

# VINTAGE MESSENGER

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## New Members

RMVR wishes to announce the following new members! Welcome to each of you. We hope you will take full advantage of your membership, all the club activities, and the camaraderie of your fellow members. Please help us in welcoming these fine folks.

- **Hank & Kathleen Derr** –  
Cheyenne, WY
- **Hank & Phyllis Godfredson** –  
Colorado Springs, CO
- **Tyler Hunter** -- Denver, CO
- **Chris & Kathleen Lennon** –  
Monument, CO

## Help Needed

The club needs help in this important position:

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

## Mailbox Watch

Watch your mailboxes for the special mailing containing Membership Renewal packets. They will be mailed to **ALL** members and will contain:

- Election 2011 information- a ballot and the candidates' bios. Please remember to return your ballot ahead of the deadline- 12/31/11!!!!
- A membership renewal form- renew early so that you are included in the printed roster.
- Annual Banquet information and registration form- RSVPs and payments are needed by 12/31/11.
- Dues will be increasing to \$75 for 2012

## Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at the Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, near I-25 & Lincoln Ave.

## Minutes

Minutes of RMVR Board Meeting  
10/19/11

Garcia's Restaurant  
5050 S. Syracuse Street  
Denver, CO

### Board Members present:

Pat Hogan-President  
Dan Berry  
Bob Darcey  
Mike Ries-President-Elect  
Christy Hopkins  
Bob Mitchiner  
Ed Milstien-Treasurer  
Kyle Popejoy  
Jamie Stiehr

### Excused Absences:

John Brosseau-Past-President  
Paul Kuchay-Secretary  
Andy Gould

Call to order: 7:00PM

### President's Comments

Pat Hogan confirmed the RMVR's Annual Banquet has been scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Lone Tree Country Club. The PPIR event is still on as of today. An email blast announcing full refunds if needed will be sent. 33 entries so far, plus 15 garages

rented. 16 Indy Cars are expected. Breakeven is estimated at 75-80 entries.

### Minutes

Corrections were made & published in the Messenger. Christy Hopkins motioned to accept them, Jamie Stiehr seconded. Approved: by unanimous vote.

### Treasurer's Report-Ed Milstien

The Showboat Grand Prix at Hastings ended up about \$450 in the black, but only with substantial contributions from 3R Automotive, Hastings, and several members. The Enduro met the budgeted number of entries (93). Estimated net profit for the end of the year is estimated to be about \$15,000.

### CAMA Report- Bob Darcey

It appears 2011 is meeting financial projections. More information will be available after next week's CAMA meeting. The season has seen considerable degradation of asphalt in T6, 8, & 13, where the pavement is shearing away on the racing line; most troublesome for motorcycles. A \$35,000 proposal to grind out & resurface will be discussed. If approved, closure from October 24<sup>th</sup> to year's end may be made. Watch HPR website for availability. The septic system design is being bid, and hopes to be installed before the 2012 season. The system should pay for

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Carol Stiehr - 32024 Snowshoe Road Evergreen, CO 80439 - (303) 319-3062

itself within 1-2 years from savings realized by eliminating the current waste disposal costs. Shower facilities have been discussed, with a decision to be made after the septic system project costs out.

### **MGA Engine Proposal- Pat Hogan**

Pat noted that this was the second reading of a proposal to change the allowed engines in MGA's:

*-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.*

The proposal passed with affirmative votes by all Board members present, except for Bob Mitchiner's vote against. RMVR rules will be changed accordingly.

### **Radio system replacement-Kyle Popejoy**

As a follow up to last month's F&C report of ongoing VHF radio problems, Kyle Popejoy had obtained several bids for a new UHF radio system. (Current VHF frequencies will only be available for another 10 years). MRA, SCCA, & HPR use UHF systems, and we can use SCCA's repeater at HPR. MRA may move their repeater to Pueblo. RMVR's Chad McCabe can change the one he is working on for RMVR to UHF. UHF should provide use for another 20 years, as our existing VHF system has. Low bid is about \$18,250 for 35 radios, 24 headsets & 6 chargers. More bids and information will be sought before a

decision is made.

### **Timing & Scoring-Dennis McIlree**

Dennis wanted to thank all the volunteers whose help made the running of the Enduro possible. A great job was done by all.

### **Chief Driving Instructor-Lynn Fangue**

Lynn announced the dates April 20 & 21, 2012 for RMVR's Drivers' School at PPIR, as a stand-alone event. Jamie Stiehr will continue as Assistant Chief Driving Instructor. Test & Tune for other drivers may be offered. Lynn asked that the School be promoted on the RMVR website as soon as possible, offering Precision Driving, along with Competition racing classes. He is already getting calls for information. He also asks for volunteers to assist scheduling & presenting the School to local marque car clubs, as was done a few years ago. (Contact Lynn for information)

### **2012 Labor Day event -Mike Ries**

Mike noted that a survey had recently gone out to RMVR drivers, asking for preferences as to the venue of the 2012 RMVR Labor Day race; Hastings or Pueblo. His goal is to have the event at least break even. After the survey results are tabulated, he will review them with Hastings Chairs Roger & Diane Hively.

### **Nominating Committee Report-Mike Ries**

Mike and fellow Committee members John Brosseau, Pat Hogan & Bob Alder noted that nominees have been found for most Board positions, and asked that if anyone else is interested in

running for the Board, please contact one of the Committee members as soon as possible.

### **CMC Report-Mark Robinson**

There were not enough clubs in attendance at the 10/12/11 meeting at 3R Automotive to conduct business. Members present chided CMC for not reimbursing 3R for pizza they provided at the last several meetings. President Nancy Foster is to obtain the CMC checkbook from the treasurer & promptly fulfill their obligations. The Pueblo repaving proposal had been emailed to CMC members. After some review of the proposed Turn 10 revision, these are the changes to the existing layout that are to be part of the road course bid packet, and important differences:

- A) Asphalt transition to concrete drag area moved 60 feet north.
- B) Entire drag strip concrete widened 4 feet to west, shifting centerline 2 feet west.
- C) 106 feet of runoff added west of T10, with Armco & tire wall.
- D) T10 apex moved about 50 feet south of existing apex, with 50 foot long, 30 degree radius curb (recessed & beveled).

### **New Business-Pat Hogan**

Pat handed out to the Board copies of John Brosseau's clean up items for the Ops Manual for the members to review for next month.

Meeting adjourned, 7:57PM  
(Wow, only 57 minutes!!)

Mark Robinson  
Acting Secretary

# *November President's Message*

Well this season is in the record books. The fat lady has sung and the 2011 RMVR season has ridden off into the sunset. It's been put to bed and passed over to the other side. It's bitten the dust, bought the farm and cashed in its chips. Alright, I'll quit but you get the idea. The 2011 RMVR racing chapter has closed. Seems like yesterday we were setting up chairs out at the HPR classroom for about 30 students. It was almost yesterday that we finished up under warm sunny skies at the Octoberfest Spooktacular at PPIR. Now a blanket of snow rests on the ground in early November. It was a good season. We tried different things and most were successful. Others need some nurturing. We finished solidly in the black although we will have a few late expenses for the Apex and the banquet. The Race Against Kids Cancer was a winner and it will be back next year at HPR. The Pueblo Trans Am was another big success and I think the 2012 version will be even better because of the track-repaving project on the 2.2 mile road course and changes made to the start of the drag strip. The 2012 schedule is almost finalized and in a couple of weeks you'll be able to begin planning for next year. One more important event looms ahead and that's the Annual Banquet. This year's event will be held again at the Lone Tree Country Club on January 7, 2012. More details will follow in the next few weeks. The banquet is a lot of fun because we bestow well-deserved accolades to the people that make the club so interesting and vital. Further, we will announce the results of the election that will take place soon. Be looking in your mailbox for the ballot and the bios of our stellar slate of candidates.

One of the things we tried at the last race was combining the annual feedback session with the race. On Sunday morning about 8:00 am people started to trickle in to the main conference room at PPIR where hot coffee and donuts, a feedback session tradition, awaited. After a few announcements I handed out a questionnaire with about a dozen questions that related to marketing and what we're doing right and where we could improve. The responses were very thoughtful and considered – a sign of a strong club in my opinion. There was a lot of discussion in the various breakout groups (small bore, open wheel, large bore, workers and marshals) how we can improve the product and increase membership. There were many good suggestions and in the large bore group, there was strong interest in a points championship that awards participation and performance. The open wheel group already has such a system. Does it increase the turnout? We'll see, but I think it is worth establishing a system like this for all groups within the Club with appropriate rewards. The feedback lasted about 90 minutes then it was time to saddle up and hit the track. However, as President, I believe the feedback session lasts 24/7. So if you couldn't attend please don't hesitate to call or email me with your suggestions or ideas to make RMVR better. I read all of the completed questionnaires and I'll share with you some of the responses. These aren't in any particular order but rather a sampling of how people are feeling on a broad variety of topics.

1. Driver's meetings. Keep them short.
2. Corporate sponsors are welcomed and encouraged.
3. To encourage more participants have themed events with featured marques.
4. Consider a frequent racer program. For example, if you pay for four races you get the fifth free.
5. Bring back the fun race during the weekend that has a unique start or twist to it.
6. Regarding merchandise, have one annual collector item and offer more variety. People seem to have plenty of t-shirts.
7. The favorite event seemed to be the Enduro with the Race Against Kids Cancer a close second. All the events received votes though.

Keep in mind this is just a sampling of the replies. It is not a detailed analysis of all the responses.

If we were all seated around a giant table at Thanksgiving and went around asked what are you thankful for, when it was my turn I'd have to say the spirit of volunteerism that makes this club run. I'd be remiss not to mention some superstar volunteers who are stepping down from their positions at the end of this year.

Dennis and Eloise McIlree have given us about 20 years in timing and scoring. Talk about commitment! How do you begin to thank them for their service? Not only that, they have performed with patience, care and a solid

professionalism that set the bar high for the rest of us. Eloise began in March of 1991. Back when it may have taken a month to get race results because of the time consuming method of using multiple volunteers to track each car and record their times. Lap times were posted in the monthly newsletter. In 1992 the Club bought the Chronomix system that used a timing light at start/finish and an army of volunteers to determine which cars matched each impulse of light. Volunteers furiously wrote down car numbers on strips of "taper paper." When there was a break in the action, the designated caller would yell "Pull!" and each "taper" would hand her strip of paper over her shoulder to be collected. The car numbers were then put into the computer and at the end of the race, the results were printed. As you can imagine, there were many opportunities for error, and the timing lights were difficult to align. For several years, only one copy of the race results was printed and posted.

In 1999, RMVR was one of the first clubs in the country to go with the AMB timing system. The AMB system required installation of an antenna "loop" at the start / finish line of each track. Each racecar transponder has a unique radio signal which is picked up by the antenna "loop" at the start / finish line. Before the race, all the information about the race schedule and each car and driver is entered into the computer. The computer sorts qualifying or race results, and a copy is printed and posted for each racer by the time he comes off the track. We've come a long way since the days, 20 years ago, when race results could take weeks to post. Eloise reminds me that she and Dennis are not going away. They will be transitioning their duties to Frank and Salina Leslie and attending the trackside potlucks.

Dan Berry and Skip Wilson are stepping down from their high perch as starters. Heat, cold, wind and rain were no match for these guys. Year after year they started and ended our races. Dan began as Chief Starter 25 years ago. That's right - 25 years ago! Dan says he can't choose a single fondest memory because there were so many. He counts the many friends he has made here as his most lasting and satisfying experience. Skip began in 1992 at the Fourth of July race at Copper Mountain. His first race became a deadly baptism of fire as racer John Kelsey wrecked directly in front of the starter's station. He married his wife Pauline at the start/finish line at Second Creek under a canopy of corner flags and he suffered in the cold before the invention of propane heaters. He feels that RMVR is a family to him. Now the checker comes down on their stellar service as starters extraordinaire. I think you will agree that they finished as winners. Patrick Fay and Arthur Santomango will have big shoes to fill but they are ready for the challenge.

Three Board members are leaving; Bob Mitchiner, Jamie Stiehr and Kyle Popejoy. Bob has done just about everything for the Club and his wife, Ethel, ran our merchandise sales for years. He served as Board member, President and Chief of Eligibility among other roles. Jamie has been an outstanding Board member and architect of the wildly successful Race Against Kids Cancer. He will stay on as one of our Chief Driving Instructors. Kyle has been Mr. Consistency at the meetings. His calm and friendly demeanor enhanced our Board.

Before I forget, thanks to Tony Peak and Richard Bowler and all the volunteers who made the first Octoberfast Spooktacular a successful venture. Trivia buffs, was there ever a race that RMVR held later in a season? Also, hats off to Shell Racing Solutions who offered a wide variety of race fuels and On-Site Tires who provided tire services throughout the weekend.

One more thing, as you know Phil Shires and a very able team of assistants embarked on an exhaustive marketing survey earlier this year. We mined a lot of data and one thing that had overwhelming support (over 80%) was raising the annual dues. In March the Board voted to raise dues by \$15 so your renewal packet will reflect the new rate of \$75 annually. That additional revenue will certainly help us continue to keep the Club strong and vibrant.

Well, it's time to stick a fork in this month's President's letter; Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Pat Hogan [president | rmvr | com]

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## RMVR Infraction Report Motorsports Park Hastings September 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
09/04/11	Bob Alder	#76 FF	Failed to avoid car checking up and caused multi-car contact	2 race suspension
09/03/11	Steve Urbano	#90 FF	Encroached line of car ahead and caused minor contact	2 race probation

## Classifieds

**For Sale-** 1995, 20 Foot Haulmark Race Trailer Model #G820RT2-102.030 Smooth Black Ramp Door w/EXT. (Beaver Tail) –Full Diamond Plate,48” Flush Lock Side Door, 3-Dome Lights, 2 Roof Vents, 1 UnderfloorTire Storage 2-Diamond Plate Runners in Interior. F&C Colorado Title.\$5,000.00 OBO Contact Dale Thero [speedster156@gmail.com](mailto:speedster156@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** Transponder. Used three seasons. Excellent condition. \$200 Contact Fred. 303 526-0906 or [fredalig@earthlink.net](mailto:fredalig@earthlink.net)



socks. \$4900 or offers (303) 775-1707.

**For Sale:** 1964 Triumph Spitfire. Well sorted. Extra set of tires & wheels. Extra parts. Lady's small fire suit, shoes & helmet, balaclava, gloves &

**For Sale- 4 Car Garage With Very Nice Attached Home. Great for car hobbyist!** 4 Car Garage, 3<sup>rd</sup> stall is 39 foot deep tandem, others are 19 foot deep. Full width is 26. Gray painted



garage floors. Outside storage area also. Screened in patio with large natural gas BBQ for entertaining. 2113 sq ft, 3 bedroom, lofted ceiling in master and living room, home office with built-in book shelves. A/C, \$354,900, near I-70 and Ward, 5196 Youngfield Ct., Arvada, MLS # 1027976 IPM Colorado 303-489-3944, [DeanieK@ipmcolorado.com](mailto:DeanieK@ipmcolorado.com)

**For Sale SA 2010 helmets-** I have a variety of models and sizes of SA 2010 helmets to try on and for sale here in the South Metro area (Littleton near Bowles and Federal). You can come by and try on different sizes to find what works. Prices for full face SA2010 helmets start at \$175 and go up from there. Be prepared for next season! Please keep me in mind for all of your safety equipment needs (helmets, nomex clothing & seatbelts) as well as air filters, Longacre tools and equipment, Redline Oils, Spax Shocks, etc. Andy Antipas-Phone (970) 948-3446

## **For Sale**

### **Home/Garage/Office-**

This amazing home, four-car garage, and studio/office at 1235 Pierce St. in old Lakewood combines old-world charm with modern features. The 2,630-sq ft, two-storey, 1928 brick house, on a one-acre treed lot, was extensively remodeled in 2002. It has three bedrooms (main-floor master), two baths (steam shower), an historic tile fireplace, hardwood floors, a Sub-Zero/Wolf kitchen, central air-conditioning, an alarm system, recent professional landscaping, a detached brick four-car garage, and enough hidden parking for a three-car trailer. The heated, air-conditioned, 1,054-sq ft backyard studio, remodeled in 2003, includes a half-bath and could be your office, studio, garage, workshop, or horse barn. The property is close to future (2013) RTD light-rail and eight driving minutes from downtown Denver yet offers rural peace and quiet. \$595,000. For details, photos, and a virtual tour, see [www.lakewoodestate.info](http://www.lakewoodestate.info) or contact Jim Smith, Golden Real Estate; 303/302-3636, [www.goldenrealestate.com](http://www.goldenrealestate.com) Frank Barrett Toad Hall Motorbooks 1235 Pierce St., Lakewood, CO 80214 303/237-0911



**For Sale-** Spridget vintage racing items. Your chance to own a piece of Vintage Racing history or make some of your own. ●Aluminum Radiator & Electric Fan \$300, Davis Custom Aluminum Radiators Ron Davis Racing Products, Phoenix, AZ, SPAL 11” puller fan and mounting brackets ●1275cc Competition Oil Pan \$150, extra quart capacity powder coated, Tom Colby Speedwell Racing ● Quaiffe Limited Slip Differential \$800 Rebuilt 2009 used only 3 race weekends 2010, Taylor catalog item number 0200031, 4:55 differential gear set ●Fuel cell, fuel gauge & sending unit \$800, new bladder April 2010 certified conformant, tank powder coated red inside & out, Measures 29” x 16” x 8” 4.5 gallon capacity, custom made for a Spridget ● Fiberglass racing seats & pads, \$40/pair includes both shells and pads ● “Headlite” set duct and screen aluminum ●Roll bar video camera mount ●Tranx 260 transponder direct power ●Billet steel flywheel cut for 7” Tilton clutch w/ clutch, plate and disc used ● Vernier adjustable tooth belt drive system with new belt and seals ● Dampener “S” type with toothed drive, water alternator w/ alternator ●Auto Meter black face water gauge 2 3/4” hole ● Stewart Warner Maximum gauge oil temp F° ● 2 1/3” oil temp manifold for gauge ● Oil thermostat control ● Weber 45 DCOE body only ● MSD 6200 *don't use w/ Mallory coil* ● Speedwell panhard bar kit for 1/4 elliptic cars ● Elgin race cam (2 ea.) w/ matching lifters used/good ● A/F monitor 3-wire sensor, new ● Halon 12” fire system 5# w/ tubing and 2 heads ● Spax front tube shock kit ● More competition components and parts available.....call Joe Hallauer 816-454-2504 to inquire.

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### 2011 Event Schedule

January 7, 2012

#### **Banquet**

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RMVR Website- <http://rmvr.com>

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# ***RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS***

***November, 2011***

**By BJ Kellogg**

We started off the month of October with the Enduro at High Plains Raceway. This is a big event to arrange. There are many corners to staff and there is a long day on Sunday but it all came together for a wonderful weekend. We had some great worker rides and a fun party Saturday night.

At the end of October we had an event at PPIR. We had some perfect weather for late October. Saturday night there was a party that was well attended. There were many fun costumes and some good food. Thanks to the race chair, we even had some prizes. We had a race group of Indy cars to play with for the weekend. A different sound and speed was something new to enjoy.

At the PPIR event we had the annual feedback session. One of the things that the workers brought up was to get t shirts printed up that could be used for corner working or promoting RMVR in the community. We will be looking into the cost and the design of those shirts over the winter. Besides some glitches over the season the worker group at the feedback session felt that the year was a success.

At the feedback session a groups drivers came up with the idea of a Big Brother/Mentoring program. They would be interested in letting a worker begin the process of getting their completion license thru RMVR. They would offer their car during worker rides and help with the mentoring of the student. If any of our workers are interested in this idea of becoming a driver with RMVR I will forward your name to them.

Over 100 workers volunteered close to five thousand hours to RMVR this year. To those who have joined us for the first time this year, welcome to the family. To those who have been with us for many years, thank you for all that you have taught us. We would like to send out a BIG thank you to all of you for putting up with everything that a weekend brings so we all can enjoy vintage racing in the Rocky Mountains.

**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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