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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.

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I've had some problems with the New Members Report, ... if I've missed any one, please let me know and I'll welcome you in a future block. Ed.

12th Annual Race Against Kids' Cancer

Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31, 2022

High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO

Save the Date for 2022 RAKC

The dates for next year's RAKC event have already been set.

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for another fantastic weekend of vintage racing, fundraising, camaraderie, and fun!

Hope to see you there!

Board Meeting Changes

The dates for the meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The time is now 6:30-8:30 PM. With the COVID19 situation, the meeting will be via teleconference. Use the link below to join the meeting. The link should be sufficient even if you do not have a Zoom account or Zoom app on your device:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88255927719?pwd=dXhHYi9PZ0pGRIF0SmFJaTJJbllCZz09>

Alternately, if you do have the Zoom application, you can join the meeting from within your Zoom app using meeting's the Meeting ID: 882 5592 7719 and Passcode: 226083

Please note meeting ID and Passcode now DOES NOT change every month and will be valid until we go back to in person meetings!!!

November Board Meeting and Feedback Session

The Fourney Museum has been reserved on November 20th from 8:30 am-1:00 pm for the last Board Meeting of 2021 and the Feedback Session. The Board Meeting will run from 8:45 am-10:45 am. Feedback session from 11:00 am-12:45 pm. We will start the Feedback Session earlier if we get finished with the Board Meeting early.

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, **6:30 to 8:30 PM, (New Time)**. The Board Meeting location is: **via teleconference**

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Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing, Ltd. September 15, 2021, RMVR Board Meeting

1. Call to order President Jeff Hall 6:31 PM

2. Roll call of board members

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| X Jeff Hall – President | X Jean Murphy |
| X Eric Schakel – President Elect | X Jamie Stiehr |
| X Jeff Payne – Past President | X Daren Schauls |
| X Brad Zieg – Secretary | X Branden Sumner |
| X Jon Whiteley-Treasurer | X John Victoria |
| X Judd Evans | X Robin Newton |

3. Presidents opening remarks: It is of the utmost importance that all of us are treated with respect. As board members, chiefs, and volunteers we do this for free. (Well almost all of us). I will not tolerate nor be a party to allowing ANYONE regardless of their history with the club or their personal experiences to disrespect any of us and then be allowed to volunteer once again without even the slightest hint of an apology. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN! At lease not on my watch. Okay let’s do business.

4. Approval of last meeting minutes: MOTION to approve Branden Sumner, Judd Evans 2nd PASSED - unanimously.

5. Secretary’s Report – Bradley Zieg See minutes approved above.

6. Treasurer’s report – Jon Whiteley P & L YTD \$16,177.76

7. Chiefs of Specialties reports

Chief Steward – Chad Wight and Branden Sumner

Judd Evans is on top of arrangements for the Pueblo race, Lollapaloosa.

HPDE is officially a Run Group for the race.

CDI – Lyn Fanguie

Here is the wording of Judd Evan’s MOTION on 1st reading - from August BOD Meeting:

“Proposal: Rule B.2.a.3. Newly licensed drivers must work for two full days in one weekend as an RMVR corner marshal or show similar prior experience acceptable to the CDI”.

MOTION to accept on second reading the above Proposal: Rule B.2.a.3. Newly licensed drivers must work for two full days in one weekend as an RMVR corner marshal or show similar prior experience acceptable to the CDI” by Brad Zieg, 2nd Eric Schakel. Vote 10 yea, 1 nay Jamie Stiehr. Motion PASSED.

Flagging and Communication – Lisa Williams

As of today, RMVR has enough volunteers to fully man the entire track for the weekend. Chair is very pleased and proud of the volunteers!

Michael Drury is Grid Captain, and Ken Tisdale will mentor him during this Lollapaloosa race.

8. New business

- Estes Park street race induced much discussion. That discussion is captured here as bullet points.
 - Kyle Popejoy – team has been talking about this street race for three years.
 - RMVR will be empowering RaceCo, Austin Gardner to facilitate race.
 - All RMVR will need to do is show up and race cars.
 - Estes Park Town Board will be meeting first week of October to discuss the activity.
 - We will need regular weekend-race insurance.
 - Do they have everything they need?
 - Jon Whiteley – I’ll get a track map to Hagerty as soon as possible.
 - Jeff Hall – Kyle shall be the only RMVR point of contact with Estes Park.

CDI Corner October 2021 Edition

Who Owns the Corner?

9/16/2021

Max or Lewis? Who owned the corner? While many believe it was Max, others feel it was Lewis. The one thing we can all agree that fighting for a corner while competing for the World Championship is world's away from racing through turn 4 at HPR during a RMVR event. While I have an opinion of who owned the corner with LH and MV, my purpose here as CDI is to emphasize the vintage spirit.

At the recent RAKC, there was an impromptu session on Friday afternoon with Randy Pobst. In that session, he put forth his take on who owns the corner, which is different than the classic "Golden Rule". If you were not there, here is a link to the video of that session <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukMJcji7DBM> I agree with 99% of what Randy says and think it is much more aligned with the vintage racing attitude than the classic "Golden Rule" of racing.

There is one adjustment that needs to be made to what Randy says. At two points in this video, he talks about the driver on the inside line having the upper hand and says you should drive straight a little longer preventing your fellow competitor from turning in forcing him/her to concede the corner (8:40 and 18:08). That is not a vintage spirit tactic. The inside driver must turn in and drive to the apex. Continuing to drive straight may force the outside driver off the track which goes directly against Point #2 below which states that you MUST give the other driver racing room. Other than this one detail, I agree with everything else Randy says.

When it comes to passing, there are so many scenarios it is impossible to cover them all. There has already been debate about the classic "Golden Rule" of racing verses the much less stringent application that Randy is promoting. I will not add to that debate here, but I will emphasize the following key elements.

First, it is the overtaking driver's responsibility to make a safe pass.

Second, you MUST give the other driver racing room.

Third, if you can see it, don't hit it!

Fourth, if in Doubt, Don't.

Finally, equally important is know who you are racing with.

We have been successful in reducing metal to metal incidents and want that trend to continue. Racing with these guidelines will go a long way to helping avoid M2M incidents.

Fortunately, we have a great example of these guidelines within our own ranks. The following link is from the 2019 RAKC event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcXKNcZxw2Y> It is a race between Jamie Stiehr and Nathan Downs. They race hard and close but with respect and by the guidelines listed above.

If you don't want to watch all 25 minutes, I will point out the key sections of racing with the vintage spirit.

- 0:45 First lap, corner 4. Jamie does not go all the way to the apex. He leaves Nathan room. He can't see him, but he knows Nathan is there (demonstrating Point #2).
- 1:20 First lap, Turn 8. Again, Jamie leaves room on the inside. He does not drive to the apex.
- 4:50 Turn 4. Jamie is on the inside but is not fully alongside. Nathan let's Jamie have the apex. However, he continues to drive side by side to turn 5. They go through 5 and Jamie leaves Nathan the apex. They can clearly see each other and don't hit each other (demonstrating point #3).
- 6:15 Turn 1. Nathan is not completely alongside, but Jamie returns the favor and gives him the corner.
- 8:48 Turn 4. Jamie is in the lead and Nathan is overtaking. At the turn-in point Nathan has established himself on the inside but not clearly in front, Jamie concedes the corner.

They clearly trust and respect each other. They each know who they are racing with. This is the way to race aggressively without being overly aggressive. We are all vintage racers and need to race with that spirit.

It is apparent that this style of racing close with more of Point #2 (you must leave the other driver racing room) is prevalent even in other vintage clubs. At this years RAKC, I had the pleasure of having two races with Hunter Elliot Barron from CVAR. Hunter and I had never raced together, but very early in the first race we gained each other's trust and were racing just like Jamie and Nathan were in the above video. At one point, a car spin in front of me, and I had to almost come to a stop. Hunter passed me, but then, he slowed down and allowed me to catch back up, so we could continue racing together. It is my understanding that is the SOP for all the top FV drivers at CVAR events.

As a reminder, we DO NOT race for trophies, points, or money. We DO race for fun and the respect of our fellow drivers. If anyone is confused about any of these guidelines, the Chief Steward, Chad Wight, or I are available to help bring clarity. It is vital that we are all on the same page.

On a separate note, the end of the season is coming up, and I am looking to recommendations from our veteran drivers to help get some candidates for some yearend awards. We need candidates for Rookie of the Year in Open wheel and Rookie of the Year in Production. These nominees should come from the group of students that attended this year's school. The other award is for the Most Improved Driver. These nominees can come from anyone in our great group of drivers with an RMVR Competition license. Please email me the names of anyone that you think is deserving of these awards. The winners will be announced at the Annual Banquet in January.

As always, Be Safe and Have Fun!

Lynn Fanguie- Chief Driving Instructor

Chief Steward's Report

10-5-21

The Pueblo Lollapalooza Event provided good racing on Saturday with a tasty Hawaiian dinner in the evening. Unfortunately, the event was marred by 2 incidents that involved 6 drivers. Thankfully, none of the drivers were injured. The first incident happened in Group 1's Race 1. Berck Nash driving #55 Blue/Yel went 4-off driver's right in Corner 3. His car spun back onto the track hitting Steve Murphy driving #54 Red/Gray with his left front wheel striking Murphy's right rear wheel. Stewards and drivers viewed video from Scott McDaniel who was following in #710 FV. Nash accepted responsibility for over-driving Corner 3 and losing control. Nash's car had front suspension damage and he self-trailerred. Murphy was able to replace his bent wheel and was allowed to continue racing. The incident was classed a #2 Metal-to-Metal where it might have been possible for both drivers to continue after repairs with penalty pending investigation (RMVR Ops Manual, p.48). Because Nash accepted responsibility and trailerred himself, his penalty was reduced to a 2-event probation. Futhermore, he volunteered to serve at Corner Marshal with his wife at La Junta.

The second incident occurred in Group 4's Race 3 at Corner 1 in the first lap. The race was immediately Black Flagged. RB Bruce Wright driving #48 white sports racer lost control and spun 90 degrees to driver's right at the apex, then over-corrected and spun 180 degrees left putting his car perpendicular back into the path of following cars. John Mihalich in his #61 white FF was unable to avoid Wright and T-boned him. Amazing video from John's car showed John was hard on the brakes to reduce his speed at impact to 30 mph. Behind them, Steve Mercer in #4 Green/White FF braked hard to avoid hitting Wright and Mihalich. But Steve Morrison in #121 Blue FF was unable to avoid contact with the rear of Mercer's car. Morrison's car suffered bent suspension and he was out, but Mercer was able to continue without his rear cover. This incident was classed a #3 Metal-to-Metal where it was not possible to repair cars for continuation. Because Bruce Wright caused the incident, he will receive a 2-event suspension and 4-event probation.

In all of these incidents, drivers were checked by EMT's and released. Stewards received written reports from drivers and Corner Marshals and viewed excellent video provided by John Mihalich and Scott McDaniel. Members can view John's video on YouTube. Drivers were also contacted by phone on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 to check on their well-being. None reported any problems as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Wight, Chief Steward with Branden Sumner, Assistant Chief Steward

October 2021 President's Message

Hello RMVR Members

We are heading into our last race of the season at La Junta October 23rd and 24th . Our racing season has been a successful one with the club logging near record entries for each race including driver's school. Our budget is in the black and we have many new members as well as log booked cars.

November 20th we will have our feedback session at the Forney Museum. The RMVR board will have out last meeting of 2021 from 0900-11:00. The feedback session will be conducted from 11:15 12:30. There is a possibility we will have the annual banquet next year but stay tuned for that decision very soon.

Next year's schedule MAY be a bit different. Eric Schakel is working with Kyle Popejoy and his BMW crew to organize a street race in Estes Park. The window of opportunity to accomplish this is narrow, but that to we must use the wait and see approach.

See you at La Junta and the feedback session.

Jeff Hall (AKA El Guapo)
RMVR President 2021
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Driver Sanctions Update 09-29-21

<u>Event</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Penalty Remaining</u> <u>Notes</u>
Snowmass	Frank Jones	#3 4-off into barrier; FF #431	1 event probation. Last RMVR race 2019
HPR	Steve Rogers	Unauth track entry OAD #2 M2M; FV	1 event probation
HPR 5/19	Terry Hefty	Class 1 M2M	1 event probation Last RMVR race 2018
HPR 08/03/20	Carl Bauer	Class 3 M2M; FF #28 Blue	2 event probation
PPIR 05/02/21	Mike Wolther	Class 3 M2M Car to barrier #47 Blk/Yel FF	4 event probation
HPR 05/16/21	Scott McDaniel	Class 3 M2M; FV #710 Blue	1 probation
Pueblo 09/25/21	RB Wright	Class 3 M2M; SR #48	2 event suspension + 4 event probation
Pueblo 09/25/21	Berck Nash	Class 2 M2M; FV #55	2 event probation
Key:	OAD= Over- Aggressive Driving	M2M= Metal-to-Metal	Class 1,2,3,4 = Level of severity

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 *Operations Manual*, Appendix J: p.46-49 (Updated 03/28/21)

Classifieds

REspeedShop is a shop dedicated to racers. Yes, I specialize in rotary engine performance, rebuilds, tunes, track support.



I also work with racers with set up, performance upgrades, offer RMVR special pricing on items to get your car back on track: fuel cells, fire suits, 5 and 6 point safety belts, upgraded suspension bits, brakes (calipers and pads), specialty fabrication, fire systems, ... etc. My plan is to beat any Summit R pricing and keep business local. I will be at the RMVR races to support racers, just ask. I have a small shop in Frederick, Colorado with lifts, scales and set up equipment. My counterpart has CAD, CNC plasma table for fabrication of steel up to 1/4-inch plate. We are currently making adapter plates for motors i.e. Rotary engine, LS motors and transmissions; we have a 3D scanner so getting it into CAD is easy. How can we help you?

Please check out our website www.REspeedshop.com and if you need more information, fill out a form, indicate that you are RMVR and if I can help you, great, if not I know a lot of people in road racing that can help you find what you need.

Regards, Doug Sherwood

INTERESTED IN A TRAILER STORAGE SITE?

I have a fenced-in, paved lot behind my warehouse. It will be available to re-lease June 1, 2022. It's located at 154 Vallejo Street in Denver. I'm



soliciting interest among RMVR members to determine if I should rent out spots individually. If you have interest, or know of someone who might, please let me know at kirk@petersonfs.com or 303-831-4800 x11. I would prefer to rent spots out to club friends, if I get enough people willing to do that.



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It is all produced by racers and enthusiasts. It is the vintage racers favorite for over 33 years.

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<https://www.victorylane.com/>

New RMVR Logo Wearables

News Flash!

RMVR polo, tee, and sweatshirts with the new logo are now available for purchase through the RMVR web site in a special collaboration with Custom Ink.

To learn more, or to place an order, go to [RMVR Apparel Now Available On Line! | Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing](#).

Updated 2020 Helmet News

New Snell 2020 helmets have arrived. There are no more 2015's. We carry a variety of brands to fit all budgets. When you need safety equipment, please keep Wine Country Motor Sports in mind. It is a family-owned business and offers personalized customer service.

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Event Tech Reminder

...A reminder to all drivers that they must have their Annual Tech on file and every race their vehicle must be inspected by the owner / driver and a tech inspection sheet must be filled out and signed to give to tech at registration please and thank you.

Time to TECH

Before you know it our first race in 2021 will be here so make plans to have your car inspected by one of 38 RMVR authorized TECH inspectors listed on the RMVR web site. If you want to be an inspector yourself, simply call Rob Van Westenberg or Marie Stiles to discuss the process. Those of you that are currently authorized tech inspectors contact Rob or Marie to order your stickers. REMEMBER, an annual TECH is good for the entire racing season. AND Tech inspectors will only inspect a car at the track for out of state racers and for those in the club that have made previous arrangements with TECH for an at track annual inspection.

WANTED: Do you have any old automotive related materials you would like to move out of your house, office or garage? Why not donate them to Auto-Archives, the Colorado 501c(3) non-profit Automotive Library and Research Center based in Littleton. We are looking for car magazines, race programs, books, photographs, trophies, and model cars in any condition to be catalogued for research and educational uses. Any donations are tax-deductible.

Thanks to the help of several RMVR members, we now have complete sets of most of the major magazines but are still looking for the following magazines to complete collections within the 55,000+ items currently in the archive: Hot Rod (1948-1960, 1970, 1974-83), Motor Age (pre 1992), Hop Up & Motor Life (pre 1953), National Speed Sport News (pre 1985).

Do you have any old Slot-car track and accessories lying around that you haven't used for years? (Scalextric) We are trying to build up a big four-lane circuit that will be used for Auto-Archives and charity fund raiser 'race day' events that RMVR members will of course be invited to.

We are also continuing to build a fascinating 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.

Help us build an exceptional archive here in Colorado for all car enthusiasts to access. To find out more about Auto-Archives, or to donate any items please contact William Taylor on 303 933 2526, or by email at library@auto-archives.org

See our new revised website at www.auto-archives.org and check out the RMVR club page that records donations from RMVR members. <http://auto-archives.org/clubs-auto-archives/rocky-mountain-vintage-racing-rmvr/>

Victory Lane Magazine

Dan Davis at Victory Lane Magazine is always looking for content (articles). They are particularly interested in stuff about RMVR, our history, our members, our racetracks, racecars, race shops, anything unique that others would be interested in reading about. We could really use a good (even mediocre) writer or two that would be interested in putting something together. I have personally submitted a couple of articles to Dan and been published! Just think, you could be a big nationally published author!

Please submit articles to me Pres@rmvr.com and I'll see that Dan gets it.

Thanks!
Jeff

Vintage Messenger Fine Print- Our goal is to publish the Vintage Messenger at the first of every month. If you wish to assure that your information / announcement / ad is included in the Vintage Messenger, it should be in the hands of the editor three days before the first of the month. Photos should be .jpg or .tiff formats. Attached files should be in .txt or doc format. Ads run on a per issue basis. If you wish to have your ad run in subsequent issues, you must re-submit the ad, monthly. Ads are free for members for auto / racing related items. E-mail to messenger@rmvr.com. The Editor returns a confirmation of E-mail submittals. If you don't receive a confirmation E-mail, your submittal probably did not get to the Editor.

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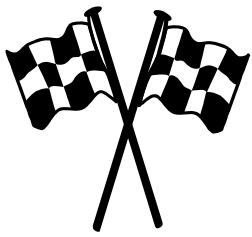
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2021 RMVR Schedule

October 9 & 10, 2021	@ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Hallett, Oklahoma with CVAR <i>CVAR, as always, welcomes RMVR racers to attend this event. RMVR left their schedule open for this weekend to allow for another race weekend option for the many RMVR racers who enjoy this event.</i>
October 23 & 24, 2021	OctoberFAST @ LaJunta Raceway http://msreg.com/2021-LaJunta
November 20, 2021	Feedback Session @ The Fourney Museum Board Meeting-8:45 AM to 10:45 AM Feedback Session 11:00AM to 12:45 PM

Event Registration: Register [online](#)

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RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

October 2021

By Lisa Williams

RMVR Volunteer Team

Once again, my fabulous RMVR volunteers rose the occasion demonstrating excellent perseverance and dedication to the club. Although the Enduro portion of the Lollapalooza Race Weekend could not happen, each and every one of you stepped up and helped where needed to make an early end of race weekend go so smoothly for all. I want to extend a personal thank you to all who stayed helping make sure Corner equipment, Tech and Grid equipment along with everything from the Control Room was put away. As I always say, many hands make light work. You guys are the best!

The last race of the RMVR Race Calendar, OctoberFAST, is almost here. I certainly could use more volunteers to help make this fun event in La Junta a great success. Please go to rmvr.com to sign up today. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

As Fall is upon us, I wish everyone well hoping all will continue to be a part of RMVR and all it has to offer. Continue to check your e-mails for updates around current events and happenings within the club.

Warmest regards,

Lisa

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