

The Rip Roaring Eighties – The History of RMR Part IV

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Ahhh, those rip-roaring eighties when anything and everything in the stock market was acceptable. The penny and oil/gas stocks made a lot of money for a lot of people - except we all learned that greed "wasn't so good" after all. What did the bumper sticker say--something like "Please God, if we can just have another oil boom, we promise we won't p(oop) it all away." Well anyway, we enjoyed it for a brief moment in time.

Despite the fiasco in the junk bond market and the market crash of 1987, Rocky Mountain Region continued to grow and to develop into one of the premiere regions in PCA. The number and quality of all RMR events expanded each year. While rallies lost the popularity they had enjoyed in the sixties and seventies, new and varied driver's schools, social, and other events took their place. It seems that there has never been a bad or disorganized event in the history of RMR. This is a testament to the dedication, management, skills and leadership, of the event chairmen and their assistants, not to mention the thousands of hours of planning and execution which have gone into organizing all of the events we've had. And, of course, the 1988 Pikes Peak Parade! This occupied a great deal of time, energy and devotion beginning in 1985. Those who were not able to work and to participate in this Parade missed a real opportunity to be involved in a monumental undertaking which was heralded as one of the best Parades ever.

RMR, through its members' involvement, achieved recognition at other Parades in the eighties; some of the most notable were:

- 1980 Region of the Year - Lee Sammons, President
- 1981 Newsletter First Place Class IV - Anne Barrett. Editor
- 1981 Enthusiast of the Year - Gina Seth
- 1985 Newsletter First Place Class V - Diane Collier. Editor
- 1987 Family of the Year - Kent & Bev Early Manhattan Award
- 1987 Concours Best of Show - Tom Scott
- 1989 Heinmiller Award - Best Newsletter in PCA - Mike Massman, Editor