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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.

- Jim & Debra Bandstra -- Littleton, CO
- David & LieghAnn Dilley -- Fort Collins, CO
- Anne Johnson -- Conifer, CO
- Mark Johnson -- Conifer, CO
- Jeff & Lisa Romeo -- Westminster, CO
- Joan Slaughter -- , CO

New Helmet Requirements for 2012

For the 2012 season RMVR will require that all helmets be updated to Snell SA2005 or newer.

Rules on the website will be updated once formal approval by the RMVR Board of Directors is finalized.

PS – Please keep your old helmets so that they can be used for worker rides!

Trans- Am Invitational @ Pueblo June 1-3, 2012

Registration is open for the Trans-Am Invitational Race at Pueblo Motorsports Park, June 1-3, 2012. Visit www.rmvr.com for additional information and on-line registration.

RMVR has the track reserved for Friday test and tune. Hours are from 07:30 to 15:30hrs and pay at the track.

Event Chair:

Keith Davidson 303-526-2807

Event Registration:

[Register online](#) [Register by mail](#)

Track Website:

[Pueblo Motorsports Park](#)

Help Needed! Social Chair

After many years of dedicated service as our Social Chair, Ron Sholar is stepping down. Thank you Ron!!!

So, RMVR has an immediate need for a new Social Chair. If interested, please contact Mike Ries.

Until we find a permanent Social Chair replacement we are in need of volunteers to host individual races starting with the Trans-Am Invitational Race June 1-3. If you can help for a single event please contact Mike Ries.

Mike Ries [president | rmvr.com]

Race Fuel @ Trans-Am Invitational

Watch for e-mail blasts and the RMVR Bulletin Board for information on ordering Shell racing fuel for delivery to the Trans-Am Invitational event at Pueblo Motorsports Park, June 1-3, 2012.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Pete Christensen, RMVR Administrator

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Tech, Tech and More Tech

The 2012 race season is here and it's time to think about getting your cars ready for the season. Part of getting ready for the season is getting an Annual Tech Inspection for your race car.

As you no doubt know, there are some big incentives to get your Annual Tech done before the season begins:

- First, the Annual Tech is a way to have "another pair of eyes" spend some quality time with your car. Annual Tech Inspections look at more items than an event tech and they aren't as hurried. This results in better safety for you.
- Second, the Annual Tech allows you to avoid three weekends event tech. Just show your log book (noting the Annual Tech) at the next three 2012 races and you can get an event tech sticker without the hassle of an actual event tech. How great is that?

So, get 'er done. Here's [a link to the form](#) which you should fill out and do your self-inspection before presenting the car for inspection.

Here's a list of individuals and shops that are willing to do Annual Tech Inspections. However, you should contact them for a private appointment and any fee:

Thomas Vintage Motors-	Boulder CO	303-449-9112
Don Hostetter	Longmont CO	303-709-5616
Andy Kitchens	Loveland, CO	970-227-7566
Traci Pearson	Broomfield, CO	303-410-9101
John Stokley	Longmont, CO	303-702-0024
Jerry Urban	Colorado Springs, CO	719-598-7212
Jim Vanwey	Peublo West, CO	719-547-7879
Jess Valentine	Berthoud, CO	303-552-4684
Bob Mitchiner	Longmont, CO	303-772-7438
Mike Henry	Franktown, CO	303-660-3601
B. J. Kellog 356 Restore	Parker, CO 80138	303-840-2356
David Berns Pure Vintage Motorsports	Littleton, CO	720-280-3613
Lynn Fanguie Westwind Performance	Englewood, CO 80110	303-263-7920
Greg Jacobs Ignite Performance	Arvada, CO 80002	720-271-7198
Pete Christensen Total Precision Engines	Fort Collins Co 80524	970-797-0712
George Frey Race Kraft& Design	Englewood Co 80113	720-235-4323

Thanks, Pete Christensen,
RMVR Chief of Tech tech@rmvr.com 303-319-3062

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing
April 18, 2012

Board Members Present: Mike Ries; Mike Cotsworth; Pete Myers; Ed Milstein; Dan Berry; Andy Gould; Christy Hopkins; Mark Robinson

Absent : Pat Hogan; Paul Kuchay; Bob Darcey; Graham Nessel

Other Members Present: John Brosseau; BJ Kellog; Conchi; Frank Leslie; Salina Leslie; Lynn Fanguie; Chad McCabe; Jamie Stiehr; Tony Peak

President Mike Ries called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Mike reported that the October event at PPIR is "locked down" for 10/27-28. The track fee is set at ½ the full rate, with the provision for a credit to 2013 if there is a weather issue. Mike noted that the 2011 event was break-even.

The March meeting minutes were approved as presented

Treasurer's Report: Current cash balance - \$89,760.32

All expenses paid current
Detailed Report attached.

The 2012 Budget (Version #8) was presented and reviewed. 2011 actuals, without increases, were the basis for the 2012 Budget. Motion was made to accept the 2012 Budget as presented, being duly seconded, **The 2012 Budget was unanimously adopted.**

Flag & Communications: BJ reported having adequate workers for the Drivers' School, but that more workers are needed for the

May event at HPR. BJ than distributed the patch for 2012 – think “pretty in Pink”.

Timing & Scoring: “Ready to go”

CAMA Report: no report

CMC Update: No recent meeting.

Bill Miller reported that the paving contractor at Pueblo has agreed to “warranty” any repairs that may be necessary from the CECA event scheduled for May 5th, if the track is ready by then.

Old Business:

Apex Magazine - \$ 6,767.60 still owed for printing cost. Some advertisers are slow to pay.

Fire & Rescue School – Tony reported the school was a success.

Drivers’ School – Lynn reported 64 students are confirmed, in four groups. 43 instructors are attending. Four professional instructors will be involved. \$14,000 of revenue is projected. 11-12 garages have been rented. Lynn hopes for a break-even event.

Shell fuel relationship - Sale of Shell fuels will be handled through Hill Petroleum. No sales will be done at HPH, but delivery of pre-ordered fuel may be possible. On-site sales will be done at Pueblo and PPIR. Pricing is anticipated to be similar to the Sunoco pricing at HPR. RMVR is to receive a fee for each event, even non-pumping events such as HPR, expected to range from \$200 to \$500. Shell will advertise and promote at RMVR events.

New Business :

May Races @ HPR – (per email from Graham), Big plans,

including Karaoke Saturday night, and something for Mother’s Day...

Turn 4 Spectator Area at HPR - new area will require a second Gate person, @ \$13.50 per hour. Discussion focused on having this area open for only limited times, such as during PM races.

New Radios – a proposal to purchase smaller, lighter UHF radios was discussed. Current radios are 15+ years old. The RMVR repeater, and existing headsets (with necessary repairs and maintenance) should work with the new radios. Proposal is \$18,250 for 35 radios, chargers, and 24 headsets. Chad was asked to revise proposal with far fewer headsets (expected savings of approx \$5000), and to finalize other details. The Board expressed support for the plan to acquire new radios.

Ryssa Pieces (Gransee), on behalf of Ann Keller, presented RMVR with a check for \$550 to be used to purchase new radios. The funds came from the sale of many Porsche books owned by Andy Keller, longtime RMVR member & Porsche driver who has passed away.

Spectator rides at the RAKC event: Jamie Stiehr presented a set of requirements and criteria for vehicles and passengers wishing to participate in either the “fast” lunchtime rides, or the “slower” parade laps. Discussion ensued regarding how best to administer the criteria. It was emphasized that these criteria are to be provided to invited guests and car groups so that there are no unpleasant surprises at the track.

Motion was made to accept the criteria as presented, with follow-up detail to come on just

how they are to be administered and coordinated with event management the day of the event. Duly seconded and **unanimously approved.**

Use of RMVR Roster – All agreed that members’ personal information needs to be kept private, while not losing the ability for members to contact one another. Dan Berry volunteered to draft a policy for use of the Roster, to be submitted for Board consideration.

President Mike Ries adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM

Respectfully submitted – Mike Cotsworth, Secretary

May President's Message

Well, the race season is underway. Excellent!

In April Lynn and Jamie put on a Drivers' School weekend that was fantastic! Everyone (the instructors, the competition students, the precision students and the visiting pros) seemed to have a great time. I heard nothing but positive comments all weekend. PPIR is a great facility to host this event. The classroom accommodations are far superior to anywhere else we run, the management is friendly, and the track has just the right amount of variety without being too complex for the students. If you did not participate, you really missed out. Look for Jamie's detailed article in and upcoming Victory Lane.

On the other end of the season, also at PPIR, we have again booked the last weekend in October (10/27 & 10/28). Last year this event was popular with the attendees, as we were blessed with great weather and plenty of track time. Also, like last year, we will have our annual feedback session at the track that weekend.

This coming weekend (or this past weekend, depending on when you are reading this) is the first full race weekend, and Graham Nessel has a great time planned for all at HPR. I hope to see you there. It's been far too long since the last race. More on this event in the next Vintage Messenger.

And, please sign-up for the Trans-Am event if you have not already done so. That is always one of my favorite race weekends. Keith Davidson does a fantastic job bringing in guests with amazing Trans-Am histories and many cool cars that do not often run with us. The new pavement is down at Pueblo, and it will feel like a whole new track right here in our own backyard.

Sadly, since I last wrote you we lost two important members of our racing community: Carl Wells and Kevin Bruce. We mourn their passing but also, more importantly, we celebrate their lives. When you are at the track, please remember them doing what they loved. We are all lucky to have this opportunity. Sometimes that is easy to forget. Don't.

Mike Ries [president | rmvr | com]

Carl Wells

Sadly, Carl Wells passed away this morning, Wednesday April 25th.

For those of you who don't know him, Carl was a longtime RMVR member who was a regular attendee at our races as a participant and as support for the patrons of C W Performance in Longmont. His health had been poor for a number of years. For years he battled and battled against a life-threatening ailment yet never complained and it never dampened his enthusiasm for racing. In fact, he had just completed a few laps around PPIR today in a 50's era Cadillac (a war horse from La Carrera Panamericana) when he returned to his trackside garage. He drank some water and told a colleague how "sweet" it was being on the track again. Shortly thereafter, the bottle of water slipped through his grasp and he lost consciousness. Valiant attempts to revive him uncovered a weak pulse and he was rushed to the hospital with friends accompanying him. Unfortunately, his doctor's best efforts were in vain and he couldn't be revived.

Carl was one of a kind. He was friendly once you got by the gravelly voice and the sometimes gruff exterior. He loved racing and was involved in motor sports in this area for many years going back to the 70's. He began racing with RMVR in the mid-80s and left his mark as a driving instructor, steward and a grizzled denizen of the paddock. Whether at Road America, Watkins Glen or Hastings it was always good to see him. A couple of years ago, after a serious accident on track at the spring HPR race, his health plummeted but his spirits didn't even though some "routine" knee surgery turned into a nasty infection that required more surgeries and a long, agonizing rehab. Against advice he journeyed to Road America that summer because he was so proud of his restoration of a vintage Lola T-70 that made its debut there. I think he understood that life is a beautiful thing when you do the things you love regardless of the pain and misery it sometimes brings. So, for him to be at Road America amongst friends, in July, at a vintage car race where the world would see one of his exciting creations, well, that was worth the journey and I think it practically erased the discomfort brought on by his misfortune. Racing can be a sweet elixir.

I'll let others who knew him better add their words and tell the scurrilous anecdotes about his life. I will remember that he faced great adversity with grace and optimism and he amazed us all with his driving skill. It's only fitting that on the last day of his life he did not go quietly to the Great Racetrack gently heralded by angels but, instead, by the dulcet tones of a vintage American V-8.

Rest in peace brother.
Pat Hogan

Classifieds

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: 1964 Triumph Spitfire. Well sorted. Extra set of tires & wheels. Extra parts. Lady's small fire suit, shoes & helmet, balaclava, gloves & socks. \$4900 or offers (303) 775-1707.



For Sale- 1965 MGB Vintage Race Car- 2 races on new engine; Jahns pistons; Carrillo rods; Nissan cam/oil drive (fixes the oil drive shear issue), with scatter pattern cam, Weber 45-DCOE, 4-spd C.R.; 4:55 LSD; 2 spare wheels; well sorted; RMVR logbook; located near Denver; \$10500 OBO, many other spares available; Glenn Mapes @ 303-828-4765 or glenn-21@hotmail.com for more info.



FOR SALE 1969 Merlyn Mk 11A Formula Ford. RMVR #7. Ivey engine/carb. Well maintained and updated by present owner last 16 yrs.



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2012 Event Schedule

June 2-3, 2012

Trans-Am Invitational @ Pueblo

Event Chair: [Keith Davidson](#) 303-526-2807

Event Registration: [Register online](#) [Register by mail](#)

Track Website: [Pueblo Motorsports Park \(more...\)](#)

July 3-8, 2012

Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

Event Chair: Arthur Porter 719-577-4447

Event Entry: [Online Event Entry](#) Entry Deadline: January 31st, 2012

July 21-22, 2012

Race Against Kids' Cancer @ HPR

Event Chair: Bob Alder, 303-757-0868

Event Registration: [Register online](#) [Register by mail](#)

Track Website: [High Plains Raceway](#)

[Lodging options at HPR \(more...\)](#)

September 1-2, 2012

Labor Day Extravaganza @ Pueblo

Event Chair: Paul Kuchay (860-877-3655)

Event Registration: [Register online](#) [Register by mail](#)

In addition to a regular RMVR race weekend, this Labor Day event will feature a *Bobsy Reunion and Sports Racer Challenge*. With the new paving, Pueblo Motorsports Park promises a wonderful time for all. [\(more...\)](#)

Track Website: [Pueblo Motorsports Park](#)

September 29-30, 2012

Annual Enduro @ HPR

October 27-28, 2012

Octoberfast

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RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

May, 2012

By BJ Kellogg

Sometimes Driver's School is not the most exciting of weekends. On Saturday after the students figure out how to get into their cars, they play mother duck followed by her little ducklings all around the track. But then there is a long two hour lunch on Sunday and worker rides. This Drivers' School had some of the best worker rides we have ever had. Mike, Randy, Alex and Martin all showed us what professional drivers can do. Amazing stories and some great rides were enjoyed by all. Also there was a generous donation of \$1500 to the Morgan Adams foundation Friday night. The Best Western seemed to work as a new hotel and the weather was perfect. So I think it was a great start to the year. Christy Hopkins would like to thank all the workers for a great job and voting her their favorite car and driver. Worker choice two years in a row is pretty special.

This year's Spring Race May 12th & 13th will be the first in a while that we will have the track all to ourselves! No Drivers' School during this one. We will be running the full track length the entire weekend. Also this year, the Danny Collins Pavilion will be used for something a little different on Saturday night. It will be converted into the HPR Lounge. There will be a bar with Bartender and Cocktail waitresses, a DJ playing any song you wish and further entertainment is in the works. Conchi Fay will be organizing this event so drop her a email if you can come for a weekend or even a day. We need about 60 volunteers to run the whole track. We will offer lunch, beverages and half a room at the Longhorn resort.

The Trans Am race June 2nd & 3rd at Pueblo will feature the Historic Trans-Am Sedans that ran in the Trans-Am series from 1966 through 1981. Included in this special run group will be the 5-liter Camaros, Mustangs, Barracudas, Javelins, and Firebirds and the 2-liter and 2.5-liter championship winning Porsche 911s, Datsun 510s, and BMW 2002s that raced wheel to wheel with the Alfa GTAs. The two-liter (U2) cars will be racing side by side with the five-liter (O2) cars. This year we are also featuring the late model Trans-Am cars that ran in SCCA's GT1 and GT2 categories. These fire-breathing cars tore up the tracks across the US in the 1970s and 1980s and are very exciting to watch. The pits are open to spectators who can meet the drivers and get a up close look at the race cars. We will be staying at the Sleep Inn at I-25 and Hwy 50. We can't walk to the Cactus Flower but we can walk to Three Margarita's. They have a continental breakfast that starts at 6 AM and an indoor pool. BJ Kellogg will be organizing this event.

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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Trans-Am Invitational June 1-3, 2012

We have a freshly paved track at Pueblo Motorsports Park and anticipate a great weekend with a number of guest cars coming from CVAR to run their big bore cars.

This is the 10th running of RMVR's Trans-Am Invitational and we are planning the usual Trans-Am weekend format with Friday test and tune, two practice and one qualifying session on Saturday and two races on Sunday. This year we will be featuring the cars and accomplishments of SCCA National champion Jerry Titus who drove for Shelby American in 1966 through 1968 and Terry Godsall in 1969 and 70 winning both Trans-Am and B-Production championships. Jerry's son and Ford Motor Company Executive, Rick Titus will be Grand Marshal and will be speaking at the track-side barbeque dinner Saturday evening. Shelby American's team engineer Chuck Cantwell will also be joining us for the weekend and will share his memories of SCCA competition in the 1960s and 1970s and the antics of Jerry Titus.



The traditional track-side will kick off the party around 5pm on Saturday. The warm-up band "The 5th of Never" will kick things off around 5pm and will cool us off after the dinner program. The barbeque dinner will include open beer and wine bar. Because the dinner meal requires a head count several days in advance, dinner tickets must be purchased in advance from Pete Christensen at 303-319-3062. As usual, one dinner ticket is included with each entry. Ticket purchases offset the cost of providing complimentary dinners to our track marshals and officials.

FRIDAY

Test and tune will be from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. The gate opens and 0630 hrs. The fee is \$150 full day/ \$80 half day. Pay PMI track officials at the gate.

Tech and registration hours are from 2pm to 6pm on Friday. The south paddock cannot be occupied until drag racing concludes Friday night. We will try to get the snack bar open for Friday.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Hill Petroleum will sell Shell Racing Fuel at the track, but the details of pricing and pre-order options will be communicated separately when known.

The Trans-Am run Group will run once on Saturday for qualifying and once on Sunday for the feature race. The Trans-am cars will also run with their normal run groups during the weekend. We also have a special group of Formula V cars racing so be sure to watch the V session races.

We are looking forward to a great weekend. Thanks for coming out. For additional information please contact Pete Christensen, RMVR Administrator; admin@rmvr.com

Keith Davidson
Chairman, RMVR Trans-Am Invitational

Dear RMVR Member,

Wow, this year's Race Against Kids' Cancer seems to be coming up quickly! Plans are well under way for the race and for making RMVR's contribution to the work that The Morgan Adams Foundation does better than ever. Stay tuned for the exciting details of the race!



Something new this year is that our friends at The Morgan Adams Foundation have planned a terrific event for RMVR members to visit The Children's Hospital (13123 East 16th Ave., Aurora, CO 80045) to see, first hand, the impact your, and your sponsors dollars are having in the fight against pediatric cancer. Join us at 3:30 PM, Friday, May 18th for a tour followed by a cocktail reception. What better way to kick off your weekend than to learn about the great work you're supporting and enjoy a cold adult beverage with your racing friends? If you can come, please RSVP to MAF at 303-758-2130.



Thanks to everyone who made the effort to go out to friends, family, business associates and others to ask for sponsorship for last year's race and thanks to those who were willing to write a check to MAF themselves.

As we did last year, we'd like to ask all RMVR members: racers, workers, and friends of the club to set a personal goal of raising at least \$500 to support pediatric cancer research through the Morgan Adams Foundation. We know that sounds like a lot, but it's surprising and gratifying to see how receptive people are to supporting the great work being done to fight childhood cancer. The final touches have been made on the member solicitation packets for you to use to raise support. You should have recently received them via email, but if not, they are available on the Home Page or

www.rmvr.com. The solicitation packets include all the really cool perks for you!

As we did last year, for those really generous sponsors, we've provided a corporate sponsorship benefits schedule so you can tell them about the great perks available to large donors. If you have a lead on a corporate sponsor that you would like us to follow up on, please email or call Jamie Stiehr at jstiehr@gmail.com or 303-886-2111.

Thank You - from the RMVR Charity Race Committee