at Sebring: "He had just set the lap record in the Maserati. He got into the car and took off out of the pits like a rocket. He did the first lap so fast that the suits from GM couldn't believe their stopwatches.' There's this and much more in "They Started in MGs."

There are 288 pages and 250 period racing photos in the book, from leading photographers, who include Alix Lafontant, Joe Brown, Don Snelbacker, Bernard Cahier, George Ivanyi, Tom Countryman, Irv Dolin, Stanley Rosenthal, Bob Canaan, Jim Sitz, Leo Cummings, Jack Campbell, Gerry Weyer, William Green Motor Racing Library, Hemp Oliver, and Karl Ludvigsen.

The book is written by Carl Goodwin, with ten awards to his credit from the International Automotive Media Competition and three from the Society of Automotive Historians. Goodwin is a regular writer for *Classic MG*, *Vintage Motorsport*, *Classic MG*, *Vintage Racecar*, *Veloce Today*, *356 Registry*, *Cavallino*, *Forza*, and *Automobile Quarterly*. Goodwin has owned a wide range of sports cars including MG, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Siata, Alfa Romeo, Porsche and Lotus. He has driven a Fiat Abarth Zagato and an Alexis 18B Formula Ford at American race courses including Bridgehampton, Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, Mid Ohio, Road America, Waterford Hills, Gingerman, Summit Point, Vineland NJ, Thompson CT, Lawrenceville IL, and Blackhawk Farms. His first race as a spectator was Put -in-Bay in 1953 and he joined S.C.C.A. in 1958.

To order a copy of "They Started in MGs," write to the publisher, McFarland & Co., Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640 or it can be ordered through the company's web site at www.mcfarlandpub.com.

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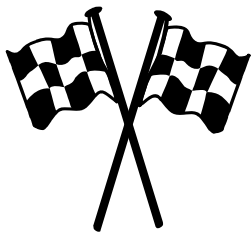
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2011 Event Schedule

October 29-30, 2011	OctoberFast Spooktacular @ PPIR Event Chair: Tony Peak, 303-750-0360 Event Registration: Register online Register by mail Track Website: Pikes Peak International Raceway Read the full story »
January 7, 2012	Banquet Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, near I-25 & Lincoln Ave

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RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

October, 2011

By Conchi López-Fay

We are now 2 races away from the end of the racing season. Our next race, RMVR's annual Enduro is October 1st & 2nd. The weather forecast promises a warm weekend. Our last race was added on as a surprise for everyone. It's at PPIR Oct 29&30 - the Octoberfast Spooktacular! There will be a food vendor breakfast on both days.

We'll have U.S.S.S Indy cars will appear as a guest group of cars. Saturday's after racing drinks and treats will be stepped up to help everyone stay and enjoy the costume party (details to follow) and live entertainment. New & Different this year: Sunday morning Feedback Session 8:00 to 9:30. To expedite, this will be a Feedback Session only, not including a Board meeting. Workers we will have a Plan B. Plan on some Halloween themed stuff with prizes: Best Halloween costume Saturday evening, Best Halloween theme pit area, and best corner station! Start planning now on how you will decorate your corner!

Our last race was at Hastings, NE. What a fun time had by all! On Friday, the golf game was joined by a little bit of rain – but it didn't stop the golfers. On Saturday, we had a lot of rain in the morning – pushing our start time for a little later. Steward Tony Peak adjusted the schedule and when it stopped, we got back to racing and ended right on time. Sunday's weather proved to be a bit nicer, thankfully. Please give Tonette Peak a round of applause at handling the black flag expertly when our fastest car was approaching the incident at her corner. We also have to give Mr. Petrie a round of applause for watching for our flags! It seems that our biggest draw – worker rides – are their best in Hastings. Several folks got to ride in the 1967 Lola T703. I heard it was a blast! Also, the Indy 500 replica was a big hit. BJ wants to give everyone a big “Thank You” for his card. He got to celebrate with 100 of his best friends again this year!

We will see you all at HPR for the Enduro. Remember, stay safe and remember our number one rule for safety: cover your a**!

PEASE SEND IN 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.

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Octoberfest Spooktacular At PPIR

October 29th and 30th

Event Chair: Tony Peak 303-750-0360

Location: Pikes Peak International Raceway

**Special Customer Appreciation End-Of-Year Pricing
Entry Fee Only \$200!**

PPIR will host RMVR's last race of the season. In June the Board determined that the club's finances were good enough to go ahead and add a sixth event to close out the year. Please join us for this special laid back, end-of-year, Customer Appreciation weekend. Help us wrap up a successful season on PPIR's wonderfully smooth 1.3 mile road course.

Also, we're trying something new, combining the **Annual Feedback Session** (usually a couple of weeks later in November) with the weekend race event. All members are welcome to attend a quick feedback session Sunday morning 8:00 am to 9:30 to be held in the wonderful meeting facilities at the track. Racing will begin immediately thereafter.

And Race Chair Tony Peak has some Halloween themed surprises in store for the weekend.

One thing is for certain, the southern Colorado location, full covered garages and superb facilities guarantee that inclement weather won't be an issue. Plenty of nice hotels and restaurants are a mere 15 minutes away.

Weekend Features:

- There will be a food vendor for lunch and breakfast on both days.
- U.S.S.S Indy cars will appear as a guest group of cars.
- Garages can be rented and RMVR will keep those proceeds. \$75 gets you the whole weekend and each garage can usually host a couple of cars. Rent when Registering. Get assigned garage space when registering at track.
- Saturday's after racing drinks and treats will be stepped up to help everyone stay and enjoy the costume party (details to follow) and live entertainment.
- We'll have a color guard set up for Sunday to start racing.
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- Plan on some Halloween themed stuff with prizes --
 - o Best Halloween costume Saturday evening.
 - o Best Halloween theme pit area
 - o and best corner station.
- Test & Tune of Friday - \$150 payable at the track, to the track.

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