



December 2011

Special December MPR Meeting

Like we did last year, the December MPR meeting will be held at APBA Headquarters. It will be December 7th and begin about 6:00pm with our pot-luck gathering. The meeting will begin about 7:00pm to allow time for a tour of APBA Headquarters afterwards.

We will have our regular meeting, then our entertainment for the evening will be a tour of APBA HQ including the very special trophy and memorabilia area.

The food plan is pot-luck style, bring a dish to share. We had quite a spread last year!

Our December 7th meeting location:

The American Power Boat Association Headquarters
17640 E. Nine Mile Road
Eastpointe, MI 48021

2011 Awards Banquet Report

We would like to thank all of the people that worked on making the 60th anniversary Annual Awards Banquet the success that it was.

With an increase in the number of people working on different parts of the event the things that needed to be done moved faster. John and Shelly Bridge along with Royce and Kathy Richards and Kathy Maraldo and Stefanie Nettke making the centerpieces, Jennifer Falcinelli along with our president making the M&M favors, Mary Dillon along with Ray Dong were responsible for the invitations and the program, Paul Poledink for some of the program content are just some of the people that made this years event the success that it was. Forgive us if we forgot to mention anyone else that also contributed their time and resources to this years Awards Banquet.

Next years awards banquet is scheduled for November 10, 2012 again returning us to the second Saturday in November. For 2013 we will have to, again, move to the third Saturday as both the first and second Saturday are already reserved by another group.

Mario & Kathy Maraldo



MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting: At Juliano's Restaurant in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:30 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by Scooter Grigg.

President's Report MaryAnne began by asking for the recognition of Danny Walls Sr, longtime limited and unlimited hydro driver. Also support for Sue Troxell as she recovers from a motorcycle accident/injury. Additionally, the MPR Board met to review new year's strategic goals and objectives which generally consist of continuing progress on increased publicity, membership growth, and special events. Specifics include working on the display boat, attending promotional events, supporting the newsletter, growing the website, sustaining the directory, and reviewing meeting locations.

Approval of Minutes: of October, 2011 General Meeting. Motion to approve Mike Weber, seconded by Mark Weber. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Maraldo reported the October financial activities as \$235.56 for printing and postage, \$41.29 for flowers, and a \$195. Deposit, leaving a balance of \$9229.35. Motion to approve by Eli Whitney, seconded by Ray Dong. No discussion; unanimous approval.

Membership Report: Renewals for 2012 are now due. Send to Treasurer.

Publicity: Brian Reed reported that all is moving along in these areas. Some discussion on the continuing need for content/articles for the newsletter.

Entertainment: Ray Dong announced that the entertainment for the evening would be a panel discussion by three eminent MPR hydro racers of the past and present: Dick Delsener, Mike Ambrosio, and Mario Maraldo, all Inboard National Champions in their classes. Ray also has Steve Garey's Bill Muncy book available for \$6.00.

Race Reports

Walled Lake Thunder 5th Annual Race June 9-10, 2012 See Todd or Jim for details. A promotional video is in the works.

Gold Cup 103rd Annual Race is set for the July 13-15, 2012. DYC has signed on as prime sponsor for the next three years.

Dayton Sanction has been filed for traditional testing and the APBA driving school to take place May 19-20, 2012.

Waterford/ Quake on the Lake 13th Annual Race, World Championships, July 21-22, 2012.. A \$10,000 check to the Rainbow Connection was presented to Brooks Patterson on behalf of the Quake. Thanks to Mike Koval for his support.

Celina, Ohio. Racing will take place as scheduled – to be announced.

Rocky Fork Racing may take place depending on interest, in mid-September..

Stony Creek A new marketing director for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority has shown interest in promoting special events at the Metro parks. Possible rejuvenation of races at Stony Creek?

APBA Racing News Mark Wheeler is new President replacing Mark Weber. National meeting will be in Chicago in early 2012.

IRC Racing News . Dutch Squires is not running for Inboard Chairman. Mike Weber is throwing his hat into the ring. He wants to run on the platform of rejuvenating interest and participation in Inboard racing. Jim Sechler and Tom English are the Inboard Commissioners from Region 6. Flat bottom entry class (low cost, low speed) is undergoing development. Billy Noonan is Region 6 Chairman. A four member blue-ribbon committee, including Eli and Billy, has been appointed to study ways to improve racing in the Region.

Vintage News Paul, Sandy, and John attended the Wheeling Vintage Regatta with *White Lightning*.

Old Business

MPR Apparel and Merchandise Still available through Mario.

Financial Audit Will be carried out in the near future.

Meeting Location Will continue at Julianos in January as the regular location (Dec's meeting is at APBA HQ)

Banquet Invitations have been sent out. Kart-to-Kart will take place in the afternoon. See Chris Ritz for details. Mary Ann is hunting up pictures for the video to be shown at the banquet. Ray Dong moved to purchase pix from Phil Kunz for this event, \$150.. Chris Ritz seconded. Motion passed. Judy Roberts will not be able to take pictures at the banquet – recovering from surgery. Get well, Judy.

Display Boat Has been taken to Tom Bertolini's shop for further development. If ready, will be shown at Autorama and Novi shows.

New Business None

Next Meeting: December 7th at APBA Headquarters in Eastpointe [ed: location details within newsletter]

Potluck beginning at 6:00 P.M., meeting about 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Rich Falcinelli @ 8:55 P.M. Seconded by Mark Weber. Unanimous approval.

50-50 Results Winner was Sam Anspach who donated his winnings to the Club. Thanks, Sam

A three racer discussion panel followed the meeting (Dick Delsener, Mike Ambroggio, Mario Maraldo)

Submitted by Paul Poledink

Unlimiteds Detroit has a new Web Site

Be sure to take a look!

<http://www.unlimitedsdetroit.com>

Event Schedule – 2012

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

Boat show - Detroit MI	February 11-19
Autorama - Detroit MI	February 24-26
Region 6 Spring Meeting - Perrysburg OH	February 25-26
Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder	June 9-10**
Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup	July 13-15
Waterford MI - Quake On The Lake (WORLD's!)	July 21-22**
Celina OH - Governor's Cup	August 25-26**
Clinton IL	September 8-9(**?)
Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park	September**
Geneva NY - Hydrobowl	September**
MPR Annual Awards Banquet	November 10

Some events or dates may be tentative, more solid info in the coming months.

Member Biography

Dan Kanfoush

Personal Information:

History: Why did you you get into hydroplane racing?

In 1987 I was a college student at RIT and was doing a summer coop at Moore Research Center on Grand Island, NY. While I was working my boss asked me if I wanted to come down and help work the pits at the local boat race (Tonawanda). I had never been to a race and didn't know anything about it. I saw what I needed to see and was hooked. I had grown up on the water in the Adirondacks and had a couple small outboard hydros that I used to terrorize the lakes with so I already was a water speed junkie. In 1989 I started my fulltime job at the same company and built my first boat. My first race was Raleigh, NC in 1991.



What is your most memorable moment in hydroplane racing?

I won my first final in 2000 at a race in Ville Marie, QC. The Barkers were very helpful in my initial racing career and a lot of my success over the years is directly attributed to their mentoring. Ralph Barker (Greg's dad) was not there that weekend and I remember calling him to tell him I had won. He was as happy as I was. That was very special to me.

What is your most memorable traveling experience?

When I was racing 2.5 stock I traveled with Mike Monahan a lot. If you know Mike you know there is always a story-line going on. We had a LOT of fun traveling. One thing that really sticks out in my mind is the time we were traveling to a race in Ohio and a tire came flying over the median from the opposite traffic and almost took us out.

What do you want to accomplish this racing season?

I would like to have a little more fun. Jim Sechler and I are very competitive people and sometimes I think we let that competitiveness take away some of the fun. We have a lot of great friends all around the county and I really enjoy seeing them all. I would like Lynne and Eddie to go west with us this year for the Westerns if we go.

What is your favorite race course?

I really like Rocky Fork, there is something about running around the Islands that just adds a little to the race. I really hope there is a way to bring back that race.

What is something no one knows about you?

I am really 6 feet tall.

When will you stop racing ?

I will stop when I am no longer having fun. Running with Jim Sechler in the Y class is really great, we approach racing very similarly and I enjoy the engineering challenge as much as the driving. There are no firm plans to retire anytime soon and you may see me in a brand new boat and a brand new class this upcoming season along with the Y-1.

What are your other hobbies?

I have a strong interest in Astronomy and do a lot of reading. Someday when I am done racing and have more time I would like to get a telescope and a CCD camera and get into it a little more.

What's your occupation?

I have a Bachelor of Science in physics from RIT. I work at R.R. Donnelley on Grand Island (same company, new name) and have been here for over 21 years. I design high speed inkjet systems.

Where do you call home?

I live in Niagara Falls, NY with my wife Lynne, and our son Eddie and that is my home. I am originally from a small town in Central NY called Sauquoit.

Are you married and do you have any children?

I have been married to Lynne for 12 years. She is very understanding with the racing and supports whatever I need to do for APBA, on and off the water. She attends as many of the races as she can and has a lot of friends on the circuit. Everyone knows Eddie, he is almost 9 now and the world's biggest boat race fan. I would love to get him into racing someday but that is his call, I will never pressure him. What people may not realize is that I have two stepsons, Nick (22) and Andrew (23), they have been to some races.

What's your age?

I am 45 years old.

Do you have any sponsors?

Russ Schulte from Metro Aircraft in Waterford, MI has been sponsoring Jim's boat for about 6 years. Without Russ we would have never been able to do as much racing as we do. He is a bigger part of this team than I think he realizes.



Your 2011 MPR Award Winners

Congratulations to all the 2011 MPR Award Winners!

High Point Awards:

Overall MPR High Points - Jim Sechler

Grand Prix - Mario Maraldo

GNH - Jimmy Deel

5 Liter - Jeffery Sankuer

2.5 Liter Modified - George English & Royce Richards

2.5 Liter Stock - Bobby King

1 Liter Modified - Jim Sechler

1.5 Liter - Mike Weber

Honor Awards:

Marine Prop Rider of the Year - Tony Kallio

Hard Luck Award - Mike Weber

Rookie of the Year - Kevin Lacey

Doc Terry Award - Bob Wilson, Brian Reed (tie)

Grant Ward Unsung Hero Award - Todd McQuade

Bobby King - MPR 2.5 Liter Stock High Point Winner

Bobby King won our 2.5 Stock High Points Award but was not able to attend the award banquet because his hockey team was playing in a tournament that weekend. Be sure to read this story about his accomplishments there.

“The Huskies entered the event winless, after dropping their first two games of the season. But during the two-day event, the Huskies caught fire behind the play of junior forward Bobby King. The Huskies' captain scored five goals and also had two assists to spearhead Northern to the championship. For his performance, King is the Times Herald Athlete of the Week.” See the full story at <http://tinyurl.com/BobbyKing2011>



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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Ron Taylor: 269-926-8975, rjtaylor0134@yahoo.com

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The MPR Display Boat Needs Your Unused Parts!

The MPR display boat project is coming along well. The bottom is done and painted. We're still looking for a large rudder, steering wheel, seat, 5'x5' fiberglass cloth, 1-gal resin, brushes, cups, gauges, additional steel for the almost completed trailer and what ever else you may have to donate.

Please contact Bob Wilson 248.672.7285

WANTED - Searching for a second prop for our vintage CE 52 White Lightning

We've been running the Cary 12x20 1/2 two blade on a 1" 3/16 keyed shaft this last year with good success, but are looking for a slightly smaller one to try in 2012. Any help in locating one would be appreciated. We got the Cary from the original builder of the boat up in Collingwood, Ontario. He was running a hot 265 Chev in the boat, but with the restoration changes to the boat (double bottom, deepened sponsons) we think a smaller prop might be more efficient. Any other thoughts or suggestions or leads?

Paul Poledink poledink@att.net 248-486-6986

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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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