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Year End Banquet Cancelled!

2020 Year End Awards & Election Results Special Vintage Messenger Issue

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The time is now 6:00-8:00 PM.
With the COVID19 situation, the meeting will be via Zoom.

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100 Hour Volunteer Awards

Michael Drury	Jim Morton
Billy Aponte	 Robin Newton
Patrick Fay	 Ken Provasi
Mike Forster	 Jason Puerner
Hayden Gordon	Dan Quigley
Fred Hansen	Arthur Santomango
 Iris Havelka	Ayden Sumner
Ed Johnson	Branden Sumner
Alex Keen	Christopher Sundberg
Eric Ladner	John Victoria
 Salina & Frank Leslie	ChadWight
Conchi Lopez-Fay	 Lisa Williams

<p>Chad McCabe</p>	 <p>Tristan Williams</p>
<p>Gary Merrifield</p>	<p>Brad Zieg</p>
 <p>Terry Miller</p>	

2020 Awards



President’s Award – Lisa Williams. Lisa is the hardest worker in the club! She does a great job with organizing the RMVR volunteer team for all the events and keeping everybody on task all day. Then there is her other full-time job of running control almost single handedly. Anybody who has ever had an RMVR headset on knows how hard this is! All the while, she keeps an even temperament and plays fair with everyone. I honestly don’t know what we would do without her! Thank you Lisa!

Ernie Weil Spirit of Vintage Racing Award – Bob Hill. Bob is a true gentleman that gives freely of his time and experience to all those around him. Bob has probably instructed more students than anybody in the history of the club. He is always ready to lend a hand and has even let students drive his own racecar on many occasions. And the stories he has! What a great ambassador for the sport!



Danny Collins Participants Award – Meagan and Braden Sumner. Brandon grew up as a track rat tagging along with his dad Merle in the early days of RMVR and has always been there. They show up at every event without fail. With his wife Meagan and their great kids, they are always the first at the track and the last to leave. These guys volunteer for anything and everything, they know everyone and they often feed all of us. You guys are the best!

Tech Award (Best Prepared Car) – JP Griffith. JP and Bobby Stephens took a forgotten racecar, but one with a lot of history, that had been neglected for decades and built JP's 1968 A-Production Corvette to absolute period correct, gold medallion standards right down to the spark plug wires. It is an absolute thing of beauty and fast as hell (big block 'vette driven by JP Griffith– duh).

Worker of the Year Award – Brag Zieg. Brad has volunteered with RMVR for several years now, always a strong presence is all we do, even serving as RMVR's current Secretary and Board Member. This past year, Brad's volunteering skills were widened by serving as the Black Flag Station Corner Captain. Just as in Brad fashion, he took this new role seriously with great enthusiasm. Thank you for your continued service Brad.



Hard Luck Award – Neil McCready. Neil has had his share of problems (wrong place at the wrong time stuff) this year including losing a wheel at La Junta! Just another in a long list of 2020 disasters. I'm sure next year will go much better for you mate!

Lifetime Achievement Award – Bill Miller. Bill has been an RMVR member since the beginning and is one of the few remaining that know where the bodies are buried! At a spry 86 years old, Bill remains a true gentlemen driver, totally predictable and quick with the point-bys. He has been doing it forever in the same Shelby GT350H, which he and Mary Sue generally drive to the track with old-school Jerry cans of fuel in the back! We love you Bill!

Rookie Worker of the Year – Billy Aponte. After a search for race clubs in Colorado, Billy found RMVR. Billy joined RMVR's Volunteer Team this season and shined from the very first event. He was willing to serve in any capacity needed and did so with true Vintage Spirit. We look forward to many more race seasons with Billy and his family joining us.

Race Chair of the Year – Judd Evans. Judd is chair of the Enduro and did a marvelous job again this year. He communicated in an ongoing timely manner, was willing to listen and make adjustments when needed. He had both drivers' and volunteers' interests in mind at the and scheduled things accordingly. An event that runs with no drama is the model. Good job Judd!

Rookie Driver of the Year Production – Scott Dunn. Scott is new to the sport and when DS got postponed, he went out and hired Mike Pettiford for instruction so he could race at the first La Junta event and then he did all the other races too! He also did our drivers school for good measure. Scott has improved with every outing. He is safe, heads up and exactly the kind of new member we need! It's a pleasure to have you with us Scott!

Rookie Driver of Year Formula – Joanna Nash. Joanna is a new FV driver who went through driver's school this year. Her instructor told me that Joanna followed all recommendations and made continuous improvement. She drove smart and in the vintage spirit. She made adjustments when necessary both in and out of the car and was a pleasure to work with. Welcome to RMVR Joanna!



Most Improved Driver Formula – Steve Mercer. Steve has been in the club for a few years now but has really stepped up his game this season regularly finishing near the front! Better watch out Jamie!



Most Improved Driver Production – Daren Schauls. Daren is also fairly new to RMVR. He turned his high school Mustang into a race car and has been through the normal big-bore learning curve trials and tribulations. Keep replacing broken stuff until some modicum of reliability enters the picture (trust me I know about this). Daren has proven to be safe on track, has improved as a driver every season and he is starting to sniff around at the front of the group! Keep it up Daren!

2020 Election

Election Night Extravaganza!

Imagine if you will, a grand ballroom full of gentlemen in tuxedos and ladies in evening gowns. The President is standing at the lectern with an envelope containing the election results. The lights dim and a hush falls over the room as everyone anxiously awaits the results of the election.

Well, it's a nice image, but that ain't exactly how its gonna go this year! Instead, you get to read about it on your computer. You can put on your tux first if it makes you feel better!

Before we announce the winners however, I want to thank the outgoing members of the board of directors. Last year was a challenge for all of us and especially so for those on the board who had a hand in planning and working around all the uncertainty to ensure that RMVR had a reasonably normal racing season. Applause and virtual handshakes all around for these folks!

- Patrick Fay
- Brad Leach
- Eric Schakel
- Ken Tisdale
- Rob Van Westerburg
- Jon Whiteley

And now, the moment you've all been waiting for! Our new 2021 RMVR Board members! Each person walks up on stage to be welcomed into the group with handshakes and rousing applause!

- President Elect – Eric Schakel
- Treasurer – Jon Whiteley
- Board at Large – Jean Murphy
- Board at Large – Daren Schauls
- Board at Large – Jamie Stiehr
- Board at Large – Eric Wolf

These folks will join the returning board comprised of:

- President – Jeff Hall
- Past President – Jeff Payne
- Secretary – Brad Zieg
- Board at Large – Judd Evans
- Board at Large – Branden Sumner
- Board at Large – John Victoria

Please raise your glasses and toast the 2021 RMVR Board of Directors!

Thanks Everybody!

Jeff Payne

President – now continuing as Past President

A few notes from Jeff Hall the President Elect 2021

Happy New Year RMVR racers, volunteers and family members. I want to communicate to you some major points that I have in mind for 2021:

1. Event chairs work with marketing to prepare targeted budgets for each event.
2. Covering worker van.
3. Provide updated branding attire for volunteers
4. Update the ops manual. DONE!
5. Solicit business sponsorship.
6. Update the club's eligibility of select run groups
7. Ask for a volunteer to act as RMVR historian
8. Update the clubs web site
9. Update the clubs roster
10. Publish a club member business directory
11. Existing Chiefs, and Race Chairs to train others to take over their position
12. Race at different tracks
13. Have specified board members act as representatives for specific run groups

2021 races:

During the 2020 race season, I was approached by numerous RMVR members requesting a race in July. So, I communicated with the management of several race tracks: Topeka, Sandia, and Aspen, but none of these tracks met our requirements logistically or monetarily. In November the principals at Winter Park began courting us to have a street race there in July or if Hastings doesn't work out maybe over the Labor day weekend. Kyle Popejoy is working on this event. I also took an unscientific poll of drivers interested in racing at Hastings. Enough showed interest that Roger Hively is communicating with George at MPH to try and make that work (survey dependent).

Pueblo Motor Sports Park will be under new management in 2021. In November I requested our race dates for June and September. I did speak with the Pueblo Parks and Recreation and they informed me that the contract as scheduled to be signed the week of January 4th. PPIR and HPR are solid dates as is La Junta. We will leave October 9th & 10 open to Race with CVAR in Hallett, OK. And our last race of the year will be La Junta.

The board will meet January 20th with the new members-at-large attending. We will discuss and vote on several items as well as getting to know the new board members.

If you have any questions, please email the appropriate chief of specialty or specific board officer. I ask that you don't email the entire board to facilitate minimizing the amount of emails we receive.

Thank you

Jeff Hall

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2021 Schedule update:

The race chairs for Pueblo, PPIR and I are doing our best to FINALIZE our 2021 schedule. HPR is solid for the Grand Prix and RAKC. La Junta is also solid. We are awaiting an updated contract for PPIR with Drivers school. Pueblo is in a state of flux with a management change. Judd Evans and I are communicating with Pueblo Parks and Rec. so we can finalize those dates. Winter Park and Hastings are being worked as possible venues to race. Hallett is not an "Official" RMVR event, but that date is solid and well attended by many RMVR racers.

I, along with event chairs, have been working the 2021 schedule since September 2020. The fluidity of world events, changes in track management, and other mitigating circumstances have made the 2021 racing schedule more "challenging" than previous years.

I will keep you posted with important information so you can plan accordingly.

Jeff Hall

2021 RMVR President

January 20, 2021 Virtual Board Meeting

The January Virtual Zoom Board Meeting is available to those wishing to attend. Here's the info. Any computer should be able to use the link to sign in. You need not have installed Zoom on your computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/96366694708?pwd=RUIGa0l6QWIwajJkM3lodXNhS012UT09>

Meeting ID: 963 6669 4708

Passcode: 131513

Use your computer or alternatively, dial in by phone (meeting ID and passcode same as above):
1-346-248-7799

Co-Tech Corner

Hello RMVR, recently some questions have come up about helmets. First is about what Snell ratings are still eligible. The answer is 2015 and newer, so 2015 and 2020 helmets are just fine. This is the quoted text from our RMVR all rules manual:

“10. Effective 11/1/16, all drivers MUST wear a helmet bearing a Snell Foundation approval dated no later than ten years after the helmet’s Snell rating. The helmet shall carry the SA designation indicating that it is designed for automobile racing use. "M" (motor-cycle) designated helmets are not allowed.”

The second question came about availability of the new 2020 helmets. We did some investigating and at first there was some issue with getting the Snell 2020 helmets, likely due to the Covid impacts. Currently there seems to be no issue with getting helmets and if you need one quickly you can get ahold of Reah or Bonnie Mortimer at Wine Country Motorsports or you can go to your favorite race equipment supplier. The choice is yours.

Please remember to get your annual tech completed before your first race!
Your Co-Chiefs of tech, Marie Stiles and Rob van Westenberg

New Chief Introductions

Marie Stiles Tech

Hello RMVR I am one of the new Co-Chiefs of Tech. Jeff Hall asked that I write up a little intro for you all so, here it goes. I have been legally racing since I was about 20 when I started into drag racing after numerous encounters with police and judges, a result of street racing. With the urging of a judge and a conversation with said judge and my dad I started legally racing, as the judge put it to my dad “get her on the track before she kills herself or someone else”. And also a little part about if I showed up in his courtroom again I would get to be a guest of the county. Getting on the track changed my life and I believe kept myself and others safe. I stayed in the drag racing world for 18 years. I moved on to some other life endeavors and got out of racing for some time. Then about five years ago I began to have more free time and racing came back into focus. The big question came of “well what kind of racing then?” I knew I didn’t want to go back to racing in a straight line. I remembered when I was living in Pennsylvania and going to watch the Pittsburgh Vintage GP and loved meeting the racers. The big thing that really stuck with me was talking with two guys racing an MGTD from New Hampshire. I asked them how they did it and they told me they had bought a barn full of cars and parts and how everyone helps each other. How they all keep each other on the track. I have learned that we at RMVR seem to have that same attitude. I believe had it not been for those guys at the Pittsburgh Vintage GP I may not have ever really known what the “Vintage racing spirit” was all about and may not have ever looked at vintage racing for myself. I believe our roots lie in street racing and we should always honor that.

That brings us to four years ago and a phone call to Lisa Williams one evening after I had spent some time looking through our website. I started that year being a corner worker and beginning to find a car to build into a vintage racer. I did my first corner working at the Spring race at HPR on corner 8 with Conchi (sorry if I misspelled your name) and all of the visceral senses came back to me!! What a thrill to know I was right where I was supposed to be!! I met many great folks that weekend and Lisa soon set me up with a great worker ride from Randy in his Boss 302 and as Eric said “the hook was set” LOL. I would also throw out there that corner working is a great way to see what happens on that side of the fence. It has given me good perspective and appreciation for corner workers. Another great aspect of corner working is it has also helped me to understand how to take a certain corner by watching how different racers may take it. I highly suggest doing it!

Funny thing after meeting those guys at the Pittsburgh Vintage GP so many years ago that I decided I wanted to build an MGB as my race car. I, like those first racers I met at the PVGP, now have a small stable of parts cars and shelves of parts, too funny! My car is a white MGB and number 23 and her name is Lucy. Over the last few years there have been a lot of changes and it seems every winter I take her apart and put her back together, this winter will be no different. Just more new things I want to update or try out. I have been refining my car and driving with the help of many racers with names like Bill, Joe, Brandon, Jonathan, Ryan, Jon, the list goes on and too numerous to list all of them but, you all know who you are!! And I say thank you!! That is what our club is made of, many, many generous people and families too. Until now I have mixed corner working and racing throughout the season. This last season Brandon Sumner came to me and we had a conversation about me working into his position as a Co-Chief of tech. I had to really think about it and try to understand the full commitment of this

job and pretty quickly I felt it was a good fit and Brandon has reassured me he will be available to 'coach me' when I might need it.

Brandon and Meagan Sumner had already been coaching me and I had done an SCCA driver's school so Brandon helped me to get my provisional license my first year. Thank you both and especially Meagan when she would give me a point by and then speed up, silly girl!! We always had fun on the track together with follow the leader or leap frogging like with the point byes (yes I spelled it correctly). Lisa informed me that I had volunteered over 100 hours that first year and that I could do drivers school for free. I knew who I wanted to be my coach/instructor and it was Meagan. That was a great experience. I have now seen some folks take the school a second time to learn even more, there is so much to learn in this sport.

Some of you know I work in the wildland fire world for part of my job. We in the fire world have many acronyms and one is L.C.E.S. Lookout, Communication, Escape route and Safety zone. This past year I realized that is what we do in RMVR as well. My look outs are the corner workers, they tell me to come in or take caution if things are not safe or if someone is trying to pass me. My communication is the corner workers and other drivers through flags and hand signals. My escape route is up to me and being safe on the track. Lastly my safety zone is side of the track and at the corner worker's stations, not to mention the tech in hot pits. My point is that just like fire, none of this happens without all of the other parts and I am glad to be moving into this next step in my racing career.

I look forward to being Co-Chief of tech with Rob and we have already been making plans for great things with the tech positions. Please work with the tech inspectors to get your annual techs done early. We will only have limited availability to get techs completed at the race tracks and we really would like those to only be for visiting club members. Like last season we will be only teching from one location, no roving tech any longer.

Looking forward to a great season and maybe, just maybe even a street race!!!

Marie Stiles

Lucy and I ready to go out with Meagan Sumner and her Sprite to have some fun on a track day



Rob van Westenberg-Tech

Hi, I'm Rob van Westenberg part of the tech team with RMVR. Started racing in 1972 with Colorado region of SCCA in a Lotus 51 formula Ford. Racing against the likes of Bob Lazar, Jerry Jolly, Dan Collins, Walt Hain, of which 3 of the 4 were my driving instructors learning early on this is a sport for the big boys. Played with the FF for several years going to the runoffs 3 times. Years later in joined RMVR it was in 1983 or 86 running a Surtees F5000 and Brabham BT38. I then began playing with production cars mostly early Mustangs. Moved away from RMVR to persue road rallies racing vintage Mustangs. Talking tech go to an event where the tech form is 3 to 4 pages and things like kill switches must work. I've done tech for several years with RMVR and to remind everyone tech is your friend; we are there for your safety I'll always be tough but fair. Don't use tech as a sounding board or to complain about someone else's car, not a tech issue, See you at the races. Tech early tech often.

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

Provisional 2021 RMVR Schedule

May 1-2, 2021	Drivers' School @ PPIR
May 15-16, 2021	Spring Race @ High Plains Raceway
June 12-13, 2021	Pueblo Motorsports Park
July 31-Aug 1, 2021	RAKC @ High Plains Raceway
September 4,5 & 6, 2021	Labor Day Weekend @ Motorsports Park Hastings, Nebraska
September 25 & 26, 2021	The Enduro @ Pueblo Motorsports Park
October 9 & 10, 2021	@ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Hallett, Oklahoma with CVAR (Preliminary)
October 23 & 24, 2012	Myrl Sumner Family Fall Race @ LaJunta Raceway

Event Registration: Register [online](#)