



January-February 2012

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MPR MEMBERSHIP!

This is the last newsletter to be sent to 2011 members - renew now before you forget!

Membership is just \$20 (\$30 for a family), see the signup form on the inside back cover.

### *From the President...*

As we embark on a new year, the sport of hydroplane racing is buzzing with enthusiasm! Seems like everywhere you go, you are hearing about new ideas being explored! Familiar faces with new roles and new faces in the sport are looking at many different ways we can improve! Congratulations to Mark Wheeler, the new President of APBA and to Mike Weber, the newly elected Commissioner to Inboard. We also welcomed the new Executive Director of APBA, Dan Wiener, to our club meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. After only a couple weeks in this position, he didn't do a lot of talking, but instead spent his time listening – to some of the inner works of our club, the grass roots level of the sport. I hope he enjoyed himself and will come back again soon!

As a club, we have a couple areas of focus for 2012 ...

Of course, we want to continue our efforts for promotion and publicity. Our efforts were noticeable last year in the increased membership numbers. We need to continue this focus to ensure our stability. However, our goal shouldn't just be adding members but more importantly, adding members that are active and excited about the sport! In order to sustain our club and our local races – and add new races too – we need to find members that want to jump in and “Be Part of the Action”.

For example, we have all met people that are super excited to talk about what we do – have you ever asked them if they'd like to join? A few racers did that last year at Walled Lake, where we met John, a genuinely sincere nice guy who was walking around the pits and thought it was the coolest thing to be up close to our boats. We talked to him for awhile and then invited him to come to Quake to help out, which he did. Since then, he has been to numerous MPR meetings and has helped with the display boat too! What a great addition to our club! (Hope to see a Member Profile on him soon!). Next time you see someone wandering through the pits, instead of just telling him (or her) about all the cool stuff we do, why not ask if they'd like to “Be a Part of the Action”?!

Our efforts on the display boat have recently escalated with the help of Tom Bertolini. Good thing he's between boat projects! Look for pictures and even a video on Facebook with an update! The top part of the boat was painted last week. I haven't seen it but Uncle Bob came home last night raving about how awesome it looks! Sounds like we may even be able to unveil it at Autorama! With all the members that have worked on this project, what a great way to talk about our club!

Off to Chicago next week for the APBA National Meeting – hope to see you there!

Best regards,  
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# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – January 4th 2012 – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** At Juliano's, Warren MI Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:37 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by Mark Weber.. Thanks, Mark

**President's Report;** MaryAnne began by introducing a special guest, Dan Weiner, the newly appointed Executive Director of the APBA. Dan replaces the retiring Gloria Urban, who served the APBA for the past 38 years. MaryAnne reported on the initiatives undertaken in 2011, and announced that the MPR Board of Directors will be meeting to discuss the coming year's plans and challenges. The financial stability of the club (read budget, income, expenses, etc.) will be high priority for discussion and action this year.

**Approval of Minutes:** Both the minutes of the December and the January meetings will be printed in the combined Jan-Feb issue of the newsletter, and will be subject to approval of the members at the February meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mario Maraldo reported the December financial activities as \$235.68 for banquet postage and printing, \$47.95 for steel for the trailer, \$150 for use of historic pictures at the banquet, 145.72 for printing, \$16 for postcards, \$66.32 for postage and printing, a deposit of \$497, leaving a balance of \$8234.78.

**Membership Report:** As of this date, MPR has 55 dues paying members for 2012. All are encouraged to renew their membership through Mario.

**Publicity:** Brian Reed reported that postcards were sent out for this meeting in lieu of the newsletter. A short discussion took place regarding the merits of an e-mail version of the newsletter vs. the current printed copy. Suggestions were made that members should perhaps be allowed to opt for either the digital or the hard copy. Pros and cons of the various approaches emerged, with cost saving being the driving motivation. Currently, a copy of the newsletter costs about \$1.00, and at 150 or so members +postage, this costs the club about \$200/month to produce. More discussion needed on this topic – probably based in the development of a working MPR budget.

Also, the historical list of the winners of the Prop Rider of the Year will appear on the website, as well as updated versions of the MACH series results as the year progresses.

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong announced **three** entertainment events for the evening:

Comments by Dan Weiner, new Executive Director of APBA

Update on the Gold Cup by Bill Rands

Viewing of historic MPR racers and race boats as produced for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

### Race Reports

**Dayton Testing** May 19-20, 2012

**Walled Lake Thunder** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Race June 9-10, 2012

**Gold Cup** 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Race July 13-15, 2012

**Waterford/ Quake on the Lake** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Race, World Championships, July 21-22, 2012

**Celina, Ohio.** Aug. 25-26, 2012

**Rocky Fork** - Tentative September, 14-15, 2012.

**Stony Creek** Under discussion.

**APBA News** Mike Weber commented on the need to be legal and safe – helmet-wise -this year. Check the rules for coloring on the upper 50% of the helmet

**IRC Racing News** **Region 6** Meeting will be on Feb 25-26, 2012 in Perrysburg, Ohio.

**Vintage News** Nothing new, everything vintage.

### Old Business

**Display and Promotions** Todd McQuade elaborated on the plans for the MPR display at the Michigan Boating Industries Association Boat Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. We have a large display area for several hydros, including the hopefully ready MPR display hydro and others as available. We are listed in the program this year, and should be a great vehicle for publicizing all three races at Walled Lake, Waterford, and the Gold Cup.

# THE NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 1ST

**7:30 p.m.**

**— Juliano's Restaurant at 27380 Van Dyke in Warren —**

On the East side of Van Dyke about 1/4 mile North of I-696

<http://www.julianosrestaurant.net/> - (586) 754-8383

## 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
Spring Boating Expo - Novi MI	March 15-18
<b>Dayton OH - Dayton testing</b>	<b>May 19-20</b>
<b>Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder</b>	<b>June 9-10**</b>
<b>Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup</b>	<b>July 13-15</b>
<b>Waterford MI - Quake On The Lake (WORLD's!)</b>	<b>July 21-22**</b>
<b>Celina OH - Governor's Cup</b>	<b>August 25-26**</b>
<b>Clinton IL</b>	<b>September 8-9(**?)</b>
<b>Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park</b>	<b>September**</b>
<b>Geneva NY - Hydrobowl</b>	<b>September**</b>
<b>MPR Annual Awards Banquet</b>	<b>November 10</b>

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

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#### **New Business**

**Proposal** Chris Ritz requested that MPR partially reimburse Steve Weber for the costs of the Kart-to-Kart trophies which he purchased. Request for \$ 100, Motion seconded by Jim Garza. Motion passed.

**Request** Mario Maraldo requested that everyone present sign in on the MPR clipboard – in case there ever is an question regarding a member's compliance with the meeting attendance requirements for awards or. . .

**Consider** Mary Anne asked that we think about the Family Membership category and what it means before the next meeting in order to be able to discuss this topic. There is a need for clarity and consistency regarding the purpose, effects, and use of this membership category.

**Next Meeting:** Feb. 1, 2012, at **Julianos** in Warren.

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Rick Falcinelli @ 8:50 P.M. Seconded by Ray Dong. Unanimous approval.

**50-50 Results:** Winner was Eric Pomber, \$62.

Submitted by Paul Poledink

## 2011 Marine Prop Riders Annual Awards Banquet – Celebrating 60 Years of Racing Action!

**Marine Prop Riders Annual Awards Banquet highlights:** the Prop Riders broke bread Saturday evening, November 19, 2011 at the Concorde Inn, located just north of rejuvenating Mt. Clemens, Michigan, to honor their champions of 2012, to remember those far away or passed on, to bench race and catch up on family news, to renew old friendships (and maybe rivalries?). This *60th* year of MPR has seen an increasing membership and accordingly, increasing interest and activity. Close to 130 Prop Riders and guests dined on chicken piccata and succulent roast beef, augmented by veggies, starches, salads, and the requisite pasta (Italian style, thanks Mario!), followed by dessert cakes. Delicious and decadent, hats off to the banquet committee (Kathleen and Mario Maraldo, Kathy and Royce Richards, Mary Dillon, Stephanie Nettke-soon-to-be-Walczack, and all who helped)!!!! The banquet has been growing steadily these past three years, gaining about 15% attendees each year, with probably a 30% gain this year. That's growing interest, for sure. Gotta keep the momentum going!

But, let us digress here. Earlier that day (high noon, to be precise), a club activity took place at Kart-2-Kart in Sterling Heights, Michigan (about 13.35281 easy miles from the Concorde). Tire rubbing, wheel banging, slide jobs, and just plain fun were the order of the day. Well, actually, too much of some of that fun gets you kicked out of the facility, so everybody knew when to be cool. It was good clean competition at this indoor kart road racing oriented facility. The karts have a roll bar, seat belts, bumpers, real racing tires and a little too much grip on the treated concrete floor. Late arrival Andrew Tate (the Ringer) lapped everyone, though, on his way to winning the overall first place. What did he get for it? Just the usual grief, accusations of "cheating", paying off the K2K pit guys to get the fastest kart (Andrew is the lightest driver, paired up in the fastest kart, you get the picture), you cut me off, etc. Sandy and Mark (mom and dad) claimed they had incorrect time info for the start of the activity, that's why they were late, but, it's OK from this scribe's perspective, nothing like coming in when everyone is watching, then put on a driving clinic with no warm-ups, kick butt, collect the loot, it gets 'em every time. I like it! Maduri and someone else were second and third. Everyone else was a lap down. Oh well, that's a taste of racing!

Back to the banquet: Ray Dong again ably emceed the proceedings, backed up by a seven hundred or so photo running slide show of Prop Rider boat racers (thanks to Bob Dunwiddie, Phil Kunz, Ray Dong, Jennifer and Ashleigh Grigg, Chris Ritz, Brian Reed). Ray introduced various out of town and local guests, especially recognizing guests Joanne Vollmer and Gloria Urban, both of whom are retiring from the APBA office this year (Joanne escaped this summer, Gloria did not figure out how to get away until the end of this year, slow learner, I guess), and citing them for their many years of service to APBA and its membership. Ray then announced the winners of the unofficial Long Distance Tow to be Peggy Kennard and Fearless Fred Alter, who came up from Florida just for this affair. Fearless Fred was then called on to relive, for the attendees, the founding of the Marine Prop Riders, way back in 1951. Fred related the happenings in Detroit boat racing following WWII (beginning in 1946), which prompted building of several 48 hydros (a fleet of 'em, enough for a decent race!) at a local boat club, which then decided to become a "yacht" club (read that, pleasure boats). The guys with the race boats said, "we need a club to be in APBA", so, the Marine Prop Riders Club was born, with meetings at a bar (it figures) on West Jefferson Ave. in Detroit. A lot of this activity took place on the current grounds of the Roostertail and the neighboring area adjacent to the Belle Isle race course (on the mainland side). With that, Ray ran down a list of past presidents, with those in attendance (nine or ten) being recognized by all present.

With dining and the history lesson out of the way, it's time for awards, after all, this is an Award's Banquet!

Jim and Elsie Edwards Vintage Award – best Vintage team – Fred Alter and crew, U-64, Miss Vernor's, for their unending and successful efforts to put this hydro on the water and on display all over town.

Past club champions were asked to present the Class Hi-point Awards to the winners, with Steve Weber (T class), Cadi Reiss (S class), Andy Keogh (E class), Mark Tate (A class) and Dick Delsner (Y class) among those called to the stage to assist. Hats off for all! The classy trophies chosen by Mario Maraldo, were awarded like this:

**1.5L Stock – T-55, Flirtin’ w’Disaster, Alexis (driving) and Mike Weber;**  
**1L Mod – Y-1, Fast Eddie Too, Jim Sechler and Dan Kanfoush driving;**  
**2.5L Stock – S-242, Crush, Bobby (driving) and Jimmy King;**  
**2.5L Mod – A-52, Fat Chance II, Kathy and Royce Richards and George English, Tom Thompson driving;**  
**5L Stock – E-17, Modern Drummer, Jeff Sankuer;**  
**National Modified – NM-100, Sum Toy III, Tom Newman and Tony Black driving;**  
**Grand National Hydro – GNH-8, Deel Me In, Jimmy Deel, Cal Phipps and Joe Longo driving;**  
**Grand Prix – GP-59, Baby Doll III, Mario and Kathy Maraldo.**

The overall Hi-points championship trophy was presented by last year’s winner, Jim Sechler, to (drum roll), himself. This year’s king of the hill is Jim Sechler; his thoughts on people and teamwork were right on the mark!

The Rookie of the Year Trophy was handed off by last year’s recipient, Chris Ritz, to this year’s honoree: Kevin Lacey. Kevin was honored for a combination of factors, two of which were racing and club participation. Kevin raced in the GNH class (7 Litres), and thanked his family and the Wannabe Racing team (John & Jennifer & John & Jennifer & Ashleigh & Scooter Grigg) for their support.

The Hard Luck Trophy (or “why did that just happen to me trophy?”) was awarded (this one is never won, it is awarded) to Mike Weber. With Mike not present (excused to be with family in Georgia), modern technology (cell phone) was tried to let Mike hear the proceedings. Like too many of Mike’s heats this year, the technology failed. Figures, that’s why the trophy is Mike’s this year!

The Grant Ward Unsung Hero award, which goes to a race volunteer for dedication to boat racing, went from Sam Anspach, a most deserving and tireless worker (check the crane area, you will find him there, always willing to help), to Todd McQuade, an equally deserving and tireless volunteer.

The Doc Terry Memorial Sportsmanship Award was actually two awards this year, with last year’s recipient, Pat Sankuer, Jr. passing the original artwork by Ray Dong to Bob Wilson and Brian Reed, both of whom devote countless hours to the club, races, and newsletter. Pat also delivered his acceptance speech from last year (he was absent in 2010), along with some appropriate ad libs for Bob and Brian, both of whom were surprised by the well earned awards.

Prop Rider of the Year, the President’s Trophy is the ultimate award in this club. It is given to recognize superior efforts for the club and for boat racing, not necessarily this immediate past year, but often over a long period of time. It may or may not have links to racing success, or any one deed, but, as last year’s Prop Rider of the Year Paul Poledink explained, he found when researching past winners (as listed in the program), the common factor in each winner was superior effort for the club, seen in many different ways. This year’s recipient went to a guy who is largely unsung, not in the forefront, a hard worker at races (risk managing, race directing), who had to sell his boat project to meet family needs, a multi-year veteran of the club BOD as secretary, an important cog in the 2008 APBA National Meeting Team (he guarded the Gold Cup and managed the breakfast room), all the while balancing a growing family: Tony Kallio. Tony is truly a deserving winner, and joins the long and prestigious list of previous honorees.

Eli Whitney

# Member Biography

## *Royce Richards*

### *Personal Information:*

To the best of my recollection I will try to recap some of my history in hydroplane racing.

My first interest in hydroplane racing was approx. 1949 - 1986. Our Company DON CARTGE supplied cranes for unlimited races on the Detroit River and other local boat races.

My father had an interest in an unlimited boat called "Eager Beaver" (unsuccessful).

My first hydroplane was a Y boat I bought from Lee Schoenith in 1958.

My second was a Lauterbach 225 N-52 FAT CHANCE I bought from Mac Wiefering, Dayton, Kentucky, (Feb. 25, 1959 called RIG-A-MORTIS).

My third was a Jones 150 A-25 FAT CHANCE II. (June 6, 1967 brand new cabover)



**N-52 Lauterbach Fat Chance. Driver: Royce Richards**

Member Gulf 100 MPH Club 1962.

Gulf Marine Racing Hall of Fame 1964.

Inboard Racing Commission - 3 years

Inboard Racing Chairman - REGION 6 - 3 years

National Hi Point champion 225 class inboard 1964

National Hi Point champion 150 class inboard 1969 and 1970

North American Cup 3 times

Interstate Trophy several times

Eastern & Western Division Champ same year - several times

Marine Prop Rider High Point - 1959, 1960, 1961 225 class

Course Record: Cincinnati, Louisville, Swan Creek, Loon Lake (1961)

Randolph MacFarland Trophy Cincinnati, OH 1959-60-61

Member of Marine Prop Rider officially since 1958 (unofficially probably 1956). Served as Pres. for short time, Vice Pres. and Treasurer.

Drove: 48, 135, 225 and 7 litre.

Drove/rode in unlimited with Marv Henrich (saw 165 on speedometer) on the Detroit River.

GEORGE ENGLISH drove the 150 A-25 FAT CHANCE II. Along with me, he also drove the original FAT CHANCE, a 225, N-52 FAT CHANCE.

We have a basement full of boxes of trophies which I'm sure many of you also have.

In 2008 I received the Henry A. Lauterbach Vintage award in Wheeling, W. VA.

I served on the Advisory Board of the Spirit of Detroit (SODA) during Jack Love's leadership approximately seven years.

I also served on the Honorary Advisory Board for the Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest.

When Tom D'eath organized the Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA) in 2003, I became a Gold Founding Member of DRRA and have been a supporter of it since its founding.

In 2007 I received the Prop Rider of the Year award along with my wife Kathy.

In 2005 Tom English and I entered into a five year partnership with a 5-Litre E-75  
FAT CHANCE III with the following record:

MPR HIGH POINT - 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009  
REGION 6 HIGH POINT - 2008 and 2009  
MACH 1st PLACE - 2007

NATIONAL MODIFIED NM-75 FAT CHANCE III  
MPR HIGH POINT - 2005

In 2008 George English and I partnered with a 2.5 litre modified A-25 FAT CHANCE with the following record:

2008 Driver: TOM THOMPSON

MPR HIGH POINT - 2008  
REGION 6 HIGH POINT - 2008  
MACH 1st PLACE - 2008  
SUMMER NATIONAL - 2008  
(2) UIM WORLD RECORDS

2011 Driver: ANDREW TATE

2nd PLACE NATIONAL HIGH POINT

In 2009 George English and I partnered with a 2.5 litre modified A-52 FAT CHANCE TOO with the following record:

DRIVER: TOM THOMPSON

MPR HIGH POINT - 2009, 2010, 2011  
REGION 6 HIGH POINT - 2009, 2010, 2011  
MACH 1st PLACE - 2009, 2010  
NATIONAL HIGH POINT US1 - 2009, 2010, 2011  
SUMMER NATIONAL - 2009, 2010, 2011  
EASTERN DIVISION - 2009, 2010 (2011 race cancelled)  
WESTERN DIVISION - 2009, 2010, 2011  
UIM WORLD CHAMPION - 2011  
3 - UIM WORLD RECORDS

Now we'll see what happens in 2012!

As you can see, I've been involved with hydroplane racing for over sixty years. My very first memories were of delivering sandwiches to the crews when I was in my teens. It's all the wonderful people that I've met during this time that keeps me interested.

So you can see I've spent a lot of my 79 years involved in hydroplane racing, many of those years partnering with George English, even today. Back in the early days we participated in many boat shows, even getting the Teamsters to let us move our own boats around at Cobo Hall.

One of the highlights of my racing career was my first race in the 225 class in Columbus, Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch Journal Race. I beat Bob Balingier's Ballyhoo driven by Ralph Manning who was a notoriously tough driver. At the end of the race he got out of his boat and rushed toward me, and I expected the worst. I felt I must have done something wrong. Instead, he came over and congratulated me for being a good clean driver and a good competitor.

Kathy, the love of my life, and I have been married for 38 years. I'm a Korean War veteran. I spent my entire work life at our family business, the Don Cartage Company, starting out in high school checking truck tires, fueling vehicles, washing trucks and running errands then finally retired as President.

(Secret - In high school I was only 5'4" tall.)

I hope I haven't bored you with all this information, but with over 60 years of memories I could go on and on, but enough for now.



**Royce's first hydro: 48 cubic inch engine, Dan Arena hull, purchased from Lee Schoenith in 1958**



## . . Oh, By the Way . . .

Last year (2010) after I was surprisingly and unexpectedly awarded the **Prop Rider of the Year** award at the Annual MPR Banquet, I took the giant trophy home and set it on the dining room table and tried to decide where it would sit for the rest of the year. It's really too big for a fireplace mantle and visually overpowers anything near it. While thinking about this fortunate dilemma, I finally took the time to really look at the trophy. I read over all the names inscribed on the base, and began to wonder, who were all these people? How did they get their names on this giant bowl of silver adorned with four race boats? I recognized maybe a third of them, but for the others, I didn't have a clue. This curiosity led to the project which in turn resulted in the descriptive list of the **Prop Riders of the Year, 1970-2010**, which appeared in the Banquet Program. Gathering information on each of the previous winners took some time but was fairly easy. I interviewed some vintage MPR members including Mario, Ray, Eli, Royce, and other old timers from the DRRA, and put the list together. I believe the list appears - or will appear - on the MPR website in case you haven't seen it yet.

Anyway, after I drew up the list with the details on each of the winners, something struck me as significant. As I went over the names with the vintage information suppliers, a common thread appeared. Ray or Mario or whoever I was talking with would say so-and-so received the award for this reason or that reason or for several reasons – then almost as an afterthought, would say – **Oh, by the way**, he was also a three time National Champion in the 280 class, or she was always a highly competitive driver, or he was a high point winner in the 145 class, or something to this effect.

I don't recall any of the winners of the award being identified by their racing accomplishments as the primary reason they won the honor. In fact a good number of the winners were not drivers or owners. I would have thought that a racing club would reserve its highest honor for its most prominent and successful boat drivers. Growing up I knew boat racing through our favorite boats (My Sweetie, the Gales with Reddi Kilowatt on the tail, the Town Club -yes, Town Club because we used to buy cases of it, mixed flavors) and through the drivers (Bill Cantrell, Lee Schoenith, Fred Alter). I never thought of the people around the sport whose time, effort and skills make the races possible and the sport thrive.

It appears, though, that MPR chooses to be known to a great extent as a club whose member accomplishments off the water are highly valued. They say you can tell the soul of an organization by who the organization honors, and what kinds of accomplishments it chooses to recognize. MPR rightfully awards trophies for the racing accomplishments of its members, but it gives its highest honor to the people who support this sport, and gives these people a humungous trophy to signify this recognition. Sure surprised me, but then, that's pretty cool, isn't it?

Thanks for listening.  
Paul Poledink





# APBA Region 6 Spring Meeting – February 25-26, 2012

**Where:** Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio

**Where's that?** US 20, I-75 Exit 193, 1 mile South of the Ohio Turnpike, just East of I-75

**What's going on:**

Meetings – Race chairs, officials, GNH, technical, Inboard Sunday 8:30 AM!

Training - Box 21 Dunk Tests in the new Region 6 Capsule! Drivers, check your card!

Banqueting – dining before the ceremonies!

Awarding – Region 6 Hi-Point, MACH Series, Special Recognition!

Socializing – Meet and greet all your boat racing Friends and Foes!

**Who:** All of us! Watch for news from Billy Noonan on the APBA website [www.apba-racing.com](http://www.apba-racing.com)

Call the hotel on 419-871-311 for reservations, mention APBA Spring Meeting!

The HIFQ host hotel is a HoliDome facility, two pools, dining, bar with entertainment!

Bring the whole family, have some fun – free kids pizza party, too, Saturday evening!

See and hear what is happening from the national meeting, 2012 race schedule, etc.!!!!

Don't sit back, just like the MPR Club, Be Part of the Action!

## SAFETY CELL TESTING

### SAFETY CELL CERTIFICATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 2012

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 2012

### 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

### TESTING INSTRUCTOR:

ANDREW C. GUARESIMO (BLUEWATER ANDY)

COST: \$35.00 FOR APBA MEMBERS

*PLEASE HAVE YOUR APBA NUMBER WITH YOU*

**\$40.00 FOR OPA MEMBERS w/ SWIM TEST (offshore only)**

**\$20.00 FOR SWIM TEST ONLY (offshore only)**



Andy recommends that those with their own air systems bring them to use for the dunk test - good for familiarizing yourself with your own equipment. You can also bring your tank for your annual inspection (\$15) or 5 year hydrostatic check (\$40), and he will get them back to you in a timely fashion.

### RSVP PLEASE - THANKS, ANDY

EMAIL: [blwtrdvr@msn.com](mailto:blwtrdvr@msn.com) CELL: 586-242-0673

IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE & SPEAK CLEARLY

WE WILL RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS

## Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting Dec 7, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** At APBA Headquarters, Eastpoint MI. Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:05 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by John Bridge. Thanks, John.

**President's Report;** MaryAnne welcomed everyone to what may become an annual event- a pot luck affair at the home of our parent organization, APBA. Racing venue volunteers and new members were recognized by the chair, all of whom are appreciated by the MPR club members. At this end of year meeting, MaryAnne vowed to continue the work of the club and be open to any new ideas for club growth. Also, that the meeting tonight would be brief but efficient to allow for holiday socializing.

**Approval of Minutes:** of November, 2011 General Meeting. Motion to approve Mark Weber, seconded by Ray Dong. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mario Maraldo reported the November financial activities as \$185 as income from 2012 dues. Expenditures included \$20 to State of Michigan for non-profit fees, \$95.39 for postage and certificates, \$858 For trophy costs, \$221.26 for flowers and cakes, \$112.84 for M&M candy centerpieces, \$2747.97 to Concorde Inn, leaving a balance of \$8660.61. Motion to approve by Mike Weber, seconded by Kevin Lacey. No discussion; unanimous approval.

**Membership Report:** Jennifer Grigg reported that Membership Renewals for 2012 are now due. 31 memberships have been already recorded. Forms are available after the meeting for those interested. We had approximately 170 members last year, and 100 members the previous year.

**Publicity:** Brian Reed reported that thanks to Kathy and Mario, the newsletter got out on time again! Also noted was the usual combining of the Jan and Feb newsletters because of the slow winter boat racing activities. The Website and Facebook both have the listing of the MPR annual award winners. Brian also noted that Dave Sutton is pleased to have the Mach series results and standings available on the MPR website.

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong noted that our presence here at the APBA Headquarters was the entertainment for the month, emphasizing the tours of the Trophy Room after the meeting for those interested. Thanks to Mark Weber for opening the doors again. The pot luck also added to the "entertainment" of the evening. Thanks to all who brought the lucky pots of food.

### Race Reports

**Dayton Testing** The permit for use of the site has been approved – the gate valves to the lake have been repaired, so the water should be at the usual level. The Sanction has been filed for the traditional testing and the APBA driving school to take place May 19-20, 2012. Cost of school is \$350, driving the 5 Liter Staudacher.

**Walled Lake Thunder** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Race June 9-10, 2012 See Todd McQuade or Jim Sechler for details.. **Bayside Sports Bar and Grill**, the race's sponsor, was mentioned as a possible site for a future MPR monthly meeting.

**Gold Cup** 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Race is set for the July 13-15, 2012. **DYC** has signed on as prime sponsor for the next three years, and will hold another fund raiser to help with the finances. Sandy Ross announced that the subject of this year's Friday-Before-the-Gold Cup gathering at Sinbad's is Chuck Thompson, famed unlimited driver.

**Waterford/ Quake on the Lake** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Race, World Championships, July 21-22, 2012

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

**Rocky Fork** Racing may take place depending on interest, in mid-September, 14-15..

**Stony Creek** Under discussion.

**APBA News** Mark Weber announced that K&K has cancelled their insurance of APBA racing activities. A new carrier, ASIS has been engaged to provide coverage for the next year. But, the rates will increase and all people involved with the racing activities must become more vigilant regarding safety and risk management.

**IRC Racing News** Mike Weber is new chairman of the APBA Inboard Racing Commission.. Appointments to the board are ongoing. At the latest, meeting of the IRC, the new SE Runabout class was approved, and a 1.5 L spec boat will be on display in Chicago at the National

**Region 6 Meeting** will be on Feb 25-26, 2012 in Perrysburg, Ohio. See Eli for details.

**Vintage News** Nothing new, everything vintage.

### Old Business

**Banquet Recap** Jimmy King was not present at the Banquet, but was present at the meeting for his award. Ray Dong stated the club was open to suggestions for improvements to the annual banquet format.

**Display Boat** Tom Bertolini reported that the bottom of the boat is completed, and is in need of materials to continue work – steel for the trailer, graphics, prop, strut, shaft.

### New Business

**Presentation** Judy Roberts presented the 1948 World Cup plaque won by Miss Detroit at New Martinsville, WV to the Trophy Room.

**Thanks** Pat Sankuer expressed appreciation on behalf of Monsignor Brown for including his invocation at the MPR Banquet.

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 4, 2012, at **Julianos** in Warren.

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Rich Evans @ 8:20 P.M. Seconded by Kevin Lacey. Unanimous approval.

**50-50 Results** Winner was Mark Weber, \$36.

Submitted by Paul Poledink

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