

August 2015

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Well, that was fun! Hats off to the whole Quake crew for pulling off a great event. From the start of the Drivers meeting on Saturday morning and seeing Leah, this years wish child, it really puts the weekend events in perspective.

The Prop Riders celebrated several National Champions, including the English / Richards families, Andrew Tate and Steve Kuhr. What a great way to represent the club!

It was good to see all of the MPR volunteers that helped pull off the race, including the WHOLE Wilson family. This space is too short to list everyone, plus in my fog, I'd probably miss someone. Rest assured, the racers and teams appreciate all your efforts to pull off this huge event.

A huge thank you goes out to the club and numerous donors, including the IRC, for sponsoring the Saturday night pit party / MPR reunion. We had a spectacular turnout. Wish I could have shaken more hands and heard the stories—but I was busy putting drain holes in the boat that someone forgot (Bert Henderson!).

See you all in Celina. Rumor has it that Mark Weber will be in Detroit and Lori Weber will be in Celina. Now that is marital bliss!

Ritzy



The Next Meeting Is August 5th

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Reminder: Tom D'Eath will be our special guest at the August meeting. He is a three time national champion in the A class. Tom won it with three different power plants in the same boat. He'll give us the details at the meeting.

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Quake on the Lake Summer NationalsJuly 17—19, 2015

Quake XVI, or, Quake's Sweet Sixteen Party!

Eli fantasy, er, report

July 2015

We marched to the tune of the APBA Inboard Pi-eyed Piper (have no idea who that is, but he or she is tone deaf) to Waterford, Michigan's Pontiac Lake State Park, Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, 2015, to take the beachhead from..... ugh, no, that's not what happened. What really happened was the running of the APBA Inboard Nationals, bringing in 76 competitors (68 racing, 8 vintage) from far and wide to race for the coveted National Champion titles in the hydroplane classes and Jersey Speed Skiff! Hot weather always greets us at Pontiac Lake, and this weekend added in some humidity and a wandering barometer, creating some great racing conditions and some challenges! New thing for race teams: tow money when you registered! Great idea, simplified things a lot! Staggered amounts, dependent on distance towed, fair distribution method, much better.

Social: great pit party on Saturday evening, attended by all the racers and (hopefully), some old Prop Riders reuniting with us at the MPR Reunion – 2015! Mike Weber, nice job, next time, don't let Pray assign you this detail so easily, hold out for some compensation or better working conditions! Nice door prizes for the drivers, too, for the Quake committee, Mary Anne Wilson and the whole crew, very nice! And for Royce and Kathy Richards, a real nice hospitality area, with welcome for friends and racers! Ran into Stover Hire (no boat, though, it's available and fast), Steve Linn with some family, and many more.

First Call to the Pits! (to borrow a phrase from Ray Dong, pit communicator), cranes are busy, Sam, Steve and Mike are busier, one to the five, green flag, let's race! No results filtered into the pit area to where this writer was working on a certain boat or palavering with the other racers, so here goes with rumor, innuendo, and possibly some facts! NUTS! I got all my "facts" in order, then I got hold of the real results.

Vintage (8 boats): Quality pieces all! Thanks to Dick Delsener (Y6), Mark Cravens (S12 and N67), Paul Poledink (E52), Kevin and Bryan McGregor (F108), Jonel (Nellie) Franken-Roth (S149), Tim Settle (F77), and Hal LeDuc F222 Okeechee)!

T boats – the 1.5L Stocks (4 boats): Coming from eastern US areas, a fine field of racers ran for their Nationals Saturday, looked like the Thompson T-racers are following up on last year's championship quality efforts with a Nationals crown! Add a couple qualified rookies getting seat time, learning how to time starts, a good show!

Y boats - 1L Mod (10 boats): there is a new Sheriff in town. Pretty competitive field saw Jeff Bernard (the pink Region 10



wonderboat Y-70 owned by Stan Masel) come away with the most, make that ALL the honors. Gotta give an *attagirl* for Kathy Maurer, she is a threat every time out, papa Jeff sez next year she gets a real motor. Timmy Collins, a shout out, keeping the former Sechler/Kanfoush battlewagon on course, just need some luck, and tell the driver (remaining nameless, Mike M.) to put that buoy back where it was! Chris Ritz ran his Orange Crate Y-2 all weekend, the bottom stayed glued into position, on plane, running hard, just get that gear ratio figured out, it will be rocket fast! Joe Sovie's Y-44 suffered gremlins until Sunday, when he garnered 3rd. Keith McMullen in the Y-80 quietly secured 2nd place each day, nice job.

S boats – 2.5L Stock (7 boats): nice field, including defending National Hi-point Champion Gene DeFalco with Howie S. up. Debi, Dutch, and JP Squires made the long haul, competitive as ever with fine finishes (2nd and 3rd). Mr. 145, Willard Wilson, was present, with the eastern based Linn brothers mechaniking the ever potent S-145, with John Shaw up, riding to a 2nd place Sunday. Al Thompson (S-92), ever improving, found himself in 3rd for the Nationals on Saturday! Well, who won, anyway? DeFalco with Howie, S-1 both days!

A boats – 2.5L Mod (8 boats): Tommy Thompson has the best ride imaginable, probably has earned it, and he makes sure he keeps it! Royce Richards and Randy English's Staudacher A-52 Missile (Fat Chance whatever number it is) rolled over the competition on Saturday, another Nationals title! Second place, Jim Aid in Norm Cameron's S33, he looked pretty darn quick with a more traditional cabover, and third place went to Kevin Kreitzer in the A-64! Mark Manos brought his A-51 Black Beauty 305 cid 2bbl carb gasoline fueled Chevy powered stocker home in 3rd on Sunday except he jumped the gun, but validating his efforts to race this year!



JSS – Jersey Speed Skiff (6 boats): Field included local Dennis Macy (hi, Donna and Dennis, Steve along also for crew!). Competitive race on the water, the winner had to come from behind to get the Championship! Well earned, JS-11 Rob Garratano took the Nationals crown! JS-1 Kirsh took 2nd and then 1st on Sunday, with the Buturla JS-712 taking 3rd Saturday and 2nd Sunday. The Jimmie Stewart JS-721 took 4th and 5th on the two days, and the JS-77 ran well on Sunday, with a 1st and 3rd with our own Region 6'er Keith Fickert riding! Dennis had tough luck, needs a new rubber band!

E boats - 5L Stock (11 boats): I don't care, they are still 5L Stocks, even with 350's. E class! Fine field of potent teams showed



muchos speed and competition! The field included two of the 305's and the remainder 350's. Wally Johnston, fresh off his record run at Black Lake (rumor sez 102 MPH on a 1 ¼ mile course?! I think some sandbagging got done the last couple years to bring in this 350 setup), looked like the man to beat, with a fabulous looking Jones, with Jimmy King in Roger Mahon's Auld E-2, freshly victorious on the waters of Lake St. Francis in Valleyfield, looking like he'd try him out! Who won? E-30, Budget Busters Racing, with Brandon Kennedy up, National Champions! Kent Henderson in the E-777 Steeler took second, John Shaw in the Thompson's E35 third. Sunday's action had completely different results, with the E-1300 of John MacDonald, Eric Smith up 1st, Jimmy King in the E-2 2nd, and the E-13 3nd, of the Bartush / Keogh crew, with Andy Keogh up. Jeff Sankuer and Carl Banks held up the honors for the 305's, but did not make the Nationals final. Only eight boats in the final, coincidently, the pair of 305's would have been the ninth and tenth, to fill out a normal field, but were left on the beach. When there is no surplus of boats, why leave any on the beach who otherwise were qualified; this is not how to make racing grow or even maintain. Yep, that's an editorial comment, but think on it some.

NM – National Modifieds (7 boats): classy field, with the Big Bird again giving the field the Bird! The 4-2-2-1 exhaust really makes the machine whine and shine, wow! Record? No, not quite. Gotta beat Mr Jiggs (B & J Harnack) out from Washington, two Tom Newman (drivers were Chris Owen and Tom Newman) entries, one of which is the Eastern Divisional Champion, Andrew Christopher's Old Crow, and a new Greg Isaac Blitzkrieg (Stevie Kuhr up) from the eastern shore. Well, the Bird did it, congratulations to the Linn Brothers and Brandon Kennedy (driver)!

GNH – Grand National Hydroplane: The big 7 litres showed up in quantity, nine in total. That made for, gasp, qualifying heats! Nine boats, room for eight only in the final, someone will be out. First heat saw Cal Phipps bring the GNH-41 Too Hot home first, followed by John Jenkins in Andy Denka's GNH-11, Stevie Kuhr in Steve Kuhr's GNH-317 Irishman. Second heat found Kevin Kreitzer supreme in the Reiss/Whitney GNH-515 One Way, followed by Patrick Sankuer in his GNH-6 Showtime (I believe he was in our heat, details, details,) and even with a DNF, Danny Walls in his GNH-68 (Alex Findlow crew chief). DNF on the last lap, pulled up on the back stretch when his oil pressure gage gave some sort of call out (Save me, Save me?). Anyway, quick thinking preserved the GNH-68. Some problems were had by Butch Nace's Ace GNH-29, Tony Stalder's Blue Mule GNH-83, and John Griggs Wannabe racing GNH-52. A real problem was found for Cal Phipps when a large hole in the hull was found when pulled from the lake, beaching him for the weekend. This opened up the race for the whole field, as Cal was the man to beat coming into the weekend. The final (Sunday morning for four classes, as time and delays cropped up) looked great, with a five wide start and big water in turn one! Coming out, it was John Jenkins in the GNH-11, looked to have it wrapped up for awhile, until the battery drained down to about 9.883 volts or so, almost disabling the ignition, John surrendering the lead to Danny Walls (GNH-68), who led to the finish. Stevie

Kuhr (GNH-317) drove hard to get around Kreitzer (GNH-515) and then Jenkins, to finish second, with Jenkins third by maybe a couple boat lengths over the One Way. Unfortunately, the GNH-68 was subsequently disqualified (carburetor), which meant everyone moving up a spot, so the new GNH Nationals Champion is Steve Kuhr, with son Stevie Kuhr up, GNH-317 The Irishman! Steve is the defending 2 time GNH National Hi-Point Champion (and MPR club champ, too!), a fitting win for the Cincinnati, Ohio based team! Andy Denka's GNH-11 (John Jenkins up) winds up runnerup, with the GNH-515 (Cadi and Eli owned, Kevin Kreitzer aimed) third! Sunday's race proved better for the GNH-11, as they prevailed over the GNH-515 and GN -6 that afternoon. And a thanks from me to Eric Pomber and Greg and Kevin Kreitzer, along with the McGregors, who helped me while Cadi was absent. For those who wondered, Cadi was visiting Barbara, who traded in a hip for a new one that week! Everything is fine, great news there!



GP - Grand Prix (6 boats): a fine full field of GP's came to Waterford to compete for the Nationals crown and maybe to set a new record! Saturday's heat race saw Huey Newport's GP-777 Steeler, piloted by a daring and skillful Bert Henderson almost break the record, well shatter it is more the truth, except for a mix-up on the judges stand stopped the clock. The old record was in the 110 mph range (average speed for five laps, 1 mile course), Bert had a least 2 laps at 120 mph even, overall it was said to be 117 mph for the five laps. No record, though, but all who witnessed this saw how long Bert can hold his breath. WHEW! Sunday morning, will we have more on the expected nice morning water? Bert jumped the gun. Flew around the oval, high, wide, and handsome, might have gotten back to third. Who won? Here is a surprise, but not a surprise: Andrew Tate! He brought home the GP-101 of English/Richards/Tate Racing (Randy English, Royce Richards, Mark Tate) in a dominating first place run! WOW! To top that, for a second place sweep, Tom Thompson brought home the team's second entry, the brand new Staudacher GP-525 Fat Chance! Good golly, they just got into GP's, what will happen next? Mike Weber, Joe Cheesum, Randy English and others work hard as the crews and crew chiefs! As competitive as GP's are, there will be much more great racing on tap! Another story: GP-59 Baby Doll III had a different driver, first time in 59 years or so! Mario tried his hand at skateboarding a couple weeks ago, with the subsequent OSH.. resulting in a hamstring pull. No driving, almost no walking or even sitting. Needs a driver, since it was Nationals, needed to be an already qualified driver. By request, enter from stage left Bobby King (Jimmy's son, Bob's grandson). GP genes get transferred down the right foot quite well. Once Bobby figured out the planing procedure for the Doll, up and at 'em, finishing the Nationals off the podium, but finishing nonetheless, and placing third on Sunday! All the GP's put out great effort, but a shout out here is appropriate for John Grigg and the whole Grigg clan. The GP-52 was up and at'em, especially on Sunday, big noise and big water, maybe it's just needs a bigger fuel tank to run the whole five laps! Wish it was that easy, don't you, John?

That's all here, probably more than you wanted! Add this, if you attend Detroit's Unlimited race on Free Friday, if you see Steve Mallard and crew (like Stephanie and Greg Walczak) taking the kids around on Pit Tours, give him a hello and a good job! These guys deserve it, and don't get a lot of thanks or recognition, other than the pleasure of introducing kids to boat racing! Next up for Region 6 Inboard: Celina and the Ohio Governor's Cup! Be There!

Madison Regatta July 3—5, 2015



Photos provided by Ray Dong.





Pat Sankuer made his debut driving Miss DiJulio. Crew members at right included Rich and Jennifer Falcinelli.









APBA GP Results July 5, 2015

1 #15 Jerry Hopp 2 #12 Bob Schellhase 3 #74 Robert Hall 4 #3 David Grant

Quake on the Lake Recap Summer Nationals

July 17—19, 2015



Pit Party

Thank you to Mike Weber for coordinating the Pit Party. Once again, great job to you and all your helpers including: Dana Moir, Alexis Weber, Sandy Cody, Sue Troxell, Christabelle Bernard, Ray Dong, Andrew Tate, Donnie Allen and anyone else who pitched in to help!

Bob Wilson worked with Lowes who donated \$2000 worth of tools for the raffle. This surpassed last year's raffle items. Right before the raffle started, one of the exhibitors donated a remote control boat!



This year's pit party and alumni reunion tent was overflowing.



Leah and her family at the driver's meeting.

John Bridge sold 50/50 tickets like he normally does during our monthly meetings. Mark Weber was the lucky winner and donated his portion, \$150, back to the Rainbow Connection for this year's Wish Child, Leah, from Highland, MI. This should help grant her wish to meet the princesses at Disney World.

The Quake on the Lake beer distributor also donated a keg of beer to the pit party. That was quite a popular item!

A huge thanks to Royce and Kathy Richards as well. Unbeknownst to them, we borrowed some tables and a big cooler, and returned them after the party.

There were several generous donors who provided financial help for the pit party. A huge round of applause goes to the following: APBA/IRC, MPR, Carl and Karen Adams Michael Dubay, Greg Grenier, Jack and Nancy Hines, Jeff

and Julie Maurer, Barry and Leslie Pray, Chris and Vallery Ritz, Nancy Spanich, Tom Swindling, Mike Weber, and our mystery donor who handed Mike cash at the party (with so much going on, should've written it down; sorry! Please let me know if it was you!).

The best part? After compiling our expenses and donations and realizing we broke even, we received additional donations!

Alumni Reunion

As people filed into the pit party, Dick Delsener greeted everyone with an offer of champagne. Dick generously donated four magnums of French Champagne for the reunion.



The Alumni sign designed and donated by Earl Stilson and Kathy Shuler.

Since this year was special for the Quake on the Lake, we invited alumni who are no longer members. We wanted our guests to recognize



Dick Delsener kept the champagne flowing.

the reunion site at the pit party, so members Earl Stilson and Kathy Shuler donated the banners for the Alumni Reunion. The club now has reusable banners identifying the Prop Riders for future events.

And last but not least, thanks to Bob and Mary Anne Wilson and kids for all their coordination to make the Quake a success.

Photos Provided by Ray Dong, 44 Year Volunteer

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Driver's Meeting



Chris looks like he pulled a few all-nighters getting the new Y-2 ready.



A view from the judge's stand



Wayne Shagena helps out on the radios.



Jeff Maurer waits for his heat to start.



Miss Circus Circus



Andy Keogh atop the Lady Luck with a revised power plant.



Dick Delsener's Vintage Y-1





The new and improved Y-2 and crew.



Mike Weber congratulates Andrew Tate, 2015 Summer Nationals Champion.



Mary Anne Wilson addresses the pit party attendees. Notice the stack of raffle items to the right donated by Lowes.

Look for more photos of Quake on the Lake- Summer Nationals 2015 on Facebook soon!

Official APBA results were not published at the time the newsletter was printed.

A Blast From the Past. .

Pit Patter, August 1984

"Pit Patter"

Congratulations to New Eastern Division Champs Mark Lindsay of Norwood, Ohio with She's So Fine in 1200cc; Harrison "Hoddy" Quirk of Ware, Mass. with Hoddys Quirk in 850cc; and Mark Burghart of St. Clair Shores, Michigan with X Ray in the 280 class.

There was no other club in the country that did as well as the Marine Prop Riders and that is a fact that we can all be proud of. This was exemplified by the fact Bob Ritz, Mike and Mark Weber all won preliminary heats and people such as Mario Conflitti and Stover Hire all finished real strong!

In the 850cc class, the order of finish was as follows; Hoddy Quirk, Mark Lindsay, Ray Dong, Dick Delsener, and Justy Picunas, that 1234&5!!!!

All in all, our club practically dominated every class that ran. Unfortunately, some of our modified friends never got wet... wait till the nationals..... a complete Eastern Divisional report next month.

Congratulations to Justy Picunas and his 38 Special and Rick Falcinelli in Ramblin Gamblin Man on winning their first trophies! These feats were accomplished at Madison, Indiana.

Speaking of Madison, How bout that perfect start in the 145 class for Mike Garey inthe J.P. This was Mikes finest performance as a driver an hopefully the wave of the future.

Rumor has it that Chuck Phillips has finally tested his SAAB powered 850hydro.

Mark Burghardt, John DeVos, Mark Lindsay, and Dick Delsener are doing some of their finest driving ever! Just check the record all are prectically running away with their respective classes. All are winning with real consistency.

Mike Cashin has finally got that Tasmanian Devil straigtened out! Mike is now capturing trophies at just about every stop.

Early reports from Trenton indicate a strong twenty boat field and strong competition. Fred Miller was pleased with our show. Don Cameron and Dave Linn made it excitng as they both went swimming for the fans! A complete report next month.

Remember Tim Hueston, Marcia Allison, and Don Cameron need your support at Sylvan Lake so don't disapoint them!



Bragging Rights

Did your crew member(s) or driver do a great job?

Did someone go above and beyond to help you when you needed it?

Did you witness something that made you think "what a great bunch of people!"

If so, let other members know! You can also send photos to Publicity@marinepropriders.com as evidence.

For instance, Jim Sechler probably had fifty other things to do on Saturday at the Quake, but he took the time to weld a broken pipe for Chris Ritz. I thought Jim quit? He looks busier now than ever—between helping others and inspecting.

Speaking of Jim—how about Dan Kanfoush giving back as well. He did an excellent job as the risk manager. In fact, everyone did. It was great to see everyone pitching in to enforce the "rules".

How 'bout that Andrew Tate? We KNEW he was going to win in GP soon. But at the Nationals? Congrats to Andrew, Mike Weber, and the whole English / Richards team on the 1-2 finish.

Did you see the English / Richards FLEET? They brought and ran 5 boats to Waterford. Talk about impressive!

Jon Staudacher was spotted at Quake as well, He "hid" in the corner and observed most of Saturday. Although he's "retired", he's building new sailboats, air boats, race cars, and airplanes. Will Jon be building more hydroplanes? Let's hope so as he's proven with the new GP that he still "has it".

Did anyone notice the younger boys crewing? They are so enthusiastic to step up and hold a boat or wipe it down. Let's keep them interested and busy helping so they can be the next generation of boat racers.

Member Updates

For those who are not on Facebook, Rich Evans posted that he took a tumble off of a ladder. The rest of his summer will be spent recuperating instead of inspecting race boats. We hope you have a speedy recovery Rich!

By now, most of you know that Mario also had a slip and fall accident right before leaving the driveway to go to Madison. The motorhome was loaded, and passengers were belted in their seats, but Mario made one last safety check that landed him on his back. We'll be seeing a new driver in the Baby Doll this summer. We're wishing a quick recovery to Mario and good luck to his new driver.

Member and past racer Bob Ritz had major surgery last month and it was good to see him on the mend in Waterford. Rumor has it he was on his motorcycle DAYS after spending 10 days in ICU. Does that surprise anyone?

In addition, it was nice to see Pat Kuhr at Quake. Goes to show you how much racing is in our blood as not much will keep us away.

Another former member and racer, Tom Jeanette has a fight on his hands. Anyone that remembers Tom knows what a fierce competitor he is. He can use our thoughts and prayers as he battles this setback to his health.

Sad News — Bob Knowles

Just this week the Prop Riders received a very nice Thank You card from Bob Knowles. Bob appreciated the card created by Ray Dong and the collection we took up for him during a recent prop rider meeting. He wanted to let us know that the funds were used for his room at the Cleveland Cancer Clinic. Bobby wrote "Thanks for keeping me in your prayers."

Unfortunately, Bobby passed away July 30, just a few days after sending the card. Funeral arrangements will be communicated soon. Until then, keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Stay tuned for next month's tribute to Bobby.



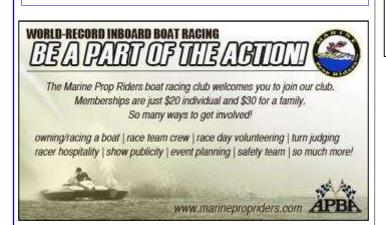
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