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ATTENTION 5L STOCK OWNERS / DRIVERS: from Billy Noonan, Region 6 Chairman

Proposal for race at Marietta, Ohio in conjunction with tunnel boats

For ten years, Sam and Sharon Wiener have been staging a tunnel boat race at Marietta, Ohio. This year (2010), they are thinking about adding 5L's to enhance their 10th running. The dates are July 10-11, 2010.

They would like 8 boats, but would accept more entries.

I have asked for \$2,000 prize money.

I need to know who would be interested. I know it's the same weekend as Valleyfield and the Western Divisionals, but I think there would be enough boats not going to either race to fulfill the needs at Marietta.

Please let me know if interested.

Billy Noonan APBA Region 6 Chairman 502-396-3120 willytapba@yahoo.com

Marrietta, Ohio is located on the Ohio River at the southern end of I-77, along Ohio Route 7. Sam and Sharon Wiener head up the APR Superleague Tour, consisting of a series of professional races featuring Formula 2 and 3 tunnel boats, culminating in a championship. The league is a sanctioned group under the auspices of the OPC category of the APBA. Check out the regatta at http://www.mariettariverfrontroar.org

It's time to renew your MPR membership!

Remember to renew your membership, this will be the last issue sent to our 2009 members.

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – February 3rd 2010 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Crash Landing called to order by Eli Whitney at 7:47 pm.

Moment of silence for Ellison: Al" Johnston, father of Region chair and S/O Tom Johnston

Minutes – January minutes will be in next newsletter for March, 2010.

Treasurers Report – D. Whitney for Mario Maraldo: deposit of \$408; balance of \$12,530.93. Motion to accept: Rich Evans, second Eric Pomber. Passed.

Membership Report – Cadi Reiss: 52 current members plus 2 tonight at meeting (total 54).

Website – Brian Reed: Reworking website for ease of use. Team pages will be easier to update. Has spent 30 hours on redo so far, expect another 40 to 50 hours to complete. Demonstrated on laptop numerous features.

Entertainment: Ray Dong – none.

Guests: None.

Race Reports – Dayton Testing – no info.

Walled Lake – June 13-14, 2010; per Todd Mc Quade, on track.

Celina/ Rocky Fork – no info tonight.

Gold Cup – date change to 25-26-27 June, 2010, Bill Rand reported. Finances still being worked.

Quake – July 17-18, 2010; On track; considering potential bid for newly reopened championships (from national meeting IRC). Will report next month.

Stony Creek – 2010 postponed to 2011 per Bob Dabrowski. Still working on service club backing.

Alum Creek – May vintage / test postponed to 2011, race is on for September 25-26, 2010.

National News – Pat and Jeff Sankuer (Patrick absent) accepted 1st place GNH National Hi-point Championship trophy and rings; John Grigg accepted 2nd place GNH Hi-point trophy; congratulations to both teams! Other Proprider championship winners who received their awards at Seattle included Jim Sechler (Y class hipoint champion), Royce Richards and George English (A class hipoint champion), both of whom had their respective driver's (Dan Kanfoush and Tom Thompson) inducted into the APBA Hall of Champions.

IRC: some news of national meeting were discussed. Mario, Rich Evans have schedule posters.

Region 6 News: Spring meeting and awards banquet 27-28Fe2010 at Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. Banquet \$24.50. Pertinent national news discussions on tap.

Old Business – 1. Autorama – Eric Pomber reported 26,27,28 Feb2010, same weekend as Region 6 meeting. Two boats will be displayed, Ed Barko's S82 and John Grigg's GNH 52 Wannabe, possible J hydro, also possible picture taking exercise to generate club publicity. Volunteer list started with Paul Poledink, who will be nominally in charge at Autorama.

2. Mary Anne Wilson summarized last month's list of ideas for improving club membership numbers. Extensive discussion followed. Ideas for alternative meeting sites centered on Walled Lake for June, Waterford in July (both just before respective races), plus November meeting at the MPR banquet. Bill Rands mentioned that he has always been impressed by the Proprider membership as generally involved in racing, differing from the other two local clubs, one of which puts on the Gold Cup (DRRA) and the other heavily supports as fans of Unlimited Hydro racing. He mentioned the idea of the clubs having a joint meeting once in awhile to strengthen ties between them. Another idea, person gets membership if he buys two pit passes at the gate at a race. Flyers to hand out which emphasized MPR, with mention of local races were discussed; Todd McQuade made a motion to spend up to \$500 for flyers, Ray Dong second; motion passed. Mary Anne will followup. Will try to have available for Autorama.

New Business – Andy Guaresimo's team will conduct safety cell testing March 27 and April 17 at EDHS (9 and Gratiot) 11:30 -1:30. These are Saturday's.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM by Todd McQuade seconded by Ray Dong.

<u>THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 3rd!</u>

7:30 p.m.

Crash Landing, on Dequindre between 11 Mile and I-696 in Warren

Take I-696 to Dequindre, then go North on Dequindre a short distance From the North or South: I-75 to 696 East to Dequindre, then left/North on Dequindre a short distance 26620 Dequindre Road — Warren, MI 48091 — 586.751.4444

Does anyone remember Paul Curry, an MPR member in the 50's?

I received an inquiry from a Mark Hammer that follows...

My grandfather, Paul Curry, a Detroiter, was a member of MPR in the fifties. He raced the "Why Worry" 48 C.I.D. I also have some of his 54 C.I.D. trophies. Do you have any info on him that goes back that far? If so I'd like to know.

Please reply to Brian Reed, moreinfo@marinepropriders.com

Upcoming Events Schedule

Race dates and upcoming schedule:

Perrysburg OH - Spring meeting - Region 6

Alum Creek OH - Vintage and inboard testing

Dayton OH - APBA Driving School

Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder

Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup

Waterford MI - Quake On The Lake

Cambridge MD - APBA Inboard Nat's & World's

Hampton VA -

Celina OH - Ohio Governor's Cup

Wheeling WV - Vintage

Stony Creek MI -

Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park

Alum Creek OH - (race)

Perrysburg OH - Fall meeting - Region 6

MPR 2010 Awards Banquet

Detroit MI - 2011 APBA Annual Meeting

February 27 & 28, 2010

(postponed to 2011)

later May 2010

June 12 & 13, 2010

June 25, 26 & 27, 2010

July 17 & 18, 2010

July 22 - 25, 2010

August 13, 14 & 15, 2010

August 28 & 29, 2010

September 3, 4 & 5, 2010

(postponed to 2011)

September 18 & 19, 2010

September 25 & 26, 2010

October 23 & 24, 2010

November 13, 2010

January 26-29, 2011

APBA 2010 Annual Meeting – Seattle – Highlights 27-30 January 2010

Nearly four days of work with a bit of evening playtime describes the annual meeting. Category and Region chairs met with the APBA president and discussed the need to focus on bringing back the membership ranks, at the same time continuing to bring growth to the racing activities. "Bring down the barriers to participating" is a philosophy that is continuing on into the future. National champions were honored at category festivities, and the culminating banquet Saturday evening honored the Hall of Champions and APBA Honor Squadron inductees. Real playtime was Thursday's Night to Remember, spent at the Hydroplane Museum in Seattle. What a place, unlimited hydros, limited hydros, photos, engines, gearboxes, etc. The Tacoma Inboard Racing Association club put on a heckuva show! A ride to downtown Seattle's waterfront and the Pike Street Market on the light rail system just rounded out an excellent experience.

OK, we'll focus on inboard happenings for MPR members. Dutch Squires led the IRC meeting, with a report on 2009 for inboard: 1. boat count OK considering the economy, but membership is down significantly (crew, etc.); 2. some classes increasing in numbers, but a couple in deep trouble; 3. safety overall was decent; 4. cooperation among associations improving (CBF, GP's, Unlimited Lights); 5. expanding race locations into Florida, San Diego, Montana; 5. fabulous points races in two classes (5L stock and 2,5L stock) with new faces as champions.

The economy will be tough on races in 2010, but there is money available through the IRC to help out to some degree (promotional grants – Travis Johnston). Decisions will be difficult, but there is a need to look at the business side of the equation, and to look at our product, which is our boat races. Decisions will be made based on what is good for Inboard racing; when the decisions are made, they will be followed.

Website – goboatracing.net – is staying intact, no migration into a APBA super website (cancelled due to excessive cost). One item needed: race recaps soon after a race is held. The IRC pays \$50 for these. Only 18 of 50 races took advantage of this. For 2010, video streaming is being planned for Black Lake (Western Divisionals), Cambridge (Nationals and Worlds Championships), and Hampton; this is an effort to get our racing out into the web, where a lot of potential fans, members, and participants exist. For 2011, see where this goes, but I would think a championship site like the Quake would be a good place to do this!

J stock hydros for the kids is doing well and will continue. Everything is ready to go in 2010!

Rack cards and schedule posters again are available. The club will have plenty thorough Mario and Rich. Ann Fitzgerald is already signing up participants for next year.

Safety – Darryl Monette remarked that while our rules have been pretty well thought out, they are way behind times. Updating safety rules must and shall be done in a way that is affordable and takes advantage of the latest technology, while continuing education of participants is the best way to put these advancements into place. Other safety tips: use polyester material instead of nylon for restraint systems (less stretch and less strength loss when wet); watch helmet fit.

Referee report – turn judges are needed everywhere. We see this, and need to take steps. Check out the article on turn judging in this issue, courtesy of region 4 (and Cadi, she found the contact). It is a how to do it, what to bring, what to expect memo.

Scorers: not many problems here, in fact, MPR has the winner of the Inboard Scorer Award in house, she is Jennifer Grigg! Congratulations, Jennifer! Bet you're surprised. This award goes to the scorer who has performed with the fewest errors, the most difficult races (championships and records), and being on time. See, being ready and being on time pays off! For 2011, watch for a new scoring system that will be uniform across APBA. Don't worry, there is no need to start discussing it, all that is known is that it will happen. What will not change is that points are points, and you need a lot of them to be hi-point champion!

Next: championships – 2010 Nationals and Worlds Championships (and CBF Nationals) are in Cambridge, Maryland, July 23-24-25, 2010. Eastern Divisionals and open North American Championships have been reopened for

bids by race sites, with bids in by March 1st, and the decision by March 15th. So that is news for next April. For 2011, APBA Region 6 will host the two most major championships, first the APBA Inboard Nationals will be at Waterford's Quake on the Lake, July, 2011; the Inboard World Championships will be held in Celina, Ohio in August, 2011. Congratulations to both sites!

Well, a lot of people focus on rule changes when they think of the national meeting. There were very few rule changes adopted out of 43 proposed. One that will be coming by 2011 is in regards to a standardization of the starting procedures for races (i.e., where the one minute pin is located, etc.). A method favored by Don Melillo (who is also APBA's chief referee besides a referee here in Region 6) produced some of the best competitive racing seen in years at the 2009 Quake is featured. A couple wording (housekeeping type) changes were also adopted. The big hitters were side mounted fins for flatbottoms (SS, PS, K) and the combining of the GNH and NM classes. The class combine rule was passed by a vote of 12 yes, 7 no, and has been forwarded to the APBA BOD for a decision as to effective date (2010 or 2011). This latter change is very controversial, we'll have to wait and see how it shakes out.

That's enough from me, oh, by the way, the 2011 APBA annual meeting is here in Detroit. That is next year in January. MPR assistance will not be needed as in the past (whew!), but your board of directors will be considering as to a level of presence that we might maintain. The Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn will be the host hotel, for those that are already curious (no airport, thankfully!).

From: Dutch Squires 13FE2010

Re: 2010 IRC National Meeting Summary

The 2010 Inboard Racing Commission was tough on Rule change proposals. After reviewing all submitted proposals and having open discussion only a few proposals were approved. I will highlight some of the more significant decisions and you can look for all of the meeting results by visiting the APBA Inboard website, www.goboatracing.net.

Fins were a topic for discussion this year. The final result of the discussion was to make no changes to the fin rules. The outrigger type fin on hydroplanes is still allowed, however a committee was appointed to research a maximum allowable distance. Their recommendation will be presented to the IRC soon and is expected to take into account existing hulls. The IRC also voted 17 to 2 to allow the flatbottom outboard fin. I believe the commission based its decision on the allowance for innovation, the fact that it is not against the rules as written and the fin has been in use for 5 or 6 years.

The commission voted to combine the GNH class and the NM class as of 2010. The new class will be called the Grand National Modifies, GNM. This new class must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The BOD decision is expected by the end of February. We will inform you of the outcome as soon as the BOD makes their decision

In an effort to enhance the APBA Grand Prix class the IRC approved a length extension to hulls built prior to January 1, 2010. These hulls may be 26 ft. 8 in. in length, including projections. (rudder, prop shaft, ect.) This should allow for a few existing hull to become eligible for this fast growing class.

Championship events were awarded for the 2011 season. A complete chart of championship events can be found under bulletins and forms on the Inboard website, www.goboatracing.net. The 2010 Eastern Divisionals were reopened for bid. The IRC will post the winning site as soon as a decision is made.

In closing I want to thank the Tacoma Inboard Racing Association for hosting the APBA Annual Meeting. Region 10 and the Seattle area was a great location and the hospitality by the folks from the Pacific Northwest was outstanding. Thanks to all.

Dutch Squires Inboard Chairman

MPR Awards





MPR High-Points Champion Christina Wilson with husband Jim and grandson Brandon



Kathy Maraldo presents the 5 Liter trophy to Tom English and Royce **Richards**

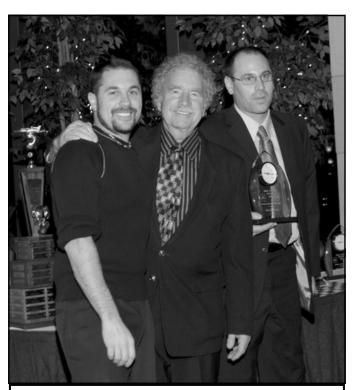


Jim Sechler and wife Julia with the 1 Liter Mod trophy

Banquet 2009



Kathy and Royce Richards with Joe Tate



Jeff, Pat and Patrick Sankuer with the GNH trophy



Nancy Spanich, Jerry & Mary Dillon



WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU TO BE A TURN JUDGE

A PARTNER TO HELP (OPTIONAL BUT MAKES IT EASIER FOR YOU)

SOMETHING TO WRITE ON AND WRITE WITH

CLIPBOARD (FURNISHED OUT OF THE REGION 4 EQUIPMENT TRAILER)

FLAGS – SHOULD ALREADY BE IN PLACE BUT YOU SHOULD CHECK

RADIO (USUALLY SET TO CHANNEL 6) – TEST IT TO MAKE SURE IT WORKS AND YOU CAN OPERATE IT BEFORE RACING BEGINS

FLARE GUN (IN A BOX WITH EXTRA FLARES) – MAKE SURE YOU KNOW PROPER OPERATION OF THE GUN – ESPECIALLY SAFETY. YOU DO NOT SHOOT A FLARE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO BY THE REFEREE. THE FLARE BOX WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE BAG WITH THE FLAGS.

A SCHEDULE FROM THE CHIEF SCORER WHICH LISTS THE BOATS IN EACH HEAT

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET WHILE BOATS ARE ON THE RACE COURSE – MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ONE **BEFORE** RACING BEGINS

SUNSCREEN, HAT AND SUNGLASSES (DEPENDING ON YOUR PREFERENCE)

DO NOT WEAR RED CLOTHING OF ANY SORT - IT IS A RULE VIOLATION

WATER - MAY ALREADY BE ON YOUR BOAT - CAN ALSO GET FROM RESCUE AS NEEDED IF YOU ARE ON THE WATER

IF YOU ARE ON LAND, YOU WILL NOT HAVE A FLARE GUN OR FLAGS.

AS A RACE OFFICIAL, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS AS DRIVERS - IN OTHER WORDS NO DRINKING DURING THE RACE AND AFTER MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE

IMPORTANT TERMS

CHOPPING – AN OVERLAP CONDITION WHERE A BOAT CHANGES LANES WITHOUT A 4 BOAT LENGTH LEAD OVER THE BOAT IN THE LANE IT IS MOVING INTO

BEARING OUT – MOVING OUT OF YOUR LANE SO AS TO HINDER ANOTHER BOAT FROM PASSING ON EITHER SIDE

FLAGS

GREEN - TIME BETWEEN 5 MINUTE & 1 MINUTE SIGNAL; WHILE RACE IS UNDERWAY EXCEPT LAST LAP

WHITE - TIME BETWEEN 1 MINUTE SIGNAL & START; LEADER HAS STARTED LAST LAP

BLACK - RETURN TO PITS - COURSE IS CLOSED - DO NOT LEAVE PITS

RED - STOP! BE ALERT AND WATCH FOR OTHER SIGNALS

BLUE & WHITE - CAUTION - PROBLEM ON RACE COURSE - CONTINUE WITH CAUTION

CHECKERED - FINISH

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO AS A TURN JUDGE

BEFORE TAKING YOUR POSITION (ON THE WATER OR ON LAND) BE SURE TO HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED (SEE OTHER SIDE OF PAGE) AND MEET WITH THE CHIEF OR ASSISTANT REFEREE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

DURING THE WARM UP PERIOD:

MAKE NOTES ON WHICH BOATS COME OUT ON THE RACE COURSE (YOU HAVE A LIST ON YOUR SCHEDULE OF WHO SHOULD COME OUT) AND MONITOR THE RADIO FOR SCRATCHES

MAKE NOTES ON DISTINGUISHING COLORS/CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAY HELP YOU LATER WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO IDENTIFY A PARTICULAR BOAT AND CAN'T READ THE NUMBERS

MAKE NOTE OF WHAT LANE EACH BOAT IS IN AT THE ONE MINUTE PIN – WATCH FOR BOATS GOING IN THE INFIELD WHILE FIGHTING FOR LANE ONE – THEY CAN'T DO THAT AND SOME DRIVERS WILL TRY TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THEY ARE BEING CHOPPED AND FORCED TO GO OFF THE COURSE

AT ALL TIMES THAT RACE BOATS ARE ON THE COURSE:

WATCH FOR CONTACT BETWEEN BOATS. THE OVERTAKING BOAT MUST GIVE WAY TO THE OVERTAKEN BOAT. RUNNING INTO THE BACK QUARTER PANEL OF THE BOAT IN FRONT OF YOU IS A PENALTY – YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR OWN LANE. THE TURN JUDGE IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO OBSERVE THIS.

WATCH FOR BOATS ENTERRING/EXITING THE COURSE INCORRECTLY (SEE COURSE RACING RULES). BOATS ENTERRING THE COURSE YIELD TO BOATS ALREADY ON THE COURSE.

VISUALIZE WHAT 4 BOAT LENGTHS IS FOR THAT CLASS – THEY ARE NOT ALL THE SAME SIZE SO IT WILL BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH CLASS

WATCH FOR BOATS GOING INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S ROOSTERTAIL TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THEY WERE CHOPPED

GENERAL RACING RULE 13.17 STATES "WHILE ON WATER, A COMPETITOR SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ALL RULES, FROM THE TIME OF LEAVING THE PITS AND UNTIL RETURNING TO THE PITS."

AT THE END OF THE RACE, THE REFEREE WILL ASK YOU IF YOU SAW ANY INFRACTIONS. THESE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: BEARING OUT, CHOPPING, MISSING A BUOY, HITTING/DESTROYING A BUOY

YOU CAN SEE THE TRAIL OF A BOAT AFTER IT PASSES YOU – WATCH FOR CLEAN PATHS

YOU DO NOT ASSESS PENALTIES – YOUR JOB IS TO BE AN EXTRA SET OF EYES FOR THE REFEREE – TELL HIM/HER WHAT YOU SAW AND THEY MAKE THE CALL – KNOW WHAT YOU SAW AND SAY WHAT YOU SAW. IF YOU DON'T SEE IT – YOU DON'T SEE IT - BE SURE ABOUT WHAT YOU SAW – "MAYBE" IS NOT WHAT THE REFEREE WANTS TO HEAR.

MAKES NOTES – WHAT BOAT(S), WHAT LAP, WHERE ON THE COURSE – YOU WILL NOT REMEMBER EVERY DETAIL BY THE END OF THE RACE. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT SEEM RIGHT TO YOU WRITE IT DOWN AND TELL THE REFEREE AT THE END OF THE RACE. THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE MORE INFORMATION THAN LESS.

THE FLAGS ARE IMPORTANT – THEY ARE USUALLY MORE VISIBLE TO RACERS THAN THE FLAGS ON THE START/FINISH LINE. IT IS MUCH EASIER WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO DO FLAGS AND SOMEONE TO WRITE.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATCHING THE TURN YOU ARE ASSIGNED. IT IS EXCITING TO WATCH ALL OF THE RACE, BUT YOU ARE PERFORMING AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION AND THE REFEREE IS COUNTING ON YOU TO WATCH YOUR TURN. THE TURN JUDGE IN THE OTHER TURN IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN THEIR TURN.

SAFETY CELL TESTING

SAFETY CELL CERTIFICATION SATURDAY, MARCH 27 2010 SATURDAY, APRIL 17 2010

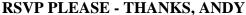
EAST DETROIT HIGH SCHOOL POOL (11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM SHARP)

9 MILE ROAD JUST WEST OF GRATIOT AVE ENTER FROM 9 MILE ROAD SIDE OF BUILDING EASTPOINTE MICHIGAN 48021 (2 MILES WEST OF I-94, EXIT #227) NORTHEAST OF DETROIT PLEASE HAVE YOUR APBA NUMBER WITH YOU

TESTING INSTRUCTOR: ANDREW C. GUARESIMO (BLUEWATER ANDY)

COST: \$35.00 for APBA members \$40 for OPA members w/Swim Test (offshore only) \$20 for Swim Test only (offshore only)





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IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE & SPEAK CLEARLY

WE WILL RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS



New MPR Web Site!

A new web site for the Marine Prop Riders is under development, and should be online in a couple weeks. It is being built using a Content Management System for easier updating and maintenance. We'll be looking for volunteers to help post new team info and event photos.

ATTENTION MPR TEAMS! PLEASE collect 4 to 7 of your favorite recent photos of your boat, driver, crew, etc and contact Brian Reed for an email submission form so we can get all your details. Email Brian at moreinfo@marinepropriders.com.

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\$20.00

Active Club Racing Membership Marine Prop Riders
Membership Application
c/o Mario Maraldo
25999 Ballard
Harrison Township, MI 48045

\$30.00 Family Membership

Only one active driver per family membership! List all, indicate driver.

Name(s):			
Address:			
City: State:	Zip:		
Occupation:	Work Phone:		
Email Address:	Fax:		
Affiliations: Owner / Driver / Mech. / Official / Media / Other			
Boat: Class Boat Name and	#		
What can you or your crew do to help at races?			
Check here if this is a correction or address cha	ange		



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