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November 2012

2012 MPR Awards Banquet

Thank you to everyone that contributed to planning the annual awards banquet held November 10. Special thanks to Mario and Kathy Maraldo for scheduling, planning, making centerpieces, and ordering trophies; Ray Dong for his framed awards with his special artwork; Mary Anne Wilson for preparing dinner music and the slide show; Judy Roberts for providing the photographs, and everyone who donated gift baskets for the raffle. See additional banquet photos and award information on pages 6 and 7.



The highly coveted, most prestigious award for the club, the **Marine Prop Rider of the Year**, was presented to Bob Wilson. In the words of MPR VP and Awards Committee chair, Chris Ritz, "Bob's relentless work on the display boat, the hand-crafted Quake awards and his help on every race site in Region 6, made this choice for the Awards Committee an easy one." Congratulations

Congratulations to the High Points Winners!

1 Liter Modified - Jim Sechler/Dan Kanfoush
2.5 Liter Stock - Christina & Jim Wilson
2.5 Liter Modified - Royce Richards/English Racing Team
5 Liter - Tom English
NM - Tom Neuman/Tony Black
GNH - Eli Whitney & Cadi Reiss/Joe Kreitzer

OVERALL MPR HIGH POINTS - Christina & Jim Wilson



Ray Dong, Josh Anspach, and Kathy and Royce Richards after receiving the **2.5 Liter Modified High Points Award**.



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – November 7, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: At Juliano's in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne at 7:32 P.M. John Bridge will be selling the 50-50 tickets this evening. Welcome to new member Shane Horton, introduced by Rich Falcinelli.

President's Report: MaryAnne asked for a moment of silence acknowledging the passing of Jim Garza, long time volunteer at hydro racing events. Also, get well wishes to Andy G's wife and to Tom Farrell.

The MPR Board of Directors met a few weeks ago and is looking to capitalize on the fresh ideas of the new member of the Board. Agreed upon goals for 2013 included stabilizing and increasing membership, expanding vintage representation, utilizing the display boat effectively, exploring special events for MPR members, and using the website more interactively and effectively.

Also reported was a meeting of the organizers of four Region 6 racing venues – Walled Lake, Quake, Celina, and Rocky Fork, in order to find ways of working cooperatively and support each other.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the October meeting were up for approval. Motion to approve by Jennifer F., seconded by Ray Dong. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As reported by Mario Maraldo - October deposits of \$413., \$550., and \$550., and a disbursement of \$65. to DRRA for Gold Cup insurance premium. Balance: \$9093.77. Motion to approve by Rick F., seconded by Judy R. Motion passed.

Copies of the 2012 MPR Budget and a proposed 2013 MPR Budget were distributed and reviewed. It was proposed that a running tally of income and expenses be presented each month, in order to keep every one aware of this aspect of the club. Motion to approve by Judy R., seconded by Royce R. Motion passed. Brian reed encouraged as many as possible to request a color digital copy of the newsletter to cut down postage and printing expenses.

Membership Jennifer F. reported 63 members as of this date. Renewal letters have been sent out, with plans to reply to newly paid members with a thank you letter, membership card and a MPR sticker.

The meaning and intent of the Family Membership category again surfaced. Jennifer G. referred to the definition in the by-laws. Suggestion was made to write up the issues surrounding this membership category. Brian R. and /or Jennifer F. will attempt to do this.

Publicity: Vallery R. reported that the Newsletter came together nicely and was sent out to the members in a timely fashion. 9 of the 63 members have requested the electronic version as of this date. Brian R. suggested that some “new” color graphics be considered for the Newsletter. He will look into this.

Entertainment: Ray Dong announced that Sandy Ross will follow up last month's Gold Cup movie with a slide presentation of the Miss US story.

Race Reports

NEW MARTINSVILLE MAY HOST A RACE IN 2013

DAYTON TESTING PLANNED FOR THIRD WEEK END IN MAY, 2013, ALONG WITH APBA SCHOOL

WALLED LAKE THUNDER ON THE AGENDA OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 15-16, 2013.

GOLD CUP 104TH RACE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 12-14, 2013.

WATERFORD/QUAKE ON THE LAKE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20-21, 2013

CELINA, OHIO. PROBABLE AT THIS TIME – AUG. 24-25, 2013

ROCKY FORK - PLANNING TAKING PLACE FOR SEPT. 20-21 2013.

ALUM CREEK SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 14-15.

DECAUTER MEETING TAKING PLACE - IT'S A MAYBE. MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25-27.

APBA News

IRC Racing News Mario Maraldo is IRC Representative

Region 6 Eli Whitney is Inboard Chairman for Region 6. Plan to attend the Meeting and Awards Banquet in February, 2013, in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Vintage News Billy Noonan met with several vintage owners and drivers at the Region 6 meeting. Venues were discussed. Some type of vintage awards were discussed, such as attendance at events, distance traveled.

Old Business

ANNUAL BANQUET NOVEMBER 10, 2012 AT CONCORDIA INN. 95 ATTENDEES ARE REGISTERED AS OF TODAY, ACCORDING TO MARIO. COMMITTEE IS GOING FULL BORE.

Remember to renew memberships in MPR!

AUDIT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS COMING MONTH.

New Business

Display Boat Rich F. will formulate a process for the boats utilization this coming year to include who, when, where and all the details. Boat was highly used this past year. Todd M. may have a local secure storage site for the boat.

Next Meeting: Dec. 5, 2012 at APBA Headquarters, 7:30 p.m. Potluck as usual, so come earlier.

Adjournment: 8:30 MOTION TO ADJOURN BY ELI W., SECONDED BY SAM A. MOTION PASSED.
50-50 DRAWING WAS \$27.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL POLEDINK



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Marine Prop Riders and their families!

Geneva, New York, at the head of Seneca Lake, the largest, longest, deepest, and most renowned of the Empire State's Finger Lake Region, hosted APBA Inboard Hydroplanes, Flatbottom and Vintage Racing Boats the weekend of 21-23 September, 2012. Seventy-six teams set up shop in the pits, divided up by 37 hydroplanes, 17 flat bottoms, 8 jersey speed skiffs, and 14 prime vintage craft, to compete for prizes, national APBA points, and the decisive championship points for the Mid American Hydroplane Series (aka MACH) classes (T, Y, S, E, A, NM, GNH).

Scheduling an event like this boat race is a real chore. What with local officials, race officials, course equipment, course setup, cranes, vendors, and volunteer workers alone, add in the capricious nature of Mother Nature. She sometimes gets the dates mixed up, and when she tries to correct the situation, it doesn't always work out to plan. Such was this weekend of racing at the Hydrobowl on Seneca Lake. Melia Koerner and Frank Deem and crew worked tirelessly for, well, since the last roostertail subsided last fall, at the inaugural Hydrobowl event, but, Mother Nature forgot the date. The wind and the rain came in on Friday, washing out that day's plans completely, including setting up the race course. When Saturday dawned, more gloom and rain. But, around 11 AM, Ma Nature sent in some sunshine, the skies cleared, and race course setup resumed. With that, the races could begin.

Vintage boats were invited, and a strong field took part. Fourteen of these beautiful craft, some restored, some still in original racing trim, displayed their attributes to the attendees. These included Brian Pitt (#48), Marvin Hart (#22, A-21), Charles Graham (GN-34), Bill DeGlopper (JS-77, JS-78), Bill Fisk (A-150), John Gast (JS-9), John, Matthew, and William Morsheimer (#496, E-45, and H-62 respectively), Roger LaPierre (GP-1001), David Richardson (GP-200), Empire State residents all, and Canadian Harry Holst (E-160). Unfortunately, only a couple vintage JSS got any water time at all, testing the course. Everyone else exhibited and socialized, and patiently at that.

OK, time for the racing. With a lot of patience and perseverance, the weekend finally became a one day race, with a one heat format in general. The action on the judges stand bordered on frantic, as plan after plan got short circuited, dealing with the constantly changing conditions. Referee Dave Shaw and crew should put in for overtime, as the delays for rough water and excessive wind piled on. At one point, the whole race course ran away, providing the tow and course boats some hectic moments chasing down the turn buoys and returning them to their proper positions. In addition, the race course was modified on the fly, shortening each end in order to find some sheltered and smoother water. The last heat sent out Saturday was the GNH 7 Liters, with the instructions to call it off if the sun glare was too bright, which it was. Veteran drive Joe Kreitzer recognized the futility of trying to race at that point, and led the field back to the pits. Racing resumed Sunday morning, but it was a trying experience, as first a turn buoy was destroyed by a competitor, then subsequent heats found a couple disabled boats drifting back onto the course, causing a rerun, etc. More delays were interspersed with race heats, so that in the end, all race classes ran with the exception of the A class (2.5L Mods). The water conditions were never OK for these mods when their turn would come up in the schedule, and the final cessation of racing on Sunday left them with no water time. Thanks to Ann Shaw, chief scorer, for keeping track of the racing, and for furnishing these overall results for the weekend!

T class – five 1.5L Stocks raced, with a decided international flavor, as four of these boats are from the Valleyfield, PQ area. The finishing order: CT-3 *Hydroid*, owner Frederic Couturier with David Kidd driving; CT-11 *Timothee Special*, driver Michael Trembley; T-1 *Trophy Hunter*, Doug Hagatha employing John Shaw for driving duties; CT-25 *Miss Annabelle*, owner Eric Duperron with driver Yan Lecompte; and CT-62 *L'Asterik*, driver Sebastien LeBouf.

Y class – Three 1L Mods present; Y-16 *Liquid Fun* the victor. Jeff Mauer's orange racer, driven ably by Kathleen Mauer, took the checker for this class. Also present were Joe Sovie's Y-44 *Accelerant* and the Y-4 *Navti-Buoy* of Marty Hammersmith.

S class – A dozen 2.5L Stocks took to Seneca Lake this weekend, with Bobby King in the S-242 *Catalyst* (dad Jimmy King's and Roger Mahan's cooperative venture) taking the overall victory, based on total points and elapsed time. Mike Monahan in Greg Barker's S-9 *Honey Bun* closely followed, with Yan Lecompte (CS-28 *Recuperation Mario Hart*), Alan Bush (S-711 *One More Time*), and Joe Longo in the Willard Wilson S-146 *Lil Electron* (great to see you, this weekend, Willard!) rounding out the top five. Also competing: S-80 *On the Edge* – Gene Defalco and Howie Schnabolk; CS-91 *The Little Dog* – Caroline Doaust; S-79 *Krazy Chief* – Doug Havell; S-78 *Bad Influence* – Mike Grendell and Doug Rapp; CS-77 *Hard Left Turn* – Derek Anderson; S-41 *Second Choice* – Scott Thompson; S-518 *Son Uva Bad Boy* – James Benson.

E class – Four 5L Stocks raced on Saturday afternoon, Todd Liddycoat in his E-97 *Team Extreme* victorious over Rich Haineault E-2 *Miss Beauharnois*, Don Less owned E-500 *Centsless 14* (without Joe Less driving, but with Dan Nebelecky driving), and E-17 *Modern Drummer* of Michigan's Jeff Sankuer.

A class – Five 2.5L Mods did not race due to the conditions. These boats included A-8 *Spirit of Southgate* of Mike Cashin / Tom Bergman, A-19 *A-Team* of Clarence Pfaff, A-23 *Geezer Boat* Debbie Welte, A-42 *Second Chance* of Scott

National Modified class – four NM's competed, with Keith McKnight (Cortland, NY) in his NM -32 *All Jacked Up* first, Joe Sovie in the NM-23 *Teleflex Marine* (Debbie Welte owned) second, and Don Burshnick (Maine, New York) in his own NM-27 *God and Country* was rewarded with 3rd place. NM-100 *Sumtoy3* DNS, would not fire, a shame, as the Newman crew had worked hard all week to fix the hull damage suffered at Rocky Fork the previous weekend. With that being the only chance to race, as it turned out, produced some disappointment, but kudos for burning that midnight oil!

Grand National Hydroplane – Four GNH's, a strong field. National and MACH point leader Jim Martin in his GNH-43 *Keen's Villain* showed the way, with GNH-515 Cadi Riess's *One Way* second, and Dave Archibale in Pat Rankin's GNH-777 *Cajun Queen*, crew chief Alex Findlow, third. Jay Gignac's GNH-55 *Gee Whiz* showed a lot of speed for the first three laps, as he went deck to deck with the GNH 43, and stood a good chance of winning until the #7 piston scuffed, causing a DNF. Hang in there Jay, every time out is better, and the boat showed all of the old speed when campaigned by Thom Heins!

Pro Stock – These big block Chevy speedsters brought a fleet, as ten boats entered the competition. The qualifier was won by Duff Daily in John Brinton's PS-997 *Light Speed*, with Paul Fitzgerald in Michael Smith's PS-24 *Intimidator* taking the final. Overall, the standings were decided by points and time: 1st - Ontario's Mike Smith PS-4 *Widowmaker* (St. Paul Minnesota's Dale Hernandez up), 2nd – PS-24 *Intimidator*; 3rd – PS-29 *J&J Marine* of Jim Clauss (Robert Convery driver); 4th – PS-103 *Illusion* of Quebecer Gil Rouse (CBF prez Derek Anderson piloting); 5th – PS-997 *Light Speed*; 6th – PS-122 *Blue Thunder* of another Quebecer Dominic Cournoyer; 7th – PS-34 *J&J Marine*, the second entry of Jim Clauss. Also participating, but with no times taken, were Bob Zabody's twin entries (PS-551 *The Showboat* and PS-555 *Triple Nickel*) and Ontario resident Mel Trevocha's PS-96 *Time & Money*.

K Racing Runabout – The K Boats, flat bottomed monsters, powered by blown alky big block Chevrolet engines, brought four boats to challenge Seneca Lake. When the spray subsided, it was Duff Daily in his K-999 *El Cid* leading the way, over K-29 *J&J Marine* (Jim Clauss entry, Bob Convery driving), and K-997 *Light Speed* of John Brinton. The fourth boat, who had no time taken, was Dale Hernandez in the K-36 *Patriot*.

Sport Entry – three SE Flat Bottoms braved the waves. These 350 cid small block Chevy powered, entry level, flat bottom racers are a coming thing in APBA Inboard racing. Competing for national points for the first time this year, these boats have a promising future for those who wish to begin racing, or perhaps for older or former competitors who want to compete at a more economical level. Tonawanda, NY's Pete Hackett in his SE-66 finished 1st over John Tyler Brinton's SE -97. Greg Barker's SE-9 suffered through some mechanical woes, showing a yeoman's effort on the weekend!

Jersey Speed Skiff – eight JSS competed in a qualifier and a final on Sunday, being the last class to run before the conditions precluded further racing. Who was dominant? JS-7 Rolling Thunder, Tom Pakradooni with Mike Trembley riding (uh, hanging on for dear life), that's who, winning both heats and 1st overall. Jimmie Stewart driving Trevor Kirsh's 2011 national champ JS-1 Summer Storm notched 2nd with Peg Ewancio riding. 3rd went to the Outlaw's, Leonard JR and III, in their JS-3 Making Memories, with 4th to Jim Stewart's JS-721 Gone Skiffin' Crazy (Courtney Stewart driving and Dale Hernandez riding, can't keep him off the water, evidently). 5th goes to JS-40 Pacifier (Patrick Dender) and 6th to Jay Hardy's JS-22 Insufficient Funds (Yan Lecompte and Warren Brown strapped in). Dave Greenlaw's JS-99 Veri Cheri and Dennis Macy's JS-45 The Menace encountered various electrical woes, resulting in no times taken.

All in all, ya gotta give credit to the entire Hydrobowl crew for their ceaseless efforts to make this race happen. And, happen it did, although shortened up a bit by conditions. It's hard to mention everyone, but along with Melia and Frank, some of the known names and faces were Sam Anspach, Rachel Anspach, John Krebs, Lauren Krebs, Dave Shaw, Ann Shaw, Steve Spisak, Ray Dong, Bill Fisk and H. W. DeGlopper (the latter duo enabling the vintage participation). A big thanks also to the local authorities from several sheriff department's marine patrols, fire departments, and EMT crews, for their expert help all weekend. We do have to say thank you to Mother Nature, for trying to correct the initial conditions, but as we all know, sometimes corrections tend to over correct, but at least she tried! Thanks again to the Empire State Boat Racing Association for hosting this premier event, and we all look forward to next year's event!

Don "Eli" Whitney reporting
APBA Region 6 reporter

2012 MPR Awards Banquet



Jim Sechler presented Jim and Christina Wilson with the **2.5 Liter Stock and Overall MPR High Points**



The **Dick & Elsie Edwards Award for Vintage** was awarded to Billy Noonan and Beth Gilday! Billy came in from Louisville for the banquet, first time in



The **Hard Luck Award** for the 2012 season went to John Grigg. No arguing that team's dedication to the sport as they tried to campaign 2 boats and ran into countless problems. Hope they have better luck in 2013!



Sandy Ross—**Doc Terry Award**

Not Pictured:

5L High Point—Tom English

NM High Point—Tom Snyder



Don Burshnick traveled from Maine, NY, to accept the **2012 Rookie of the Year Award**. In Don's



Debbie Dennig and Ray Dong—**Farthest Travelled!** Debbie came from Florida for the banquet!

The most touching part of the evening ... **The Grant Ward Award** was awarded to Jim Garza. Jim's daughter Liz was there to accept and did an amazing job! Hope Jim was looking down on the banquet as we honored his 46 years of volunteer support for inboard racing!



Ray Dong, Eli Whitney, Cadi Reiss, Joe Kreitzer,



Ray Dong, Jim Sechler, Charlie Wilson—**1L Mod**

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Jennifer Falcinelli, Todd
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We wish everyone a
wonderful holiday
season and best
wishes for a happy,
healthy and
prosperous New Year!

Who Knew?

As we travel to various race sites or attend club meetings, there are certain things we just somehow know about our fellow racers ... we know that his dad used to race, we know that those two are married, we know that he lives in (name the city) and we may even know his beverage choice at the end of a race day (Little Kings, PBR, ice cold Bud Light), but I've realized this year there are MANY things we DON'T know about our fellow racers. Email me at maryannewilson@comcast.net to add them to next month's newsletter!

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MARINE PROP RIDERS
Detroit, Michigan
Membership Application

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from the MACH
Team
Ray, Phil, Eli, Frank & Dave

Can you
identify
the
MPR
boat
owners
in this
photo?

THE NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 5TH

As we've done in the past, the December meeting and potluck will be held at the APBA Headquarters. This year, we are excited to announce that we will have a very special guest providing the entertainment.

**Potluck dinner starts at 7 PM
Meeting from 7:30-8 PM
Entertainment - Rob Mattina – at 8 PM**

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Please bring a dish to pass.

SPECIAL GUEST

Rob Mattina, Vice President of Marketing for the Detroit Red Wings is a Marketing specialist who has advertising background in New York and Chicago, and has handled the Smokin' Joes Racing Team – a drag racing, motorcycle, hydroplane and Nascar team.



Guests are always welcome. Invite everyone you know to attend and hear Rob Mattina share his expertise of marketing and public relations so we can promote MPR even better in the upcoming season.





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