

"America's Finest Inboard Racing Club"

MARINE PROP RIDERS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



Established 1951

www.marinepropriders.com

January / February 2011

THE NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 2ND!

7:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION

— **5-Star Lanes at 2666 Metro Parkway in Sterling Heights** —

On the South side of Metro Parkway (a.k.a. Big Beaver) just East of Dequindre

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Special Guest - March 2nd

Our special guest for the March 2nd meeting will be Bruce P. Benson, the Interim Executive Director at the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Inc. in Mackinaw City.

Bruce says: "I would be thrilled to come and speak to the Marine Prop Riders group and share a little about the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum - past, present and future. To find out more about IMMM, you can check out our website at www.themackinaw.org"

Event Schedule - 2011

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

Detroit MI - APBA Annual Meeting

January 26 - 29, 2011

Region 6 Spring meeting

February 2011

Dayton OH - Testing and Driving School

May/June 2011 (TBA)

Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder

June 11 & 12, 2011**

Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup

July 8 - 10, 2011

Waterford MI - "Quake" - Inboard Nationals!

July 16 & 17, 2011**

Cambridge MD

July 2011

Hampton VA

August 2011

Celina OH - UIM World Championships!

August 27 & 28, 2011**

Shelby Twp MI - "Streak" - Stony Creek

September 2011** (tent.)

Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park

September 17 & 18, 2011**

Alum Creek OH -

September 2011 (**?)



A LETTER
FROM THE

THE PRESIDENT

Frigid temperatures as I write this—but racing season will be here before we know it! Race sites, Regions and the APBA have been busy preparing for the upcoming season. Your Marine Prop Riders Club has been busy at work as well! In October/November, we established four key items as our focus:

Goals and Objectives for the Year

Focus on Publicity & Promotion

Increase membership #'s

Special Events

Business Affairs

Our *Focus on Publicity and Promotion* has centered around the establishment of a MPR display boat. We have made great progress on this—the majority of the work on the trailer is done, the rear cowling is nearing completion and the body work continues as we prepare to paint. Look for a full report with pictures in next month's newsletter. By the way, we have a great group of guys that have been working on this but we still need your help! If you are interested, please talk to John Griggs, Bob Wilson or Mark Weber!

Additionally, we have secured space at Autorama and the Novi Boat Show to promote our club. This is a great opportunity to talk with people about our great sport and invite them to join the MPR. We are also working with the DRRRA on the Detroit Boat Show. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting for you to work one of these shows.

Increasing membership #'s is being accomplished in a few ways. Of course, our main thought is the energy & enthusiasm of our Focus on Publicity & Promotion will naturally bring in new members. But we are also working on ways to welcome back past members and make sure we retain current members. Jennifer is preparing an in-depth review of how we handle our memberships and where we can improve. Look for this report at February's meeting!

The biggest *Special Event* we are working on is our 60th Anniversary Gala Banquet, scheduled for November 19th. We have a few people that have already volunteered to work on this event. More details to follow!

Business Affairs were included in our goals & objectives as we recognized the need to review/update the MPR By-Laws and the establishment of definitive criteria for each of our club awards. The committees have begun work on these initiatives and we will be reviewing the documents at the February meeting.

In summary—this is a very exciting time to be involved in the Marine Prop Riders! If you haven't found a way to "Be a Part of the Action!" yet, just look around!!

Meet the Board

Part 2



Treasurer: Mario Maraldo

Mario has been keeping track of our money since 1975. He lives with his beautiful wife, Kathy, in Harrison Township. Of course, you may be more familiar with him as the owner/driver of the Grand Prix/GP-59 Baby Doll. In fact, Mario acquired his first boat in 1959 and continues to race today.



Publicity: Brian Reed

Brian serves as our Publicity Director. He created our website in 2003 and continues the regular updating and maintenance of it. He is also responsible for the publication of our monthly newsletter. Brian also manages the website and newsletter for the Detroit River Regatta Association / Gold Cup event.

My first distinct boat racing memory goes back to 1967(?) when I was with my family at the Detroit Boat Club watching the race when Notre Dame blew up a sponson coming into the bridge turn. I remember seeing all the blue and white parts flying in the air making their own roostertail. The

driver limped it around the turn and headed for the shallow waters of the beach but only made it halfway in.

I went to most of the Detroit races through '78 then caught only a couple races in the early 80's (in San Diego, I lived in the LA area at the time). Interestingly, it was after a few years of watching the Tour de France and Paris-Roubaix bicycle races on TV that made me think of the Gold Cup again as "a gem in my own backyard" so in 1992 I became an official volunteer, and started the Thunderfest web site in 1996. Around 2000 someone invited me to an MPR meeting, and that began my involvement with Limited Inboard racing.



Secretary: Tony Kallio

Tony has been our secretary for the past 7+ years. In addition to his work for the MPR, he has also served as co-Race Director for Quake on the Lake and has done an amazing job as Risk Manager for both Quake and Walled Lake. "I got into boat racing when a friend of mine asked if I wanted to volunteer for this thing called the Gold Cup. I had never heard of it. The only thing I knew about a race was when my dad took me downtown in 1971 and I got to see the white and blue Atlas Van Lines. Wow! I volunteered and was doing security at a gate to the Belle Isle shuttle when I had a confrontation with a guy (our beloved Ray Dong) who was trying to get some people through my

gate without the proper credentials. Later that day, Ray came back and asked if I would consider attending a meeting for something called the Marine Prop Riders. I'd never heard of them. I went, I joined, the rest is history."

Tony has a beautiful wife, Eve, and four great kids, Ricky, Michael, Joy, and Johnny.



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – December 1st 2010 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: At APBA Headquarters, Eastpointe, MI. Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:36 P.M.. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by Cathy Schneidt.

President's Report MaryAnne began by thanking Mark Weber and the APBA organization for the use of the facilities this evening. One of the goals of the MPR this year is to meet at different locations when appropriate. There will also be a tour of the facilities with emphasis on the historical racing museum artifacts housed at the APBA headquarters following the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: of November 3, 2010 General Meeting. Motion to approve by Mark Weber, seconded by Eric Pomber. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Maraldo reported the **November financial** activities as \$260.76 for stamps and printing, \$789.70 for trophy engraving and preparation, \$67.96 for Banquet cakes, and \$1078 for Banquet meals. Deposits of \$2027 and 1033.90 leave a balance of \$11,956.20. Motion to approve by John Grigg, seconded by Paul Poledink. No discussion; unanimous approval.

Membership Report: Paid membership stands at 55 as reported by Jennifer Grigg. Much discussion ensued regarding perhaps the main emphasis of the MPR this year: Increasing participation through increased memberships in the club. Jennifer is working on developing two databases: current members who will form the MPR Directory, and past members. She is working on a process to contact past members to encourage the renewal of their participation in MPR. Bob Dabrowski strongly encouraged the group to reach out to any and all past members through all previous lists in light of the fact that 2011 is the 60th anniversary of the club. Mark Weber remarked that the strength of MPR is its history, a fact which should be emphasized especially this year.

More discussion took place regarding the design and printing of MPR Business Cards which would be used by members to recruit more participants and members of MPR. Samples were enthusiastically discussed, concluding with a motion by Mark Weber to empower MaryAnne Wilson to utilize the input and finalize the design and print 10,000 copies. Seconded by Jim Sechler. No further discussion. Unanimous approval.

Publicity: Brian Reed continues the cleanup of the web site and also re-emphasized the need for more content providers for the newsletter. He thanked Bob Wilson and others for their assistance in folding and stamping the newsletter. Cathy Schneidt and others volunteered to assist in this activity next month. Chris Ritz asked about the electronic distribution of the newsletter. This has been contemplated in the past and will be looked at again. Many members still want the paper copy for their files. Paul and Sandy will look into gathering info on the history of the MPR for the 60th celebration.

Entertainment: Ray Dong reiterated that the entertainment for the evening will be the tour of the APBA Headquarters and Historical Museum.

Race Reports

Walled Lake Thunder Todd McQuade reported that everything is proceeding according to schedule. The perennial weed problem is being addressed by a newly formed Lake Board for Walled Lake, with the Swamp Thing being in the ready to remove any lingering weeds before the race. Much discussion – pro and con - took place regarding the participation of the Grand Prix boats at the Walled Lake Thunder event. The main challenge facing the race organizers is the limited space in the pits for the “big” boats. More discussion will take place between the organizers and the sponsor of the event.

Gold Cup Mark Weber reported that the race has been announced by the DRRA board for July 8-10, 2011. Sponsors will continue to be recruited for the event.

Dayton Traditional testing and the driving school will take place either the week before or the week after Memorial Day, 2011.

Waterford/ Quake on the Lake MaryAnne Wilson reported that organizing committee will meet again in January to plan for this big event. Good news is that motor homes will be allowed in the park this year.

Stony Creek No further news

Celina Racing will take place as scheduled.

Alum Creek No news

Rocky Fork No news

APBA Racing News The national APBA meeting will take place in the Detroit area this year, January 25-29, 2011. Check out the APBA website for full meeting details and award banquets. Note that the location is the Doubletree Hotel Detroit-Dearborn.

IRC Racing News Jim Sechler reported that everyone should be aware of the passing of Dutch Squires' father. Also, new rule proposals are currently under discussion by the appropriate governing bodies.

Region News APBA Region 6 meeting in February

Vintage News Nothing reported

Old Business

Banquet Update Judy Roberts provided award pictures to those who received recognition at the 2010 MPR Banquet. Thanks much to Judy, our in-house publicist. Mario Maraldo has identified a small hitch in scheduling next year's banquet. The second week end in November is unavailable at the Concorde Inn. Mark Weber made a motion, seconded by Todd McQuade, for Mario to reserve the third week end with a deposit of \$500, and to negotiate the reserving of the second weekend for the next five years beginning 2012. Some discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Static Display Boat Extensive discussions took place regarding the acquisition, refurbishing, and use of the proposed MPR display boat and trailer. MaryAnne announced that the GP boat Orange Crush has been donated to the club by the Roostertail through the efforts of Mark Weber. A suitable trailer also has been donated by Jim and Christina Wilson and was transported by Bob Wilson. The next steps, which include the work necessary on the boat and trailer, elicited extensive discussion. Materials needed include structural steel for the trailer, hydraulic lift mechanisms, and storage compartments. Materials for the boat include fiberglass, paint, and other structural and cosmetic materials. Also, volunteer labor is highly necessary to bring this major project to completion in a suitable time frame, hopefully in early 2011. Money (\$) donations are also welcome to pay for materials. To assist in this project, Ray Dong made a motion, seconded by Judy Roberts, to authorize Mario Maraldo to initially allocate \$1000 seed money to the project. Discussion included a caveat by Mario that reimbursement from this allocation could only take place with receipts for materials or services purchased. Motion passed unanimously.

MPR Show Participation

Autorama Mark Weber, Contact Person

Detroit Boat Show As a possible part of the DRRA and Gold Cup display?

Novi Boat Show Todd McQuade, Contact Person

Waterford Parade

Milford Parade

Committee Formation

MaryAnne announced the formation of two committees to work on club business. The Annual Awards Committee will look at the formalization of criteria for the annual MPR club awards. Volunteers for this committee include Judy Roberts, Todd McQuade, Ray Dong, Bob Dabrowski, Mario Maraldo, and Jim Sechler. The By-Laws Committee will review the existing MPR Club bylaws and suggest any possible changes, additions, or deletions. Members of this committee include MaryAnne Wilson, Mario Maraldo, and Chris Ritz.

New Business

Much discussion regarding the acquisition of MPR branded merchandise such as caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, etc. Several vendors were suggested, with the general decision to research these vendors (EA Graphics, Steve Mahac, etc) and their prices, and report back at the next meeting. In any case, the orders would be channeled through the Presidents' office for consistency and continuity.

Decals for use on members' vehicles and boats were also brought up for discussion. More information next meeting.

Alternate location(s) for future MPR monthly meetings was briefly discussed; no decisions were made.

Next Meeting: January 5, 2011 at the **Crash Landing** @7:30 P.M. .

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn John Grigg @ 9:42 P.M. Seconded by Todd McQuade. Unanimous approval.

50-50 Results A record total of \$124 (with a payout of \$62) was donated to the club treasury and replaced as the 50-50 prize(s) by several unlimited racing prints by Jim Clary. Dave Bemmell was the first recipient, with several more Prop Riders taking home one of these magnificent art works. Thanks to Mark Weber and APBA for these prize awards.

Submitted by Paul Poledink for Tony Kallio



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – January 5th 2011 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Crash Landing called to order at 7:32PM by Mary Anne Wilson.

Moment of silence for Terry Turner.

Minutes – No newsletter last month, so no minutes to approve. Moved to next month.

Membership Report – Jennifer; 61. Will work on Directory after the Spring Meeting.

Publicity/Website – Brian; updates to team page. Articles needed for “meet the Board” and/or “Meet the Members”. Paul said the history page will have to wait until April.

Entertainment – Ray; Bill Rands of the DRRA.

Race Reports

Walled Lake – Todd; on schedule. Hotel will cost \$79 per night. All good.

Gold Cup – Mark; July 8, 9, 10. The Board has come up with some creative ideas and the organization is in a better position than it was at this time last year. Team Leader meeting coming up. Jarvis is Title sponsor. There was a discussion concerning marketing. There was a question about how did the DRRA get itself in a better position; hard work by Tom and Mark, reorganizing and downsizing.

Quake – Mary Ann; first official meeting next week. Racer Bob talked about a sponsor meeting; trying to raise more money for the charity, participants, and for the Nationals. Ray talked about the volunteers needing to show restraint when dealing with unruly fans.

Celina – Mark; still on until told otherwise

National Meeting – Hotel located at Southfield and Ford Road. Paul talked about getting a vintage boat on display; Andy will be doing cell testing. Mark said the Offshore Super Series (OSS) is back with the APBA. He also mentioned meetings concerning a new insurance program, and a new risk manager program. The Honor Squadron and Hall of Champions will be Saturday night and if you’ve never been to one, you should go.

R6 – Eli discussed details about the upcoming Spring Meeting, February 26, 27. Mary Anne said Don Melilo (sp) is retiring from the APBA (family matters).

Treasurer’s Report – Mario Maraldo; December expense of \$192.06 for the newsletter, and a deposit of \$234.00 for a balance of \$11,977.70. Motion to accept by Eli Whitney seconded by Andy Guaresimo. Stands as read.

Old Business – Mary Anne talked about the display boat. If anyone has potential sponsors, please see Mary Anne. John gave an update on the progress so far. There was a discussion about working on the boat as a club. The boat will be called “Roostertails”. There was a discussion about new meeting locations. Mary Anne mentioned the possibility of a room at 5 Star Lanes at 16 and Dequindre. Mark Weber made a motion to approach 5 Star with the idea of moving our meeting there, seconded by Judy Roberts. Motion passed. There was a discussion about other meetings at various locations (July at Sindbad’s, November at Concord Inn). John Grigg made a motion to move November’s monthly MPR meeting to the Concord Inn, seconded by Judy Roberts. Motion passed. Mario reminded the club that someone has to do the legwork in setting up these new meeting locations. Mary Anne wants to do something special for the club’s 60th anniversary. Maybe MPR apparel. Stay tuned. Business cards next month. There was a discussion about boats for the upcoming Autorama and Novi Boat Show.

New Business – Diver Andy will be having cell testing at East Detroit High School March 12th and April 9th. There was a discussion about needing to be more proactive with our promotion of the club. Make more incentives to join. Ed talked about a race at Gunn Lake in western Michigan for 2012.

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM by Andy Guaresimo seconded by John Grigg.

50/50 sold by Stefanie, \$36 won by Kevin, who donated it back to the club.

SAFETY CELL TESTING

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9 2011

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Cell Testing at National Meeting

Andy will also be offering Cell Testing at the APBA National Meeting on Friday and Saturday morning (January 28 & 29th) in the pool at the Doubletree / Convention hotel. The cost is \$20.

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www.marineprop riders.com - Marine Prop Riders Website
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www.celinaevents.com - Celina Governor's Cup Regatta
www.cpbra.com - Cambridge Classic website
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NOVEMBER 19th, 2011

60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AWARDS BANQUET

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2011

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