



December 2022

What am I thankful for at this time of the year? I am thankful that:

Another racing year has come & gone. It may not have been the best year, but it sure did beat the last one. To quote an overused cliché, things are trending up.

For all who helped put on the annual MPR banquet. This includes Mario, Kathy, Eli, Steve, Ray, Tina & Jim Wilson, Ray, all who donated baskets. Yes, I know I said Ray twice. I probably should say it a couple more times, for all he did/does for the event.

For those we were able to honor at the banquet. Congratulations once again to all the winners. All well-deserved, and MPR can be proud that we don't just award participation trophies. On that subject, the Board and awards committee were forced to make a slight modification to the award requirements. Due to circumstances beyond our control we had to eliminate the meeting attendance requirement. This does not diminish the hard work of any of the winners.

For Steve Read. The first of many friends (40+ years & counting) I've been fortunate enough to make in this sport. Among other reasons, Steve has been doing a phenomenal job putting together a team and presentation to try and secure several new race sites in the area. He's also already contacted some potential sites in an effort to sell the sport & our club. Good Luck Steve.

For the fact that while we've lost some very good people, and others have had some challenges, we've pretty much come through this damn pandemic relatively unscathed.

As you probably have heard, we won't be able to have our regular December potluck meeting. I encourage all to come to Simple Palate December 1 for the meeting. But come a little early and eat dinner there. It's good food, and Anna takes real good care of us.

JOHN

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 02NOV2022 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 7:35 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Becky Ely thanked everyone who came to the Racer Bob party at Sinbad's, with extra appreciation for all those who helped out that Sunday!

OCTOBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, Barry Pray; second, Dennis Scott; motion carried. The 18OC2022 BOD meeting minutes were read by D. Whitney; motion to approve as read, Rick Falcinelli; second, Ray Dong; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO: Mario reported expenditures of \$1,000 to DMBRA for Caesar's Creek race support and \$20 to the State of Michigan for club registry, leaving a balance of \$10,622.18. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Tom Alfano; second, Steve Linn; motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH: 58 primary, 16 primary family, 2 honorary, 11 lifetime, 4 lifetime family, total 91 members, final report 2022. The first report for the 2023 racing year: 5 primary, 0 primary family, 2 honorary, 11 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 21. Nancy has membership forms for those who want to join tonight.

PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON: Nice job by Tina, made mountains of publicity from a molehill of news. Next month, *The Tina Story (maybe)* and Banquet tidbits!

ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG: 2022 race season videos. Ray discussed working to bring technical content presentations to the club meetings; suggestions appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Steve Read – new race search committee: A. Belleville Lake – race date is 24-25 June 2023, weekend after Father's Day; meeting coming up next week with yacht club. Looks like pit location needs a back-up plan due to potential construction project interference. This race needs to be installed on the 2023 Inboard racing calendar ASAP!! B. Ford Lake – JAYCEE's and Steve will be starting meetings with the park and DNR. Site is premier! C. Columbiaville (Genesee County, east of Flint) – Steve Read and Barry Pray met with supporters for a race and a Genesee Parks and Rec person; visual examination of the proposed racing site found the site is not viable. However, the Genesee Parks and Rec person proposed as an alternative Mott Lake's Crossroads Village (Flint area), which might be possible for a racing event. More in the future! D. Quake: Ray Dong mentions support is still present, Pontiac Lake maintenance timing will likely impact racing in 2023.

2. APBA Region 6 Fall Meeting 22-23 October 2022 – at the *Holiday Inn Perrysburg, Ohio (Carronade Drive)*; D. Whitney reported activities at the meeting. APBA Region 6 Vice Chairman is Billy Noonan; Inboard Racing Region 6 Commissioners – Tony Black, Tim Collins. Region 6 Inboard Chairman is Jim Sechler, Director is Steve Spisak, Alternate Director is Tony Black. Box 21 dunked only six (6) drivers, this number is too low, continuing this opportunity at every Region 6 meeting (which has been continuous since at least 1998 with two exceptions) is in jeopardy. Phil Goodell towed the MPR display boat back to Michigan following display duty at Caesar's Creek; refurbishment funding has been enhanced beyond the monies set aside by MPR, with funding promised from the R6IRA and DMBRA (\$300 respectively); checks should be made out to Marine Prop Riders and sent to Mario. The Region 6 BOD moved to add the R6 Vintage Committee officers (Chairman, Director) on the Region 6 BOD (this involves amending the Region 6 By-laws), final vote by the R6 BOD at the Spring 2023 meeting. Inboard and/or Vintage events within Region 6 discussed for 2023: Caesar's Creek testing is tentative in late April; Belleville, MI in June; Rocky Fork in late July; Owensboro third weekend in August; Caesar's Creek 30SE-01OC2023. The Region 6 Spring meeting dates are 18-19 FEB 2023, Fall meeting 21-22 OC 2023.

3. MPR Banquet – Villa Penna – 05 Nov 2022 (Mario Maraldo): 43985 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313; \$35 per person, cash bar, family style dinner. 6 PM cocktails, 7 PM dinner with speeches to follow. Looks to be over 100 in attendance. Come hungry!

4. Streaming race events: Rick Falcinelli asked for information re: streaming service for inboard races; He was advised to contact TKDS.com for information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Is MPR a racing club or fan club? Prez. John Grigg began discussions regarding MPR's status, supporting racing role, club operating philosophy, and future actions. John is looking to "step up the game", also is looking for documentation of prior race support activities. Considerable discussion ensued among various members in an orderly fashion.

Next Meeting: 07 DECEMBER 2022, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: D. Whitney; second, Ray Dong. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

MPR Board Meeting

Marine Prop Riders – BOD Meeting – 02NO2022 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres-elect John Grigg at 6:30 PM

Attend: John Grigg (Pres-elect); Steve Read (Vice Pres); Mario Maraldo (Treas.); Eli Whitney (Sec.); Nancy Spanich (Membr.); Dillon Goodell, Dave Musczinski (Membrs at large); Ray Dong (Ent.); Tina Wilson (Pub.)

Owner/Driver memberships and club meeting attendance: John Grigg continued discussion regarding how to get more owners and drivers to join MPR and attend the regular meetings, citing a number of answers to personal calls made to either former members or members who do not attend: “” not being heard”; “whether I show up or not, nothing will change for boat racing”; “nobody calls me”; what can we change”; “when it’s a racing club, I’ll be back”; “boring meetings, irrelevant information, nothing technical”.

1. List of owners/drivers in the club and do these members attend? Nancy’s membership list will reveal boat owners; the list is shorter than anyone thinks. Some have strayed to other clubs. (Note: APBA requires APBA racing members to be a member of a club which is part of the association APBA – are they joining or is nobody checking at HQ or races??).
2. Does the MPR Club need to put on races themselves to convince these people? Much discussion regarding club racing history, protecting club assets, etc. occurred. Do we need to set up a formal club committee searching for race sites and/or running races? We need to remember recent efforts that seem to be moving forward with at least one new race and also efforts (and successes) in the past, including the experience of Mark Weber in these activities.

Website: Brian Reed sat in on the meeting for this subject, he is the current point man for the website. Brian reiterated some ideas to boost the website, noting that in the current state, it is not friendly to smartphone compatibility nor to instant updates (adding videos quickly and easily, for instance).

1. Does editing authority need to be expanded to more people?
2. Reach out to race teams to add content and keep it up to date?
3. Clean up old stuff?
4. Dillon G. will work with Brian to learn content addition, develop the process steps to follow for easy updating and content addition.
5. Steve Read reminded BOD that eight individuals will probably be required to cover all the types of info that would constitute “content” for the website.
6. Technical content side of the website needs updating.

Newsletter: Brian Reed asked if the current 8.5x11 format for the newsletter is still good? All responded to keep this format, prints and reads well. No change for the format to occur.

BOD schedule: The next BOD meeting (per info received 03NO22): 14NO2022 (Monday) @ 7PM, site to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

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1 Litre	Jim Sechler
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2.5 Mod	Geoffrey Scott
5 Litre	Bobby King
Mario Maraldo Prop Rider of the Year	Phil Goodell
Hard Luck Award	Jim Wilson
Rookie of the Year	Rob Betke
Grant Ward Unsung Hero Award	Billy Noonan
Doc Terry Memorial Sportsmanship	Barry Pray
Bob Ritz Hard Charger	Bobby King
Overall High Points	Jim Sechler

Recognized as APBA Inboard National Champions (not hi-points,winners of their class at the Inboard Nationals at Hampton, Va.) were Chris Ritz (1 Litre Mod-Y) Steve Linn (2.5 Mod—A)

Peggy Kennard presented the Fred Altar Award to Royce and Kathy Richards for their long time dedication to the sport of hydroplane racing.

The Jim and Elsie Edwards Award Memorial Vintage Award not presented.

“ Congradulations to all the winners for 2022”



**Due to circumstances, Jim and I won't be able to put S20 in the
Autorama Feb. 2023**

**We need another boat, if anyone is interested please contact Phil
Goodell ASAP @
philwgoodell@gmail.com or 734-576-2012.**

MPR BANQUET 2022

VILLA PENNA



Next newsletter I will put in more banquet pictures



*Merry Christmas
And Have A
Happy New Year !!!*



MARINE PROP RIDERS

2023 Membership Application



- ☐ **Primary Membership: Electronic newsletter (color) - \$20.00**
- ☐ **Primary Membership: Paper newsletter (b&w) - \$25.00**
- ☐ **Family Membership: \$30.00 - Check box for paper newsletter ☐**

Primary Member Name: (Required for drivers and MPR board members)		
Family Member Name(s): (non-voting member(s))		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	
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RACE AFFILIATION: (Check All That Apply)

☐ Owner ☐ Driver ☐ Crew ☐ Mechanic ☐ Official ☐ Media ☐ Other: _____

BOAT AFFILIATION:

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

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

Checks should be payable to: Marine Prop Riders
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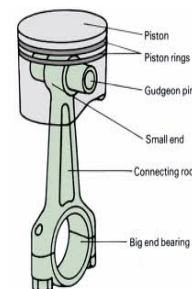
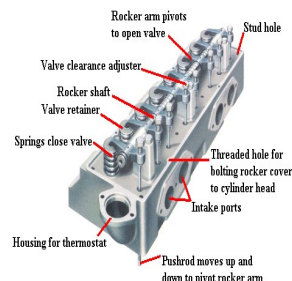
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