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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 Vintage Racers!

- Fabrizio Rimicci - Boulder, CO
- Justin Lotspeich - Aurora,

Board Meeting Information

Next Board Meeting:
Hybrid Meeting Wednesday, February19, 2024
In Person:
Morgan Adams Foundation Offices
5303 East Evans Suite 200
Denver, CO 80222
Online: Zoom
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88255927719?pwd=dXhHYi9PZ0pGRlF0SmFJaTJJbllCZz09
Meeting ID: 882 5592 7719
Passcode: 226083
6:45P to Approx 8:30P

Alternately, if you do have the Zoom application, you can join the meeting from within your Zoom app using the meeting's Meeting ID: 882 5592 7719 and Passcode: 226083
Please note meeting ID and Passcode now DOES NOT change every month.
** Quick Note—Board meetings will typically be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **

BREAKING NEWS!!!

SAVE THE DATE: September 27-28, 2025!

RMVR Annual Awards Banquet

Honor RMVR's 2024 Season with Us!

RMVR is ready to honor our volunteers, cheer our winners, and set the stage for 2025 at our annual Awards Banquet! We'll wave the green at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 S. Clinton Street in Englewood – all we need is YOU! Cost for this event is a very reasonable-these-days $60.00/person (gratis to our 100 Hour Volunteers!), and we ask that you consider an additional donation to the RMVR Volunteer Fund. Reservations must be received by January 20. If you are a 100-Hour volunteer who has earned a free banquet, or for those who plan on paying by check at the door, you must still make a reservation by calling Linae Schakel at 303-319-3062 or emailing her at admin@rmvr.com to reserve your spot.

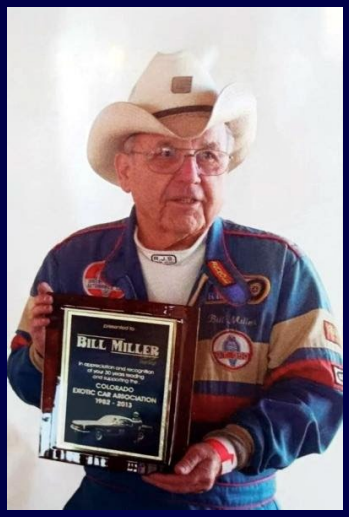
We hope to see you there!

Register Here MAP

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday (changed for 2025) of the month, 6:45 to 8:30 PM, (New Time). The Board Meeting location is:
Various locations & via teleconference

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Linae Schakel, RMVR Administrator

Bill Miller Memorial Services



Services for Bill Miller have been set. They will be held on Saturday, December 28th at 1:00pm. The location is;

Olinger Funeral, Cremation & Cemetery - Crown Hill
Wadsworth and 29th Street
7777 West 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033 [map]
At their Serenity Point facility

Here's a link to Bill's obituary with more details on the memorial service and the reception to follow at 2pm at the same location.

If you wish, Mary Sue Powell can be contacted at 303-912-9933.

Bill Miller

His beloved Hertz Shelby

Help Wanted @ RMVR

RMVR finds itself with a need to fill two mission critical positions:

Treasurer-Jon Whiteley will not be seeking another term as Treasurer. His term is expiring at the end of 2024. In the interim, Jon has agreed to continue serving as Treasurer until a right person within the club is found to take over this position. The Treasurer works with the entire board to safeguard the club's assets and to promote sound fiscal management of the club. They administer the club's bank accounts and pay all bills in a timely fashion. This position is charged with managing the club's general liability insurance as well as the individual event insurance policies and works with the President to oversee track rental contracts and emergency services contracts for the club's race events. Knowledge of Quickbooks and Excel spreadsheets helpful, simple accounting skills, bank reconciliations, etc. Having some background in running a small business would be helpful. For a detailed job description check out the RMVR Operations Manual for this position.

Administrator- Linae Schakel was planning to step down at the end of 2024 as the club administrator. As of the Sept 18th board meeting, Linae has indicated that she would like to continue to serve as administrator from the organization and paperwork standpoint, but that she and Eric would not like to have to be at every race handling the on-site registration on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings as the two of them would like to travel more during their retirement. As it stands right now, Linae typically opens up registration from 3-6 PM on Friday's and from 7 to 9 am on Saturday mornings during the race weekends. We can get by with a part-time worker or volunteer to handle the on-site registration on Fridays and Saturdays provided this person is willing to coordinate with Linae. Linae has been great to work with during my time in the club. If a person is willing to transition to administrator as a result of working with Linae and understanding the admin function, this would even be better. This position is the club's only paid position and reports to the President and Treasurer. The administrator is an independent contractor to the club because it is a part time job. The administrator serves as a central clearing point and liaison for incoming inquiries, maintains the club database records through processing of dues and memberships, medical records and licenses, processes race entries, handles race administration duties and provides on-site registration and assists the Chiefs of Specialty and Board of Directors as requested. See Operations Manual for further duties.

Both positions are vital to RMVR's ability to function. If you have an interest in either position please contact Jon, Linae or Steve Mercer.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2024

In Person: Morgan Adams Foundation, 5303 E. Evans, Suite 200 80222

Online: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88255927719?pwd=dXhHYi9PZ0pGRlF0SmFJaTJJbllCZz09

Meeting ID: 882 5592 7719 Passcode: 226083 *6:45P to Approx 8:30P*

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1. **Call to Order** 6:45 PM
2. **Roll Call**

X Steve Mercer - President	X Eric Ladner - President Elect
X Chris Danforth-Past President	X Jon Whiteley-Treasurer
X Brad Zieg-Secretary	George Curl
Jeff Keacher	X Jonathan Lane
X Sean Beever	X Steve Murphy
X Tom Penewell	

3. **President's Opening Remarks**
   Good feedback session. Production car group members attending expressed a desire to expand eligibility.
4. **Approval of October 22, 2024,** Meeting Minutes—Brad Z.
   MOTION to approve Meeting Minutes by Steve Murphy, 2nd Tom Penewell APPROVED unanimously.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Jon Whiteley
   Net income: Y-T-D $27,071.79. Funds Balance: $135,869.21
   Note: AMR ambulance invoice for Pueblo event has not been received.
   Mercer and Whiteley worked to increase RMVR Directors' and Officers' liability insurance coverage and arrived at a lower cost.
   2025 dues schedule: General Membership $100.00. Competition Membership $150.00.
6.
7. **Chiefs of Specialties Reports**

Chief Steward – Chad Wight *See Steward's Year-End Report below*	Van and Equipment – Eric Ladner
CDI – Nathan Down	Marketing and Media - Ed Johnson, Tom Penewell Received good responses at Feedback session. Happy with new Social Media Chair position.
Flagging and Communication – Lisa Williams Thanks to the volunteers for 2024. Looking forward to 2025 Tristin Williams has been nominated to "Social Media Chief" for 2025.	Eligibility – Nick Hill Bob Darcey in to cover Formula and SR cars. I want to reclaim unused race car numbers. [Car numbers are discreet within run groups. Bob Alder made this official].
Timing and Scoring – Austin Fay The new system Orbits is up and successfully used at Pueblo race. Healthy pool of additional FT&S volunteers. Looking to streamline registration/ T&S. Integrating new app to make T&S system available to people in the paddock.	IT – Matt Ammer / Tyler Hicks-Wright / L Ahearn Ed Johnson's wife, MyLinh Nguyen will be taking over Website and Google Workspace Management making this process more efficient. I will speak with Leo Ahearn as well about his ongoing role.
Pit and Grid – Mike Drury	Messenger – John Mihalich

Tech – Marie Stiles Charlotte Roadcap Ready for next year with new Tech Forms	VMC – Bob Alder *See Report to RMVR below*
Starter – Patrick Fay	RMVR Historian – Vacant
Social	CAMA – Bob Darcey

Chief Steward's Year-End Report 2024

Annual Summary

Year	**Total Incidents**	**Group Formula Vee**	**Formula Ford**	**Fast Formula**	**Small Bore**	**B/M Bore**
2017	23	11	6		6	0
2018	8	2	2		2	2
2019	9	5	1		0	3
2020	5	1	4		0	0
2021	5	2	3		0	0
2022	15	4	4		2	5
2023	5	2	0	1	0	2
2024	**6**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**0**

2024 Incidents by Group by Event

Event	**Vee**	**FF**	**Fast Formula**	**Small Bore**	**B/M Bore**	**Total**
School/Spring		2				**2**
Pueblo 1		1	1			**2**
HPR RAKC				2		**2**
La Junta						**0**
Pueblo 2						**0**
Total	**0**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**6**

RMVR's 2024 race season offered 5 race weekends. Drivers School was successfully combined with the Spring Race at HPR. During the season, there were 6 incidents in total and no injuries. The challenging HPR track had 4 of the incidents in the 2 events held there. Most of the incidents were caused by over- aggressive - driving (OAD) or lack of situational awareness. This means that they could have been prevented if one driver had "given-up" the corner. Physics does not allow two cars to occupy the same space. A couple of cars involved in incidents were significantly damaged. During the year, 4 drivers were suspended or given probation for either OAD or lack of situational awareness. This year, Formula Vee and Big/Mid-Bore drivers were incident-free and commended for "Vintage Friendly Driving."

Thanks to Assistant Chief Steward Branden Sumner and Event Stewards Bill Fleming, Christy Hopkins, and Meagan Sumner. Together with the rest of the Control Team, Grid, and Corner Marshals, the stewards improved efficiency in responding to incidents and in shortening transition times between Run Groups to maximize time on track. Efforts were made to improve communication during delays and make appropriate decisions for schedule

adjustments. Drivers' Meetings were less than 28 minutes on Saturdays and shorter on Sundays or cancelled. The Stewarding Team also met other performance goals by completing all reporting within 2 days of an event. As always, we welcome suggestions for improvement, as well as offers to volunteer.

Respectfully,

Chad Wight

Report To the RMVR Board

VMC Zoom Meeting Oct. 9th, 2024

The VMC meeting Zoom meeting was held last Saturday. You'll recall VMC meets twice a year, once by Zoom in the Fall and once in person in the Spring.
Keacher and RMVR were kind enough to loan VMC the RMVR Zoom account for the connection. Which worked flawlessly. The entire **3-hour** meeting was recorded. Here's the link to that recording if you're a glutton for boredom.
https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/eIgAz4tFygYVLAjKFnOJGloPeM_hPDEeD7hbBLAOnvrJHGFFW1QtDuVUPqscg92d.eW0vmVf54RLu-k-u
Passcode: tD3TJ$3a
Written VMC minutes of the meeting will also become available.
However, as in the past, I like to forward a **few key things I took away from the meeting** to save you from the pain of sitting thru the whole deal. I believe that both Leo Ahearn and Jon Whiteley sat in on the Zoom. So, they may also wish to share their Take-Aways.
Here's my Take-Aways. Not in any kind of order. Please feel free to contact me for any further explanation.
Specialty weekend "Features" still be a viable way to increase interest and entries. Lots of things like this are done by many organizations with good results. Things like a one-weekend invited run group (e.g. Vintage Indy cars, Sports 2000, Monoposto Registry (FBs?), a Porsche club grid. Or weekend themes such as an MG/Triumph Challenge, a Kastner cup race, Corvette Tribute, a Corvette/Mustang Challenge, etc.
Workers are an issue for everyone. It has prompted increased interest in **using track light systems as well as in-car systems like Flagtronics.** Apparently MSR also has some in-car flagging system. It's a big expense. It requires a big investment by tracks and then car owners must have an in-car gizmo. But…. It sure as hell cuts down on missed Yellow Flags. (More on that later). At the next VMC meeting, vendors of these systems will be invited to pitch them. Reminds me of the early days of Timing & Scoring systems and/or required Hans devices. Rightfully resisted early on due to costs, but eventually it becomes universal. Yes, it's another "increasing cost of going racing." Grrrr.
Along those same lines, **the required in-car video is spreading.** SCCA and HSR now require it (SVRA??). Maybe others. **It really is so useful in administering incidents!** I believe most folks actually would like to have video from their car. But a video camera is a PITA to deal with, not to mention costs. It sure would be nice if there was a very economical, easy to install system available. Yes, it's probably another "increasing cost of going racing." More Grrr. But if it can be "sold" as a driver benefit it becomes much more acceptable.
The current VMC insurance agent, Jones/Birdsong was there. The actual underwriters of such insurance are shrinking. The good news is that while underwriters are shrinking, the VMC "loss experience" continues to be favorable. Continued nominal claims across the 60+ events insured last year. However, they did mention that premiums for **event insurance my go up about 10%.** I'm sure Jon Whiteley noted it for budgeting purposes.
There was a speaker about more effective **Driver's meetings**. Be aware to NOT talk down to or to lecture drivers. They hate that. Make it more of a meeting to help drivers. Ask for and answer questions or concerns. "Anyone needs help with anything." You know, more of a drivee driven agenda. Have a separate meeting for those who are new to the track vs. the "Old-Timers." They are TWO totally different audiences.
As mentioned earlier, there does seem to be **many more "Passing under the Yellow" issues**. Solution? Make sure it's mentioned as a no-no and what the repercussion will be (black flagged or whatever) and make sure it's applied consistently. Not sure how to do that without "Lecturing" or being preachy. But…. find a way.
I understand David Irwin is pitching another **FB Feature weekend** (As he successfully did in 2011. Picture below.) While I'm sure he's in contact with Monoposto Registry, they have the ability to really help us promoted/pitch/design a repeat. Specifically, Travis Engen at MR is the guy.

There was a **noise restriction** segment. RMVR is so lucky. We just don't have track sound limit problems. Other organizations DO! **The next In-Person VMC meeting will again be in Indianapolis**. There are always GREAT extracurricular social events at an Indianapolis meeting. It's worth attending just for that! Currently tentatively set for early March. I'll try to remember to let folks know. Anyone is invited.
Feel free to call to discuss if desired.
Cheers,
Bob Alder
303-981-6364

8. Special order upcoming events and discussions

Banquet – January 25th, 2025, Maggiano's DTC.

9. Unfinished Business

- Second Reading of Proposed Rule change to Rule 3 - eliminate hand-held chemical fire extinguisher. (Charlotte - Marie)

3. For the 2025 season:
The recommended fire control is an onboard fire system using FE-36 or NOVEC 1230 OR ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE with a five (5) pound capacity (by weight) with a minimum of two (2) nozzle locations. The onboard fire system must be armed (safety pins removed if equipped) any time the car is on the track or gridded preparing to enter the track. An emergency label (red "E") must appear on the outside of the car, indicating the activation point for all on-board systems. The activation point must be within reach of the driver while belted-in and should be accessible by a safety worker from outside the vehicle.
The club's 2025 minimum requirement will be a hand-held chemical extinguisher of at least two (2) pounds and have a 10BC Fire Rating, securely mounted within a driver's reach when securely strapped into the driver's seat. The extinguisher or onboard system must have a charge indicator, which indicates "full". On Board Fire Suppression Systems and Fire Extinguishers shall be maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Starting in 2026: Handheld extinguishers will no longer be allowed. The 2026 required fire control is an onboard fire system as specified above.
MOTION to adopt Rule 3 on second reding by Eric Ladner, 2nd Sean Beever APPROVED unanimously.

10. New Business

- Eligibility
  - Porsche Spec 944 – Adopt PSA Spec Class 944 Rules SP1, SP2 and SP3.
  - BMW Spec E30 - Adopt 20-24 Spec E30 Rules From NASA
  - Post Club Ford (FF3) Adoption and Proposed Exceptions to Fast Formula-Sport Racer Group – 1st reading will be subject to approval by the FF, CF drivers as promised.
    {These specific items were skipped over by discussion of production car eligibility}

Production Car discussion before motions:
- Lap times determine the car's run group.

- General Competition Rules GCR's are built around race/competitive cars.
- RMVR entry process declares car's run group.
- Perhaps RMVR adopts GCR [owner brings GCR rules to RMVR].

Motions:

MOTION and First Reading *– Adopt Eligibility expansion for Porsche Spec 944's (SP1,SP2,SP3), BMW – E30, and Post Club Ford (FF3) – this subject to FF Group Driver Survey) - Eric Ladner, 2nd Steve Murphy PASSED unanimously.*

MOTION and First reading *- to open production cars eligibility to SCCA 1994 GCR with RMVR exceptions including no tube frame cars, Steve Murphy, 2nd Tom Penewell PASSED unanimously.*

MOTION and First Reading *– Adopt eligibility of Production Car GCR's every five (5) years and move up the requested GCR by five (5) years [2025 – 1994 GCR, 2030 -1999 GCR, 2035 – 2004 GCR with RMVR exceptions. Sean Beever, 2nd Steve Murphy PASSED; NAY votes: Chris Danforth and Jonathan Lane.*

- Webmaster – As President and soon to be Past President, I would like to recommend that we hire a paid webmaster to work with me and one or two other volunteers to finish cleaning up our rules and website to enhance the website's functionality. I will come back to the board with a proposed budget after we find the right consultant to do this task on a limited contract basis. Subsequent to the board meeting, Ed Johnson's wife, Mylinh Nguyen, offered to serve as webmaster and Google Workspace environment manager on a voluntary basis. This process is in transition now after a Zoom conference call with Ed Johnson, Bob Alder, Steve Mercer and MyLinh Nguyen.
- Timing and Scoring – Proposal to purchase two additional auxiliary timing loops – Austin Fay - Auxiliary timing loops are necessary to have as backups when RMVR runs into problems at Pueblo and LaJunta with the local timing loops failing.

  MOTION by Brad Zieg to purchase two auxiliary timing loops est. $130.00, 2nd Sean Beever PASSED unanimously.

11. Other Discussion Items from the Board / Participants

- Prospective Board Candidate – There are interested parties.
- We still need candidates for both Treasurer and Admin for the club. Both positions are vital.
  - Melinda Jorgensen's interest in Treasurer will be coordinated with Jon Whiteley.
- This is Steve Mercer's last meeting as Board President. His contribution to RMVR was recognized appreciatively by the Board Members! He insists he will be actively involved as next year's Past President.

12. Motion to Adjourn Steve Murphy 8:20 PM.

Submitted by: Bradley Zieg, RMVR Secretary.

December 2024 President's Message

Hello Fellow RMVR Members,

We're at that time of year where we are looking to elect officers and directors for RMVR. The election committee headed by John Victoria is looking for nominations for a short while longer. If you wish to run for an office or for a board position, please reach out to me or any board member or John Victoria. All we need is a brief bio and a photograph of you. Your bio should include some of your professional and/or other volunteer services or leadership background and how you might contribute to moving RMVR into the future.

We will be holding our 2024 banquet at Maggiano's at the Denver Tech Center on Saturday, January 25th, 2025. We wish to honor many of our members and volunteers through a special dinner and awards presentation. Linae will have the banquet event posted on Motorsportreg.com soon so that you may purchase your tickets there.

I wish to personally thank all of our chiefs of specialties, race chairs, corner workers, other volunteers and our board members who have served this year to make 2024 a safe and enjoyable race season. Working and serving alongside all of you has been a great experience and I hope to continue working on the board as much as I can next year by helping Eric Ladner continue on many of the initiatives that began a year ago.

I personally wish each and every one of you a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing each of you at the banquet or our first RMVR event of the new year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.
Sincerely
Steve Mercer
2024 RMVR President
president | rmvr | com

Interview with Lynn Fangue- former RMVR Chief Driving instructor and present Formula Vee racer

Author: Ed Johnson

Pictures: Mike Rogers and Lynn Fangue

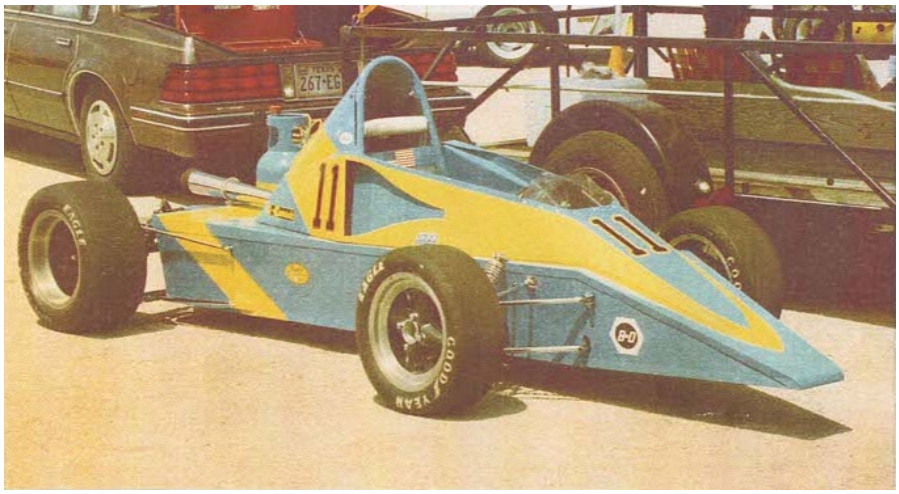
Leonard Fangue has been actively involved with the RMVR since 2001. A long time "non-traditional" performance engineer and competitive driver is known as "Lynn" to almost all of his friends and acquaintances. Growing up during his youth, Lynn claims to have had two local passports as he has lived in both Lake Charles, Louisiana and Houston.

His father, being involved with the oil and gas industry, was an engineer / draftsman related to building a system of pipelines for Keystone Exploration Company, not related the current Keystone Pipeline. Although, he would have loved to have had the opportunity to work on that project, which is sure to rapidly expand with the upcoming administration.

When asked how he developed an interest in cars and the automotive world as an adolescent, *"the moment"* took place as a nine-year-old while helping his father paint their home while attentively listening to the live radio broadcast of the Indy 500 race. During this race, did Lynn actually envision himself behind the wheel driving on the edge at WOT? Also, while living in Houston, his father owned and operated their English Ford four-cylinder family car. This unique vehicle selection was also considered to be "non-traditional" as most families, at the time, were motivated toward big, gas guzzling American V8 powered transport.

In August of 1969, Lynn was drafted into the US Army and spent nine months in Vietnam. After this tour of duty, he went to college having an inspiration and vision toward becoming an automotive engineer.

At the same time, Lynn started auto crossing with the SCCA in 1971 and campaigned consistently through the 1984 timeframe. Many racers are pressed for available shop space and the Fangue race operation was no different as he made use of a rented boat shed to make ends meet. During the boat shed era, he met a race related gentleman named Jack Starns that happened to be AJ Foyt's chief mechanic. Incidentally, one of AJ's old roll bars was actually donated toward one of Lynn's Formula Vee project cars. In 1972, Lynn followed the under 2.5 liter Trans Am category because of Treuhoff Engineering fielding two VW Super Beetles that did surprisingly well. His daily driver at the time was a Super Beetle he bought new in 1971.



In the early 80's stage of his automotive hobby career, he wanted to make use of an "outside the box" technology to improve his autocross times. Lynn wanted to further develop the innovative fan cars that had been introduced by the late Jim Hall (2J July 1970) and by F1's Bernie Ecclestone (see Brabham BT46) in 1978. Although both cars led awe inspiring and border- line rule breaking technology at the time, it's radicalness seemed to be too much for both of the governing race organizations. NOTE: Lynn's *one of a kind* autocross fan car will be

featured in a future Bonus article in an upcoming RMVR Vintage Messenger issue-watch for it!

In many cases, we know that plans change, Lynn broke away from college and worked for Black & Decker and he was promoted to Territory Sales Manager for the SW Louisiana / SE Texas region. Handling several national accounts from a sales perspective such as Walmart, he received top sales recognition in a short period of time, and he received their very first Eagle Club Sales Award.

Lynn got his SCCA Competition License in 1985 in Texas. He moved to Denver in 1987 and raced at many local and out of state events. In 1991, Lynn became associated with the RMVR through Bob Miller and his Caldwell Formula Vee. Lynn had acted as one of Bob's crew members at several past race weekend events. In 2001, Lynn joined RMVR. Serving on the board in 2006, he felt the Drivers School needed more stability and volunteered to be Chief Driving Instructor. A position he held for 16 years.

Overall, Lynn feels that the RMVR and the racing community offers him access to people with the mutual passion, respect and friendship along with the long lasting comradery now and for years to come. He asks that ALL RMVR members take an active role in helping the club grow and thrive.

Driver Sanctions- updated November 19, 2024

Event	Name	Incident	Penalty Remaining Notes
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
Pueblo 06/04/22	Chris Davidson	Class 4 M2M; #21	2 event probation
HPR 08/31/22	Chris Redd	Class 2 M2M; #125	1 event probation
HPR 08/31/22	Jared Hindman	Class 1 M2M; #711	1 event probation
HPR 08/31/22	Lynn Fangue	Class 3 M2M; #11 (OAD)	2 event probation
Pueblo 06/24/23	Robert Ewers	Class 1 OAD causing damage to another car	1 event probation
HPR 07/30/23	Greg Carpenter	Class 2 Lack of sit. awareness causing damage to another car	1 event probation
HPR 08/04/24	Tom Ragonetti	Class 2, Lack of Sit. Awareness causing minor damage	3 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. For further detail on infractions, see *Operations Manual*, Appendix J: p.46-49 (Updated 03/28/21)			

Annual Tech 2025

Tech stickers have been sent to all tech inspectors, and they are ready to help you out.

Tech inspectors, if you did not receive your stickers or need more stickers just reach out to Charlotte or Marie.

Additional Tech Inspection information- a list of Tech Inspectors and locations can be found on the RMVR website at: https://rmvr.com/race-with-us/tech/

An updated Tech Sheet will be available soon; stay posted or check the website.

Behind the Flags

Is a new column that will introduce, in greater depth, an RMVR member or two to the greater RMVR Family. Giving insight as to who they are, how they got here and where they're going.

Look for the nest installments in this issue of the Vintage Messenger!

Your turn is coming!

2024 RMVR Fast Formula and Sports Racer Invitational

Background: Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing (RMVR) recognizes there is an abundance of interesting, older formula and sports racer cars that are too new for logbooks from many Vintage clubs (including RMVR), yet no longer competitive in modern racing. For the 2024 season, RMVR invites these formula and sports racer cars and drivers to come race with us!

RMVR will be offering an invitational run group called "Fast Formula & SR Cars". The decision has been made by the RMVR Board of Directors to offer dedicated grid and race sessions for these cars, rather than combining them with existing established grids for the FV and FF/CF cars. RMVR has committed to having these sessions at most of our 2024 events, two at High Plains Raceway and two at Pueblo Motorsports Park.

Link to more details:
https://conta.cc/46LcUat

Didja Know???

High Plains Raceway offers an Open Lapping Days Unlimited Season Pass??? One payment of $1500 (price held from 2024) allows you to attend EVERY HPR Open Lapping Day (cars and/or bikes) held during the 2025 season (events designated as "tentative" are included, but may still be canceled subject to the normal weather and attendance requirements). Details and fine print here. Something to think about for next year! Support our Racetrack!

New HPR Lapping Day Cards and Gift Certificates

Hello everyone! Earlier today MotorsportReg announced an exciting new feature regarding "virtual" gift cards. We have integrated this new feature into our gift certificate and discounted punch card program. If you aren't interested in gift certificates or discount punch cards, but plan to purchase an unlimited season pass you can scroll to the end to see how these changes will affect you.

You can see all the "punch card" details on our website here

https://www.highplainsraceway.com/open-lapping-days/open-lapping-days-virtual-discount-codes/

and the gift certificate details here

https://www.highplainsraceway.com/open-lapping-days/open-lapping-days-gift-certificates/

The big change is that if you purchase either a gift certificate or a discount card, you will no longer receive a physical card that you must present to be punched. Instead, you will receive one or more codes that can be redeemed at registration as payment towards either a half day or a full day of lapping. These codes are emailed to the purchaser, but the purchaser can also view them at any time on the "My Account" page of their MotorsportReg account. On that page you can also see the status of each code (redeemed or not) and, if it has been redeemed, who redeemed it. Once the purchaser has the code(s), they can either redeem them themselves and/or give them to others to use.

Here are some of the positive aspects of this for you, the customer:

- No more physical cards to keep track of, everything is done virtually.
- For those who shared their "punches", instead of passing the card around at check in, you simply give one of the codes to each person to use when they register and they are all set.
- Instead of the purchase expiring at the end of the season (regardless of when it was purchased) the expiration date is tied to the purchase date. Discounted rate codes will expire one year after purchase, full price gift certificate codes will expire two years after purchase. No matter when you make the purchase, you have a consistent amount of time to redeem it.
- Full value of the purchase. With the current punch card system if you were in a situation where you had a full day punch, but only wanted/needed to sign up for a half day but you used the full day punch to pay, the rest of that punch was wasted. However, with this new system you will retain the partial value. Example – you have a virtual code for a full day ($209) but you can only drive in the morning because you need to leave at lunch. If you register for the morning only ($149) and redeem the virtual code as payment, the $60 difference will remain on your account as a credit for future use. This credit will still be subject to the original expiration date.

Here are some of the negative aspects of this for you, the customer:

- You have to protect your codes. A physical card can only be used by someone who possesses it. But virtual codes are easier to "get out". Anyone who has one or more of your codes can redeem them. While we will know who used it, once it's used, it's used. HPR will be hard pressed to set a precedent of reimbursing a purchaser for an ill-gotten code and either eating the loss or trying to go after the other user for payment.
- More codes instead of a single card. If you are someone who would purchase a multi punch card solely for you own use, it will be a bit of a pain for you. If you purchase a package of six half days, you will receive six unique codes. Each time you register, you will first need to go to your "my account" page and see which code(s) have not been redeemed and then enter an unredeemed code at check out.
- No more "12 punch" option. In the past we offered packages of 3, 6 or 12 "punches". The current system can only issue a maximum of ten codes per purchase, so the top option will be for 10, not 12. However, the discount rate for that top option remains at 22%.
- "Day of" registration. Each of the half day or full day codes will have a set value of $149 or $209. This will cover the cost of a half day or full day at the pre-registration prices. Registration on the day of the event is $20 more. Our old punch card registration option skirted this charge, but since the new system will use the same registration option and change the payment method, this $20 will be included and will need to be paid in order to complete the registration. If you have a code worth $209 and need to register the day of for a half day ($149 + $20) then you can use the code to pay the balance due, but will only retain the $40 difference as a credit. If you have a code worth $209 and want to register the day of for a full day ($209 + $20) then you can use the code but will need to pay the remaining $20 on a credit card or partially use an additional code. As long as you register in advance, this is a non-issue.

Regarding the unlimited season passes – I cannot yet identify a way that this feature can be used in place of our current system, so it will remain as is in that you will be issued a card that will expire at the end of each season. The upside for you is that there aren't typically enough season passes sold for us to justify retaining the $0 registration option for each event. So, for now the plan is that if you have a season pass you will not need to register online prior to arriving. You can just come in with your pass and get your wristband, and I will have a manual way to track that the pass was used that day.

As with any new system, there are bound to be some growing pains but overall, I think this system will serve us well.

I hope you all have a happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in the spring if not sooner!

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Glenn Conser
General Manager - High Plains Raceway
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Classifieds

For Sale: 1969 Boss 302 Mustang Race Car
Genuine factory Boss 302 (#7 of 1629 built in 1969). Raced in RMVR for 15 years with numerous class and big bore run group wins. Race-prepared by Walt and Chip Hane. Completely sorted and ready to race. Genuine Boss 302 engine, 4-speed "toploader" transmission, Ford 9" full floater rear end. Four wheel disc brakes. Sale includes numerous spares including most removed factory components. Asking $55,000. **Call 303 973 6303** or contact **geospeed617@gmail.com**.

For Sale Transport Trailer: Steel frame, 16'x7' steel diamond plate deck, dual axel, electric brakes, height adjustable hitch, bob tail and steel ramps. Well maintained with fully functional brake, signal, and running lights. $3,500 with title. Hauled coast to coast, safe and reliable. Keith Davidson 720-387-9339.

Wanted used L20B motor: Looking for rebuildable Datsun/Nissan L20B 4 cylinder 2 liter motor with cylinder head. Came in various Datsun cars and trucks from 1974-1985. Will consider entire vehicle if has suitable motor. Mark Robinson (303)520-4190 Mtrobinson272@yahoo.com

For Sale: Three 5 gallon Scribner brand fuel jugs with caps. Gallon markings on sides. No leaks. Scribner brand race fuel funnel with screen. Compare to new at $40+ each. Selling for $15 each, or all 4 pieces for $40. Pick up in Aurora near Gun Club Road and Alameda Avenue. Call or text Mark at (303)520-4190.

For Sale: One pair CIPA brand custom towing mirrors (CIPA part #10501 & 10502).Slides and clamps over factory existing mirrors. Fits most '98-'03 Ram, Dakota, Durango and Van. See box photo for application chart. Very stable and gives great view. Great used condition. Compare to new at $47+/pair, selling for $15/pair. Pick up in Aurora near Gun Club Road and Alameda. Mark (303)520-4190

For Sale: Passenger side seat out of (I'm told) '89-'97 first gen Miata. Black fabric seating surface in excellent condition, gray vinyl sides and back in good condition with a few blemishes. Overall very solid, nicely constructed seat. Sliders have 5.125" fore/aft adjustment. 32.5" high x 19.25" wide. Mounting hole bolt pattern 15.75" x 13.125". $50. Pick up in Aurora near Gun Club Road and Alameda. Mark (303)520-4190

For Sale Tilton 3/4" master cylinder kit: Tilton part # 74-750U. Includes unused 3/4" master cylinder small and large reservoirs, and remote reservoir fitting. Most factory kit parts included as shown. Compare to new on Amazon at $81, sell for $20. Pick up near Coolidge and Alameda in Aurora 80018. Mark (303)520-4190, mtrobinson272@yahoo.com

For Sale used plastic fluid catch tank. Includes bottom drain valve and bracket for mounting. Overall length 11", tank diameter 4". Pick up in Aurora near Coolidge and Alameda. $15. Mark Robinson (303)520-4190 Mtrobinson272@yahoo.com

For Sale 1967 Austin Healey Sprite:
https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/483865620932880

https://cosprings.craigslist.org/cto/d/usaf-academy-1967-austin-healey-sprite/7807445835.html

For Sale: 1967 MG B Roadster

This E Production race car is ready to enter the next vintage race event or Drivers' School. The car has an established history of racing with RMVR at many road course tracks, including: High Plains Raceway, Pueblo Motor Sports Park, The Grand Prix of Denver Indy Car Event, LaJunta, Hastings, Heartland Park-Topeka, Hallett.

RMVR logbook with 2024 Annual Inspection. Clear Colorado Title.

Sale Price of $10,500 and includes everything listed in this ad and more.

Rebuilt Race Engine, Alloy Wheels 51/2" x 14" 8 Spoke, Two Sets of NITTO 205/55 R14 Tires, Pierce Intake Manifold, Exhaust Header with EGT Taps, Weber 45 DCOE Carburetor, Intake Stacks with Filters, Carburetor Heat Deflector, Heavy Duty Manifold Gasket, Pierce Throttle Linkage, EGT Gauges, Eight Gallon Fuel Cell, Electric Fuel Pump with Billet Filter, Fuel Pressure Gauge, Mallory Solid State Distributor, MSD Rev Limiter with Multiple Chips, Accusump-2 Quart Capacity, Griffin Custom Aluminum Radiator, Electric Cooling Fan, SPAX Adjustable Front Tubular Shocks, SPAX Adjustable Rear Tubular Shocks, Gear Reduction Starter, Race Prepared Crankshaft by Headly, Billet Crankshaft Pully/Damper, Suspension Urethane Bushings, Negative Camber Front Control Arms, Front and Rear Sway Bars, Custom Control Panel with Fuses, Tilton Dual Master Brake Cylinders and Pedal Box, Tilton Clutch Master Cylinder and Pedal Box, Ventilated Brake Drums, Race Head by Prather, Roller Rocker Arms, Pauter Connecting Rods, Custom Wind Screen, Aluminum Flywheel, Kirky Aluminum Race Seat, Current G Force Race Harness, Removable Second Seat, and Other Features.

Contact Richard Bowler for more information and to arrange to see the car-

EMail: rewbk@msn.com Cell 720-849-2255

For Sale: 1969 ZINK blue/ yellow, RMVR #32. 6 easy race weekends on motor build and total restoration (except rattle can paint) assisted by well-respected Colorado Vee ace Jess Valentine. Trans set up by Paul Malcolm. All new brake, fire and clutch systems, shocks, roll bar, formed seat, belts, battery, fuel cell, steering wheel, coated exhaust, mostly new nuts and bolts etc. Four sets of wheels, full set of necessary tools and gear and original Zink built trailer available. Ready to race.

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BRITISH CAR PARTS FOR SALE After 25 + years of owning, maintaining and working on British cars, I have accumulated LOTS of MG parts and bits. Should you need parts for your project car, or British race car, tell me what you need. I may have it. All will be reasonably priced, just let me know. Richard Bowler rewbk@msn.com 720-849-2255

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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!
Steve

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

Time to TECH

Before you know it our first race in 2025 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.

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.

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2024 RMVR Schedule	
January 25, 2025	Annual Banquet- Maggiano's Little Italy at the Tech Center

Event Registration: Register online

2025 RMVR Schedule	
March 22	Fire and Rescue School
April 26 & 27	Pueblo (w Exclusive Lapping Day April 25)
May 17 & 18	High Plains Raceway (w Exclusive Lapping Day May 16)
June 28 & 29	Pueblo (w Exclusive Lapping Day June 27)
August 2 & 3	High Plains Raceway (FB Run Group for this Event)
August 30 & 31	LaJunta Raceway
September 27 & 28	High Plains Raceway – Race Against Kids' Cancer
Possible Co-Branded Late Season Events	
October 3-5	Hallett- Thunder on the Cimarron -CVAR, VSCDA, RMVR
October 9-12	Ozarks International – VSCDA, CVAR, RMVR

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RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

December 2024

By Lisa Williams

RMVR Volunteers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very a happy and joyous holiday season. The new ahead looks promising with RMVR and I am hopeful you will all plan on joining us once again in the Spring for our now famous, Fire and Rescue School. Just after we ring in 2024 will be RMVR's Annual Banquet on Saturday January 25, 2025. Please wat your e-mail for details.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Lisa and Family

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Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association

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Hi there,

Dan DelBianco here, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association. I wanted to personally thank you for your support and share some thrilling news about our most exciting charity supercar sweepstakes yet.

Enter Here:
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This is more than a chance to win an iconic car—it's an opportunity to support one of the best motorsports events in the world. This year, the PVGP was named a finalist for the prestigious 2024 International Historic Motoring Awards, standing alongside legendary events like the Goodwood Revival and Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion.

Also, your entry directly benefits our charity partners, Autism Pittsburgh and Merakey Allegheny Valley School, supporting individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities.

And if you've entered our new sweepstakes, please let me know at the event—I want to personally shake your hand, wish you luck, and thank you for your support!

Thank you for helping make a difference. Your generosity fuels our success and this incredible mission.

Warm regards,

Dan DelBianco
Executive Director
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Snaking through the winding, stone-wall streets, past haybales and 100,000 fans cheering you on from the International Car Show on the golf course all weekend.

TEN DAY FESTIVAL
There are two race weekends with motorsport events, parties and car shows throughout the Pittsburgh area. Come and spend the whole week with us and immerse yourself in this automotive adventure.