

# VINTAGE MESSENGER

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## President's Notice to the Membership

Regretfully, I must notify our membership that Catie Davis, our Administrative Assistant for 14 years, has submitted her resignation, effective December 31, 2004.

Catie stated:

"It is on the recommendation of my physician that I have come to this decision. I will do my best to make the transition for the club as smooth as possible."

"I have enjoyed working in this position and appreciate the friendships and variety of people that I have been associated with during the fourteen years as the administrative assistant. I appreciate your understanding of my decision to leave this position."

As you know, Catie probably had more contact, with more members, than any other person did in this club. Not only has she served the club as the Administrative Assistant for the past 14 years, but previous to that, worked as a volunteer in almost every job in the club. She will be sorely missed by all of us, especially by the present and future Board of Directors and President's of RMVR. Please join me in thanking Catie for her dedication and steadfast loyalty to RMVR.

Norm Pettitt

## Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Ltd.  
Regular Board Meeting 10/20/04  
Porter Hospital Auditorium  
2525 S Downing St  
Denver, CO

## Feedback Session November 13<sup>th</sup>

at the American Motel (10101 I-70 Frontage Rd - just west of Kipling) in Wheat Ridge. 9:00 AM start.

### Board Members present:

Norm Pettitt-President  
Bob Darcey-Past-President  
Jim Bradley-President-Elect  
Mark Robinson-Secretary  
Steve Gesse-Treasurer  
Andy Gould  
Tom Ellis  
Marcia Hubbell  
Keith Davidson  
Joe Pizzi  
Ross Robbins

Excused absence: Janet Urbanek

Call to order: 7:00PM

### Announcements from Norm Pettitt

The Feedback Session has been confirmed for November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM at the American Motel. The annual banquet has been confirmed for January 8, 2005 at the Arvada Center.

### Minutes

Mark Robinson stated that member Bill Rosenbach, via email, noted that for the last three months, the Board meeting minutes have referred to the race facility in Mead, CO as Continental Divide *Raceway* (CDR), when the correct name, according to Bill, is Continental Divide *Racepark*. Also, Tom Ellis was in attendance at the September meeting; the minutes did not reflect his presence. With these corrections noted, Tom Ellis motioned for acceptance, Andy Gould seconded, and the vote to accept was unanimous.

### Treasurer's Report

Steve Gesse reported that as a result of a very good year, we are showing an approximate \$35,000 profit year-to-date. There will be about \$80,000 in our new track account by year end after a second distribution from CMC's Second Creek account. He suggests having our two La Junta events next year have \$100 entry fees to encourage participation as we look toward years without Second Creek. He will recruit a budget committee to meet before the Feedback session to review the 2005 budget, and consider what would be acceptable financial losses in the next few years without Second Creek. Steve also, for budget purposes, wanted to know if the Board favored having our first race after Drivers' School be held at La Junta (as previously scheduled), or at Second Creek, should it become available. The Board conducted an informal straw vote in favor of keeping our date at La Junta as we had already made a commitment there.

### New Business

Decker Swann approached the Board seeking funding for some sort of publication that would document the Ernie Weil story, so past and future recipients of the "Ernie Weil Award" would have something to keep after passing the traveling trophy. It was suggested that Decker contact our Webmaster and Bob Alder to coordinate putting the information on the web site, and possibly reproduce it in a book form as Bob had done with photos from his New Zealand trip.

### Nominating Committee

Norm Pettitt asked for suggestions on possible candidates for the upcoming Board election. Andy Gould volunteered to chair the nominating committee. Norm will work with Andy to form the committee.

The regular RMVR Board Meeting is held the third Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7 p.m. at Porter Hospital Auditorium (enter by the Cancer Center entrance) 2525 S. Downing St., Denver, CO  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Catie Davis - Box 2096 - Estes Park, Colorado 80517 - (970) 586-6366

## Chiefs' Reports

### Flagging & Communication

Pauline Wilson stated that the 2005 Fire & Rescue School has been set for March 5 & 6, and will be held at the North Washington Fire Dept.'s new training facility near I-70 & I-270. The facility will be able to burn a car (donated by Jeff Chase) on-site to practice fire extinguisher training. Tony Peak has attended an advanced NASCAR training course in Charlotte, NC, courtesy of PPIR. Pauline requests that the ambulance report to our races one half hour before green flag to give the crew time to review the track.

### Timing & Scoring

Eloise McIllree presented an inventory of obsolete timing & scoring equipment that she would like to find a home for. It was suggested that the list be posted as a classified ad on the web site. Dennis McIllree presented instructions on how to run the Enduro, to be placed in the Race Steward's instructions. Bob Darcey will include it as he updates the RMVR Operations Manual.

### Administrative Assistant's Report

Catie Davis stated that we are at 464 members (paid & unpaid). She suggested that ballots for the upcoming election be mailed with Banquet registration and membership renewal information. Catie then surprised all in attendance by submitting her resignation to be effective 12/31/04. Citing health concerns, she offered to make the transition as smooth as possible, and expressed her enjoyment of 14 years in the position and appreciated the friendships made during that time.

### HANS Device

Tom & Kris Ellis handed out information on the HANS Device, which they strongly recommend using. Time limits prevented showing a video, but it will be shown at the Feedback Session. Kris noted that if there is enough interest, the manufacturer may come to an event to install the devices.

## Old Business

### Possible Constitution & Bylaw changes

Discussion resumed about Steve Gesse's proposed reduction in the size of the Board and number of Board meetings. Steve feels a smaller Board would be more efficient. Talk evolved into having an agenda for the Board meeting in advance that could make meetings more focused and efficient. Ross Robbins made a motion that the agenda be emailed to the Board 2 weeks prior to a meeting. Marcia Hubbell seconded. All in attendance were in favor. Keith Davidson made a motion that the items on the agenda have a time limit attached. Seconded and approved. FOR: Mark Robinson, Steve Gesse, Andy Gould, Tom Ellis, Marcia Hubbell, Keith Davidson, Joe Pizzi, Ross Robbins, Jim Bradley. OPPOSED: Bob Darcey. Further discussion ensued about the proper procedures for changing bylaws, where they are published, and where the Operations Manual is posted. Keith Davidson made a motion that the Operations Manual be posted on the web site as the bylaws are. Tom Ellis seconded, and it was approved by all in attendance.

### New Track Report

Bob Darcey stated that the group responsible for seeking a new track has a draft of a business plan, and a new site is being considered. The site has been previewed by the county and its neighbors for a race track with favorable results.

### CMC

Scott Sanders reported that the use of Second Creek in 2005 is possible, but nothing will be approved before a November or December time frame. Continental Divide Racepark is seeking bids to repair the bump at the bottom of the hill. It appears suitable for our Drivers' School in March. CMC is looking for nominees for their Board. If interested, or know of a suitable candidate, contact Scott at (303)931-8301.

## Newsletter Advertising

Karen Cooley had emailed a request to put a commercial ad in the Vintage Messenger, and was asking the cost. Since there is no policy in place to address this issue, Ross Robbins made a motion that we accept paid advertisements, and Marcia Hubbell seconded. It was approved unanimously. Steve Gesse will contact Karen to advise her of an appropriate rate.

Meeting adjourned, 9:45PM.

Mark Robinson, Secretary

## **Classifieds**

**Formula Vee For Sale-** 1968 Autodynamics D4B, excellent condition, original, this car has never, ever been crashed, Paul Malcomb motor and transaxle, Roxanne's headers, very fast, many wins and podiums, RMVR log books, \$9,900 includes transponder, spares, and open trailer w/ tire racks and tool box, contact Matt, 303.478.7441, cailm@squared.com, or see it live and in person at the Vee Barn .

**1968 Corvette Convertible Vintage Race Car** with ZL-1 type flares, L88-hood, sidepipes, 4-speed, roll bar, fresh 1969 350 engine, heim jointed sway bars, aluminum wheels, and orange paint. Running condition. \$9,500, Lothar Kremer, 303-660-0828, [ltirace@msn.com](mailto:ltirace@msn.com)

**MARK 1A Sunbeam Tiger street car** - black on black on black. 2 hoods, 2 tops, 4000 miles on restored 289 - Panasperts, super sharp. \$24,500. SUNBEAM tiger road race car. 289 Hi. Po. motor (not built for street), completely built for road racing. 32 foot 5th wheel trailer. 6 ft high inside. Living compartment, two doors on right, drop tail gate, white. 12 volt & 110 volt. \$7,900. John Lorenzo, 505-480-3432. Box 9383, Albq, NM 87119.

**STORAGE SPACE** - Need storage or work space for your vintage cars? 5000 sq. ft of heated interior storage space with running water and compressed air as well as 8,000 sq. ft of fenced outside parking for your trailers and RV's. Near I-70 and I-25. Bob Fuller 303-333-3340 or e-mail [rkfii@mho.net](mailto:rkfii@mho.net).

### **RMVR Infraction Report October 2&3, 2004**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
10/03	Carl Wells	Overdriving, contact	Suspension until 11/03/04 Probation until 01/03/05
10/03	Alan Fritze	Overdriving, hit barrier	Suspension until 11/03/04 Probation until 01/03/05



**Don't Miss *The Finish Line* !!!!**

## EVENT • RMVR Winter Banquet

This is a reminder to make your RMVR banquet reservation TODAY!  
Please come celebrate racing and support our workers.

**DATE:** Saturday, 8 January 2005

**LOCATION:** Arvada Center Banquet Facility  
6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada

**TIME:** 6:00 pm                      Cocktails  
7:00 pm                              Dinner  
8:00 – 12:00                      Program . Awards. Social Time

**MENU:**    **Herb Crusted Sliced Tenderloin** . Served with Gorgonzola demi-glaze and French onion confetti.  
**Atlantic Salmon Fillet** . Grilled salmon served with a mustard dill cream sauce.  
**Chicken Wellington** . Tender chicken breast wrapped in puffed pastry  
**Stuffed Portabella Mushroom** . Tender Portabella mushrooms stuffed with grilled vegetables and marinara sauce.

[All dinners are accompanied by a tossed garden green salad, fresh vegetables, potato or rice, assorted rolls and butter, and a dessert. Beverages include coffee, decaffeinated coffee, hot tea, and iced tea.]

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Please fill out, detach and mail with your check to the address below:

**Dinner Reservation Form**

Name[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

Nametag info: Car Model/Make \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Car# \_\_\_\_\_

**How Many?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$35.00 Worker Contribution**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Herb Crusted Sliced Tenderloin
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Atlantic Salmon Fillet
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Chicken Wellington
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Stuffed Portabella Mushroom

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00      =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **total amount enclosed**

Make check payable to RMVR and mail to:  
**RMVR Social, c/o Ron Sholar**  
**2072 Montane Drive East**  
**Golden, CO 80401**

You will receive your menu choice tickets upon arrival the evening of 8 January!

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### 2004 Event Schedule

November 13  
January 8, 2005

Feedback Session  
Annual Banquet @ Arvada Center

### 2005 Event Schedule (Provisional)

March 5 & 6  
March 19 & 20  
April 23-24  
June 3-5  
July 16-17  
August ?  
September 10-11  
Oct. 8-9

Fire / Rescue School  
Drivers School @ Continental Divide Racepark  
La Junta  
Trans-Am Invitational @ Pueblo  
Continental Divide Racepark (tentative)  
Denver Grand Prix  
La Junta  
Pueblo Enduro

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

Estes Park, CO 80517-2096  
P.O. Box 2096

NEWSLETTER  
VINTAGE RACING  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN



# ***RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS***

*November, 2004*

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The racing season has come to a close. Our last racing event of the year was the Enduro at Pueblo. This is always a fun weekend for me and I hope it is for all you workers and drivers. The racing was good and largely without incident. We tried standing starts again and everyone got away without incident. Saturday evening the Formula Ford drivers prepared a spaghetti dinner for the workers. This was great!!! Thanks Ford Drivers. Also, on Saturday evening we had the judging for this years pumpkin decorating contest. Each work area received a pumpkin and had to decorate it with whatever they could find in their area. Judging was by applause from the attendees of the dinner. Tim Oakley and Dave Gurka, of Corner Nine, spent the rest of the weekend, and I'm sure we will hear about this next year, that they are the 2004 Pumpkin Decorating Champions. On Sunday we had the only incident of the weekend. A Porsche 911 spun slowly at Corner Ten and hit the wall. Alan Wachs and Chris Walters of Corner Ten and Dan Berry from Start responded while Eric Miller waved the yellow flag at 10. Both the Wrecker and the Flatbed were dispatched and the car was loaded and the track cleared in less than four minutes with the track remaining continuously hot. Congratulations workers, good job. And the best news of all, the driver is fine.

With the racing season over we will be finding other things to do with our weekends. Spending more time with our families, watching football, skiing, yard work and those of us with project cars in our garages will not have an excuse not to work on them. Let's not forget RMVR completely, however. This is a good time to think back over the season and decide if there was anything you would have liked to have done differently, things that would improve your experience at the races or would improve the operation of your specialty. If you have any ideas, an excellent opportunity to present these is the **Feedback Session**. This year it will be held ***November 13*** at the **American Motel at I-70 and Kipling**. The motel is on the frontage road north of I-70 and west of Kipling. You can't miss their flag. Registration (and coffee and donuts) starts at **8:30** with the meeting starting at **9:00**. Lots of good ideas have originated at the feedback session; like providing worker lunches each day and the tarps for bunker shade. We're not sure of the format this year but there is always an opportunity to discuss what you feel is important. Join in if you can. If you couldn't attend the feedback session, you can still discuss your ideas with your chief of specialty at any time.

Another way to stay involved during the winter might be to discuss the fun you had this summer with your friends and acquaintances. Encourage them to join us next year. Spread the word. Invite them to attend the Fire and Rescue School in mid-March (March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for those of you who have already purchased your Daytimers for next year) if they have questions about what they would be asked to do. **Tony Peak** has volunteered to be our instructor again this year and Pauline and I will assist in the planning and organization. This year we will be at the new training facility for the North Washington Fire Dept. We will be burning a real car.

In the spring, we will be scheduling a day for cleaning out the van and doing inventory. If you would like to get involved with any of these projects over the winter, please feel free to phone any of the people involved or myself (John Twenty, 303.697.2846) to volunteer your services. Call us if you can. We never really take time off, you know, we just start preparing for next year!

The last activity of the year is actually in January. It is our **Holiday Banquet** and will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the **Arvada Center on Wadsworth**. If you worked enough events last year, you will receive your banquet ticket at no charge through the generosity of one of our race car drivers. **Catie** and **Pauline** are compiling a list of the number of days that everyone worked. We will then e-mail each of you to determine your entree choice, and you will be able to pick up your ticket at the banquet. If you are unable to attend, let us know and we will pass your ticket on to the next person on the list. If you wish to bring your spouse, you will need to purchase a ticket for them. Speaking of Catie, Catie Davis turned in her resignation at the October Board Meeting. We are sorry to hear this, but wish Catie all the best.

We didn't get to do much cross-training this year. This was mostly necessity, though, because this year we never had enough workers for the corners or the grid. If you have any special interest in working control or any other area, please be sure to let us know and we will do our best to arrange it. We always try to accommodate everyone in their wishes, because we want all of you to enjoy yourselves and come back! Please understand, however, that our number one concern will always be safety. There will be times, especially when we are short-handed, that we will have to rearrange assignments to fit the needs of the event. Try to be patient, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Driver's School is usually a good time to try new things, as it is low-key compared to some of the later events. We also need 8, I think (how many corners are there at CDR?) qualified Corner Captains at Driver's School who enjoy training, because this is when the largest group of new workers join our ranks.

Since this is the last newsletter this year, don't look for one in December, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the excellent help this year and wish you all **Happy Holidays!!**

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**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 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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