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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.

- James Hayward

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.

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=dXhHYi9PZ0pGRIF0SmFJaTJJblICZz09>

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!!!



Special RAKC Formula Vee Anniversary Event

Are you ready for another fabulous year of vintage racing?? Planning for the 2022 RAKC event is already well underway and promises to be another fantastic and fun event!

Save the Date: July 29-31, 2022

Some of you may know that 2023 is the 60th anniversary of Formula Vee racing and there will be several VMC clubs across the country putting on big national events to celebrate. And RMVR will be one of them!!

Look for the RAKC Extra Edition on for more information about this year's special Formula Vee focused RAKC event.

Graphics Design Help Needed

RMVR's Chief of Equipment needs someone with graphic experience to help turn our nice white box van into RMVR's worker van. The chief of equipment has limited artistic skills for this sort of thing and is reaching out to see who might be able to help. If you think you can answer the question "what should we put on the van" email Eric at eladner22@hotmail.com Eric and the rest of the club look forward to getting this question answered.

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. June 15, 2022 · RMVR Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Call to order President Eric Schakel 6:30 PM

1. Roll call of board members

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| X Eric Schakel – President | X Steve Mercer |
| X Eric Ladner – President Elect | Excused; Jean Murphy |
| X Jeff Hall – Past President | X Robin Newton |
| X Bradley Zieg – Secretary | X Daren Schauls |
| Excused; Jon Whiteley-Treasurer | X Jamie Stiehr |
| Excused; Tom Ellis | X Branden Sumner |

2. Presidents Opening Remarks

This is the time when things should be smoothing out, our 2022 teamwork tuned and cohesive. What’s your take on that? Big Bore Thunder was a successful event, but we experienced self-inflicted damage and unusual race carnage. Let’s focus on making the RAKC event the flagship experience we know it to be!

3. Approval of May 2022 Meeting Minutes:

MOTION to accept Jamie Stiehr, 2nd Steve Mercer PASSED - unanimously.

4. Secretary’s Report – Bradley Zieg - See Meeting Minutes approved above.

5. Treasurer’s report - Jon Whiteley - Account balance totals as of June 10, 2022, \$88,861. Net income YTD \$6,558.93

6. Chiefs of Specialties reports

Chief Steward – Chad Wight

CW offers suggestion to reassign FSV to race with FF, more evenly matched racing speeds. At RAKC FSV will be racing with FF.

Kirk Clifford, RMVR Member racing in FSV, expressed surprise at the severity of Allen Johnsen’s #555 Blue Super Vee penalty for the incident at turn 9, Pueblo, Big Bore Thunder. [See Chief Steward Chad Wight’s Report elsewhere in Vintage Messenger].

Lynn Fangue, Chief Driver Instructor, responded after reviewing in-car race video from the following white FSV #83.

The video confirms a point-by to driver’s right was given by Bonnie Mortimer, red FV #88 to green FV #21, Chris Davidson. #21 pulled to right to pass the #88. The #555 was approaching from the rear at a faster speed than either of the FV’s. To avoid, #555 put two wheels off the track, driver’s right, yet was struck mid ship by the passing #21. Lynn Fangue stated that the #555 should have backed out to avoid the slower FV’s.

Kirk Clifford felt the #21 was making an unsafe pass even though a Pass-by was Eric Schakel, President appreciates Kirk Clifford’s advocacy on behalf of Allen Johnsen. However, without agreement from both Lynn Fangue, and Chad Wight, the Board of Directors will leave the penalty in place.

Bonnie Mortimer said the FSV should have waited for a safe place to pass the FV’s.

Eric observed the RMVR Vintage Spirit outweighs competitiveness.

Chief Driving Instructure – Lynn Fangue

Eric Schakel advised there was a zoom meeting May 30th with 5 members discussing the future of Driver’s School. Located at PPIR? Future of Performance Group? The group decided to have the 2023 Driver’s School at PPIR with the 2022 format.

Flagging and Communication – Lisa Williams

More volunteers need to sign up for RAKC. This is a village, and it takes everyone to help. Branden Sumner says we should make the call to run HPR with the light system as a fallback position. Bonnie Mortimer is on the RAKC Committee – will ask Adams Morgan Foundation for volunteer help. Eric Schakel will put HPR on notice that we might need some of their staff people to help man the corner stations. Lisa Williams, Volunteer Coordinator suggested we go ahead with the lights at HPR. Eric Agreed – lights at HPR. Daren Schauls wondered if HPR could train RMVR volunteers to run the lights for future races.

LW – recalled the volunteers who received gas credit cards were appreciative of the gesture.

Timing and Scoring – Frank Leslie

There were challenges at Pueblo with the timing loop. Turns out the problems were not RMVR's equipment, rather PMP's. Live timing used the track's internet.

Pit and Grid – Michael Drury

Some glitches were experienced at Pueblo. Several drivers were less than careful while driving thru the grid area. The grid workers are trying to get cars out onto the track as quickly and safely as possible. Co-Chief Steward reminded that the grid area belongs to the Pit and Grid director, and all drivers need to heed all directions from those volunteers. Ric Schakel observed some of these issues are a result of lack of volunteers. Otherwise, a good job under difficult race circumstances.

Tech – Marie Stiles

Starter – Patrick Fay

Social – Eric Schakel

Van and Equipment – Eric Ladner

Marketing and Media – Meagan Sumner

Eligibility – Jim Cambon

IT – Bob Alder

Vintage Messenger – John Mihalich

CAMA – Bob Darcy

RMVR Historian – Vacant

9. Special order discussions and upcoming events

1. Eric Schakel observed we have lost control of who is driving which car(s), generating discussion.
LF – FV this is a gentleman's agreement. Someone would tell the other drivers of a switch. Drivers should know who one is racing against.
ES – We should look at this from an administrative point of view, to be decided at registration.
BS – Drivers all know who car is hoping. Write on wristband cars that might be driven.
CW – Stewards count spins etc. by car color and number – not knowing who is driving.
LF – This problem is generally an administration issue.
BS – We could use the yellow run-group change form.
LF – This process was used for a broken car being replaced by a different one.
ES – Have everyone who might drive the car register.
Eric Schakel will try to distil this discussion for further use.
2. FSV will be running with the FF run group at RAKC.
LF – FSV used to run with FF. Then it became a run-group for all VW powered cars. During Enduro races, all cars run together. This issue may be impatience or poor judgement. Closing speeds and acceleration differences are culprits. We will have 40 FV's at RAKC running without FSV's.

10. Unfinished business

RAKC planning.

ES – Kirk Peterson co-race chair will allow Spec Miatas to run in small bore group.

Bonnie Mortimer could work with Dan Williams, NASA as a way to connect with Miatas.

BS – will be seeing Dan this coming weekend and could help have a decent turnout.

ES – suggested having a Saturday evening debrief with Miata drivers.

LF – suggested Bob Alder send an email blast to encourage Miata participation at RAKC.

BS – Walt Howell, SWMSA should also be contacted.
[RN – suggested the Race Chair for Pueblo invite the Miatas.]

11. New Business

1. Chief of Volunteers will be offering \$50.00 King Sooper credit cards for RAKC. ES suggested it is appropriate to invest in RMVR’s volunteers. However, he thought the cards were \$75.00, and he is open to this amount for RAKC. “Invest in our workers – not HPR’s workers.”
2. Presented proposal to revise functions and titles of existing Admin and Race Chair roles, with limited discussion due to time.
 - ES – Times have changed; we are now in June, signing racetrack contracts for 2023. This is being done by President, Treasure, and Administrator – not race chairs. A capable administrator could be responsible for this work, and would have the advantage of continuity that changing Board positions do not allow. Race Chairs would be Race Promoters for their individual events. Let’s refocus Race Chairs position as we are doing for RAKC. Are there any serious negatives to this improvement?
 - BS – This is a really good idea. Ambulance coverage is part of this contracting.
 - RN – Who might be doing this Administration function?
 - ES – Admin would be changed to Racer Relations Manager, which would remain a hired position.
 - JH – Race Chairs do races – Marketing does marketing.
 - BS – Megan is already working 70 hours a week.
 - ES – general agreement this is a good idea, and he will write this up for next month’s BOD meeting.
 - Bonnie Mortimer – Wine Country Motor Sports could also promote RMVR. Happy to be involved.
 - ES – In summary, Race Chairs are also competitors. Leave the business issues to be done by the Administrator. Marketing can be improved, and RMVR would become an improved enterprise.

12. Open Discussion

1. ES – Arm restraints for drivers has become an issue for discussion.
BS – I had to show a driver where to place his arm restraints! We need to formulate a rule mandating the arm restraints shall be worn at the forearm of the drivers.
Lynn Fanguie suggested RMVR make wearing arm restraints properly be a recommendation – just like HANS devices. He also allowed that neither F1 nor Indy Car series require arm restraints.
There seemed to be an agreement as to the notion of a recommendation.
ES – Offered to write up the recommendation, after checking with Chief of Tech, Marie Stiles.
2. Chad Wight reminded the BOD of Judd Evans’ passing Saturday, June 11. His team is planning an event in memorial. It could be in Pueblo. Chad will keep RMVR informed of plans.

A moment of silence was observed in Judd Evans’ memory. He is profoundly missed

MOTION to adjourn: Branden Sumner 8:45 PM. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Respectively submitted Bradley Zieg, Secretary, June 30, 2022



July 2022 President's Message

The Premier Event Returns

The annual Race Against Kids Cancer is upon us. We continue to benefit from our strong partnership with the Morgan Adams Foundation, and this race brings out the best of RMVR along with many from our neighbor race clubs. RAKC has become RMVR's Crown Jewel.

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing has a notable history of premier events, beginning in 1984. In the Club's second year, Tom Ellis and a handful of racing buddies pulled off the first Steamboat Springs street race. It grew into a major North American vintage race festival, and fueled the growth of RMVR. Alas, encroaching civilization brought it to a halt after 1998.

What could fill the void? Steamboat had hooked my family. But when I finally applied for my license in 2002, it was the Trans Am Invitational that engaged me. Keith Davidson, likely with tips and nudges from era legend Walt Hane, chaired a string of spring races at PMP featuring big-name TA Saturday evening dinner speakers. I particularly remember Chuck Cantwell and Rick Titus.

For those of us who grew up reading *Car Life* and *Sports Car Graphic*, the Trans Am events became the Premier Races. If our cars were broken, we still went, just for the Saturday evenings. They sustained me, and kept me sending in my RMVR dues every year.

Second Creek was just taken for granted. It was an hour away, oil wells seemed to protect it, and you could see all 1.7 miles from the main straight stands. It was fun, and I was in shock when it closed down, so much so that I considered selling my car and giving up the nasty road-racing habit. Many of my fellow small bore racers were shaking their heads, wondering what RMVR would do to survive. I still have my *Last Race At Second Creek* t-shirt.

And about the same time, the Trans Am Invitational flame began to flicker. It was still a great race weekend, but the Big Bore cars were getting more expensive, both to purchase and to race. And it's tough, challenging work to come up with New and Fresh every. single. year. And seriously, people, all Mustangs and no Camaros in Big Bore? That's almost a crime against humanity...

Just as all seemed lost, the magic bean suddenly sprouted, and High Plains Raceway came to life. RMVR had done a very cool thing by investing in CAMA after watching the demise of Second Creek. Like many RMVR members, I'd read some of the flow of chatter in the Messenger, but it didn't prepare me for the wave of awe that hit the first time I crested the hill and saw the amazing road course stretching across the rolling plains of eastern Colorado. Wow, indeed.

And now here we are, full circle, some of rushing to make a late entry for the RAKC, others starting to pack for the trip to the Crown Jewel in a week or two. It's not the same as Steamboat – that era has passed. But Kirk Peterson's team and Morgan Adams Foundation mix things up every year to keep it interesting, the MAF Saturday lunch shenanigans are impressive, and the dinners memorable. Although I don't anticipate a rush of Camaros in Big Bore, bring your racer and family out anyway, it's for a good cause.

But be forewarned if you haven't picked up on this: The Veevernugen theme is a lead-in to the 60th Anniversary of Formula Vee, so expect a surge of bad German phrases, good German beer, and something German at dinner.

It's gonna be ausgezeichnet!

Eric Schakel

RMVR President 2022

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Driver Sanctions Update 07-12-22

<u>Event</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Penalty Remaining</u> <u>Notes</u>
PPIR 05/02/21	Mike Wolther	Class 3 M2M Car to barrier #47 Blk/Yel FF	4 event probation
Pueblo 09/25/21	RB Wright	Class 3 M2M; SR #48	4 event probation
HPR 05-15-22	Eric Dietz	Class 2 M2M; #277 Blu	3 event probation
Pueblo 06/04/22	Stefan Schluter	Class 2 M2M; #77 MB	3 event probation
Pueblo 06/04/22	Tatsuo Rosen	Class 2 M2M; #737 BB	1 event probation
Pueblo 06/04/22	Chris Davidson	Class 4 M2M; #21	2 event probation
Pueblo 06/04/22	Allen Johnsen	Class 4 M2M; #555	2 event suspension + 6 event probation pending
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. For further detail on infractions, see <i>Operations Manual</i> , Appendix J: p.46-49 (Updated 03/28/21)			

Racing Harness Expiration Dates

An FYI to inspect your belts for the coming 2022 season. Our RMVR All Rules state:

“d. Safety harness must carry manufacturers label indicating either expiration date, or year and month of manufacture. If only an expiration date is labeled, the harness is valid for use through the end of the racing season of the expiration year. If manufacture date is indicated, harness is valid for use through the end of the racing season 5 years after manufacture.”

This means that if a harness has a manufactured date in January of 2020 then it is good through 2024. That is five racing seasons (20, 21, 22, 23 and 24). So even if that harness is produced in July of 2020 it still expires at the end of the 2024 racing season.

If you purchase belts without a manufacturing date, but an expiration date before 12/31/2021, you'll need to buy new belts even if they are only a few years old.

Please make sure your equipment with expiration dates are all up to date so there are no surprises when getting your Annual Tech.

Respectfully,
Your Chief of Tech, Marie Stiles

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

For Sale: Uprated Formula Ford Motor. Freshened Ivey. Alloy pan & valve cover. Complete carb to flywheel. Call Terry Allard for details. \$7500 OBO 303-816-0776

For Sale 1970 BMW 2002 race car: Everything on this car is race ready. Dan owned this car for 24 years and he built this car himself. There are only two hours on the freshly built 2.0l engine w/300cam, very light I beams rods, single row timing chain and gears, lightened flywheel, knife crank. The heads have been professionally reworked. Has 45 DCOE Webers, 3:91 locker diff., 4 speed, Big brakes, Vehicle Record Lo book, RMVR logbook, Borrani 13 x 6 wheels, Toyo race tires with one race on them and MUCH more. If interested contact Jeff Hall at gussie487@gmail.com or 863-398-9091



The Vintage & Historic Racing News Magazine

Each issue contains:

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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](#).

Equipment Reminder:

Please remember to check the date on your safety belts/harnesses. It's not going to be a good race weekend if you are told you can't run as your harnesses have expired. FIA belts are good for five years and SFI are good for five years. Please keep Wine Country Motor Sports in mind for all of your driver safety gear. We appreciate your business.

Bonnie FVEE 88 303-799-6606

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 2022 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 Marie Stiles to discuss the process. Those of you that are currently authorized tech inspectors contact 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!
Eric

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

2022 RMVR Schedule

July 30 & 31, 2022	RAKC @HPR
September 24 & 25, 2022	Pueblo Motorsports Park
October 22 & 23, 2022	La Junta Raceway

Event Registration: Register [online](#)



RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

July 2022

By Lisa Williams

RMVR Volunteers

As we are approaching the warm summer months, I hope all of you can spend quality time with friends and family. Just around the next turn will be our 12th Annual Race Against Kids Cancer (RAKC) on July 30 – 31, 2022 at High Plains Raceway (HPR) in Deer Trail, Colorado. In reading my most recent Volunteer Weekend E-Mail Blast, I'm sure you noticed that MANY more fabulous folks are needed to fill many important roles.

This is an event near and dear to us all. RMVR partners with and supports much needed funding for childhood cancer research alongside the Morgan Adams Foundation (MAF). In getting ready for this year's RMVR RAKC, you can go



to <https://rmvr.raceagainstkidscancer.org> and start your very own fundraiser page. This is simple and easy to do with great benefits for those in need. It is not too early to register to help. Go to www.rmvr.com to sign up today. Remember the earlier you sign up, the better chance you get of having a hotel room in Byers.

Happy 4th of July,

Lisa

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