

# VINTAGE MESSENGER

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## April showers bring May....

...fundraising opportunities and tools! That's right; we are approaching that sweet spot in the year to begin your fundraising effort for the Race Against Kids' Cancer. Hopefully, you've already heard that we're off to a great start in our fundraising efforts for the year with some very generous donations to give us that extra speed off the starting line. It's a great start but we still really need your engagement and efforts to finish strong, to meet our \$87,000 goal this year.

To help you with that, we have a number of resources to make your life a little easier this year. Visit the [RMVR.com](http://RMVR.com) web page for links to sample letters that you can modify to suit your style and needs which will help you ask your friends, family, work colleagues and anyone else you can think of to ask for support this year.

We've also got new materials for your social media presence (if you do that sort of thing). Sample Facebook posts and Tweets have been composed to help you let your network know about this great opportunity to support pediatric cancer research through the Morgan Adams Foundation. You might be pleasantly surprised at who in your network might want to make a donation.

Watch for our fun new video that details these and more. But don't wait - get started today with your contact list and plans to get out there. And if it isn't obvious, we hope that you will be considering your own tax deductible donation in support of the race this year.

## Membership Cards and Licenses

Will be mailed out in early April. Be sure your dues and medical are current to ensure you receive your card/license. You can easily renew from the front page of the [RMVR](http://RMVR.com) website. Look for the 2014 Membership Renewal button on the right side under "News".

If you have questions, email [admin@rmvr.com](mailto:admin@rmvr.com) or call Dee at 303-319-3062.

## Pueblo Grand Prix @ Pueblo June 14-15, 2014

Registration is open for the Pueblo Grand Prix at Pueblo Motorsports Park, June 13-15, 2014. Visit [www.rmvr.com](http://www.rmvr.com) for additional information and on-line registration.

**Event Chair:**

**Event Registration:**

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

**Track Website:**

[Pueblo Motorsports Park](#)

Test & Tune is available from the track at regular rates.

## Pueblo Race Chair Needed!!!!

**Contact Graham  
Nessel ASAP!**

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

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Loved by everyone except the competition

## New Sponsorship in 2014!!

RMVR and the Morgan Adams Foundation are pleased to announce a new partnership with the Ralph Schomp BMW supporting the Race Against Kids' Cancer! Ralph Schomp BMW has agreed to a \$10,000 sponsorship of this year's charity race and will be attending the race weekend with a display of some of their terrific cars. Be sure to visit them at the race and in the showroom to thank them for their very generous support. And of course it goes without saying that if you're looking for a new or used BMW, Mini or Honda, give Ralph Schomp Automotive a chance to earn your business.

### Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing  
Board Meeting 4/16/14  
Garcia's Mexican Restaurant  
5050 S. Syracuse St.  
Denver, CO 80237

### Board Members present:

President Graham Nessel  
President-Elect Ron Randolph  
Past-President Bill Fleming  
Tony Peak, Roger Ritzdorf, Mark Robinson, Ron Sholar, Camille Fangué, Tom Chapman, Pete Myers

### Excused absence:

Treasurer Dick Benson, Secretary David Chase

Call to Order 7:09PM

### President's Comments

President Nessel chose to skip any opening comments in light of the full agenda.

### Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, & a unanimous vote approved the previous meeting's minutes as published in the Messenger.

### Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's absence, his report was emailed to the Board before this meeting. Highlight was the revised 2014 Budget, incorporating the approved \$25 increase in most entry fees to \$275. Using last year's number of entries at each race as a guideline, there is a projected year-end profit of \$14,269.00. Maintaining (& hopefully increasing) entries is the most significant thing we can do to stay on budget. A motion was made, seconded, & unanimous vote in favor to approve the 2014 budget.

### Drivers' School Report

Chief Driving Instructor Joe Bunton had emailed his report to the Board in his absence at this meeting. He reported about 39

## President's Corner

Kudos:

I want to personally thank Ange DeBona, Pete Myers and especially our new CDI, Joe Bunton for a great Drivers School! I have received numerous emails and phone calls from Students and Drivers complimenting the club on the school. Well done! I can't wait until next year.

I would also like to acknowledge Camille Fangué and BJ Kellogg for which the very strict timetable would not have been met if not for their hard work. Thank you!!

Lastly, Tony Peak. He has really stepped it up this year. On top of running a great Fire & Rescue School and being our Chief Steward, he also helped us in a pinch at Drivers' School by manning the Van and driving it back and forth, to and from the track. Thanks Tony!"

Well, the beginning of the Race Season is officially beginning in just a few weeks, and I am very excited. It looks like we will have several new drivers, new cars and bigger run groups! I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Graham Nessel  
President [president | rmvr | com]

**Competition students and about 47 Precision students; a banner year for entries. Joe & his Assistant Pete Myers based the school heavily on work done by their predecessors Lynn Fangué & Jamie Stiehr, & modified by Joe to reflect High Plains Raceway as the venue instead of Pikes Peak. About 60 feedback**

questionnaires were returned, and using a 1 to 5 scale (5 being best), a single 3 was received, with the rest being 4's & 5's. On track behavior was very good (no contacts, only 2 drivers called in for discussions). Joe expressed his many thanks to all volunteers who made the school a great success.

**Drivers' School Chair Ange Dibona presented his report in great detail, documenting extremely well all details of the event, with his thanks to those that helped him put on the event: CDI Joe Bunton, ACDI Pete Myers, Steward Camille Fangué, F & C's BJ Kellogg, van driver Tony Peak, President Graham Nessel, Administrator Dee Rosetta & Treasurer Dick Benson. Ange's estimated profit for the event was \$1035.69, but the final result will be closer to a \$600 loss (as of 4/16/14) when all expenses are calculated.**

**President Nessel offered his thanks to Camille Fangué for her capable Stewarding duties and to Ange for chairing the event & his efforts to control expenses. Camille wanted to acknowledge Timing & Scoring's Frank & Selena Leslie for their efforts in dealing with the Threshold Braking training that crossed the timing wire with each car that passed.**

#### Timing & Scoring

Chiefs Frank & Selena Leslie noted that they were not informed of the 2014 Chiefs & Chairs meeting, so they were not in attendance. President Nessel will correct the contact list to include them. They need to be informed of transponder changes (drivers, cars, etc) to be able to accurately record results. President Nessel will involve past &

present Administrators Pete Christensen & Dee Rosetta to coordinate these changes so that Timing & Scoring are aware. "Race Monitor" cell phone app for real time race results is being looked at for possible future implementation.

#### Social

President Nessel expressed his kudos to Robert Armstrong & Char Blackler for their efforts at the Drivers' School chili dinner Saturday evening. It was noted that social events such as this need pre-event publicity so all are aware of their scheduling.

#### Eligibility

Chief Bob Darcey reported that about 16 new cars have been added to RMVR, & most of these are new to the club; about half are Club Formula Fords. 396 cars appear in the RMVR database; about 10% are post-1972 GCR cars.

#### CAMA (Colorado Amateur Motorsports Associates)

RMVR representative Bob Darcey noted that HPR's 2014 efforts are focused on generating Monday-Thursday track revenue. The possibilities of a Byers hotel project are not moving forward at this time. A member at this meeting reported that the Byers Feed Store is being remodeled into having 4 bedrooms for rent. The local Byers residents' rooms for rent program is still available.

#### Old Business

##### Eligibility

President Nessel, following up on his previous discussion last month about expanding eligibility to attract new entries to ensure RMVR's future, noted that his idea of a 15 year rolling eligibility window was deemed unfeasible to put in place. Discussion ensued about the

possibility of allowing Spec Miatas. These cars are a popular class in SCCA & NASA, & a number of RMVR drivers also race these cars, some of whom were present at this meeting. Miatas were introduced in 1990 with 1.6 liter engines; later 1.8 liter models run restrictor plates in NASA to equalize competition, according to RMVR & Miata driver Jimmy Aretakis. Jimmy estimates another 6 or so NASA/SCCA Miatas may be interested in RMVR's vintage events, in addition to the existing RMVR Miata owners (who number at least 4). These cars could easily compete with our existing small bore racers, if not in their own run group (with enough entries). There seemed to be agreement among those present that this is worthy of further discussion. As a proposal for change in this area must come from the membership, and consensus from those RMVR racers that would be affected is needed, RMVR members Ange Dibona, Jimmy Aretakis, Roger Hively & Bruce McAllister will work together to examine the concept for crafting a possible proposal for presentation to the Board.

#### "Going Forward"

President-Elect Ron Randolph followed up on his presentation at the last Board meeting on working toward increasing race entries, & the resulting revenues they could generate for RMVR's future. He had asked for race groups to form "families" to promote camaraderie and encourage all available racers in their group to attend races, possibly pit together, & socialize, thereby hopefully increasing participation. While there has been little progress in that area so far, at the May race at HPR, he will encourage each group to get together for a short time after Saturday racing to try &

schedule group meetings to move this idea forward.

Ron also brought up the need for our rules to be clarified to incorporate the Precision drivers that we have been enrolling in our Drivers' schools. These past students are invited to the May race for track time in their own run group, and will be invited to other events, with the hope they will want to buy race cars to run in our regular groups. There are existing issues in our Rules such as membership, passing, terminology (Precision vs. Touring), that need to be altered to be consistent in how RMVR operates with this new type of member. The general concepts were discussed here, with a formal proposal crafted by Ron Randolph & emailed to the Board shortly after the meeting:

*Below I have listed the RMVR – General Rules sections #'s with Part #'s and paragraph #'s that need to be corrected to comply with our current insurance requirements to include the entries from the Precision Lapping Group. The two rules that need to be changed relate to the addition of the passing requirements for the Precision Lapping Group as listed below as Section E: Race Event Regulations, Part 2: Regulations for Cars, added sub-paragraph d.2. This rule change would add the allowance of passing for the Precision Lapping Group in designated areas only. The other rule that needs to be changed is Section B: Driver Eligibility, paragraph #1. This would clarify the requirement for completed Medical forms to be for Competition drivers only. Please see the suggested rule changes as written below.*

R.M.V.R. - GENERAL RULES

## 2014 Fundraising Incentives for RAKC

**Top 5** fundraisers this year will have a very exclusive, very special all day trackside coaching day with Ross Bentley. Ross coaches drivers at the highest levels of motorsports in the US and this is an amazing opportunity to for you to take your driving to a new level. Put Friday August 1st on the calendar (usual HPR track fees apply) as the day your driving reaches the next level and get going on your fundraising now.

**\$500+** - July 31st Ross Bentley seminar at the Lamar Street Center in Arvada (Harry Matthew's old place). a 4 hour seminar to make you a better, safer and faster racer!

**\$250+** - August 1st, Join Roger Cadell from AIM Autosports, makers of the finest data acquisition systems in motorsports will host an informative morning seminar at HPR about how the club racer can learn and improve through the use of data acquisition systems that are available and affordable to even the most budget minded racer. This will be followed by an afternoon of track time (usual HPR track fees apply) where some of you will be given data systems to put in your car from which you and the group can read and analyze data at the track

As a bonus, Ross and Roger will be holding a lunch mini-seminar about driver coaching and the use of data to learn how the pros do it.

**\$50+** - A snazzy event T-shirt.

Also, 2 free RMVR race weekend certificates will be raffled off at the Saturday evening party so be sure to come out for the weekend festivities!

**And especially for the workers** - the top male and female worker fundraisers will experience the royal treatment all weekend long including a special ride to your station with snacks, drinks and surprises fit for a king and queen! Trust us, you will love and never forget this!

*Section #: E. RACE EVENT REGULATIONS: The driver must have a valid state driver's license. Workers of the event may be given rides at the end of scheduled races, or as determined by the race chairperson of the event. Passengers must be at least 12 years old.*

*Part 2: Regulations for Cars:*

**Current rule as written:**

*d. At some RMVR events, a touring class may be added which will allow cars to tour the race track at a controlled speed. Passing is not permitted. All cars entered in this class are required to have a minimum of two inch (2") wide seat belts for the driver and passenger.*

***Suggested rule change: Add sub-paragraph designation d.1 and add sub-paragraph d.2 as written and modified per suggestion (Underline indicates changes made per suggestions)***

d.1 At some RMVR events, a touring class may be added which will allow cars to tour the race track at a controlled speed. Passing is not permitted. All cars entered in this class are required to have a minimum of two inch (2") wide seat belts for the driver and passenger. The driver must have a valid state driver's license. Workers of the event may be given rides at the end of scheduled races, or as determined by the race chairperson of the event. Passengers must be at least 12 years old.

d.2 At some RMVR events, a modified touring class called the Precision Lapping Group may be added which will allow cars to tour the race track at a controlled speed. Passing is permitted only in designated passing zones, as designated by the Chief Driving Instructor or the Event Race Steward, with a point by from the car being passed. All cars entered in any Precision Lapping Group event are required to have a formal RMVR tech inspection and meet all requirements as listed in the Drivers School Weekend FAQs located on the RMVR website. All drivers must wear a helmet, long sleeved cotton shirt, long cotton pants, leather or racing gloves and all leather upper shoes. All drivers participating in a Precision Lapping Group event must have attended and completed the RMVR Precision Driving School within two years of the event or have attended a nationally recognized drivers school program and provide proof of completion of this school to the CDI prior to attending the event. Only CDI approved RMVR driving instructors shall be allowed as passengers in the Precision Lapping Group cars at any time.

## R.M.V.R. - GENERAL RULES

### B. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

#### **Current rule as written:**

1. All drivers must submit a completed RMVR Competition Medical Form or one from another similar automobile racing organization. Submission of another automobile racing association's form is allowed only if it requests the same information as the RMVR form. The RMVR administrator will review forms only to assure that all information has been supplied. Forms that are complete will be accepted. Incomplete forms will be returned to the applicant. The applicant, by his signature, authorizes RMVR to verify that the examination was performed by the physician whose signature appears on the form. Competition Medical Forms accepted by RMVR are valid for five (5) years for applicants between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years of age and two (2) years for applicants thirty-six (36) years of age and older, from the date of the examination or the expiration of the driver's Competition License, whichever is later. Current medical forms shall be stored in a secure manner to protect the personal information contained therein. Expired forms shall be destroyed in a timely manner by shredding or any other secure method.

#### **Suggested rule change: Addition of the word Competition**

All **Competition** drivers must submit a completed RMVR Competition Medical Form or one from another similar automobile racing organization. Submission of another automobile racing association's form is allowed only if it requests the same information as the RMVR form. The RMVR administrator will review forms only to assure that all

information has been supplied. Forms that are complete will be accepted. Incomplete forms will be returned to the applicant. The applicant, by his signature, authorizes RMVR to verify that the examination was performed by the physician whose signature appears on the form. Competition Medical Forms accepted by RMVR are valid for five (5) years for applicants between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years of age and two (2) years for applicants thirty-six (36) years of age and older, from the date of the examination or the expiration of the driver's Competition License, whichever is later. Current medical forms shall be stored in a secure manner to protect the personal information contained therein. Expired forms shall be destroyed in a timely manner by shredding or any other secure method.

There was a motion, second, & majority vote in favor conducted by email among the Board to approve this as the first reading to change RMVR rules as indicated. RMVR policy requires publication here of the proposal to the membership, to allow time for any members' comments or objections to be made known to the Board. A second reading will be conducted at the May Board meeting, and a vote taken. If approved, our Rules will be changed.

Meeting adjourned, 9:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Robinson, Acting Secretary

Following the meeting, an Executive Session for Board members only was conducted to discuss a private matter affecting the Club.

## Classifieds



**For Sale:** 1970  
STURDGESS F-100  
SPORTSRACER

#1 of 3, built by Elden  
for '70-'71 English F-  
100 series; imported to  
US, raced SCCA and

vintage; 1600 crossflow, 191 dyno hp, Hewland; prof.  
maintained, fully sorted, many wins; great cosmetics,  
immaculate condition; RMVR logbook; spares inc;  
\$48,000; truck & trailer avail; Bill, 520-572-2448.

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from carb to flywheel. Balanced, rods re-sized, fresh  
head, rings, bearings, blueprinted 4 port oil pump, Ivey  
Carb, crank scraper, spot on GT cam, more. Comes  
with Tilton Super Starter. \$6,500 or Best Offer. Terry  
Allard 303-816-0776

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308-1604

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stroke back on the track, or restoring my GT 4 Sonett  
V4. I'd even partner up on restoring my #108 Sonett  
street car. Not having kids of my own it's time to pass  
the knowledge (or lack thereof) -and work and expense  
-on to another. Steve Nicholoff  
[Snicholoff@hotmail.com](mailto:Snicholoff@hotmail.com) 720 308-1604

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and race day needs.



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### 2014 Event Schedule

**May 17 & 18, 2014**

**Spring Grand Prix @ HPR**

Event Chair: Ron Sholar (303-522-1787)

Track Website: [High Plains Raceway](#) [Lodging options at HPR](#)

**June 14 & 15, 2014**

**Pueblo Grand Prix**

Event Chair: TBA

Track Website: [Pueblo Motorsports Park](#)

**August 2 & 3, 2014**

**Race Against Kids' Cancer @ HPR**

Event Chair: Bob Alder (303-757-0868)

Track Website: [High Plains Raceway](#) [Lodging options at HPR](#)

**August 30 & 31, 2014**

**Labor Day Grand Prix @ Motorsports Park Hastings**

Event Chairs: Roger & Diane Hively 303-816-0618 (home)

Roger 303-829-0990 (Cell) Diane 720-563-7292 (Cell)

Track Website: [Motorsport Park Hastings](#) [Lodging options in Hastings](#)

**October 4 & 5, 2014**

**Enduro @HPR**

**October 25 & 26, 2014**

**Octoberfest Spooktacular @PPIR**

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

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

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# ***RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS***

***May 2014***

**By Conchi López-Fay**

After a full weekend at HPR in May, we are now looking forward to the Pueblo Grand Prix on June 14-15, 2014. BJ is coordinating this race, so please help him out and let him know that you'll be there. Christy Hopkins, our wonderful accommodations coordinator, has found us a new hotel to stay at in Pueblo. We will be staying at:

Econo Lodge  
4615 N Elizabeth Street  
Pueblo, CO 81008  
719-542-9933

This hotel is across from the Cactus Flower and the amenities include a Continental breakfast at 6 am and an indoor pool and hot tub area. The best part? No train!

Thanks to everyone who has thought about or is thinking about the van. We are still trying to figure this out! Hopefully, by Pueblo we will have a more concrete plan in place.

Don't forget, we don't have any races in July - but in August, we have our big Race Against Kids' Cancer. Every year we have raised over \$70,000 each year for the Morgan Adams Foundation. Did you know that this year Schomp BMW is helping sponsor the race? Make sure to come and see what cars they bring to show off! Please let us know early if you are attending this race and especially, inform Christy of your accommodation needs. The Longhorn is not letting us have all the rooms we usually do and we are finding that if you don't sign up early, you won't get a room. Send Christy an email at [mx5racegirl@hotmail.com](mailto:mx5racegirl@hotmail.com) ASAP.

Again, thanks to all of you who make our races happen!

PLEASE 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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