

# 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.

- Tristan Williams -

## December 2015 Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting on December 16, 2015 at the Thornton City Hall @ 7:00 PM.

## RMVR Feedback Session Recap

November 14, 2015  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Roughly 80-90 in attendance for standing room only. The meeting opened at 11:02 with Frank Leslie's opening remarks:

- Ron Randolph's letter of resignation has been posted to the website at:

<http://rmvr.com/assets/documents/ron-randolph-resignation.pdf>

- 2016's race schedule is similar to 2015's with the following exceptions:

## RMVR Annual Dinner Banquet

Will be held at the Lakewood Country Club, 6800 W 10th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214 on January 16th, 2016

## E-mail Watch

Watch your E-mail account for e-mails containing Election, Banquet and Membership Renewal information. It will be e-mailed to ALL members and will contain:

- Election 2016 information- a voting link and a link to the candidates' bios. Please remember to vote ahead of the deadline-12/31/15!!!
- A membership renewal link-renew early so that you are included in the 2016 roster.
- Annual Banquet information and registration link- RSVPs and payments are needed by 12/31/15.

- The Labor Day race in Hastings will most likely be called the Nebraska State Fair Grand Prix and come with \$10,000 in sponsorship funds. More details to follow.

- The Enduro weekend will be replaced in 2016 with a sprint race weekend. This decision was made after a steady decline over the past

## RMVR 2016 Race Event Schedule:

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Spooktacular-PPIR

few years in both entries and volunteers. Having Enduro weekends every other year may be under consideration.

- Change in dates for the Spooktacular. The correct dates should be October 22nd and 23rd.

- The date for the Chiefs and Chairs meeting has not yet been set, but it is usually about 2 weeks before Drivers' School

- **Club Financials** (as of Nov 11, 2015): In an effort to clarify the costs of our volunteers, based on misunderstandings recently brought

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM. The **NEW** Board Meeting location is: Thornton City Hall, 9500 Civic Center Drive, Thornton, CO 80229, Main Floor - Council Conference Room. Click [Here](#) for map.

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to light,

- There is \$83,483 in the checking account and \$15,915 in our PayPal account

- Net profits are currently \$31,322

- Total free entries for the year were 21

- Profit/Loss by Event:

□ Banquet: \$(1,368)

□ Fire & Rescue School: \$(1,208)

□ Drivers' School: \$3539

□ Spring HPR: \$17,371

□ Pueblo: \$6,685

□ RAKC: \$11,666

□ Hastings: \$3,609

□ Enduro: \$(3,737)

□ PPIR Spooktacular: \$(3,420)

### **Board Announcements:**

• Richard Bowler reported for the Nominating Committee

- 7 names were put forth for nominees that accepted and asked for others, as we need to elect 5 At-Large and President Elect; there is also a need to replace Bob Miller in the Treasurer position for the remainder of his term

- Patrick Fay put his name in the hat during the feedback session; Frank Albert and Jim Bandstra considered adding their names to the list, as well

• Camille commented on worker expenses and driver donations, in an effort to clarify the costs of our volunteers, based on misunderstandings recently brought to light:

- Below are the 2015 worker expenses relative to our total 2015 expenses:

□ Overall expenses to RMVR were \$190,000

□ Of that \$190K, track rental was our biggest expense (\$64,000 or 34% of the total expenses for the year

□ Worker expense is our next largest expense (\$37,000 or 19% of the total expenses for the year

□ Some drivers think that our volunteers are paid; all workers are

volunteer positions, with the exception of our Administrator

- Below are the 2015 driver donations to our workers (via each entry and the worker donation drive for Hastings):

□ Overall driver donations for the workers were \$4,740 or 13% of total RMVR paid worker benefits

□ Workers at each RMVR sanctioned event get their lunches for Sat/Sun, hotel (all tracks), refreshments at worker breaks, and dinners/social Saturday evening (all tracks)

### **• Chiefs and Chairs Announcements:**

**Chief of Tech** – Pete Christiansen

□ Pete is retiring/resigning as Chief of Tech after 6 years of service to RMVR, but will be around at all the races to assist where needed; he has had some drivers sit with him and gained “a whole new perspective”

□ Pete encourages all drivers to sit with the Tech folks when they aren't able to drive

**Chief of Pit & Grid** – Ken Tisdale

□ Ken would like to retire as Chief of Pit & Grid after this year and is looking for someone to train this year

□ Ken also asked that drivers work Pit Grid and corners when they are not able to drive

**Chief of Flagging & Communications** – Conchi Lopez-Fay

□ BJ has stepped down from Flagging & Communications, but may show up on some corners

□ Lisa is training to take over the reins, but we need someone else to train also because Conchi would like to step down after this year

□ Serious need for people to step up to volunteer for corners (and runners for Enduros); very few people stepped up this year

□ Workers volunteered this year 4,254 total man-hours, which equaled 532 days; cost of training each worker = \$0.28/hour; RMVR's worker expenses amount to \$8.70/hour

**Chief Starter** – Patrick Fay (Fire & Rescue School)

□ There were 48 attendees in 2015, where there have been 80 in past years; 30 of the 48 were from RMVR, the remaining 18 were from the Porsche club and HPR

□ This school teaches what we do all the time AND what we do when something happens

□ Lynn Fanguie strongly encouraged ALL drivers should take the F & R school at least once and if you have a student, strongly encourage your student to take it; gives a new perception about what the workers can do for you if something does happen

□ Mark Robinson encouraged drivers to take their car for the students to practice on so you know that they are familiar with your car

□ Patrick said he needs HANS devices for the classes

□ Frank said the date for the F & R school has not been set yet, but is usually about a month before Drivers' School

**Chief Driving Instructor** – Joe Bunton

□ Introduced concept of reducing metal-to-metal incidents because too much time between incidents and sanctions (generally weeks) due to data collection

□ Suggested Chief Steward be a paid position and required to come to every event and invoke punishments immediately to alter behavior; no need for Race Steward

• Currently we have Race Steward, Assistant Race Steward, Chief Steward, and Assistant Chief Steward (though not in 2015) to

train to move into Chief Steward position

- Not attending, not paid
- VARA metal-to-metals down by almost 50% using this method
- Thoughts and discussion:
  - Suggested that we have a pool of Stewards so one can be at every event
  - Need more people to step up
  - Paying people? If we have 3 bad years, we could be in trouble financially
  - Jeff Hall asked for a definition of Race Steward; Mark Robinson defined as investigating differences, spin policy, records, gathers data, makes recommendations to Chief Steward; Jeff asked how one learns to be a Steward; serves as Assistant until comfortable with the duties
  - There is no requirement currently for the Chief Steward or the Assistant Chief Steward to be at a race (much less every race); even if at the races, duties do not begin until after the event, but sanctions invoked and reported before the next event are critical
  - SCCA Chief Stewards at event; pool of Chiefs to share responsibilities, cover all events to handle operations & incidents (same as the role of RMVR Race Stewards)

#### **CAMA – Bob Darcey**

- Best year yet for ; solid business at about 27% before depreciation
- Glenn has matured into a very good track manager
- The entry road was not scheduled, but was such a great deal that it was leap-frogged ahead

#### **Eligibility – Bob Darcey**

- Bob will be stepping down; we need someone to step up (Since the feedback Mark Irvin has stepped up to take over Eligibility Chair...thank you, Mark)
- Exhibition Car Rule as written “of special interest to the vintage

community” is very subjective and should be better defined

- There were 36 “Exhibition” entries, which brought the club roughly \$10,000 in revenues; using the current rule, only 5-6 would have made it; perhaps ditch the “of special interest”; if 36 asked and 36 were approved, why have the whole process in the first place
- Some of the other comments by attendees were:
  - With us having so much trouble filling certain event, we should be more thoughtful about this as the exhibition class is the lifeline to the future
  - There should be open run groups for Precision driving class; Precision allows more opportunities to try racing; Precision group at the Spooktacular, 5 entered, 1 showed up, need to discuss/encourage/invite Precision at Drivers’ School
  - Still a lot of confusion between Exhibition and Historical; we need better definitions
  - Reality? We need to offer drivers a place to call home when their cars are no longer competitive in SCCA or when they want to race without banging fenders
  - Suggestion was made to allow more modern IF driven with the vintage spirit

#### **RAKC Chair – Frank Albert**

- Ross Bentley will be at the 2016 RAKC with the same qualifiers as the 2015 qualifiers, so start now with small businesses
- Trying to get Randy Pobst involved again also
- Want to involve other auto clubs; maybe a Porsche/BMW shootout?
- Goal for 2016 will be to break \$145,000
- Graham Nessel asked if we could get the websites started earlier
- O Chief of Marketing – Willis Wood, Jr.
- We had mediocre turnout for events in 2015

Asked for ideas; suggestions & thoughts as follows:

- Partner with Hagerty; get their events list (Joe Bunton volunteered to get the list)
- Ken suggested having any race car at the Conclave (a Hagerty event)
- One of the main problems is getting people to actually go
- Willis asked if it would help for him to go around at the races to drum up interest
- Frank Melsheimer asked for literature or other materials; there are material available (8.5”x11” volunteer handouts; 8.5”x11” driver-focused handouts); Hank Derr had some others made up (will get some to Willis)
- Car show handouts; maybe business cards with our schedule on the back
- Go to other car club meetings to talk up schools and what RMVR is all about; Lynn Fanguie volunteered to go to some...others willing to go?
- Facebook & Twitter pages?
- Videos showing cars racing at shows & events; Graham Nessel volunteered to put something together
- Proactive cross section of cars
- Willis encouraged the heads of run groups to get more involved
- Google calendars of events; subscribe to our own and get on other clubs
- Never a shortage of ideas; the problem has always been boots on the ground
- **Open Floor Forum/Q & A**
  - Joe Bunton was asked how many Precision students the school can handle; he said about 45; he was asked how many new licenses were issues in 2015; he said 40ish
  - Lynn Fanguie said the number of entries/year are 500ish; this year, right at 600; the average driver enters 2.3 races/year



- There used to be a requirement that drivers had to race 1x/year to keep their license current
- That requirement was dropped several years back
- If that requirement was reinstated & enforced, it would go a long way to keeping RMVR solvent
- Roger Ritzdorf asked for a vote of who would be in favor of reinstating the 1 race/year requirement to keep your license current; without specific counts, a full majority (almost unanimous) voted in favor of reinstating the requirement
- It was suggested that drivers being allowed to share cars is not widely known; more might come out if they knew they didn't have to drive the whole weekend
- Joe asked for a vote (show of hands) of who would be in favor of his paid Chief Steward

- concept/proposal;  
 questions/thoughts as follows:
- Jimmy Aretakis asked if the Chief Steward would have to be a licensed driver, past or present; Joe said yes
  - Lynn Fangue asked how the Chief Steward would be able to keep a current license (given the vote prior – see Roger Ritzdorf above)
  - Graham Nessel said he would need more clarification before he was comfortable voting on the proposal
  - Joe said “Nevermind”
  - Eric Ladner asked for someone to volunteer to store the van over the winter
  - Patrick Fay closed the open discussion with:
    - “Brings to mind JKF: ‘Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country’”

- **Closing Remarks from Frank:**
- We are bringing RMVR into the 21st Century by using Skype for Board Meetings, so Board members (and those in the general membership) who cannot attend physically can still be a part of the meeting
- The Board meetings will be moved to a more central location, likely a Glendale location
- Asked for someone who can take on the social media aspect of our marketing
- Encouraged members, family groups, and workers to send content (articles of interest, workers corner, member/worker profiles, other ideas, etc.) to John Mihalich for the Messenger

Camille Fangue, Secretary RMVR

| <b>RMVR Infraction Report 2015</b> |                 |  |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Event</u>                       | <u>Name</u>     | <u>Incident</u>                            | <u>Penalty</u>                      |
| HPR Spring                         | Mitchell Dilley | Metal to Metal                             | 2 race probation starting at Pueblo |
| Pueblo                             | Judd Evans      |  | Driving instructor discussion       |
| RAKC                               | Andy Gould      | Metal to Metal; Self Trailer               | 2 Race probation                    |
| RAKC                               | Boysen Loesch   | Metal to Metal                             | 2 Race probation                    |
| RAKC                               | Nick Anders     |  | 2 Race probation                    |
| RAKC                               | Andrew Jordan   | No penalty                                 | Minor incident                      |
| RAKC                               | Wayne Siebrecht | No penalty                                 | Mechanical failure                  |
| Hastings                           | Neil McCready   | Metal to Metal                             | 2 Race Probation                    |
| Enduro                             | Sean Hillis     | Previous infractions in the 2015 race year | 3 race suspension                   |
|                                    |                 |  |                                     |

# December 2015 Presidents Message

Dear RMVR Members. It is this time of year to reflect and give thanks. To reflect back to the 2015 racing season, the decisions that were made and how we could learn from the outcomes to make RMVR more successful in the coming season. The integration of Motorsports Registration was a major project earlier this year and was just the first step in bringing RMVR into the "21st Century". Thanks to Bob Alder, Bob Darcy, Katja Stokley and everyone else who brought this plan to fruition. Recently another futuristic step was made when Bob Alder again pushed the Club forward in bringing electronic ballots to the 2015 voting system. In a "speed of light" challenge to complete this, everyone involved rose to the occasion, showing great team work and dedication to their assigned duties! Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Richard Bowler, Brian Nelson, Willis Wood, Jr. and Brad Zieg, who did an outstanding job of putting together the Nominees for this year's election. And let's not forget those who volunteered for this election. This is, I am told, the most candidates on the slate in several years, thank you all and Bravo! May the best man win!

Thank you volunteers for all of your time, both on the race weekends and off, your support and for making the 2015 season safe and successful. Let's make 2016 a year to remember, have fun and show the members of the RMVR how important the relationship is between the Drivers and the Workers. Our drivers are the reason that we are able to have this Club, their love and passion for vintage racing and financial support of the workers and RMVR, thank you all and I am looking forward to seeing you all next year! Thank you to the Event Chairs and Stewards, I am anticipating some great ideas from those who will dedicate themselves to putting on the events for 2016.

RMVR is no doubt going through changes and this coming year will see many challenges I'm sure. But I am also sure these will be met by the incoming Board with the same dedication as the current serving Board Members. Thank you Board, to those who served RMVR with your diligence and support.

It was very evident at the Feedback Session that there are many members who are concerned about the future of RMVR and want to see that the Club survives to be passed on to coming generations, as it was passed on to them. This can only be achieved if there are those willing to not only envision what needs to be done, but do what work is needed to make this Club your own. I believe that it was Bob Darcy who said there is never a shortage of ideas, just a shortage of those willing to do the job.

Volunteer as an Event Chair, Race Steward or assistant, Chief of Specialty, work a corner or grid and become more active in Your Club! Promote RMVR whenever you can. Pass along your experience and knowledge and we will see RMVR as the premiere racing club that it is.

I am very excited about the coming season and where it will take us into 2017. I hope that this time next year I will be able to pass on to the incoming President, a Club with its dedicated Members and with all of the values of our predecessors, a view for the future and the perseverance to meet the challenges.

I wish you Happy Holidays to you and yours. Thank you all and see you at the Banquet.

Frank Leslie,  
President RMVR 2015-2016

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE: Used Sprite/Midget parts:** Stock rib-case gearbox, disassembled, needs mainshaft; (4) 1275 cc +0.20" dished pistons; (4) stock axles; new Lucas-style starter; "Tuning the A-Series Engine" by David Vizard. \$200 for all. [mattdolo@yahoo.com](mailto:mattdolo@yahoo.com)

**For Sale: 1966 Jaguar XKE Race Car** New 12.7:1 engine by TTRaceEngines.com. GTJ oiling system.



Webers. Griffin radiator. Aluminum fly wheel - Tilton clutch. ATL cell. 8-point cage. Adjustable aluminum shocks and adjustable sway bars. Wilwood brakes,

ventilated rotors. Hypercoils. Fiberglass bonnet and aluminum flares. Momo seat. Phoenix. Spare engine. Colorado title. SCCA and RMVR logbooks. [PLGMiller@msn.com](mailto:PLGMiller@msn.com) for specifications, pictures. \$65K. Offers considered.



**For Sale:** 12 foot trailer. New deck but needs tires. \$450  
Jim Kellogg  
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We are also trying to build an archive of motor sport events Colorado. Do you or anyone you know have any Colorado related material? Events from places such as Continental Divide Raceway, Pikes Peak, Steamboat, Aspen, Salida, Copper Mountain, Lakeside, Second Creek, and La Junta.

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***December 2015***

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