



July 2014



Hello Prop Riders,

What a busy month ahead of us! Hats off to Todd McQuade, Jim Sechler, Box 21, the Bayside, and ALL of the volunteers for Walled Lake Thunder. While Mother Nature may not have cooperated on Sunday, it was still a great event and start to our season. As I walked around the pits, I saw many Prop Riders working to make this a premiere APBA event. There's a great photo spread in this month's issue.

Gold Cup is here and it's back to a three day event! Glad to hear that the Gold Cup will stay in Detroit (where it belongs) for the next 10 years. Join us at Total Sports for a pre-race party on July 9th. There will be race boats (big and small), food, drink, and music. Sounds good to me!

Looking forward to Quake in a few weeks. Again, MaryAnne is looking for volunteers. With this being the Nationals, we'll have teams from around the country attending. Let's step up and show them Region 6 is THE PLACE TO RACE. Also, the Prop Riders are hosting the Saturday night pit party. If you'd like to donate, please contact Mike Weber. We want steaks, not hot dogs!

With all of this activity, we've cancelled the July Prop Rider meeting. See you at the races.

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Event Schedule – 2014

*Race dates and upcoming events are tentative.
Planning is taking place for the following events:*

APBA Gold Cup, Detroit, MI	Jul 11,-13, 2014
Quake on the Lake (APBA Inboard Nationals), Waterford, MI	Jul 19-20, 2014
Celina	August 23-24, 2014
Rocky Fork	September 20-21, 2014
New Martinsville	September 27-28, 2014



Have a safe and happy holiday!



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting June 4, 2014 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held at Juliano's in Warren, Mi. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:34 pm. Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge will be selling 50/50 Tickets tonight. Prop Pitch is not available tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz): Chris Ritz introduced two new racing members in attendance at tonight's meeting. Alex Mango and Bryan Williams have recently purchased Paul Price/Marty Hammersmith's former hull. It is a 1 Liter mod. hydroplane. Alex and Bryan are looking forward to developing their racing program. Both of these gentlemen have unique previous racing, and motor building experience, which should help them quickly become very competitive in their new hydroplane.

Chris also welcomed Jerry Bell who was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Ray Dong updated the group on the prognoses of Rich Willim (Brain Tumor) and Jimmy Gannon (Liver Transplant).

Chris Ritz thanked Mike Weber for successfully leading last month's meeting in Chris's absence.

Approval of Minutes: Approved by: Rich Falcinelli Seconded by: Eli Whitney

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): Deposit: \$220.00, \$148.00. Disbursements: Promotional cards \$186.96; Printing and Postage: \$96.45; Tim Hueston Memorial \$275; Audit expense \$51.35; 5 Liter/APBA Payment \$1500.00; Balance: Initial: \$10,973.37, Final: \$10,698.57. Approved by Andy Guaresimo and seconded by Ray Dong.

Mario relayed the appreciation of Tim Hueston's family concerning the participation of, and donation from, the Marine Prop Riders during the celebration of Tim's life.

Mario is also pleased to announce the Treasury Audit has finally been completed. Ray Dong, Eli Whitney, and John Bridge took on the audit, and completed this task for another year.

Membership (Jennifer Falcinelli):	(2013)	(2014)	
Current Membership:	212	170	(Eleven (11) new members)
Primary Membership:	130	107	
Family Membership:	59	49	
Life Membership:	13	14	
Vintage:	24	26	(ten (10) New)
Newsletter: Printed:	86	57	
Electronic:	51	60	

Membership Report approved by Rick Falcinelli and seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Val Ritz is not present tonight. An appreciation of her creative efforts, and manual labor was expressed by the entire group. Hopefully, next time she will be present to accept her accolades!

Chris Ritz again expressed the need to get all members to receive their newsletter via electronic data rather than a printed version. The printed newsletter version is very expensive concerning paper and postage, and highly labor intensive.

Entertainment (Ray Dong) : Mark Hutton from the Oh Boy! OBerTo Team was scheduled for tonight's entertainment. Mark was not able to attend tonight due to a scheduling conflict. Ray Dong will therefore have an early 1980's slideshow presentation.

2014 Race Reports:

Walled Lake Thunder: June 14-15

Jim Sechler updated the group on how the new insurance company views the pit areas. The insurance company does not recognize "Hot Pits" and "Cold Pits" they have determined that the Pits is the "Pits". All members must therefore be vigilant for recognizing any person in the "Pits"; a.) Must have signed the waiver, and b.) Are wearing wrist bands. All others must be escorted out of the "Pits" area. Any boat motor being started; a.) Must be in the fenced off "Pits" area, and b.) The shaft coupling must be disconnected. There will be an alternative "Pits" area within the fenced area both on the street, and in the field. All shaft mounted props must be covered. No exceptions!!! The insurance company will have representatives present, watching over the event. The parking lot is supposed to be open Friday between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for delivery of boats on site. The exact timing will be coordinated with the arrival of the cranes. There will be valet parking for Bayside Sports Bar customers. Trophies will be available due to a generous (\$1500.00) donation by an anonymous boat owner. There will be a drone being flown over

race course during racing. The drones will live stream pictures on the internet. There is a concern among the group on whether the insurance company has been notified of the participation of the drones in this event. Todd McQuade will notify the insurance company, and the use of the drones will be dependent on the insurance company's decision. Should anyone be intending to bring a motor home to this race site, please notify Todd McQuade or Jim Sechler of your intentions.

Gold Cup: July 11-13

Five (5) Liter boats, Super Lite Tunnels, and Vintage are on the schedule to participate in this years event. Jennifer Falcinelli, Rich Falcinelli are Jeff Sankuer are seeking sponsors for the 5 Liter event. The Marine Prop Riders need to be proactive in making this a successful event. Ten (10) boats are already committed and three (3) more are possible. Gold Cup has committed prize money for the racers. If Jeff, Jenny, and Rich are successful in finding sponsorships, their intention is that the individual 5 Liter racers will be able to participate with no entry fees.

Hello Aerial will send their drones out for the five (5L) Liter event if they can affix their advertisement stickers to all participating five (5L) hydroplanes.

Nancy Spanich will put Marine Prop Riders Promotional material in Gold Cup hand outs with Mark Weber's permission. Nancy Spanich usually passes out about five hundred fifty (550) Gold Cup Programs. Five Liter Promotion will also be addressed on the Public Address System with Mark Weber's permission.

Don't forget to attend Sandy Ross's annual presentation at Sinbads. This years presentation will feature the "California Kids". Sandy Ross has also scheduled an event featuring the celebration of Danny Foster's life by having his ashes spread into the Detroit River via Jack Schaeffer's vintage unlimited boat.

Waterford Quake on the Lake: July 19-20 Volunteers Needed

This event will finalize sanctioning with I.R.C. on June 5, 2014. Flat Bottoms will not be part of this national event. The race committee is still in need of Sponsors, Turn Judges (paid positions), and Volunteers. Hot laps are scheduled for 3:00p.m.-8:00p.m. on Friday, this will coincide with "Free Friday" activities which will include Country Music, and Sponsor Parties. The "Nationals" are scheduled for Saturday along with the Beach Party. Sunday will feature more racing but as a separate event from the Nationals. There was an short introduction of Holly, the four (4) year old, in which this years proceeds will benefit. Barry Pray is again reminding the group of the importance of this group volunteering to help out at this event.

Celina, Ohio: Aug. 23-24

There are currently water quality problems at this site. The race is still intended to take place at this time. Scott and Miles will be at Walled Lake Thunder to talk more about this event.

Rocky Fork: Sept. 20-21

Let's Go Racing. This event is currently scheduled to take place.

New Martinsville: Sept. 27-28

No Information

APBA News (Mark Weber): Mark is not present at this meeting. Therefore, no information was presented.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Looking forward to the upcoming season. The five (5L) liter event at the Gold Cup is a MACH Sanctioned event.

IRC Racing News: In a recent conference call, the discussion mainly consisted of racing classes. The I.R.C. is committed to be active in this years racing activities, as well as being proactive in the development of the future of this sport. The I.R.C. is committed to having the school boat at the Gold Cup. Their intention will be to perform demonstration runs.

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): No news in region 6...it's race season. Eli has made some connections with those in control of the "National Speedway Directory". MACH Series is being integrated into their Motor Sport Promotional Work. It should now be possible to go on-line at speedwaysonline.com to find the directions to boat racing sites. MACH Series has put a minimal investment into an advertisement in the Speedway Directory, and as a result has gained a huge advertisement on their on-line home page, which includes a 2014 MACH Series race Schedule. Listen for the soon-to-be nationally famous radio voice of Eli Whitney on Race Talk Radio. This radio show usually interviews racing personalities from short tracks around the nation. Eli is scheduled for multiple on-air interviewing events which will include information about the MACH Series, and the Walled Lake Race. Great work Eli !!!...We're not worthy!!

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink):

Gross Point Yacht Club

Completed

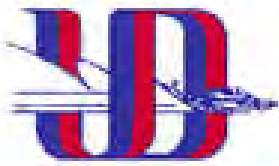
There were five boats present for this show as follows; an Unlimited, the School Boat, Jeff Sankuer's "Modern Drummer", Hal LeDuc's "Opeechee" and Paul Poledink's "White Lightening". The promotional material passed out was well received by the attending public. The Gross Point Yacht Club appreciated the support of the Marine Prop Riders. *Continued on Page 4*

Help promote our sport, the MPR club and our upcoming races!

APBA GOLD CUP RACE-----QUAKE ON THE LAKE



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The July MPR meeting is cancelled due to the July 4th holiday and the Detroit and Waterford races.

The Next Meeting Is August 6th

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Happy Independence Day!

In lieu of the July meeting, we invite everyone to attend the **Pre-Race Party at Total Sports** on Wednesday, July 9th from 6pm-10pm located at 40501 Production Drive, Harrison Township, MI.

The MPRs are hosting dinner Saturday night, **July 19th**, during the Nationals at this year's **Quake on the Lake**. If anyone is interested in donating funds towards this dinner, please contact Mike Weber.

Mike is also looking for any catering company recommendations in the area who can accommodate 200 people . Please contact Mike directly before July 1st at MyWayE316@aol.com or 770-330-8559 cell.

2014 MPR Audit — Before and After Photos



Ray, Eli, John and Mario pouring over the pizza, er, books during the audit.



Mario, our fearless treasurer, post audit.



Walled Lake Thunder 2014

Driver's Meeting



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It's show time . . .



Member Biography

Tony Black



Tony and his biggest supporter, Cindy.

I've been married to my wife Cindy 32 years. We have two daughters, Brittany & Shannon and with their husbands Steve Kuhr and Brian Prorok, we have three awesome grandkids- Mason, Parker & Mackenzie Kuhr, I'm sure most of you have seen the kids wiping down the decks of the Irishman GNH that their daddy drives.



History: Why did you get into hydroplane racing and when?

Let me start at the beginning. My best friend from childhood Tom Milner and his sister (Sharron) had taken us to a race in Columbus, Ohio around 1969; it was always a big event here in the summertime. The race always had tons of the fastest boats from all across the country and Canada. It was a very narrow course with a dogleg in front and back straightaway. It was always so cool when boats like *Hornet* and *River Rat* would come flying under the bridge and *River Rat* would throw a roostertail across the bridge washing cars down in the process. Watching guys like Stover Hire and Dave Sutton and Glen Turner to name a few. I then told Sharron that I was going to do that someday.

Fast forward to a 20yr old dating his future wife and thru her brother met Bill Powell Who is Phil Kunz's cousin, he at the time had a 2.5 stock and was looking for a crew to help him. I never got the chance to do that as Bill never raced the boat, but in the meantime, met John Jenkins and his family.

They were avid racers and incredible craftsman and I asked to crew for John and his father Ron. I quickly learned how much work and preparation went into owning and racing a boat. John was in the process of building his second boat at the time. John and Ron built the trailer, boat and motors at their shop. Ron's talent to do anything to perfection was amazing including amazing paint jobs.

Still there was a void wanting to drive one of the water rockets was something I just had to do.

Fast forward again to marrying Cindy and one month after we were married, we bought our first boat.

A 5 ltr Jones, a sister ship to Stover Hires, was run as *The Tooth Fairy* of Bob Drones out of Florida. It had been wrecked and was rebuilt by Jim Davies out of Dayton and was in great shape. I had passed my driver's test in Dayton, OH and managed to get a lot of seat time in the boat. Several factors come into play for new owners. 1- Make your boat Safe and use good safety equipment. 2- Make the boat start and finish (be consistent) speed will come. 3- Align yourself with a good engine builder. 4- Start a good propeller program (this is one of the most overlooked areas; so much can be gained in handling and speed probably one of the best secrets in racing). 5- HAVE FUN— if it's not fun it's not for you!!!!

After several years with my Jones I had an opportunity to join the ranks with John Jenkins and his father who were going to build a new 5 ltr with one of those new safety cells. It was to be one of the first in the country. The boat was built in my garage. During this time, I learned much about hull construction and materials and just how much craftsmanship is involved in building one of these. I helped whenever I could (mostly keeping the garage clean) lol. John's dad built the trailer and I built the engine.

We were fortunate to secure a sponsor with Follansbee Dock Systems. I raced with John and Ron for one season and needed to step away to concentrate on my business and family.

But the boats kept calling to me; it was in my blood.

John Shewbrooks came calling and asked me to do some traveling with him and that I may get a chance to drive old *Sho'nuff*. That's all it took. Shew's boat was also one of the fastest in the country at that time and we traveled many miles together. For the next five years we won many trophies, titles and two National Championships, region titles and Mach series titles as well.



In June of 2007, I purchased Chris Oliver's *Every Penny* 2.5 Mod. We ran several races with it only to destroy the boat in a methanol fire at Rocky Fork in September. I had to be pulled from the burning boat by Mark Long. I was unconscious when he pulled me from the boat and I owe my life to him.

The boat was rebuilt by many competitors: Hull- John Shewbrooks, Engine- Tom Newman and Glen Turner; Air system by Glenn Koutney, just to name a few. Oh, and daughters Brittanny and Shannon who spent many hours in the garage also. After the boat was back together my oldest daughter Britt had expressed interest in driving, and with all the work (sanding) she did having served many hours in it was her time.



We tried many times to get her complete heats, but had many motor issues that stopped us. Although she was able to pass her driver qualification she never got a chance to really race.

Walled Lake 2009



Tony and crew with the National Mod North America Champion 2012 Award

To the rescue comes Einar Glasius. He and his son Leif offered to help with the motor program. Instant success we had! So much dependability - not only finishing but winning heats! We won region and Mach and turned the seat over to Britt and Steve Kuhr. Steve campaigned the boat in 2007 and he placed well nationally and even placed in N/M rankings too.

Shannon has had her share of heats in the boat as well, winning 2008 Rookie of the Year for MPR. I have moved on to driving in the N/M class and GNH from time to time with winning the 2008 National Championship and world titles, several region and MACH titles, and a North American Championship driving for Tom Newman. We have been in the top three nationally three of the last four years.

2014 will bring a new look and commitment from team Newman of which I am honored to have such a great ride. Looking back, I am fortunate to have had success, made great friends and memories of a lifetime.

Looking forward to more.



Tony crewing for Jamakin Me Krazy, Celina, 2011



Quake on the Lake, 2013



Tony racing Joe Kreitzer at Celina, 2013.

Good luck to you this season Tony!



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