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New Administrator!

Effective immediately Dee Rosetta is taking over the duties as the RMVR Administrator from Pete Christensen. Pete will be assisting Dee during this transition, but Dee should be your first point of contact. A huge "Thank You" to Pete for his excellent service and a "Welcome Aboard" to Dee.

Pete will continue in his position as Chief of Tech.

In addition to her Administrator duties, Dee will also remain Chief of Merchandise.

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Mailbox Watch

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

- Election 2014 information- a ballot and the candidates' bios. Please remember to return your ballot ahead of the deadline-12/31/13!!!
- 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 12/31/13.

Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at the Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, near I-25 & Lincoln Ave.

Drivers School isn't really that far away...

Applications will be taken for the Jones and Formula Vee Drivers' School Scholarships beginning in December for the 2014 DS. If you are interested or know someone who might be, get them on the ball soon as our programs (scholarships and Mentor program) and our school have attracted national prominence in the last few years and we even have people from outside RMVR contacting us about the programs. Applications and guidelines are on the RMVR website.

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing
November 23, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bill Fleming; Ed Milstein; Camile Fangue; Tony Peak; Graham Nessel; Christy Hopkins; Tom Chapman; Mike Ries; Ron Schuler; Mike Cotsworth

Absent:

Mark Robinson; Pete Myers

President Bill Fleming called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

President's Comments:

Bill Fleming reported that Ed Milstein will be stepping down as Treasurer, and that Dick Benson has agreed to take over Treasurer duties for the remainder of Ed's term.

Also, Dee Rosetta will be assuming the role of Club Administrator from Pete Christensen, Bill thanked both Pete and Ed for their invaluable service provided to RMVR.

Minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved.

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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Treasurer's Report:

- Current cash balance (net of checks written)- \$ 34,056.34
- Balance in PayPal - \$3,000.00
- PPIR event showed a loss of \$ 3,261; there were 58 entries including 14 Precision "School" entries.
- Paid membership at 380
- Detailed Report attached.

Treasurers Report was approved as presented.

Chief's Reports:

CAMA:

Bob Darcey reported on the financial position and discussed the legal and operational ramifications of the recent fatal accident at HPR.

Safety:

The 2014 Crash and Burn/Fire School will be held March 28th and 29th.

Apparel:

Several new RMVR items were on display and it was announced that the club can now accept credit cards.

Chief Driving Instructor Report:

Lynn reported that we have licensed 16 new drivers this season. The 2014 Driver's School will be held at HPR on April 4th and 5th.

Discussion returned to the subject of unacceptable driver behavior, as was most evident at the Enduro weekend. The new policy regarding spins ("Any spin on or off the track will result in mandatory visit to Tech/Steward"); and the subject

of greater enforcement of penalties for bad driving behavior, were both discussed.

Considerable discussion ensued among the Board, and from the floor, regarding the proposed rule change to require attendance at a Driving School once every 3 years in order to renew competition license. The proposed rule change (detailed below) was brought up for a Second Reading and was approved by the Board:

"In addition, once every three years, drivers must attend one of two Friday classroom/advanced school events provided each year and race that weekend. The alternate option is to volunteer and be selected by the CDI as a driving instructor for the Spring Driving School."

Note: Subsequently it was determined that the membership had not had sufficient time to review and comment on the proposed rule change before it was brought up for a Second Reading. Accordingly, by email vote, the Board rescinded approval of the Second Reading. The Board will review comments from the Membership and consider the Proposed Rule Change at a future meeting.

RAKC:

Jamie Stiehr reported that the Race Against Kids Cancer weekend had raised approximately \$75,000 again this year. Discussion and suggestions followed regarding how to increase Fundraising for the 2014 event. Suggestions included:

1. Make Fundraising competitive with recognition and prizes for those raising the most money.
2. Give free Race Entry for those attaining certain levels of Fundraising.
3. Explore ways to motivate more participation from Corner Workers.
4. Make it easy to give receipts for smaller donations made at the track.
5. Designate specific purpose(s) for the funds being raised.

At Risk Kids Attending PPIR Event:

Jeff Hall reported that the kids he brought to the track from the Pueblo Charter School had a wonderful time and are still talking about it. It was agreed that it would be desirable to repeat this again sometime next season.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Candidates:

Directors-At-Large:

Tom Chapman
Pete Meyers
Roger Ritzdorf
Mark Robinson
Willis Wood, Jr.

Secretary:
David Chase

President-Elect:
Ron Randolph



Norm Martin, 1929-2013

Former PCA National Secretary Norm Martin, Rocky Mountain Region, passed away in Green Valley, Arizona, on December 14th.

After acquiring their first Porsche, a 1966 912 Coupe, Norm and his wife, Phyllis, joined PCA's Rocky Mountain Region in September 1969. Quickly becoming active and chairing events, Norm was president of Rocky Mountain Region in 1972. He and Phyllis participated in many regional events, including rallies, autocrosses, and concours and in most Zone 9 events, including Fiesta del Porsche in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Martins later owned a 1970 911 Targa, a 356A Carrera Cabriolet, a 914-6 race car, and even a rare, four-cam Elva-Porsche.

Norm encouraged Rocky Mountain Region members to attend Porsche Parades, and as a result, many of them got involved in the national organization. From 1971 onward, Norm and Phyllis were regular competitors at Parades. Their restored black 356B coupe, "Black Beauty", won its very competitive concours class at the 1975 (Oregon) and 1976 (Minnesota) events. At the latter, Norm won the overall Parade competition trophy, but he was most proud of being named the 1976 PCA National Enthusiast of the Year. Afterward he and Phyllis enjoyed a dream trip to Germany, where they spent time with the Porsche family. Norm also served for on the Parade Competition Rules Committee, but his biggest and finest PCA accomplishment came in 1978, when he chaired the extremely popular 23rd Parade, which drew over 1,200 enthusiastic entrants to Aspen, Colorado. Afterward, Norm was elected to a two-year term as PCA's National Secretary.

Norm's automotive interests extended well beyond Porsche. He was heavily involved in the formation of Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing in the 1980s, serving on its board and in other key posts until 1999. Norm's business, Aspen Carrera, dealt mainly in low-budget vintage-race cars, and he enjoyed finding unusual old "barn-find" sports cars for local vintage racers. During this time he restored a Lotus 30 sports-racer, raced an old Morgan and a Martini-liveried 911, and became enthused about Elvas. From 1994 through 2005, he was the advertising manager of *The Star*, the national magazine of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

Norm was born in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1929. When he was 26, he met Phyllis at a dance in Estes Park; they were married in 1956. Professionally, Norm was always an entrepreneur. During the 1950s his experience working in the household-loan business with Sid Langsam, founder of Continental Divide Raceways, prepared him for a career with Sheridan Savings & Loan in Lakewood, Colorado. Some of us kidded Norm about being tight with a nickel, but he always took it in good grace; ask Bill Edwards or Frank Barrett to tell you some "Norm" stories! In 1999 the Martins retired to Green Valley, Arizona, but they kept in touch with their many PCA and RMVR friends and were active in old-car circles there. Phyllis can be reached at 112 W. Calle Nogal, Green Valley, AZ 85614; 520/625-5706.

Feedback Session

Hastings:

Roger and Diane expressed that if RMVR did not return to Hastings in 2014, we would likely not be given the opportunity to return in coming years. He acknowledged that this year we did not solicit sponsorships from local businesses, which certainly contributed to the loss incurred for the weekend. Roger feels that sponsorship would be forthcoming were we to seek it for this and coming years. He also suggested working with CVAR and HVR to increase entries. The possibility of increasing the entry fee by \$50 was discussed. Considerable support for the event was voiced by numerous members in attendance. Graham Nessel acknowledged that Hastings is our most expensive event and a budgeted loss of over \$3,500 cannot be sustained.

Accordingly, significant sponsorship and/or increased entry fees will need to be instituted. Based upon these discussions Graham agreed that the Hastings event will be put back on the schedule for Labor Day weekend 2014.

Apex:

Going forward the Apex will not be a yearbook/magazine. Rather it will be a shorter, program-type booklet with non-date-specific information; to be used primarily as a marketing tool for RMVR.

Small Group Sessions

December President's Corner

Changing of the Guard....

I have a hard time believing it's been a year already. I would like to thank all of you who voted for me to serve as your President...oh wait...you didn't. In that case, I hope I have done an adequate job keeping the seat warm for the next person you have elected.

I must say that the job has changed over the last 11 years. The first time I sat in this seat technology was in its infancy. I wrote 14 letters and 42 e mails the entire year. The next time I sat in the seat technology had stepped up its presence with 147 e mails and 3 letters. This time?... zero letters and 2759 e mails.

Technology sucks....

On a high note the Bumble actually made it out of the garage this year. Something I didn't think was going to happen at all given my work load (70 hour work weeks can be taxing) for the past year. On a low note I learned a valuable lesson. Its very difficult to be the good guy (President) and the bad guy (Chief Steward) at the same time. Some will say I didn't do either very well but to them I say - I apologize - but must add what job would you like to volunteer for? RMVR is a not for profit (club) made up of over 100 people doing the proverbial dirty work from President, members of the Board, all the Chiefs of Specialties (to whom I extend a gracious thank you for your efforts this year) and their assistants and volunteers, all the Marshall's who work every event (pit and grid, corners, tech, etc), your efforts are to be commended with considerable thanks from all of us and everyone else I have forgotten to mention here. Overall it has been a fun year. So with that, welcome your 2014 Board and we'll see you at the track.

Bumble Bill
[president | rmvr | com]

– Breakout By Run Groups

Suggestions and thoughts from the Small Groups:

1. Perhaps allow “replicars” if built to era-specific configuration.
2. Increase entry fees by \$25-50.

3. Try to attract former, inactive members by offering to help them prepare their cars.

4. Raise both dues and entry fees slightly to reduce losses from events (from each group).

5. Expand Exhibition Car Eligibility

6. Post in-car videos on the RMVR website.
7. Redo and upgrade the website to include more advertising and marketing.
8. Expand eligibility to a 25-year rolling standard (2 comments expressed).
9. Address eligibility expansions by Race Group (2 Groups expressed comment).
10. Determine specific costs of sponsoring workers.
11. Create better communication with non-racing members, designating an "Ambassador" to contact them.
12. Expand the number of times Exhibition Cars can race.
13. Attract new drivers by including Precision Student Run Group each event.
14. Preserving the Hastings Event is more important than the Apex.
15. Consider "themed" events.
16. Create a marketing team with a budget and specific goals.
17. Advertise in Victory Lane, as we already get free articles.
18. Get the 2014 RMVR Schedule to Victory Lane as soon as possible.

Bill Fleming adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted – Mike Cotsworth, Secretary

Minutes

December 18, 2013

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Ltd.

Garcia's Restaurant
5050 S Syracuse St
Denver, CO 80237

Call to order: 6:58PM

Board members present:

President Bill Fleming
President-Elect Graham Nessel
Treasurer Ed Milstein
Camille Fangue
Pete Myers
Mark Robinson
Tony Peak
Christy Hopkins
Ron Sholar
Tom Chapman

Excused absence

Past-President Mike Ries
Secretary Mike Cotsworth

President's Comments:

Bill Fleming expressed his thanks to the Board for all the help and support he has received this year.

Minutes

As minutes of the November Board meeting/Feedback session were not received in time for review tonight, review & approval will be done via email after this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Milstein had emailed his summary to the Board.
Highlights:

Dec 2013 Snapshot:

Current Cash:

•Wells Checking: \$36,930.08

•QuickBooks Checking:
\$34,186.14

•Paypal: \$ 1,947.67

Year to Date – Preliminary:

• \$11,239.60 negative

•Apex total cost was \$21,059.76,
less revenue of \$11,260 =

Net costs for Apex are \$9,799.76

Membership to Date:

•Paid memberships 380 (380 last month)

As Ed is stepping down, he will help new Treasurer Dick Benson prepare a preliminary 2014 budget. The transition is going well.

Chiefs' Reports

Chief Driving Instructor

Lynn Fangue had submitted his letter of resignation effective 1/1/2014 to President Bill Fleming, & Bill had forwarded it to the Board. Citing business & personal issues that impact the time he has available for racing, and to some extent, member reaction to the recent proposal for Competition License renewal Lynn was partially involved in crafting, he had a very difficult time making this decision. He has enjoyed being RMVR's CDI for 6 years, and is very proud of how the Drivers' School has progressed during his tenure. He will gladly assist as needed in any transition to the next CDI.

Lynn noted that there were a total of 17 new competition licenses he issued this year.

Safety

Tony Peak reported that planning for the 2014 Fire & Rescue School is progressing. To compensate for increased costs, entry fee for those from outside RMVR will be set at \$30.00 (a \$10 increase). He is also continuing his efforts to coordinate HPR ambulance & helicopter transport to reduce transit times from HPR to the hospital, where the ambulance would head west & meet the

eastbound helicopter, with significant time savings in critical injury situations.

Merchandise Chief & Administrator

Dee Rosetta noted 2013 sales of RMVR merchandise of \$1330.00. As of tonight, she has received 39 paid Banquet reservations, plus 10 Worker reservations. The paid reservations include an additional 33 worker meals from those members, so more Workers can be accommodated at this event.

Chief Steward

Bill Fleming made the suggestion (as did others) that the second reading of the proposal to change our Rules regarding Competition License renewal be postponed until a new Chief Driving Instructor was in place. Discussion ensued, with the focus on that the second reading & vote should proceed, and action taken as needed after the vote. The Rules Change proposal (if the second reading is approved) would change our rules, with the additional text shown below in red. Black text represents existing Rules:

B. Renewal of Competition License:

1. Drivers who renew their RMVR membership, who had a valid RMVR Competition or Provisional License from the immediate past year, and who have a current competition medical on file may be issued a License renewal.

2. In addition, once every three years, drivers must attend one of two Friday classroom/advanced school events provided each year and race that weekend. The alternate option is to volunteer and be selected by the CDI as a driving instructor for the Spring Drivers' School once every three years.

2.3. Those drivers previously licensed who do not meet the renewal criteria in B.2.b.1-2 must apply to the Chief Driving Instructor and, at the discretion of the Chief Driving Instructor, the driver's Competition License may be renewed

Mark Robinson made a motion to accept the proposal as written, and Ron Sholar seconded. The proposal failed to pass with these results: In favor: 0, Opposed: 7, Abstention: 1.

Considerable discussion ensued as to how to proceed now. Based on member feedback on the original proposal, most favored targeting those that have on track driving issues with increased scrutiny, and follow what standards are already in place (i.e. Appendix J in Ops Manual, Vintage Motorsports Council's definitions of over-aggressive racing), but not easily visible to the membership. To start the discussion, Chief Steward Bill Fleming passed out his tentative schedule of proposed penalties based on different situations and damage incurred. Many possible factors were brought up pertaining to different incidents, such as suspension vs. probation, spins, and missed flags. Creating

records to be able to provide Race Stewards & Chief Stewards appropriate & usable information on past driver issues was brought up.

The consensus was that a cohesive set of standards & guidelines for vintage-appropriate driver behavior needs to be created, approved, & published for all to see, use, & comply with for the safety & enjoyment of all. 2013 Chief Steward Bill Fleming & 2014 Chief Steward Tony Peak will begin this process, and may be asking for help from others. Target is to have this in place before our 2014 season, hopefully by February. Bill noted that other vintage clubs are very interested in what RMVR comes up with in this regard.

Awards

President Bill asked for nominees on 2013 awards for the Ernie Weil Award (spirit of vintage racing), the Danny Collins Award (participation), Hard Luck, and Most Improved Drivers awards.

Closing Comments

As his term as 2013 President is coming to a close, Bill expressed his thanks to the Board for their service to the club, including those nominated for the 2014 Board.

Meeting adjourned, 9:10PM
Respectfully submitted,
Mark Robinson,
Acting Secretary

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 included. \$58,000.00. Truck and trailer are also available separately. 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.



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We are looking for the following magazines to complete collections within the 35,000 items currently in the archive: Road & Track 1961 to 64, Victory Lane 1986 to June 1989, Vintage Motorsports any from 1982, Sports Car Graphic any from 1961, Sports & Exotic 2006/2009/2010, On-Track 1983.

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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For Sale- Fresh FF 1600 Uprated engine. Complete from carb to flywheel. Balanced, rods re-sized, fresh head, rings, bearings, blueprinted 4 port oil pump, Ivey Carb, crank scraper, spot on GT cam, more. Comes with Tilton Super Starter. \$7,500 Terry Allard 303-816-0776

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2013 Event Schedule

January 11, 2014

Banquet

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

2014 Event Schedule (Provisional)

March 29 & 30, 2014

Fire & Rescue School

April 5 & 6, 2014

Drivers' School

May 17 & 18, 2014

Spring Grand Prix @ HPR

June 14 & 15, 2014

Pueblo Grand Prix

August 2 & 3, 2014

Race Against Kids' Cancer @ HPR

August 30 & 31, 2014

Labor Day Grand Prix

October 4 & 5, 2014

Enduro @HPR

October 25 & 26, 2014

Octoberfast Spooktacular @PPIR

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