

# VINTAGE MESSENGER

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## Thank You to all Conclave Participants

We wish to thank everyone for turning out at the Conclave. We had a final count of 62 cars, with a handful of non-British Vintage Race Cars, a truly exceptional effort. Thank you to all the volunteers who got there early and helped set up shop for the show. Especially those who helped with the shuttle service to and from the Arvada West High School parking area, we could not have done it without your help.

For those who could not attend, RMVR displayed our race and vintage eligible cars in a dynamic display surrounding canopies and over 22 feet of tables celebrating RMVR. Stations included; registration, new-members, merchandise, our new track, workers/volunteers, and of course, food and beverage. There were multiple different professionally printed hand-outs and brochures along with numerous photographic displays. The hand-outs were available to all Conclave attendees and the general public and there were hundreds of takers who showed an interest in RMVR.

We would like to welcome our new members who joined RMVR at the Conclave; Robert and Mariann Dixon, from Thorton, Colorado; Terry Davis, from Omaha, Nebraska; and we welcome back Jonathan Lane. Congratulations to Stan Edwards, for winning the FREE race entry raffle, and to Greg Carpenter, for winning first place prize for the Vintage Race Car Group.

Thanks again to RMVR members and friends that helped make this a successful, and hopefully, the first of many RMVR Conclave Social-Promotional Events.

Respectfully,  
Ellis Cahn Chairman – RMVR at the Conclave  
Bill Rosenbach – Conclave Committee Member

Hello Fellow RMVR Members,

Another RMVR Season is in the books, and we now look forward to 2008!

As Chair of the 2008 nominating committee, we are now starting the process to secure candidates for the board.

As you are all aware, RMVR is an ALL volunteer organization, and without faithful members willing to contribute, we would cease to exist. I urge all of you to consider "giving something back" and give the board a try. Our club will be entering some exciting yet tenuous times ahead, and it will most certainly be a great time to be on the board.

I am completing my third year on the board, and can tell you that it has been interesting and rewarding.

This year we are looking to fill the following board vacancies;

President Elect  
3 at large board members  
Secretary

Please consider running for one of these positions. If you would like to volunteer to run, you can contact Scott Sanders via email at [ssdvsand@comcast.net](mailto:ssdvsand@comcast.net), or by phone at 303-931-8301.

Remember: "Ask not what your club can o for you, but, ask what you can do for your club.....!"

Thank you, and Best Regards,

Scott Sanders  
2008 Nominating Committee Chair

### Minutes

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing  
Ltd.  
Regular Board Meeting 9/19/07  
Lone Tree Library  
8827 Lone Tree Parkway  
Lone Tree, CO

Bob Mitchiner-President-Elect  
Roger Hively-Past President  
Mark Robinson-Secretary  
Bob Alder-Treasurer  
Dan Berry  
Bob Darcey  
Dennis McIlree  
Scott Sanders

Hubbell, Kevin Lynch.

### President's Comments

Bill Fleming noted that Tom Ellis was participating in the Colorado Grand, Marcia Hubbell was at the Peak to Peak rally, and Kevin Lynch was on vacation. Bill noted that kudos go to Ellis Cahn & Bill Rosenbach for their efforts in

### Board Members present:

Bill Fleming-President

Excused absence: Tom Ellis, Marcia

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM, at the Lone Tree Library, 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124-8961 The Library is on Yosemite, south of County Line and north of Lincoln. Yosemite intersects both County Line and Lincoln just west of I-25. A link to a map follows: [MAP](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Diane Hively - 6745 West Third Place, Lakewood, Colorado 80226 - (303) 319-3062

organizing the vintage race car display at the Colorado English Motoring Conclave. We were the largest group there with about 60 cars out of the 500+ in attendance. 3 new members were enrolled.

### **Minutes**

Mark Robinson had no corrections or omissions brought to his attention to last month's minutes as published. Bob Alder made a motion to accept them, Dennis McIlree seconded, and they were approved by unanimous vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As a follow-up to his emailed financial reports to the Board, Bob Alder noted that there are a few outstanding bills from the Hastings race. The 140 entries (vs. 105 budgeted) contributed to the projected \$2000 profit compared to the budgeted \$4000 loss. The Hastings entry list represented 5 clubs and 2 new driver members. He estimates that by year end, we will show a modest profit.

### **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

#### **Chief Steward**

Chip Hane is working on his post-Hastings report.

#### **Timing & Scoring**

Dennis McIlree noted that, for the Enduro, volunteers are needed to help make the event work.

#### **Eligibility**

Bob Mitchiner reported that Mike Norris has resigned from the Eligibility Team, but Greg Johnson has agreed to replace him.

#### **Flagging & Communication**

Pauline Wilson noted that the workers had a great time at Hastings. The potential of having the race over Labor Day 2008 was well received. There were several workers in attendance at the Conclave, and thanks to Bob Alder for creating a promotional brochure used to recruit new workers. The new track should be a great help in bringing in new workers also. The current pool of workers is stretched pretty thin; the Enduro is in need of at least 4 more workers for

minimum staffing. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner for workers by the Formula Ford drivers at the Enduro is anxiously awaited, and appreciated.

### **CMC (Colorado Motorsports Council)**

Bill Miller (in Marcia Hubbell's absence) reported that at the most recent CMC meeting, only one Board member was in attendance. Without notification, President Jerry Schouten, Treasurer Don Gruenler & Secretary John Arnold did not attend, so no quorum was present, and nothing was accomplished. Six members were present.

### **CAMA (Colorado Amateur Motorsports Associates)**

Bob Darcey reported on recent developments:

#### **USR Application**

As reported last month, Arapahoe County amended their zoning regulations in August to add Amateur Motorsports to the list of acceptable uses, and the USR (Use By Special Review) application for High Plains Raceway was submitted to the County on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The USR review is still in process, and all indications are positive at this point.

#### **Capital Campaign**

As of September 14<sup>th</sup>, the contributions campaign has raised \$262,134. This compares to the \$171,460 report on August 15<sup>th</sup>, so contributions are coming in at a rate of about \$18K+ per week. The SCCA will be holding their information meeting/dinner/auction at May Farms in Byers this Sunday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and MRA will be holding a similar event at May Farms on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, there will be a CAMA-wide information meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and we hope to have a large contingent of the MCCA club members at that event. At this point, RMVR is leading in contributions by a wide margin, but we expect the campaigns of the other four clubs to gain momentum from these activities. The recent mailing of contribution packets to the BMW

membership is starting to yield results, and the Audi Club will be mailing their packet soon. In all, we are satisfied with the results thus far, but recognize that a lot more work lies ahead.

CAMA Manager Charlie Thompson has retained attorney Jim Thorburn to oversee the completion of the loan program documents, including integration with the SEC/private placement documents. We expect that this will be completed within the next two weeks, and that CAMLC can begin obtaining signed loan commitments shortly.

#### **High Plains Raceway Website**

CAMA plans to publish on the HPR web site the list of members who have made contributions thus far. Also, an "Acknowledgments" section has been prepared to express our appreciation for the many individuals who have donated their time and services to the effort.

#### **Other Track Efforts**

CAMA is not aware of any news regarding the Motorsport Country Club (Agate) or Genoa efforts in the past month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Hastings Race**

There were 22 cars (without any Porsches) in the Big Bore group, which made for a great showing. The City of Hastings' support of the event was exemplary. Their efforts in minimizing the down time of racing as a spectator's medical emergency was taken care of were very much appreciated. The area is wonderfully supportive of the events at Motorsports Park Hastings.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2008 Schedule

Bob Mitchiner presented the *preliminary* schedule for next year:

#### *April 18, 19, 20:*

Drivers' School/Race  
La Junta, CO

#### *June 14, 15:*

Trans-Am Invitational  
Pueblo, CO

#### *July 26, 27:*

Inaugural Race  
High Plains Raceway

#### *August 29, 30, 31:*

Showboat Grand Prix  
Hastings, NE

#### *Sept. 27, 28:*

Enduro  
Pueblo, CO

#### *October 18, 19:*

Race  
High Plains Raceway

### HPR Raffle

Bill Fleming, (for Richard Bowler), noted Richard's idea to raffle off RMVR's first race entry for our inaugural event at High Plains Raceway. Tickets will sell for \$10 each, and will be for sale at all RMVR events until the Annual Banquet, at which the winner will be drawn (Need not be present to win). 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the High Plains Raceway Capital Campaign. Scott Sanders made a motion the RMVR donate the entry to the raffle, Dan Berry seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

### Open Discussion

Bill Rosenbach noted that entry packets at the Conclave included invitations for all to attend the Enduro. He also expressed thanks on behalf of the Lotus club to RMVR for allowing the use of our fire extinguishers & radios at their recent National convention.

Bill Fleming noted that 2008 is the 45th anniversary of the Formula Vee. He sought & received permission from the RMVR Board to explore the possibility of hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. This could offer nationwide exposure & promotion opportunities for RMVR.



## **HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY**

An Update  
Bob Alder, Capital Campaign

The **HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY** website, [www.HighPlainsRaceway.com](http://www.HighPlainsRaceway.com) has been revised with new information on commercial donors, a list of Founding Contributors (is your name on that list?), and Acknowledgments of all the people who have helped with HPR to date.

For those of you unable to attend the very informative HPR information meeting sponsored by RMVR last month, there is another open meeting hosted by CAMA on Thursday, October 18, again at the Red Lion. To get up to speed on track developments and to answer any questions, please attend. It's during the week so you can drop by after work. Visit the EVENTS section of the track website for particulars of time and place.

Also, additional guided site tours are available by appointment, details also on the EVENTS page of [www.HighPlainsRaceway.com](http://www.HighPlainsRaceway.com). By the way, the track layout is now completely marked with stakes to it's real easy to envision yourself on this great track.

If you haven't made your contribution yet, please consider doing it soon. When the USR (Use by Special Review) is approved by the county (hopefully soon!!) having sufficient money in the kitty is all that will stop us from breaking ground. Surely you wouldn't want to be one of the people holding things up? And remember, for your contribution, you'll either get a track or get your money back. You don't get many offers that good.

Bob Alder noted that his inquires into on-line registration are postponed temporarily, as he has been very involved in the HPR Capital Campaign.

commemorating this milestone at one of our 2008 races.

Meeting adjourned, 8:41PM.  
Mark Robinson, Secretary

The Feedback Session scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> will also be considered as the Board Meeting for that month.

Bill Miller noted that 2008 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RMVR. Bob Mitchiner will work on

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## 2007 Event Schedule

November 17, 2007

Feedback Session  
Annual Banquet

## Provisional 2008 Event Schedule

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June 14 & 15, 2008

July 26 & 27, 2008

August 29, 30 & 31, 2008

Sept. 27 & 28, 2008

October 18 & 19, 2008

Drivers' School/Race- La Junta, CO

Trans-Am Invitational- Pueblo, CO

Inaugural Race- High Plains Raceway

Showboat Grand Prix- Hastings, NE

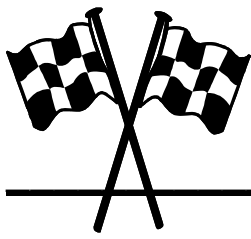
Enduro- Pueblo, CO

Race- High Plains Raceway

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

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NEWSLETTER  
VINTAGE RACING  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN



# ***RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS***

***October, 2007***

**By Pauline Wilson**

Who would have thought that Hastings, Nebraska would become our favorite place to race! What a great weekend. The weather Friday and Saturday was beautiful. Sunday was a bit brisk. All of the workers were digging out every piece of clothes they could find. Some were even borrowing from the Fire Safety crew – right Kristi? She had so many layers on she couldn't bend over! Kind of looked like the Michelin Man from the pictures. Thanks Bobby for keeping her warm! Speedy & Linda were with us again, too. Linda fits right in with our brand of insanity. On Saturday night she went shopping at Walmart. Sunday morning she snuck out to corner 13 where Andy had the flamingos set up, and placed a tombstone to commemorate the bird that was hit on Saturday. She also bought a bubble gun and had a great time shooting bubbles at everyone.

We always eat way too much good food in Hastings. The Barrel Bar was good as usual. BJ tried something new this time – a Stommer – an open faced burger with chili & cheese. He said it was outstanding, as was the Boulevard wheat beer. On Sunday night I thought the waitress was going to faint when all of the workers who were staying over showed up for dinner. Even though she had a cast on her arm, she managed to take very good care of us. The steak dinner at the track on Saturday night was just as good as we remembered it. I don't know how they managed to prepare & serve 250 + steaks without any of them being overcooked or cold. The same caterer runs the concession stand and makes the worker lunches every day – excellent! And then there are those cinnamon rolls every morning. MMMM.....

We had 140 cars this year, running in 5 groups. It was good to see Kevin Rutherford again, driving Jimmy's Miata. We had hoped to do something "special" for Kevin, but things got a little crazy once we started racing, so maybe next time. Although after seeing a certain picture from corner 13, I have a feeling that the workers had their own "something special" for Kevin! We had several write ups in the Hastings Tribune, the most notable being the one about the student driver in 178 white on the front page. Unfortunately, we also had 4 red flags. I haven't seen that much carnage in a long time. The worst was Bob Mitchner's roll over on Saturday. That one was scary. We're glad you walked away Bob. Hope you can get your car back together over the winter.

The crew in Hastings is amazing. Dusty, the track manager had a good group of trained corner workers (amazing considering they've only been open a year). Bobby & his crew and Speedy & Linda are all the best – we couldn't ask for anything more. We had an incident on Saturday where a spectator had a medical emergency. The ambulance needed to transport. We had to stop racing until the back up ambulance arrived. Then we found out that the backup was on another call. We had run out of ambulances and thought we would be down for a long time. Speedy called the fire department and shortly after the ambulance left for the hospital, we had a fire truck staffed by 2 medics so we could go back to racing. Where else could we get that kind of support? The fire truck came from a training session and had to pick up a medic who had the day off. We were only down for 29 minutes - only in a small town.

It was a weekend of setting new track records. Ken Petrie was determined to set "the" record. He managed to do so with a respectable 1:27.00 on Sunday averaging 94 mph. Unfortunately, after checking the computer, it was discovered that Kurt Hansen had run a 1:26.875 on Saturday in his Formula Atlantic. The very next weekend SCCA was at the track and Jake Latham ran 1:26.415. I guess you'll have to come back next year and try again Ken!

Speaking of next year, Roger Hively has agreed to chair the Hastings race again and we are going to do it Labor Day Weekend! So start planning your vacation now – no excuses. Next year will be bigger and better!

Our next event is the Pueblo Enduro on September 29 & 30 – our last race of the season. By the time this is posted, the Enduro will be history. The Formula Ford drivers are hosting the spaghetti dinner again and I get to be there!

With any luck, we will have a new track next year. High Plains Raceway is starting to look like a reality. If you haven't made a contribution yet, consider it soon. Let's do everything we can to make this track happen by next year!

I hope you all have a good "off season" and I'll see you at the races – hopefully at the new track!

**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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**Classifieds**

**FOR SALE: 1961 DKW 750 Sedan.**

Excellent Historic Group Entry Opportunity! A pair of them, actually, Das Kleine Wunder, one of the four rings of AUTO UNION. Audi, Horch, and of course, AUTO UNION, being the other three. The DKW 750 features a venerable, time-tested, 3 cylinder, 2 stroke, longitudinal engine, fitted with a 4-speed fully synchromesh transaxle, with inboard front brakes, to form its front-wheel-drive drive train. Four wheel independent, torsion bar suspension. Steel frame and coach work, 1400 Lb. curb weight in street trim. Join the 3=6 revolution, get POWER EVERY TIME a piston moves down, and reduce the number of moving parts you need for FUN! Competition history includes RMVR Steamboat, & Second Creek, for the one that has been on track. Both in very complete condition, 'safety tubes' (roll bars), included. \$2000/pair. Delivery available. Contact: Clive Averill, (303) 420-3062  
 E-Mail : [eagle1933@hotmail.com](mailto:eagle1933@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** The late Dave Boyer's **1967 Datsun 1600**, #875 RMVR certified & beautifully prepared as raced by Dave. Turn the key and race! Asking \$8500.  
 Call Bill Cross @720-261-3935



**For Sale: CALDWELL D-13 FORMULA VEE.** Green and silver Caldwell D-13 Formula Vee as raced with RMVR for the last five years. This is a front running championship car that is ready to go with race prep just completed. All the go fast parts still on the car, nothing removed. Comes with four NEW slicks, mounted on a set of spare wheels, and a spare nose with new matching paint and clear bra.  
 Call Mark @ (720) 272-2009

**For Sale Race Bits.** Authorized dealer for Arai and Zamp helmets (SA2005), Hans devices, Sabelt harness sets (FIA), Sabelt nomex clothing, Sabelt racing seats, Pipercross airfilters, Spax shocks, and Titan drysump and steering equipment. Contact Andy Antipas (formula ford L&P #77) with your needs at 970-963-8297 or [aantipas@sopris.net](mailto:aantipas@sopris.net).  
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# RMVR HIGH PLAINS VINTAGE FESTIVAL 2007

Pat Dent Reporting  
Photos by Robert Birney



Motorsport Park Hastings hosted Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing on September 7, 8, and 9 for the biggest three-day event yet at the Park.

One hundred forty very well prepared vintage racecars were on track for the race event.

The activities started Friday with test and tune sessions. Friday concluded with a reception co-hosted by RMVR and MPH. This party included a Tour de Garage, which gave those in attendance, including Acting Governor Rick Sheehy of Hastings, an

opportunity to see the garage units being built at the track. MPH plans to build over 60 two/three bedroom units on its 75 available lots.

Saturday was a day of practice, qualifying and fun races. Saturday night participants were treated to a traditional Nebraska trackside steak dinner. The turnout for dinner was so great seating was done in waves!

After dinner George Anderson, of MPH, treated participants to track rides in the famed "Bacardi Bus." Now, this is no ordinary old school bus, mind

you, but a stripped out machine with a "free" exhaust stack and contemporary handling tweaks. George would repeatedly show his riders the quick way around the circuit braking later than no man has braked before! The smiles and laughter from virtually every "BB" rider was infectious and really got the Saturday night party going. George then set up a bon-fire in the paddock park for everyone to gather round and enjoy the rest of the night. What a great way to end a great day of fun at the track!

To everyone's delight the weather cooled a bit on Sunday with perfect



track conditions, with times improving by two to three seconds a lap (a racers dream). The feature races consisted of:

**Group 1 – Small Bore A:** The leaders, Mark Hansen in his Austin Healey Sprite and Neil McCready in his MGB had an unbelievable duel from start to finish, with Hansen spinning in the last corner on the last lap, and McCready taking the checkered flag. Hansen pulled it out for second with Russ Noblett's Bugeye Sprite in third. Betsey Krill made a valiant drive from ninth, taking fourth position in her BMW 2002 with Janet Urbanek hot on her heels in her '61 Lotus Super 7. Places six to twelve were separated by less than one second and included Williams, Oliver, Deats, Cory, Aretakis, Askew and Brown.

**Group 2 – Open Wheel B:** This group consisted of sixteen open wheel cars in several classes with F5000, EX, F2, FB, FSV and FV cars on the grid with Ken Petrie in his #95 McRae F5000 in pole position. After a restart from a black flag, the field charged off with Ken Petrie and Kurt Hansen #101, in a less than vintage Swift, quickly leading the field. John Obialero #27 Brabham BT38F2, was pursued by Jerry Urban #711 Winkelmann FSV, Charlie Schmidt #59 Royale FSV, and Mike Henry #69 Lotus 69FB. . Harley Vandewege #24 Caldwell led the pack of ten FV racers only to give up the lead to Bob Dudding #633 Zink in lap eight. Jess Valentine #37 Autodynamics finished third in class after starting from the back of the pack.

When the checkered flag dropped a new MPH track record, for vintage racecars, was established by Ken Petrie with a 1:27.00 lap time. Steve Peterson,



set the previous vintage race record at the inaugural RMVR event in August 2006, in his Brabham BT-38 with a time of 1:34.3.

**Group 3 – Formula Fords:** The lap times for this group continued to drop throughout the weekend with Jamie Stiehr eventually posting a fast time of 1:35.243 during the Sunday morning race, with Bob Alder close behind. The Sunday afternoon feature race was called on the hot pit lane after some unfortunate racing. At this time Bob Darcey was in 1<sup>st</sup>, Jamie Stiehr 2<sup>nd</sup>, and RL Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>. Despite a hectic feature race this group was absolutely thrilled with the MPH track, the track personnel, the town of Hastings and cannot wait for MPH 2008.

**Group 4 – Small Bore B:** This was a group of beautifully prepared Porsches, Lotus Elans, and BMWs to name a few. These racers provided some great racing with Henry David, Jim Askew, and The Cesares taking the top spots at the checkered flag.

**Group 5 – Big Bore:** The big bore group really showed up in numbers at Hastings with 18 V-8 cars and 2 Can-Am cars on the grid. Mustangs, Shelbys, Corvettes, Camaros, Tigers, plus many more, roared all weekend creating quite a show with lots of passing and very close racing. Ken Petrie in his McLaren won the feature race on Sunday in his beautiful orange machine. The feature race was no easy task for the other competitors trying to catch Ken. Pete Sabeff in his Tiger, Don Douglass in his Corvette, JP Griffith in his Corvette, and Scott Blackett and Pat Hogan in their Camaros dived for position throughout the race. Blackett moved up from 6<sup>th</sup> on the grid to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot with JP Griffith finishing a close 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a great race for spectators and racers alike as the MPH track places a premium on both handling and driving.

Racing is racing, and everyone cannot be #1. BUT, everyone can and does have a great time at MPH. Plans are already underway for racing at MPH in 2008.

