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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.

- Michael Moothart -- Castle Rock, CO
- Richard Spritz & Diana Dills -- Cherry Hills Village, CO

Mailbox Watch

Watch your mailboxes for the special mailing containing Membership Renewal packets. They will be mailed to **ALL** members and will contain:

- Election 2013 information- a ballot and the candidates' bios. Please remember to return your ballot ahead of the deadline-12/31/12!!!
- A membership renewal form- renew early so that you are included in the printed roster.
- Annual Banquet information and registration form- RSVPs and payments are needed by 12/31/12.

Please Remember To...

- **Renew your membership**
- **Vote for 2013 Officers**
- **Register for the 2012 Banquet** to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at the Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, near I-25 & Lincoln Ave.

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing
November 28, 2012

Board Members Present: Mike Ries; Dan Berry; Paul Kuchay; Pete Myers; Christy Hopkins; Bob Darcey; Mark Robinson; Graham Nessel; Mike Cotsworth

Absent: Mark Robinson; Andy Gould; Ed Milstein; Pat Hogan.

Other Members Present: Conchi López-Fay; Tony Peak; Tom Dietz; Bill Miller; Lynn Fangue.

President Mike Ries called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The October meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Help Needed!!!

The club needs help in this important position:

- Merchandise Chief of Specialty

RMVR is a volunteer club, so please step right up and contact Mike Ries or Bill Fleming.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current cash balance - \$59,828.97.
- The PPIR Event produced a loss of \$5,077.
- YTD P&L is (-\$7,400); in light of unbudgeted Radio purchase, and two below budget events, this is reasonable.
- Club's financial position is healthy.
- Detailed Report attached.

CAMA Report: Bob Darcey reported that HPR has had a good year with gross revenues 10% higher than 2011. Revenues are up 27% over 2010. Increased weekly utilization has been a significant factor contributing to improved revenues. For 2013, twenty five of thirty available weekends have been booked. Winter projects include edge striping to the entire track.

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

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Flag & Communications:

Conchi reported on a successful PPIR event. For the season, 117 workers put in over 5,000 hours.

Timing & Scoring:

No report.

Chief Instructor Report: Lynn Fangué reported that Mike Pettiford and instructors from the Bondurant School at PPIR will be assisting at the driver's school. It was suggested that the instructors be involved in the presentations given during the classroom sessions.

CMC Update:

None

Old Business:

PPIR event– Due to some lost entries at the last minute, there were only approximately 41 entries. There was some confusion about running engines in the garages, this is not allowed. There was discussion of whether this event should be included in the 2013 schedule to be published in the APEX magazine. It was agreed that this will be included in the upcoming schedule, dates to be October 26th and 27th. The possibility of running the track backwards was discussed.

Feedback Session– It was agreed that minutes from the feedback session will be included in the next Messenger.

Marketing– There was considerable discussion as to the need to actively market the club and its events. The formation of a marketing committee was proposed. Reaching out to inactive members was highlighted.

New Business:

Renewals and Banquet Information– Will be mailed soon. Banquet cost will increase by three dollars.

Board of Directors Election–

Ballots will be mailed by 12/11/12. There are six open positions and the nomination committee has identified several candidates.

Banquet Awards– Mike Ries requested input regarding worthy recipients.

Spring Drivers School–

Efforts will be made to maximize attendance, including reaching out to other Marque clubs and promoting the event on the RMVR website.

On Site Tire–

Bob Alder proposed providing a small subsidy (\$100-\$200) to Chris Macarak to allow him to continue to be present at our events. The feeling was that his presence is very welcome, appreciated, and helpful. Discussion ensued whether to give cash subsidy or provide promotional opportunities, TBD

December BOD meeting–

The December meeting will be held via email.

President Mike Ries adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Mike Cotsworth, Secretary

RMVR Member Wins Auto Writing Award

HERSHEY, PA., October 14, 2012...Carl Goodwin, a member of RMVR, has won the 2012 Carl Benz Award of the Society of Automotive Historians. It was for a three-part article titled "Flying Low," published in Vintage Motorsport magazine...about the era of airport races for sports cars, from 1948 to the present, including the famous SAC Base races.

In presenting the award, Douglas Leighton, President of Society of Automotive Historians said "this award is given annually to an article which represents outstanding writing and original research, published in the previous calendar year."

The article featured original racing stories from 27 early drivers and 39 photographs of the era.

The award was presented at the Society's annual awards banquet at the Hershey Golf and Country Club during the annual eastern fall meeting of the Antique and Classic Car Club of America at Hershey, Pa. A limited number of other awards were presented at the banquet, including one for the best book, one for video, distinguished service, a student paper, and four others. Additional details can be obtained on the web site www.autohistory.org.

Vintage Motorsport, the magazine that published the Benz Award winning article, is edited by D. Randy Riggs. It is a leader in the coverage of the golden era of sports car racing, in the 1950s and '60s, as well as other periods of the sport. For more information about the magazine, write to www.vintagemotorsport.com.

Carl Goodwin began writing about sports car racing in 1964. He raced a Fiat-Abarth Zagato and an Alexis 18B Formula Ford for a combined five years, at eleven road courses and one airport course in the East and Midwest, and he was a race worker for Bill Benham's Lake Erie Communications for another five years. In addition to writing for Vintage Motorsport, he has a book out titled "They Started in MGs," published by McFarland & Company. He is currently working on a book about the Put-in-Bay road races.

December President's Message

Happy Holidays! I hope this season finds you and your family happy and healthy.

As our year comes to an end, I want to thank all of you for your support of the club throughout the year. Without the time you have volunteered and the events you have participated in, there would be no club. And thank you for allowing me to preside over this excellent organization for 2012; it has been an honor to do what little I could to keep the club moving forward.

I regret to announce that Paul Kuchay, your President Elect has had to step down due to changes in his career requiring relocation. The Board has selected Bill Fleming to replace Paul in this role, thus making him your 2013 President, and Bill has graciously accepted. I want to thank Paul and Heather for their tremendous contributions to the club throughout the past year; they will be missed. And, of course, I must thank Bill for stepping up and ensuring that RMVR has strong leadership in the coming year. Bill's years of experience, common sense approach to issues makes him an excellent person to fill in for Paul, and we are very lucky to have him.

As some of you know, there has also been an unfortunate change to how the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb will be run starting with the 2013 event. While we have had a good partnership with the PPIHC organization over the years, they have decided to take the management and regulation of the vintage race group under their control going forward. While this severs the partnership with RMVR, I hope those of you with cars eligible under the new rules will choose to continue to run the Hill Climb. It provides excellent exposure for our sport and is a great event. If you do participate, please do whatever you can to promote RMVR on the mountain.

It has been a disproportionately tough year of personal loss and challenge for many in our racing family. Once again we are hit with misfortune with the passing of Ralph Veit. As most of you know, Ralph lost a battle with cancer recently, and he will be sorely missed. Please keep Ralph and his family in your hearts and minds this holiday season.

Finally, if you have not done so already, please purchase your tickets for the Annual Banquet on January 12th. It is a great opportunity for all of us to get together and enjoy a fun evening of food, drink and conversation while we await the next race season.

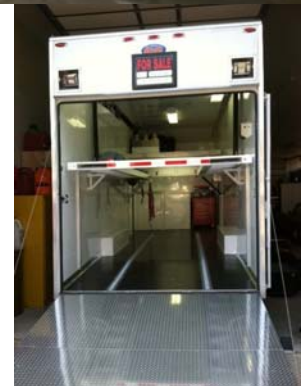
See you in January!
Mike Ries
[president | rmvr | com]

Classifieds

For Sale- 1970 Elden Sportsracer. #1 of 3 in the world. Only 2 hours on a comprehensive 2010 refresh by Excellence Racing. Square tube spaceframe, A-arms with Koni coil-overs, original fiberglass body. 1600 Ford Kent crossflow, dual Weber 45 DCOE, 191 dyno hp. Very fast, successful, and well known RMVR car. Extensive spares. \$59,000.00. Call Bill, 520-572-2448.



For Sale: 2010 S&S 2-car stacker with less than 2000 miles. 15k GWVR, 23'6"x 8'1" on the floor. Built for 2 full size cars with 58" height on bottom and 57" height on top. 10'6" tall interior. Full electrical with 120v and 12v lighting. Side and rear quartz lighting and 16' awning. Hydraulic ramp system with 5000lb winch. Full length E-track upper & lower tiedowns. L & R side doors, electric/hydraulic nose jack, 7500 lb axles, 8'x6' loft storage for tires & gas. Cost \$28,500, like new condition, sell for \$ 24,000 or BO. JP Griffith 303-870-5700.



RMVR FeedBack Session

PPIR October 28, 2012

Comments from PPIR Track Manager:

1. Garages will be available for rental, @ \$500/mo.
2. Several professional Races are likely
3. Consideration being given to developing an Endurance Series
4. Road course is graded, awaiting improved economic climate to complete.

Comments from Small Group Break-out sessions:

- Big Bore -**
1. Prefer 20 minute races
 2. Seeking to develop more communication within group
 3. Suggest “Fast-5” on the grid to help maximize track time
 4. Advertise/market more; promote though other groups
 5. Implement a points system of some sort

- Safety Workers –**
1. Maintain “Vintage” Spirit
 2. Consider “Run three, get one free” race entry fee incentive
 3. Have a pot-luck dinner at the Driver’s School

- Non-Vee Open Wheel –**
1. 20 minute races
 2. Move Feedback session back to site in Denver

- Formula Vee –**
1. 30 minute races, maximum
 2. Points awarded, if done at all, should be based on participation, not competition
 3. Promote the Scholarship programs
 4. Put the 2013 race schedule out on RMVR business cards
 5. Separate practice and qualifying
 6. Be sure volunteers are well trained
 7. Have a “fun” race on Sat afternoon
 8. Reinforce the Vintage Spirit

- Small Bore –**
1. 20 minute races max
 2. Not interested in points system
 3. Consider inviting other clubs to increase paying entrants
 4. Allow one day entries (especially at the Enduro)
 5. Promote the Mentor program
 6. Explore ways to attract cars that are not being driven

General comments:

1. Get 2013 Schedule and RMVR business cards out ASAP
2. Emphasize that RMVR events are free to spectators
3. Promote races “early and often”...

Formula Vee 50th Anniversary at Hastings being contemplated



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January 12, 2013

Banquet

Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, near I-25 & Lincoln Ave

2013 Event Schedule

March 23 & 24, 2013

Fire/Rescue School

April 20 & 21, 2013

Spring Drivers' School @ PPIR

May 18 & 19, 2013

Spring Race @ HPR

June 1 & 2, 2013

RMVR Challenge @ Pueblo

July 27 & 28, 2013

Race Against Kids' Cancer @ HPR

August 31 & Sept. 01, 2013

Showboat Grand Prix @ Hastings

October 5 & 6, 2013

Enduro Race @ HPR

October 26 & 27, 2013

Spooktacular @ PPIR

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