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April 2013

## Novi Boat Expo

The Marine Prop Riders were represented at the Novi Boat Show, March 14-17. Thanks to all the volunteers!



Familiar faces at the MPR display . . . Bob Dabrowski, Red Mathis, Todd McQuade and Andy Guaresimo.



Paws, the official mascot of the Detroit Tigers, hung out with his favorite display at the Expo.



Photos provided by Paul Poledink.



# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – February 6, 2013 – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** At Juliano's in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne at 7:35 P.M. John Bridge will be selling the 50-50 tickets again this evening. Thanks, John.

**President's Report:** MaryAnne began the meeting by recognizing and thanking the MPR Board Members for their contributions to the good of the club. The MPR minutes, finances, publicity, membership, entertainment, newsletter, race reports, and more – all need continued and persistent oversight if the club is to sustain itself and grow.

**Approval of Minutes** The minutes of the February were published in the Newsletter and sent electronically to those requesting this format. Motion to approve by Rich F., seconded by Stephanie N. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As reported by Mario Maraldo - February deposits of \$160. and \$289. Disbursements of \$217.88 for postage and printing, and \$50. for Autorama display boat registration leaving a balance of \$9267.47. Discussion ensued regarding the relation of the club's current financial situation at the end of the first quarter as compared to the budget as developed for the 2013 year. Income is over projections leaving the finances in good shape. Motion to approve by Andy G., seconded by Eli W. Motion passed.

**Membership:** Jennifer F. reported 108 racing memberships, 56 family memberships, and 13 life memberships, for a total of 177 members. 57 of these memberships are new to the club this year. 80 members requested print versions of the newsletter, while 36 selected the electronic version, resulting in cost savings for postage and printing. 23 members categorized themselves as “vintage”.

**Publicity:** Vallery R. observed that newsletter costs have decreased with the use of e-mailed copies rather than print. Members in attendance reported that their copies all were received in a timely fashion.

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong announced that the evening's entertainment would consist of Show and Tell following the meeting. Also, that a safety equipment discussion with a supplier representative would take place at the April meeting.

**Race Reports:** No discussion. Information same as last month.

**New Martinsville** May host a race in 2013.

**Dayton Testing New Dates:** May 4-5, 2013, along with **APBA Driver's School**

**Walled Lake Thunder** June 8-9, 2013. Todd McQuade reports all is well.

**Gold Cup** 104th Race scheduled for July 12-14, 2013. Plans still hold as announced.

**Waterford/ Quake on the Lake** Scheduled for July 20-21, 2013. All plans in place.

**Celina, Ohio.** Planning taking place for Aug. 24-25, 2013

**Rocky Fork** - Planning taking place for Sept. 20-21 2013. Close to finalization.

**Alum Creek** Planning is underway for Sept 14-15, 2013. Looking for sponsors.

**Decatur** Meetings taking place Memorial Day, May 25-27. Possibility is 50-50.

### APBA News:

**National meeting** in Dallas, Texas on January 23 – 26, 2013. Mark W. reported the rule book with 2013 changes has been published. General discussion on the state of the sport ensued, especially the need to continue to reach out to current racing enthusiasts as well as those potentially new to the sport.

**IRC Racing News** Met at the Perrysburg Region 6 meeting. Rule changes adopted in Dallas were discussed.

**Region 6** Eli W. reported on several discussions taking place at the Perrysburg event. Race venue chairpersons met to coordinate activities where possible and support each other. MACH Series changes were announced. Officiating reps say more scorers are needed in our region. 85 people attended the Saturday evening banquet and awards ceremony following, with many MPR members receiving recognition. Fall meeting will be the 19th and 20th of October at same location.

**Vintage News** Paul P. reported on the well-attended (30+) Vintage group meeting at Perrysburg. Billy Noonan and Ron Snyder recapped the Texas vintage group meeting. Including safety requirements, attendance at all 2013 Region 6 racing venues, the role of the advisory committee to the Vintage Chairperson John Krebs, the active presence of Vintage in MPR, the need for some flexibility at Vintage events. No major problems needed discussion.

### **Old Business**

**DISPLAY BOAT** Rich F. announced the showing of the MPR display Boat at Autorama and at the Novi Spring Boat Expo in March for four days. Mark W. is coordinating volunteers for the Autorama display, and Todd is coordinating the Novi volunteer corps. Also discussed by Rich F. was the design and development of a sponsor display board/addition to the MPR signage. Cost of new board is \$235. which will be available to sponsors for various fees depending on size of ad and periods of time, probably limited to three years before renewal. Projected income possibilities were discussed. Motion to accept design parameters made by Eli W., seconded by Todd M. Motion passed.

Also, final legalities – insurance and license plate for trailer and boat were raised. Todd M. And Rich F. will research the details and recommend a course of action.

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS** Proposed changes have been published in the Newsletter allowing for a vote at the next membership meeting in April.

### **New Business**

Bob Dabrowski detailed the possible tour of the Brighton based Lingenfelter auto collection, in April, probably. 50 or so participants are needed to make the tour feasible.

MACH Series presentation by Ray Dong, detailing the evolution and development of this historic venture, originated in 1984. Much thought by Ray and others into this challenging and motivational activity. Details are on the website.

Wayne S. presented a unique fund raiser based on a HOG SHOOT game he observed in the Northern Michigan hunting culture. For MPR it became a HYDROPLANE PIN game. For a \$1 “donation” members can purchase a small coded stick pin and attempt to pierce a small adhesive sticker randomly affixed to the back of a 2' x 3' board containing the image of a raceboat. An individual “wins” when he/she by chance pierces the sticker. You had to have been there to appreciate the thought behind this venture. Many thanks to Wayne for his time and effort.

**Next Meeting:** April 3, 2013 at Juliano's in Warren. 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Moved at 9:09, seconded by Todd M. Motion passed. 50-50 winner of \$40 was Red Mathis who donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks Red!

Submitted by Paul Poledink

***THE NEXT MEETING IS April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:30 p.m.***

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

On the East side of Van Dyke about 1/4 mile North of I-696  
<http://www.julianosrestaurant.net> - (586) 754-8383



# A Blast From the Past . . .

Can you guess the year?

## CLASS ACTION & VICIOUS RUMORS

850

Y-8 Moms Worry Too - Marc Weber

Mom can stop worrying because Marc sold his boat & trailer less engine. Marc won't say what his plans are for 1983 - possibly outboard.

Y-115 T-n-T Racing - Bob Thomas & Howie Whats his name

Boat, engine, trailer or any combination of - are still for sale. Bob says if he doesn't sell it he will race it this year.

Y- ? No Name - Chuck Philips/owner. Steve Jones/driver

A new entry in the local 850 scene. WELCOME !

Rumor has it that Chucks boat is powered by a 2-stroke, 3 cylinder SAAB engine. Chuck will be easy to spot this year - he'll be the guy SAABing in the pits.

Y-33 Live Y-r - Dave Christy

I'm not writing any more about Dave until he remembers to bring the engine stand to the next any meeting.

Y-55 Pickin' & Grinnin' - Terry Collins

Twinkie, Twinkie, little boat - Oh if only twinkies could float. Terry's back with a new Honda engine this year and should be tough. If the engine doesn't work out Terry said he's going to buy an outboard.

Y-44 Sophisticated Lady - Ray Dong

Ray's DING DONG HONDA WANDA is finally ready and we should see Ray at all our region races. If he makes all the races we've promised to stop the Jap/Chinc jokes. Just because Fuji runs a rice burner in his boat is no reason to pick on him. Is it?

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S-31 Buckshot - Tom Jeanette

Has anyone seen the BLUE MOON lately ? We miss his rosy little cheeks at the meetings.

S-32 Bad Habbit - Hank Kosciuszko

THE MALICIOUS POLLACK IS BACK ! After a rebuilding year (literally) the man in Yellow should be a blinding menace once again!

S-74 Island Girl - Don Cameron

The Island Girl is no longer the only girl in Dons life. We're <sup>HAPPY</sup> ~~regret~~ to say that Don recently got married. Don was hoping someone would buy him a new cowling for a wedding present.

S-189 Camex - Tim Hueston & Bryon Barlow

Bryon took a little offense to the banquet roast this year and has promised to get 1 good start - even if he has to ride with someone else to experience it.



## 2.5 Litre

A-36 In Cahoots - Mike Ambrogio & John DeVos

Officially renamed for the coming season - The Late Brothers - Larry and Lenny. They will be guest speakers at a future meeting and will discuss the delicate art of Cowling Cutting - or how to lop off 52 inches and take it like a man.

A-211 Bobcat - Bob Ritz

Bob (also known as "Bonzi") is completing a new engine and has high hopes for '83. Rumor has it that the boat will be in St. Pete with Ken Helwig at the wheel.

A-151 Skitter - Glenn Turner

Glenn is all smiles lately - This warm winter has made working on his self-built home a lot easier. The new house also has an attached garage which should make boat work a little easier. The house is beautiful and looks like a great spot for a future M P R party.

A-96 Snafu - Rich Willim

Rich is busy preparing a couple of Chevy II motors for his Lauterbach. Our club president (Ding Dong) will be the pilot.

A-77 Hot Shot/ Southern Style - Doug & Bob Felster

This beautiful new D'Eath hull is very near completion and is being frantically finished in hopes of a debut in St. Pete. It should be mentioned that Dougs brother BOB is a full partner in this project and although Bob's been around for years we should ALL welcome him to the Limiteds. GOOD LUCK!

## 280

E-726 X-Ray - Mark Burghardt

Mack has decided to retire from driving and will name his new driver at the next MPR meeting. BE THERE!

E-54 Makin' Waves - "Jumpin " Jerry Cook

In a desperate attempt to live up to his nick name (Jumpin') Jerry recently tried to get his full-sized CADILLAC airborne using his brand new Staudacher Cowling as a RAMP. Unfortunately as Jerry put it "The damn thing flattened right out". Jerry also discovered that lifting a Cadillac while someone else pulls the cowling out from under it IS NOT EASY. Not only that but the cowling scratched the oil pan.

## 5- Litre

CQ-101 Nothern Star - Ken Helwig - Canadian eh?

Rumor has it that in addition to driving his Staudacher 360 he'll be driving the 2.5 Bobcat. All we ask is the you show up for a meeting so we can cheap shot you next month. Take aaf, eh?

F-? Wild viking - Einar Glasius

If Einar doesn't finish it this season we'll have to start calling him Einar MOLASSES Glasius.



## *Introducing the newly revamped 2013 MACH Series*

The MACH Series was founded in 1983 to combat steadily declining boat counts at Region 6 Inboard events. Tom Swindling and Bill Morrison of the Northern Kentucky boat club, Ray Dong of the Marine Prop Riders, Phil Kunz of the Dayton Motor Boat Association, and Pat Powell of the Ohio Valley Motor Boat club gathered and the details of a plan were worked out to reinvigorate Region 6 hydroplane racing. This was the beginning of what is now known as the Mid American Championship Hydroplane (MACH) series.

Fast forward 30 years, with the ever evolving world, the MACH Series had remained steadfast over the decades and the boat count became stagnated once again. Ray Dong reached out to Tom Swindling and David Archiable for suggestions on how to reinvigorate the boat count once again. After months of meetings within the MACH Series and in a collaborative effort with the Region 6 race sites, the newly revised MACH Series was rolled out at the 2013 APBA Region 6 Spring Meeting.

Some highlights of the changes include: a revamped points system that provides a consolidation of points that focuses on participation at all MACH Series events, point fund payout to 5 places, required membership into the MACH Series, an outward focus on marketing the MACH Series to potential sponsors, and a commitment to reinvigorate hydroplane racing throughout the midwest.

The official rules along with the application are posted in the following places:

[www.facebook.com/MACHSeries](http://www.facebook.com/MACHSeries)

[www.marinepropriders.com/mach-series](http://www.marinepropriders.com/mach-series)

[www.MACHSeries.com](http://www.MACHSeries.com)

The MACH Series will be posting updates with the teams joining the Series and future race dates shortly. Keep watching for exciting announcements about the future of hydroplane racing.

The MACH Series welcomes all to read the new Rules and should anyone have questions, please contact David Archiable (513-708-8605), Tom Swindling (513-623-7452), Ray Dong (313-575-6670), or Phil Kunz (937-299-0886)



## *Vintage Views*

A "Boat Census" of vintage hydros, flat bottoms, and skiffs in Region 6 resulted in the identification of 47 old timers (not the owners, drivers, or crews) in various stages of use, preservation, or storage. If you have been to any of the Region 6 race venues (Walled Lake, Detroit, Waterford, Celina, Rocky Fork) during the last several years you have probably see some of the following regularly hitting the water:

***Scraps, Lil Miss Hillwinds, South Paw, Gemini, Catapult, J.B.and Water, White Lightning, Heavy Duty, Chesapeake Lady, Miss Lulu, Miss Bonnie, Can't Wait, Barracuda, Whiz Bang, Tiger, Fury, Helter Skelter, Opechee, and Ike.***

Several others are under restoration and should be experiencing their coming out dates in the near future. Still others are awaiting their refurbishing. We have a good number of these boat owners and drivers as members of MPR, and encourage your input and participation to make the club work for the vintage group just as it has worked for the racing members over the years.

Thanks for listening.

## VINTAGE & HISTORIC RACEBOATS



## *Goodbye March, hello Spring!*

Compliments of [http://www.vintagehydroplanes.com/calendar/2013\\_03\\_mar.html](http://www.vintagehydroplanes.com/calendar/2013_03_mar.html)

Photo provided by John Bridge.

## Some Sad News

Dr. Paul R. "Doc" Yinger, of Hillsboro, Ohio passed away Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla. Doc Yinger headed up the race committee for Rocky Fork for many years and was Commodore of the Southern Ohio boat racing club. He helped bring the Thunder in the Hills to Rocky Fork Lake nearly 30 years ago.

He was a board member of the Enchanted Hills Subdivision, a driving force for the Thunder in the Hills power boat races held at Rocky Fork Lake, and a Rotary Club Member. He served his country in the U.S. Army, was a life member of Hillsboro AmVets Post 61, commander of the Highland County Honor Guard and a member of Hillsboro VFW Post 9094.

To see a video tribute of Doc, go to: <http://secure.keepsakenetwork.com/video.aspx?Film=6193>

Our condolences from APBA Region 6 Inboard go out to Wahnita, family, and friends.



## Event Schedule – 2013

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

Safety Cell Certification	April 13, 2013
Testing and Driving School, Dayton, OH	May 4-5, 2013
Walled Lake Thunder, Walled Lake, MI	June 8-9, 2013
APBA Gold Cup, Detroit, MI	July 12-14, 2013
Quake on the Lake, Waterford, MI	July 20-21, 2013

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**\*\*\*New for 2013\*\*\***

Marine Prop Riders can share my contact information with other MPR members. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check how you would like your newsletter delivered to you. (Check one only)

- ☐ Email a color version of newsletter (You must provide an email address above.) *Or*  
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### A Hydroplane Racers Prayer

Our gracious and heavenly Father, we pause in the midst of this festive occasion, mindful and thoughtful of the guidance that you have given us. As racers, Lord, we don't ask for any special favors, we ask only that you let us compete in this event, as in life's event. We don't ask to always make it to the starting line, or to have a piece of equipment that is fail proof, or to have perfect water conditions, or to win every race. We only ask that you help us to compete, in a manner as clean, and pure as the water, and wind that blows across the great lake of ours. So that when we do make the last ride that is inevitable for us all to make, to that place up there, where the water is cool, clear, and smooth—you'll tell us as we enter the pits—that our entry fees have been paid. These things we ask.

— Amen —

Wayne Shagena



# Safety Cell Testing

**SAFETY CELL CERTIFICATION:** Saturday, April 13, 2013

**COST:**

- \$35.00 For APBA Members
- \$40.00 For OPA Members w/ Swim Test (offshore only)
- \$20.00 For Swim Test only (offshore only)

**LOCATION:**

East Detroit High School Pool  
9 Mile Rd Just West Of Gratiot Ave  
Entrance From 9 Mile Road Side Of Building  
Eastpointe, Michigan 48021  
( 11:30 Am To 1:30 Pm ) Sharp  
( 2 Miles West Of I-94, Exit # 227 )  
( 1/2 Mile W/O APBA Headquarters )  
Northeast Of Detroit



Please Have Your APBA # With You (If You Are A Member)  
(Offshore Or OPA Members # Not Needed)

**TESTING INSTRUCTOR:** Andrew C. Guaresimo ( Aka Bluewater Andy )

**RSVP to Andy:**

Cell # [586-242-0673](tel:586-242-0673)

E-Mail [Blwtrdvr@Msn.Com](mailto:Blwtrdvr@Msn.Com)

If no answer, please leave message & speak clearly. We will return all phone calls & e-mails.

**Please bring any capsule jackets or air system helmets for check out & testing in the pool. (if you wish).**

**We are also accepting any donations of outdated & used capsule jackets.**

**A summer capsule testing session will also be done in St Clair, MI., July 27, 2013, beginning at 9:00 AM until noon @ The St Clair City Pool, on 8th Street & Orchard.**

Other sessions will be done @ all OPA offshore racing sites & will also be posted on the Facebook site of Bluewater Rescue & Salvage after 2/15/13.

## MPR MEMBERSHIP!

Is there anyone you can recruit to join MPR!

The membership application is on page 9.



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