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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.

- Brian Cox

Feedback Session and Election 2019

With the 2019 vintage racing season behind us, RMVR Members are encouraged to attend the **Feedback Session** to share the Good, Bad, and Ugly of 2019 as the Board prepares for 2020 and beyond.

Big things are solidifying for the upcoming racing season;

- A proposed street race in Estes Park on the horizon,
- Options for expanding eligibility are being explored
- On the operations level, 2019 marked a return to positive net income results.

2019 marked a return to La Junta Raceway, which earned rave reviews from most of the participants. Do we go again? You'll also want to know why RMVR's venerable box van has been semi-retired, and the move afoot to replace it.

All of these items, and more, are on the table for discussion. And finally, **it's election time**. Think about the role you might want to play in the club organization. The Feedback Session is a great time to **toss your helmet into the ring for one of the Board openings!**

Please plan to attend; your input is essential to the future of RMVR.

What It Is: RMVR 2019 Feedback Session

Where It Is: Forney Museum of Transportation
4303 Brighton Blvd, Denver, CO 80216 [\[Map\]](#)

The doors at the west side of the building that we normally use will be locked. Folks need to go in through the front door like the paying customers.

When It Is: Saturday, November 16, 2019 10:30AM to 1:30PM

See you there,
Your RMVR Board

EAT WINGS. SAVE LIVES.
Monday, December 9th
11:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Buffalo Wild Wings
Lakewood
Wadsworth & Alameda
Across from Belmar
10% of your total bill will be donated to:
THE **Morgan Adams** FOUNDATION

Continue Accelerating the Race Against Kids' Cancer!

On Monday, December 9th, please join us at Buffalo Wild Wings in Lakewood, CO! From 11:00 AM until 11:30 PM, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of your total bill back to The Morgan Adams Foundation, to support life-saving pediatric cancer research.

You just need to mention The Morgan Adams Foundation when you pay your bill. Applies to dine-in and take-out orders.

Buffalo Wild Wings
415 S Wadsworth Blvd
Lakewood, CO 80226

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM. The Board Meeting location is:

The Blue Bonnet Café

457 S. Broadway Denver, CO 80209 303-778-0147 [\[MAP\]](#)

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Minutes

RMVR Board Meeting
Blue Bonnet Café
October 16, 2019
7:00 to 9:00 pm

1. Call to order: Patrick Fay 7:00pm

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Patrick Fay (President) – P
Jeff Payne (President Elect) – P
Brian Nelson (Past President) – A
Eric Schakel (Treasurer) – P
Scott Stekr (Secretary) – A
Ken Tisdale (At Large) – P
Martin Willis (At large) – P
Brant McClung (At Large) – A
Wayne Siebrecht (At Large) – P
Rob Van Westenber (At Large) – A
Jeff Hall (At Large) – P
Brad Leach (At Large) – P

3. Approval of September Minutes

Motion – Brad
2nd – Ken
Unanimously approved

4. President's Opening Remarks

Patrick complimented workers and drivers for their support of La Junta and noted the success of the event.

5. Treasurer's Report

Eric reported that the "Return La Junta" event nearly broke even with 69 cars entered. The Club actually lost about \$1,000 due to the use of "race credits" and a misunderstanding of the track rental charge. Track rental was about \$6,000 based on the number of cars entered. The rental was \$50 per day per car, not \$50 for the weekend per car as was previously thought. In addition, hotel cost was higher due to more workers than expected. Eric reported that the club was in good shape with about \$18,000 cash on hand. Questions followed and

there was discussion about accounting procedures. Eric suggested creating a line item of credits called "RoomVeRs" with a designated value. This would establish a more uniform and consistent method of accounting for race credits. Wayne Siebrecht was unanimously appointed to assist in the development of this item.

The October Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

6. Chief of Specialties Report

a. Tech. Branden Sumner reported there were radio issues at La Junta that were resolved. Branden also commented that a car should not have been allowed on track with only 4 out of 5 lug nuts on one wheel. This was supported by general consensus. All cars must have all lug nuts to go on track. The worker who approved the exception acknowledged the mistake.

b. Worker Van. Eric provided a printed report "2019 RMVR Worker Van Situation." (See discussion in 8b).

c. Stewards. Chad Wight presented a written report of the Return to La Junta noting that it was a big success in many ways. There were close to 70 cars, lots of track time (105 minutes plus), great weather, and no incidents to report. One driver was trailered for twice failing to self-report after a spin/4-off (per rules) and ignoring black flags posted at two places on the track. Thanks to Jeff Hall for joining the Steward in explaining the rules to the driver. Chad explained that failure to obey directions of track officials, even if they are wrong can result in expulsion from an event. It was a surprise that there was a second infraction after discussion of the first. The experimental

Estes Park Grand Prix Keep the date open!!!

June 26 and 27th, 2021 are looking good for the 1st annual Estes Park Grand Prix, the EPGP. Stay tuned...

2020 Drivers' School

Yes drivers' school! It is not too early to begin promoting the 2020 school. It's the silly season...what a better time to begin talking up next year's school. We want to achieve our goal of 80 students so time is of the essence. LET'S GO!!!!

Gateway Group was well received and actually made it possible for production cars to have double the track time by joining their sessions with approval. The complete Chief Steward's Report will be published in the Messenger.

d. Grid. John reported that the grid ran smoothly. He had discussion with Tech of ideas to improve communication.

e. Flagging & Communications. Lisa thanked the workers who served at La Junta. She also commended the workers who attend board meetings to stay involved.

f. Chief Driving Instructor. Lynn Fangué reported that 5 more Provisional Drivers were signed off for Competition Licenses. Printing of posters for Drivers School was approved.

7. Special Orders Discussion / Upcoming Events

a. VMC- Rob will represent RMVR at the Vintage Motor Council (VMC) meeting October 26.

b. The Feedback Session is scheduled for November 16 from 10:30 to 1:30 at Forney Museum. The Feedback Session will also serve as the November Board Meeting

8. Unfinished Business

a. Report from the CVAR Hallet Race. Jeff Hall volunteered for Tech at Hallet and observed that CVAR uses a trailer to carry worker supplies and also stores supplies at the tracks they use. He said CVAR has never lacked for a volunteer to pull the trailer to the track. A flatbed is used to transport workers to corners. Some materials (e.g. fire extinguishers) are at the track, re-certified every year, and rented from the track. Jeff will contact tracks to learn the cost of equipment storage and rental. Lisa countered the trailer idea with a renewal of the request to purchase a replacement van. She noted that the Van provides mobile, self-contained storage of everything needed to hold a race at any track without any additional responsibilities of inventory, maintenance and/or of equipment stored at tracks, or driving the Van to the track. It was also noted that the Van provides a moving billboard for club advertising.

b. Worker Van funding proposal. Patrick Fay and Judd Evans. Judd proposed that \$15 be added to every race entry to support the cost of a replacement vehicle. Based on 517 entries in 2019, the surcharge would have generated \$7,755. Martin proposed a \$10,000 budget to purchase a replacement truck/van and suggested that Judd be

authorized to acquire the vehicle. Judd proposed that he be part of a three-person committee to carry this out. Wayne moved and Eric seconded a motion that Judd, Branden, and Eric Schakel comprise the committee authorized to spend up to \$10,000 on a replacement vehicle. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ken moved to post a voluntary "Safety Donation" on MSR that could be used to support the costs of equipment and maintenance related to the Van. Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Nomination Committee. Ken Tisdale read a list of possible candidates and more names were added. Ken needed two additional members to complete the committee in accordance with the Bi-Laws. Ken reviewed the Ops Manual to explain the role of the committee. Robert Armstrong and Lisa Williams volunteered and were accepted to join Ken on the Committee. [In addition to nominations for open Board seats, the Committee also needs nominations for President-Elect and Secretary.

9. New Business

a. La Junta Race Report. Participants and workers overwhelmingly supported the continuation of a La Junta event in 2020, schedule permitting (see comments from different officials above).

b. Gateway Group Report. Reports were very favorable. Brad Leach moved and Jeff Hall

seconded a motion to continue the Gateway Group next year. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Calls on Grid. John Victoria withdrew this agenda item after discussions with Chiefs.

10. Estes Park Report-- June 27-28, 2020. Wayne Siebrecht is working with Eric Schakel on a budget of \$50,000 based on 100 entries at \$400 per entry plus RV site rental, merchandizing, and sponsorship money. Wayne expects to receive word of approval or denial of the race proposal after a meeting of the City Council Friday. Eric presented a written report titled "Estes Park Proposal" which compared the successful 1984 Steamboat race with the proposed 2020 Estes Park race. The report also summarized RMVR entry numbers by event for the last five years and noted a downward trend. Eric's Proposal suggests moving the initial Estes Park race to a similar time slot in 2021 to allow more promotion for higher car count. He suggested strategies to market and establish a working "partnership" with Estes Park before committing club resources.

11. Open Discussion. Ken moved and Wayne seconded a motion to transfer Facebook administration to Jim Morton.

12. Action Items. Reviewed by Patrick and affirmed by participants.

13. Adjournment of Meeting: 9:12 p.m. Minutes recorded and submitted by Chad Wight

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RMVR Election 2019

Friends,

Be a big cheese in the club!

Enjoy the admiration and respect of your peers!

Meet new people!

Make a difference!

Are you a member in good standing? Do you want to see RMVR thrive and grow? Do you have ideas to make our club better? Do you routinely volunteer for the many jobs that need to be done, or are you one of the people that come to the events and coast along, never really getting involved? It takes a bunch of dedicated people to make this club tick. Are you “coasters” feeling at least a little bit guilty yet? Good, we need your help!

Election time is rapidly approaching. As most of you know, the club has elections in the fall to fill the board positions that are coming open at the beginning of the next year. Once nominations have been received, candidates prepare a biography with a photo and then we prepare a ballot which is sent to all current members to cast their votes. Results of the election are announced at the banquet after the first of the year. The first board meeting with the new administration occurs in February.

We are making a strong push for new racing venues, expanded eligibility, new members and ways to make the weekends fun for spouses and family. Maybe you have other ideas on how we can improve the club?

There are plenty of complainers but few people who orchestrate change. Get involved, learn what it takes to make the club function. The commitment involves showing up for 10 meetings a year plus the Feedback Session and the Banquet. Not a huge deal and I guarantee you will learn a lot more than you know now!

Elections are open to Workers and Drivers. Nominate yourself or nominate a friend. Ideally, we need several candidates for each position, and we need them from all the run groups. Currently **there are no open-wheel drivers on the board**. Step up open-wheel drivers! Just because you don't have fenders doesn't mean you get to sit out.

Open positions for 2020 are as follows:

- President-elect (becomes President in 2021)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- (4) At-Large Board positions (2-year terms)

Ready to nominate someone or announce your candidacy??? Please contact Ken Tisdale, Nominating Committee Chair at ktisdale@ix.netcom.com

Stewards Report to the Board

Chad Wight & Gary Merrifield

10/13/19

La Junta Raceway

October 5-6, 2019

The final racing event of 2019 at La Junta Raceway exceeded expectations for participation, fun and safety. About 69 drivers were entered. The schedule included a 5th group as an experiment—the Gateway Group for later cars with log books from other clubs that were too new to be eligible for RMVR. Though some drivers were skeptical, running 5 groups did NOT reduce track time. In fact, there was actually MORE track time. According to the schedule, all groups got 105 minutes on track which was more than the Pueblo Enduro/Sprints event. In addition, closed cars were offered “Bonus Sessions” to actually double their track time by getting approval to also run in the Gateway Group. There were NO INCIDENTS and NO OIL SPILLS, and as a result, only minor delays for tows and small clean-ups.

The only drivers who did not get more track time were those with mechanical problems or disciplinary action. Only one driver was penalized for failing to self-report after 4-off and ignoring black flags at two stations. After discussion of the first infraction, it was a surprise that the driver repeated the offense in another session. He was suspended for the remainder of the day, Saturday.

Track Manager Allan Lasater provided great hospitality and good track surface. He also gave a challenge to Glen Conser with a fine rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Allan informed us of plans to improve the paddock area and expressed a hope that we would come back. Overall, it was a great weekend, mild and sunny temperatures in the 70's, no incidents, and no problems driving home. The event has to be counted a success by any measurement.

November 2019 President's Message

The checkered flag is out, and 2019 has been a great race! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I have. I gotta say the highlight of my year was being on the start stand at La Junta when the big bores thundered by. As a course marshal, when you're wondering if you'll hit a car with your flag, you're about as close to the track as you can get!

Our first race at La Junta in over a decade was a big success - everyone I talked to had a great time. They've made quite a few improvements to the facilities, and track director Allan Lasater and the city of La Junta are committed to continuing the work. Beside the improvements, the track is simple, it's fast, and the transition from asphalt to concrete in turn 3 is a fantastic rush!

In other news, we ran the first-ever RMVR Gateway run group at La Junta. The Gateway run group gave us an opportunity to try racing with logbooked race cars outside our years of eligibility while giving all drivers more track time than ever. This was a great success, and I'm happy to report that we will be continuing the experiment in 2020. We're still dialing with the formula, so stay tuned for further developments next year.

Lastly, I would like to thank RMVR for my opportunity to be your leader this year. It's been a test for me to be sure, but at the same time, it's given me great pride to be associated with this wonderful group of people at such a high level. I'm honored to have been a part of your success over this year and into the future. I'm truly proud of us and our Vintage Spirit!

Thanks,

Patrick Fay

RMVR President 2019 [president | rmvr | com](http://president|rmvr|com)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Infraction Report</u> <u>10-07-19</u>	<u>Penalty Remaining</u>
PMP	Eric Stange	#2 M2M	1 event probation
PMP	Mark Shillingburg	#2 M2M	2 event probation
Snowmass	Frank Jones	#3 4-off into barrier	2 event probation.
Pueblo	Dave Gardner	#2 at Cnr 9 M2M	2 event probation
PMP 6/19	Steve	#2 4 off Into Barrier (PMP)	2 event probation
PMP 9/19	Bachenberg	#1 M2M OAD (PMP)	
Snowmass	Scot Pettit	#2 through hay bales	1 event probation
HPR	Steve Rogers	Unauth track entry OAD #2 M2M	2 event probation
HPR 5/19	Seth Letterly	Class 2 M2M, OAD	1 event probation
HPR 5/19	Allen Johnsen	Class 3 M2M, OAD	2 event probation
HPR 5/19	Terry Hefty	Class 1 M2M	1 event probation
HPR 8/10	Andy Gould	Class 2 M2M	1 event probation
PMP 9/15		OAD 2 spins on prob	Continued
PMP 9/15	Robert Jimenez	Class 4 roll-ever	Suspension pending
Key:	OAD= Over-Aggressive Driving	M2M= Metal-to-Metal	Class 1,2,3,4 = Level of severity
<p>In lieu of penalty, drivers are invited to volunteer as Corner Marshals for one or more weekends. To be properly credited, a driver must sign-up, show-up, & report to the race steward. Also, non-participation only cancels suspension, not probation. For further detail on infractions, see <i>Operations Manual</i>, Appendix J: p.54-56 (2018 Edition)</p>			

Classifieds

For Sale: 1966

Lotus S7 1500cc, 135hp Ford, non-cross flow, 4 cyl. with 2 Weber 40 DCOE's. Dry sump, Leeson Gearbox,



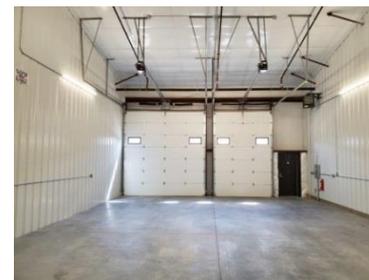
gone through in 2016. New Fuel Safe cell in June of 2016, 13" X 6" wheels, Brakes are disc front, drum rear. Some spares and original road parts [windshield, headlights, etc.]. Car has been racing with RMVR since 1987. Front runner in small bore, running 2:11's at HPR, down to 2:08 with new tires. Also raced in the Monterey Historics, various other US tracks, and in New Zealand. Augie Pabst raced the car several times in the Steamboat Springs Historic Races in the late '80s and early '90's. It is a solid, reliable, totally legal DP81 car. Has current RMVR Log book. Prepared by Thomas Vintage Motors. Call Tom Ellis 303-449-9112

For Sale: Single axle car trailer, bed tilts on trailer ball for easy loading, extended ramps and fresh rubber. Small production, Formula, etc. 60" between rail



sides. overall length 10.5' with tilt arm removed for storage. \$750 terryallard1@q.com

For Rent Garage Space- Very large 32' x 50' heated garage condo available for rent. Two large overhead doors can accommodate Motorhome and Car Trailer. Plenty of room for several race cars too. Condo amenities include club house, gated entry, RV dump and much more. Located near Wadsworth and Hwy 36. Call Frank at 303-877-5365.



For Sale: Eagle Equipment 4 Post Auto Lift \$2,000, Made in USA, 7000# capacity 4 post lift w/ .75HP, 110V-1PH power unit, 2 lightweight aluminum ramps, 3 drip trays, 12" wide steel jack tray, and 4 caster lift kit. Original purchase price \$4,100 including shipping cost. Excellent condition. Available for \$2,000 OBRO (Or Best Reasonable Offer). Located in Evergreen. Buyer must pick up. Photos available upon request. Jim Smith (303) 887-7851 jsmith0763@msn.com

At the Enduro event, one of our visiting racers from CVAR, Steve Bachenberg, mentioned that there is someone **repairing** AMB Transponders which might be acting up or not working. This could save a BUNCH of money. Here's the info he provided:

". . . during the drivers' meeting, I mentioned a contact for transponder repair, and I was asked to send contact information that could be posted on the RMVR website and/or newsletter. Here goes:

John Mueller
2841 Berry Patch
Schertz, TX 78154
210-504-8697
john@kartingdepot.com

Good Racing,
Steve Bachenberg"

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2019 RMVR Schedule

November 16, 2019

Feedback Session

Forney Museum

January 18, 2020

Annual Banquet

Lakewood Country Club

Event Registration: Register [online](#)

2020 Provisional RMVR Schedule

April 4, 2020

Fire/Rescue School

April 25-26, 2020

Drivers' School

May 9-10, 2020

Spring Race

June 5-6, 2020

Thunder on the Arkansas

Pueblo

August 1-2, 2020

Race Against Kids' Cancer

High Plains Raceway

September 12-13, 2020

Sprints & Enduro Reimagined

(possibly changing to

Pueblo Motorsports Park

9/19-20)

Provisional at this time. It depends on whether Estes Park happens or not.

La Junta

La Junta Raceway, La Junta, CO

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VINTAGE RACING
Vintage Messenger
33828 Hemlock Lane
Evergreen, CO 80439



RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

November 2019

By Lisa Williams

To My Most Valued RMVR Volunteer Team,

As the 2019 RMVR Race Season has come to an end, I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the wonderful volunteers who joined us this past year. It was fantastic to see so many new faces as well as have our veteran folks continue to come out a play. Be sure to watch for upcoming e-mails in the weeks and months to come containing useful information and 2020 event and race dates.

Warm regards,

Lisa

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