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MARINE PROP RIDERS

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April 2011

THE NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 6TH

7:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION AGAIN!!

— Juliano's Restaurant at 27380 Van Dyke in Warren —

On the East side of Van Dyke about 1/4 North of I-696

<http://www.julianosrestaurant.net/> - (586) 754-8383

Juliano's has perhaps the best separate room and food than any place since I have been with the club. As long as the location is OK and we patronize our host sufficiently, this could work out great!

NOTE: The bridge at I-696 and Van Dyke is under construction. For those coming from the West, exit at Van Dyke then continue about a 1/4 mile past Van Dyke and take the bridge to cross over to the westbound service drive and return to Van Dyke. Juliano's is about 1/4 mile North, on the East side.

NOTICE!!! DUNK TEST DATE CHANGE!!!!

THE DETROIT AREA SAFETY CELL / DUNK TEST ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9TH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO APRIL 16TH! MORE TEST DETAILS WITHIN.

— ALSO —

Andy Guaresimo is looking for used / outdated capsule suits for use in his training exercises. Donations would be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – March 2nd – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at 5-Star Lanes called to order at 7:32PM by Mary Anne Wilson.

Guests: Matt, Christine, and Daniel from Autorama, John Bridge, and Bruce P. Benson.

Minutes – Motion to approve Februarys meeting minutes as printed by Mark Weber seconded by Rick Falcinelli. Stands as printed.

Treasurers Report – Mario; February expenses of \$225.00 for the website, \$17.60 for postage, with a deposit of \$579.00 and a refund for \$11.00, for a balance of \$11,615.14. Motion to accept by Eli Whitney seconded by Rick Falcinelli. Stands as read.

Membership Report – Jennifer; 112. Ahead of last years pace. Talked about the email blasts.

Publicity/Website – Brian; thanked those that helped with the newsletter. Talked about by-laws vote in April. Needs to renew website host and asked for \$60-\$70 to cover expense. Motion to give Brian \$60-\$70 for the website by Mark Weber seconded by Judy Roberts. Motion passed.

Entertainment – Ray; Bruce P. Benson. April will be Dr. Sam Fullerton.

Race Reports

Walled Lake – Todd; needs bios for program. All good.

Gold Cup – Mark; going great; ready to go.

Quake – Mary Ann; Inboard Nationals this year. All good.

Celina – Mark; on target. Rocky Fork on track also.

APBA/IRC – Mark; all good. No Jim for IRC report. There was a question about the APBA ACHA agreement and the open toe shoe rule. Everything has been approved and the closed toe shoe rule will only apply to crew and family.

Region 6 – Mary Ann read a list of Region Award winners.

Vintage Report – Paul; all old. Talked about National Meeting Vintage stuff. There was a question about 2-seaters; left up to the local groups to decide; must run by themselves.

Old Business – Mary Anne talked about various venues for our display boat. John said work is progressing on trailer. Mary Ann thanked the numerous people who have been helping out at our local displays and talked about what a big crowd draw we were at Autorama. Mark reminded everyone about the logistics of moving in and out of Cobo. There was a discussion about our meeting location and changing it to Juliano's in Warren. Our arrangement with 5 Star is on a trial basis. John Grigg made a motion that the club tries Juliano's for our April meeting, seconded by Judy Roberts. Motion passed. This is the 60th year of MPR and we need to recognize that at this years banquet. There was a question about lifetime memberships for people 65 and over; (see Mario for explanation). There was a discussion about club by-laws and the 30 day notification need for any changes, voting, etc. Mary Ann has business cards and said Mr. Lacy is working on MPR apparel. MPR decals on order for next month.

New Business – Ray announced that Fred Alters Miss Vernors is for sale. There was a discussion about a new race at Lake Seneca, in Geneva, NY. The club and Region 6 need to support this race as much as possible.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM by Eli Whitney seconded by Eric Hindbaugh.

50/50; \$52 won by Todd McQuade.

A big Shout Out and Best Wishes to Steve Linn on his new job with Roush Racing. It's been a long haul for Steve and his family since he was seriously injured at Quake on the Lake a couple of years ago.

Congratulations Steve - and Welcome Back!

Please continue to keep Don Melillo's grandson, Ethan, in your thoughts and prayers. He is in the hospital with a respiratory illness called RSV and continues to deal with complications from a rare disease called Prune Belly Syndrome he was born with a few months ago. Our thoughts are with you Don!

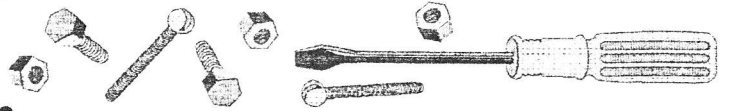
Event Schedule - 2011

*Race dates and upcoming events (** for MACH series events):*

Dayton OH - Testing and Driving School	May (20), 21 & 22, 2011
Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder	June 11 & 12, 2011**
Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup	July 8 - 10, 2011
Waterford MI - "Quake" - Inboard Nationals!	July 16 & 17, 2011**
Cambridge MD	July 2011
Hampton VA	August 2011
Celina OH - UIM World Championships!	August 27 & 28, 2011**
Shelby Twp MI - "Streak" - Stony Creek	September 2011** (tent.)
Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park	September 17 & 18, 2011**
Alum Creek OH -	September 2011 (**?)
MPR 60th Anniversary Awards Banquet	November 19, 2011

GUESS THE YEAR...

Nuts, Bolts, News & Rumors...



Thanks, Joe Flynn, for a great party!! For those of you who didn't make it, you missed a good time. The winner of the "First to Fall Award" went to Mark Weber. As he sat in his chair waving to his fans he graciously and in slow motion fell off his seat on his face. Rescue workers immediately attended the obliterated! The "Last to Stand" Award went to Neil Person and his crew chief who drank everyone under the table and continued to stand until 4:00am. The food was great and I'm sure Joe will be eating hot-dogs and potato salad for the next 10 months. The cake decorated with Joe's boat and congrats to all the winners made it through the night without seeing Burghardt's moon! Dr. Flynn's nurses told us some secrets about the ol' shy Dr. who threatens to go to work naked! The nurses also gave Andy Keogh a whole new education on ER. The beer on tap for the evening was "Bad Frog". Imagine that. It went well with the dead frogs hanging from the ceiling. Candy Teschendorf never missed a shot, what a woman! Hey Jack, did you notice how Steve was still standing after all those shots and you could no longer see the side of the barn. Ask him how many went over his shoulder just for luck!

Congratulations to Dana Macy on her engagement to Paul Sernal. No date has been set yet.

It's safe to go in the pits at night now, Dana's engaged and Patty Kennedy has a man of her own too. Her and Dave Hayes are a real item these days. They just returned from a vacation in Hawaii. Hope it was wonderful!!

Dennis Macy's boat is almost done and lookin' good!

Get Well wishes to Hoddy Quirk who is recovering from a slight heart attack last month. Hope all is well.

WANTED: Body of Water for testing. Anyone interested in joining a committee to establish a race course and program for testing boats at a permanent location each month (as we did in Dayton) call Terry Collins.

Anyone with a plan or suggestions that wants it heard at the National Meeting in November, Get it to Mike Weber - (810) 629-6526 or FAX (810) 694-5389.

DON'T FORGET THE AUTORAMA!!!! See Greg Grenier for Details.

In Meridian, a member of the Summer Wine team left his shorts on the boat to dry out when they suddenly disappeared and were returned by some mysterious woman that evening, what's the real story guys??

Marty Wolfe got to drive his dad's boat in Meridian for the first time. Will this be a new driver in the future? Driver's and crew members, please act your age and respectable inside and outside the pits at all times. This includes at the go-cart tracks in Meridian! Next time any crew member is kicked out of a go-cart track again you may loose your racing licenses! Who won the race anyway?

Well Mike Weber has finally made up his mind this month, I think. He has taken over John Hurley's 6 Litre and plans to finish and race it next year. John has thrown in the towel for the water and is hittin' the road for car racing. He takes delivery on a new Super Late Model car in December and will run the "Ice Man Series" next summer. Good Luck John!

Have you hugged your boat today?

Looks like the Grand Prix "Lane" Boat is transforming into an Unlimited Light for next season.

Cal Phipp's paint shop is booked thru next March...he has to fix all the boats he wrecked last summer!

Congratulations to Teddy and Camilla Dudley who will be in their new home this month.

Dick and Mike have been very quiet about who will be the guest of honor at the banquet this year. Will it be Tim "the tool man" Taylor, Richard Petty or maybe that Canadian fella again. He was a real hit! (on this side of the border anyway)

Boats, Docks, Yachts, Hot Rods, Rat Rods - and Hydros!

It's not really a whole lot of fun to drag yourself away from the TV and out of a cozy warm house and pull your hydro out of the garage or barn in mid-winter and haul it through the cold and slush and salt to a display at a convention center event – yet that's what **Marine Prop Riders** undertook again this year.

The **53rd Annual Detroit Boat Show** at **Cobo Center** saw the **U3 Unlimited** and the **APBA School Boat** on display. **Autorama** at **Cobo** was also represented by **U3**, the **School Boat**, and was joined by **Fast Eddie Too**. The **19th Annual Spring Boating Expo** at the **Suburban Collection** (formerly **Rock Financial**) **Showplace** in Novi set the record with the **U3**, the **School Boat**, **Fast Eddie Too**, **Wannabee Racing**, and the vintage **White Lightning**. **MPR** member volunteers promoted the **Gold Cup Race**, **Walled Lake Thunder**, the **Quake on the Lake**, **MPR** Club memberships, tunnelboat racing, and **APBA** inboard racing in all its glory and excitement.

So what's the return on this investment of time and effort by **MPR** Club members? Initiating awareness and reinforcing interest in the spectacle of inboard hydroplane racing in the minds and hearts of boat and car show attendees. Moms, dads, kids, grandparents, gearheads, powerboat owners and buyers, boyfriends and girlfriends, salespeople, and celebrities (**Deadliest Catch** / **Time Bandit** captain and crew) all checked out the raceboats, sat in them, and talked with club members. Many promised (?) to experience **Walled Lake Thunder** and the **Bayside Grill**, soak in the sun at the **Quake** beachfront in Waterford, and maneuver their way down to the Detroit River for the **Gold Cup Race** - again, as they did in their youth.

A Walled Lake couple mentioned that the **Thunder** was a great party weekend for them and their friends and family at their daughter's home on the lake. An older gentleman asked if anyone remembered seeing the **Such Crusts** or the **Gales** race on the Detroit River. Another Oakland County resident inquired about the dates for the **Quake** this year. Some of the smaller kids actually disappeared in the cockpit of the **School Boat** only to reappear to have their grinning picture taken by mom or dad or grandpa. Some folks just slowly wandered by the display in a state of awe and amazement at the sight of the monstrous big red **U3**. Some asked what the propeller was for since it had a jet engine in it.

Who all volunteered their time to help sustain our sport? Listing names always leads to missing someone, but here goes a shot at it. Hope I get everyone. Todd, Red, Paul, Chris, Andy, Ray, Eric, Steph, Greg, R Bob, Becky, Jim, MaryAnne, Bob W, the whole Grigg clan, Mark, Lorrie, Kevin, Dennis, Mrs. Kevin and Mrs. Dennis, Devon, - who's Devon you ask? He's Master McQuade, who helped many of the little people climb in and out of the cockpit of the **School Boat**.

So who have I missed? Let me know.

Submitted by Paul Poledink

New Region 6 Representative

We wanted to announce that MPR member Tom English has recently been appointed as a Region 6 representative. Congrats Tom!



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another busy month for the club! Many thanks to Todd McQuade for organizing another awesome display at the Novi boat show! I officially nominate Todd to be in charge of all future displays!! And a special thanks to all that volunteered and helped with this show!

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter! We finally have the greatly anticipated Member Profile section featuring our 2010 Rookie of the Year, Chris Ritz. Thanks so much to his wife Vallery for performing the "interview" and helping us launch this section! At Chris' suggestion, we will continue this section by having this month's featured member select next month's member to be featured! Who will Chris choose? You'll have to wait until next month to find out!!! Another component to this month's newsletter is the "column" from a past newsletter – can you guess the year? If you would like to write an article for a future newsletter, or perhaps even start a new feature column, please let me know. The more diversified we keep the content, the more interesting the newsletter is to read!

On a Region level, we should be proud to learn that MPR member Tom English was recently appointed by Dutch Squires as our second Region 6 Inboard Race Commissioner. You can bet between Jim Sechler and Tom English, and of course, the Inboard Office Representative, Rich Evans (also an MPR member), our Region and our Club are well represented!

Member apparel, patches and decals are all in the works! Stay connected through this newsletter, Facebook – or better yet, join us for a meeting! – if you are interested in obtaining some of this highly sought after merchandise!

Finally, as you read this, I will be basking in the Florida sun for a desperately needed vacation! Our April meeting will be run by your very capable Vice President, John Griggs. I look forward to hearing reports of continued progress and a fun-filled meeting at our new location!

Best regards,
Mary Anne Wilson
e: maryannewilson@comcast.net
cell: 248.798.3188

Member Biography

Chris Ritz

Personal Information:

History: Why did you get into hydroplane racing and how long? I was born into it. My dad raced from before I was born until my late teens. After college, I took a different path and went skydiving, accomplished my goals then left that after about 15 years. After a few years went by, I needed another fix and realized I needed to go boat racing. I called my lifelong friend Scott Liddycoat, and as they say, the rest is history!

When and where did you drive your first hydroplane race boat? It wasn't an actual race, but it was in 1987 on the Black River in Port Huron, MI. It was a Y boat that barely floated. In fact, it sunk after I punched a hole in the sponson.

How did you acquire your current hydroplane and where did it come from? I purchased the hull and trailer from Scott Liddycoat, friend Curt Smith assists with the fabrication and I do the engine work. I grew up with Scott and our families got together even when not racing.

What is your most memorable moment in hydroplane racing? Walled Lake 2010. It was bittersweet. It was the first time the boat was in the water (about five weeks after taking delivery!). It was a great feeling, only to be diminished by a design flaw.

What was your greatest heat in racing? Clarksville 2010 when we finally got on plane, finished some heats, and started showing some promising speed.

Who helps you at the races and in the shop? Curt Smith. Without him I couldn't do this.

What is your most memorable traveling experience? So far, they've all been uneventful. Let's keep it that way!

What do you want to accomplish this racing season? I want to get the powertrain reliable and realize the full potential of this package.

What are your accomplishments in boat racing? In 2010 I received the Marine Prop Rider Hard Luck Award, Marine Prop Rider Rookie of the Year and Region Six Rookie of the Year.

What would you change about racing? I'd like to reduce the number of classes so there are more boats per class. Spectators wouldn't know any difference and benefit from better competition.

What would you not want to change about racing? The comradery of everyone. Even though we compete, we're good friends and help each other make the race. And let's not touch the Saturday night party either.

What is your favorite race course? Dayton, Ohio even though it's now defunct. It was a good setup for spectators and racers.

What is something no one knows about you? I started racing snowmobiles and won my first trophy when I was two years old.

What are your other hobbies? Snowmobiling in the winter and hanging out at the cottage in northern Michigan in the summer while knee deep in the lake with a beer in my hand.

What's your occupation? I'm an Account Manager/Sales Engineer (aka "Tommy Boy") for an automotive supplier. We engineer and manufacture parts you don't even know you have in your car.

Where do you call home? I live in Rochester Hills, MI with my wife Vallery.

Do you have any children? No kids, but we have a little ankle biter named Maddie who is 12.

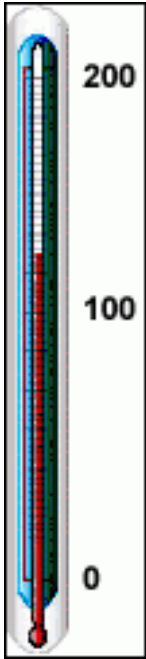
What's your age? I'm still on the first anniversary of my 39th birthday.

Do you have any Sponsors? Me, but willing to entertain offers!

Equipment Specifications:

- Racing class and boat number 1 Liter Modified Y-2
- Hull type and boat builder It's a Staudacher design built by Scott Liddycoat
- Power plant and builder Arctic Cat 1000cc 2-cylinder 2-Stroke by Ritz.
- Weight, length and width 17' 0" L X 9' 0" W





Membership Report

Our goal this year is to double 2010's membership by promoting and increasing the public's knowledge and excitement for Inboard hydroplane racing. As of the March meeting there was 138 members.

Several new and past members joined at the Region 6 Spring Meeting and memberships forms being handed out at Autorama and the Novi Boat show. A large growth is anticipated before race season starts. Todd reported that he received several new memberships at the Novi Boat show. Hopefully we will see these new faces at the April 6th meeting.

Let's make sure we extend a warm welcome to all our new members.

Static Display Boat

Currently the Static Display boat is at Racers shop in Columbus MI. The cowl is being reinforced and repaired by member at large, Paul. The trailer is currently being modified to allow the display boat to be hard mounted to the trailer, yet still be on tilt or laid flat, allowing viewing accessibility to the public for pictures at each promotional display event.

The MPR would like to send out a big Thank you to all of those members that have donated time and materials; Roostertails for the boat hull, John Grigg for equipment to retrieve the boat and use of the shop, the Wilson's for the trailer frame, Kevin Lacey for steel tubing and materials, Bob Wilson and Mark Weber for their help and Mike Monahan for the donated paint and all the other members who have donated their time to this worthy cause.

Planning for a club work party, date and time to be announced in the near future, members that are interested in participating in the fabrication and restoration of the boat and trailer are welcome to volunteer time and or donate materials. Please contact one of the committee members:

John Grigg; racersgrigg@aol.com or phone 586-727-4069.

Bob Wilson; bobwilsonrokb@yahoo.com or phone 248.672.7285

Mark Weber; mweber55@sbcglobal.net or phone 586.773.9700

Paul Poledink; poledink@att.net or phone 248.486.6986

SAFETY CELL TESTING

SAFETY CELL CERTIFICATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 2011

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2011 *(DATE CHANGED!)*

EAST DETROIT HIGH SCHOOL POOL
(11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM SHARP) COST: \$35.00
9 MILE ROAD JUST WEST OF GRATIOT AVE
ENTER FROM 9 MILE ROAD SIDE OF BUILDING
EASTPOINTE MICHIGAN 48021
(2 MILES WEST OF I-94, EXIT #227)
NORTHEAST OF DETROIT
PLEASE HAVE YOUR APBA NUMBER WITH YOU

TESTING INSTRUCTOR:
ANDREW C. GUARESIMO (BLUEWATER ANDY)



Andy recommends that those with their own air mask bring them to use for the dunk test - good for familiarizing yourself with your own equipment. You can also bring your tank for your annual inspection (\$15) or 5 year hydrostatic check (\$40), and he will get them back to you in a timely fashion.

RSVP PLEASE - THANKS, ANDY

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IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE & SPEAK CLEARLY
WE WILL RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS

The 60th Anniversary MPR Awards Banquet

It's never too soon to start planning for our 60th Awards Banquet this fall!

Decorations: Looking for ideas as to what we might have for table center pieces as well as other types of decorations such as a picture collage.

Entertainment: Pictures and movies from the past? We need a volunteer for this project.

Invite: Designed for members, past members and interested persons.



Vintage "Happy Buddha" - 1968 Lloyd hull, Ford 302 (Five Liter) fully race-prepared, new out of the box in 2005 (less than 5 hours total running time). Hull completely restored over four-year period - 2000 to 2003. Includes excellent trailer, great boat cover and misc. bits and pieces. Turnkey, ready to run - just add gas and go. Boat is located in S.W. Michigan. See: <http://www.vintagehydroplanes.com/happybuddha.html>
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ALSO -

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Ron Jones/Gibbs hull.
Cabover w/hardware & cowling.
Needs new deck and other wood work. Complete w/running Ford V-8 racing engine and trailer.
Asking \$2,000.

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Boat: Class _____ Boat Name and # _____

What can you or your crew do to help at races?

Check here if this is a correction or address change. _____



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