



July 2015

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Good to see that race teams are traveling to Kent Narrows this weekend - the first 2015 race in the very successful MACH series. Who says Region 6 people don't travel? Be safe guys and gals and bring back some Eastern Divisional Championship trophies.

In less than a month, the Summer Nationals will take place in Waterford, MI. The Marine Prop Riders will be present and the Wilson's once again are ensuring this event is one for the record books. An exciting development this year is the Marine Prop Riders Alumni event - coinciding with the MPR and Inboard Racing commission sponsored Pit Party. Read more inside. Thanks to Mike Weber for coordinating the delicious food once again.

There's still time to volunteer. I know Mary Anne & Bob could use help with the event, and Barry Pray could always use more turn judges. Also, with the Fourth of July fast approaching, is anyone interested in displaying their boat in a Parade? Give me or Mary Anne a call if so.

See you at the races!
Ritz

The July MPR meeting is cancelled due to the July 4th holiday.

The Next Meeting Is August 5th

7:30 PM

***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

Happy Independence Day!

Ray Dong has already booked the entertainment for the August meeting. Tom D'Eath will be our special guest. He is a three time national champion in the A class. Tom won it with three different power plants in the same boat. He'll give us the details at the meeting. Hope to see you there!



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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting June 3, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held at Juliano's in Warren, MI. The meeting was called to order by Paul Poledink at 7:30 pm. (Chris Ritz is out of town on company business) . Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge II is selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz):

- New member(s): No new members present tonight.
- Memorial(s): No new memorials were announced tonight.
- John Bridge II updated us on the progress of Bobby Knowles. Bobby had visited the Cancer Institute of Chicago where they found: "They could be of no further benefit to him". Bobby then, was invited to the Cleveland Clinic where they seem to think there is only something blocked in his liver, and may have been previously misdiagnosed. John Bridge II and Bobby Knowles are planning to attend the Madison Unlimited Race if Bobby feels up to it.

Vice President's Report (Paul Poledink): Paul promised to keep it short tonight. Some how, it was sooo short your secretary missed it. All I remember from his report was "Ah...That's it"! I hope, I didn't miss anything important to record, and pass on to you, the reader.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Ray Dong requested a correction to the March 4, 2015 newsletter.

As Published: "Presidents' Report (Chris Ritz): Tim Sutton and Jack Hines are present at our meeting tonight. They are in town to display their boat (Miss Peg) at the Autorama."

The correction is: "Tim *Settle* and Jack Hines are present..." My sincerest apology to Tim Settle!

Motion to Approve May 2015 Meeting Minutes: Eli Whitney and seconded by: Earl Stilson.

Still looking to hear a motion to replace your secretary,...Ray Dong/Tim Settle thought the above was a mistake, "wait till he/you get to the Treasurer's report!!"

So, since you are now in the mindset to correct the information previously presented by yours truly, see if you can wrap your head around the corrections to the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo):

As reported in Mays Newsletter:

Note: Correct amount(s) reported, but incorrectly reported as an entry in last months newsletter; i.e. , should have been reported in June's (this months) newsletter, not May's (last month's) newsletter as reported. I guess I got a little ahead of myself, and got you informed ahead of time.

May Deposit(s): \$190.00: May Disbursements: Printing and Postage (Newsletter): \$58.96, Others: Joseph Brent Hospital Memorial Fund: \$50.00, Postage (Jennifer Falcinelli): \$9.80, Postage (Canadian): \$10.95.

The following entry should have been reported as an April entry in Mays' newsletter (not previously reported): Expense: \$61.30 Newsletter postage.

Only Mario will know...(and the auditors), which recent month the following correction to the bank statement was made: Correction in bank statement: plus (+) \$0.20.

Balance:Initial: \$11,251.40 Final: \$11,230.59

Approval of Treasurers' Report by Eli Whitney and seconded by: Jennifer Falcinelli

So now that I have you totally confused...You are welcome to make a motion to replace your secretary . . .

Membership (Rich Falcinelli for Jennifer):		2013	2014	2015
Current Membership:		212	167	161
Primary Membership:		130	106	118
Family Membership:		59	48	26
Life Membership:		13	13	15
Honorary:				2
Vintage:		24	26	21
Newsletter:	Printed:	86	55	33
	Electronic:	51	60	98
	None:		53	30
	Archived:		1	1
	Total:		168	162

- New Members: 21
- **Welcome Back Jennifer!!***
- Note: Life Membership was reported as sixteen (16) last month, and corrected(?) this month.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Deadline for next month's newsletter will be June 19, 2015. Vallery Ritz thanked all those that submitted articles, and photos, for last month's newsletter. She is having trouble with delivering a newsletter down in Florida to Dave Sutton. Anyone know his correct address? Please contact Vallery, so that Dave can properly receive his newsletter.

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink): Paul Poledink and Dick Delsner displayed their boats at a recent Grosse Pointe Yacht festivity known as the Great Lakes Boating Festival. They have participated there for the last four (4) years. This year they were upstaged by the stock outboard group, when it came to the interest of the kids. The kids were attracted to the brightly colored smaller vessels "that were just their size". Some of the kids did drift over to get their chance to sit in both Dick and Paul's boats. Maybe, some interest were sparked future A.P.B.A. members. Paul also noted, that some of the yachts on display there, were worth well over two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars. Thank you!! Paul Poledink, and Dick Delsner, for taking the time to clean up your boats to represent the Marine Prop Riders, and the Vintage Group at such a large event.

Entertainment (Ray Dong): Ray Dong has invited Tom D' Eath to speak at next month's meeting. For Tonight's meeting, Ray Dong will give a seminar on painting and graphics. Brian Reed also informed us that; "You Tube has a ride-along video with Mark Tate in his unlimited ride".

2015 Race Reports:

Date:	Location:	Series:	Notes:
March 6-8	Lakeland, FL	(E)	
April 25-26	Dayton Testing:		Complete
May 16-17	Stuart, FL	(E)	Complete
June 6-7	West Milford, NJ		Complete
June 13-14 (Tent.)	Walled Lake Thunder:	(M)	Postponed til 2016
June 27-28	Kent Narrows, MD	(E&M)	Eastern Divisionals
July 18-19	Waterford/Quake on the Lake:	(M)	Summer Nationals
July 25-26	Cambridge, MD	(E)	
August 8-9	Hampton, VA	(E)	
August 15-16	Tonawanda, NY		
August 22-23	Celina Ohio:		
September 12-13	Mays Landing, NJ		
September 19-20	Lake Hopatcong, NJ		
September 19-20	Rocky Fork, OH		
September 26-27	New Martinsville, WV:	(M only)	S,Y,E,4th class TBD
October 3-4	Wildwood Crest, NJ:	(E)	

APBA News (Mark Weber): Mark Weber is not present at tonight's meeting, therefore no updates were presented.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Ray Dong recommended adding the Eastern Divisionals at Kent Narrows, MD June 27-28 to your race schedule. This is an EPIC and MACH Race. Ray feels it is important for racers and non-boaters alike to attend and help out where possible. They can use the help, and appreciate all who can be there.

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Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 3)

IRC Racing News (Mary Anne Wilson): A.P.B.A. is trying to mandate safety capsules on flat bottom categories for drivers safety. However, due to the perceived expense involved in converting their boats, those participating in the Flat Bottom categories are considering breaking away from A.P.B.A. and starting their own commission. There is a conference call scheduled for next week to resolve this issue.

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): All news for Region 6 has been previously presented. This year's Nationals and the Rocky Fork Race are the current priorities.

Old Business: At this time, it appears the Display Boat will be displayed as is, no repair or paint is currently scheduled in preparation for this boat to be displayed this year. The Quake on the Lake committee is scheduled to pick this boat up in time, for their advertising activities

New Business:

Motions were made, discussed, revised, and withdrawn extensively concerning increasing the funding, especially as it related to the Alumni Reunion. Ray Dong assured the group that the Alumni Reunion will take place at this year's Nationals. A proposed budget was presented by Vallery Ritz for just shy of twenty five hundred (\$2500.00) additional dollars. This amount was based on one hundred fifty (150) people attending this Reunion. In the end, it was proposed that the leadership of the Marine Prop Riders, and the current Reunion Committee, will further investigate the potential attendance, and the financial requirements for this reunion. Any decisions made, or proposals, will be based on the intent of this reunion, and the well being of the club! (After reviewing if the by-laws allow "decisions" to be made like this.)

As reported last month: "Barry Pray will be responsible for appointing a committee to organize the "Racer Pit Party". He has done so, and has "appointed" Mike Weber to handle the Pit Party festivities. Mike Weber did an outstanding job organizing, and throwing the Pit Party last year. The Pit Party was enjoyed by all who attended it last year, and the food was outstanding! Can he top his efforts this year?

Sandy Ross presented a new book "Unlimited Hydroplane Winners" by David Johnson which was recently released. Sandy Ross and Fred Alter were major contributors, or one might say co-authors for this book. It is available for \$40.00 There are over 1000 color photos featuring dozens of gems from "Fearless Fred" Alter. Every unlimited since 1946 is profiled. 100's of fun facts. Favorite memories of fans and participants. Rare Memorabilia showcased in 220 pages. Fearless Fred comments are even highlighted in green throughout the book. Mention UD get free shipping and \$3.00 donation to UD. David Johnson 14425 SE Donatello Loop, Happy Valley OR 97086 Pay to: "TheProf2@aol.com" on Pay Pal, email to view sample pages.

Next Meeting: Date: August 5, 2015 at Julianos in Warren, MI at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: Time: 9:03 PM. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Eli Whitney, seconded by Andy Guaresimo.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: John Bridge II, Amount: \$30.00 (approx.), Status: Donated back to club! Thank you John for supporting the club!

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena



**Have a safe and
happy holiday!**



Quake on the Lake Updates

Summer Nationals

July 17—19, 2015



Quake Kick Off Party

Ahhhh, the official opening of Quake on the Lake! As the newsletter goes to press, the kick-off party is being planned. The date, time and location is TBD. Stay tuned!

Volunteers Needed

At this time, volunteers are needed to help welcome and park the incoming race teams on Friday, July 17 from noon to 9 PM.

Of course volunteers are still needed for set up, tear down and everything in between. There is a long list of things you can do for this year's Quake. We want to put on a great show for Nationals, so if you can help in any way, even for an hour, please volunteer your time! Please contact Bob Wilson at bobwilsonrokb@yahoo.com or 248-672-7285.



Pit Party

The Marine Prop Riders and the IRC are sponsoring the Saturday night Pit Party. The club generously approved \$750 toward catering. Mike Weber is coordinating the dinner again this year so we can expect the a great meal. If anyone can donate funds, please contact Mike at MyWayE316@aol.com or 770-330-8559.

Alumni Reunion

Readers Digest Version: Past members of the Marine Prop Riders are invited to attend the Saturday night Pit Party on July 18. In fact, the first 50 to RSVP will receive a Quake ticket for them and a guest, as well as a complimentary dinner.

Long Version: During last month's meeting, it was agreed to have the board members decide on the specifics of the Alumni Reunion at Quake. We met a couple times to finalize the plan. The Alumni members will be invited to the Pit Party Saturday night. The MPR members at a previous meeting approved \$750 to be allocated to the Pit Party and another \$750 allocated to host the Alumni tent at the Quake. The \$750 for the Alumni tent will be used to cover the first 50 alumni members and one guest's tickets to Quake plus dinner at the Pit Party. That's a total of \$1500 of the club's money toward Pit Party and Alumni reunion. Donations are still needed to cover the remaining cost of catering and drinks for the Pit Party. Any excess funds will go back into the club's treasury. *Late breaking news:* The Inboard Racing Commission (IRC) has also donated funds toward the Pit Party!

We will contact Alumni via email, newsletter, Facebook and an old-fashioned way, by word of mouth. So spread the word and let past members know to RSVP by July 10 to Rich Falcinelli at 586-909-7424 or richfalcinelli@yahoo.com if they plan to attend. Rich will track all responses.

Combining the Alumni Reunion with the Pit Party makes sense both financially and logically. This is a great opportunity for current race teams and Alumni to interact. It takes advantage of downtime to talk, relax between wrenching and dine for a short time at the Quake. Our past members are the men and women who supported the club and built the sport we know and love today. It will be interesting to hear their stories and trade notes! I hope we have a great turnout!

Ray's Top Picks



Photos
Provided by
Ray Dong,
44 Year
Volunteer



Ryan and the Gold Cup at the APBA Office



Brian Reed and his mother Beverly enjoy a Red Wings Hockey game.



Sandy Ross and Paul Poledink at the Tigers/



Ray Dong found his favorite dumpster at the Grand Prix 2015.



Ed Krupinski with Johnnie Rutherford at the Detroit Grand Prix 2015.

Right: Charlie celebrated his birthday at the Grand Prix :) Lucky Kid!
Below: Charlie, Bob and Mary Anne Wilson enjoying family time at the Detroit Grand Prix.





A typical Marine Prop Rider Meeting. Dave Michalik provided info on the Lithium Battery Jump Starter at the April meeting.



Vallery Ritz and Jennifer Falcinelli at the June MPR meeting.



Royce Richards, Kathy Maraldo, Kathy Richards, Vallery Ritz



John Bridge and Bobby Knowles



Phil Kunz and Mark Weber

Rich Falcinelli refuels the APBA school boat at Dayton Testing, April 2015.

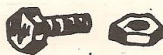


Tom Swindling supervises as Lori Weber fits the helmet of Scott Melowic, an APBA student at Dayton Testing April 2015.

A Blast From the Past. . .

The following page is from the 1978 Pit Patter. The Nuts & Bolts should stir up some memories. For a novice like me, I thought the Propeller Terminology submitted by Bob Dabrowski, President at the time, was very interesting.

NUTS & BOLTS



This month alot of the activity is going on in the Fairhaven area. Walt Egli recently bought Ray Miller's, "Duece's Wild", a very fast 145 which was once, "Miss R.C. Cola". Good Luck! Another member of the "Crapo Creek Racing Team" Tom D'Eath, has turned into a celebrity. That's right, Tom is doing radio and T.V. commercials for Manufacturers Bank, which is sponsoring the Grand Prix race in Detroit. Tom also has signed to drive Les Brown's, "Long Gone", and planning on a new race car so he should be very busy. Speaking of the Grand Prix race, John Love is hoping on 20-25 boats at the race. Should be wild!

Other tid bits from the various garages: Mark Kraus has taken delivery on his new Tempte 280: Dave Sutton has sold "Yankee Doodle", and will drive a few races in Chuck Thompson's "Chuck Wagon"; Ray Dong hopes to have his 145 at Sylvan Lake; John Staudacher's "Special Edition" will be set to begin racing soon; Jeff Dunn hopes to run "Jazz Man" for the first time at Decatur; Chuck Kaiser has Al Bierkle's "Miss Jaime" running

well; Don Fold has tested his 145, "Fool's Gold" and will qualify in Maryland, Dave Christy has redecked and re-built the engine in his 850; Mark Kaiser's boat should be ready in late June; Ron Windorfer, Al Tobin and the "Mirage" crew are working hard and are promising another fine season, Ray Weber's "Mom's Worry Too" has fixed all the little problems and a couple of big ones,

will be in Decatur; Vern Higgins has the "Insomnia" ready to go; Mark Burghardt has painted his 280 (former Water Pistol) and will be in Decatur; Bob Dabrowski is doing some work on the bottom of his boat but won't make the early races; Ken Helwig has the old Superstar 225 ready for Decatur; and last but not least (I know, blame it on your heritage) Hank Kosciuszko has replaced the side and repainted the "Bad Habit" and will be in Decatur. That's all I've heard. If you hear any rumors call me (886-6751).

PROPELLER TERMINOLOGY

Experienced boat racers know that the right propeller, in good condition, is necessary for peak performance of your hydroplane. You don't have to be an engineer to pick the right prop for your boat, but it's helpful to know some of the terms used to describe propellers and propeller features.. Here are some of the more common terms, their meanings, to help you along in the selection of your next prop.

DIAMETER:

The propeller's diameter is the diameter of an imaginary circle described by the tips of the rotating propeller. Diameter is regulated with the pitch and gear box ratio to make the best performance combination.

PITCH:

Pitch is the twist or angle at which the prop is set to the direction. Propeller experts express this angle in inches, as the distance the prop will theoretically travel in one revolution of the propeller.

RAKE:

This is the angle at which the prop blades are attached to the hub, measured along the axis of the propeller shaft.

CUPPING:

Cupping is a slight turning of the trailing edge of a prop to reduce ventilation, increase acceleration and eliminate vibration.

VENTILATION:

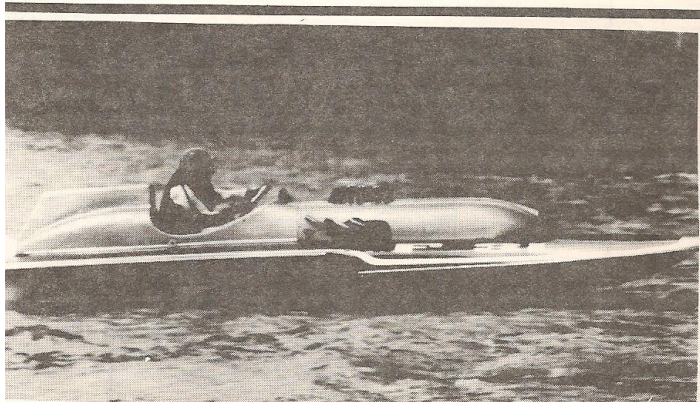
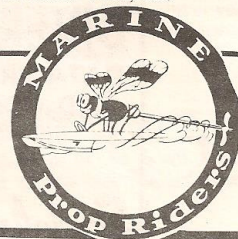
During operation, a propeller's blades have pressure and suction sides. When air is induced into the prop's working area, the suction, or back side will accept any migrant air, causing loss of thrust, increase in motor RPM, slippage, and a resulting reduced performance.

CAVITATION:

When the smooth flow of water around the propeller is interrupted, vapor bubbles are formed and this resulting action is called cavitation.

In no way or manner do I consider myself a propeller expert, but I have compiled this information for you from reliable sources and hope that it may clear up some questions that you may have had concerning propeller terminology.

Bob Dabrowski—President



Al Bierkle driving his 5 litre, "Miss Jaime"

Mike Weber in his dad's 72, "Mom's Worry Too"



IMPORTANT!!!!

Don't forget to report to one of the member's of the Points Committee after each race. They will keep track of all your points to determine our champions. They are Chuck Kaiser, Mark Kraus, and Mark O'Gorman. The Awards Banquet tickets are for sale from either Steve Dobkowski (883-6111) or Mario Maraldo (886-4555). We must pay for this in advance, so get them now!

And how about this article from July 1988 Pit Patter regarding the race in Toledo one month prior. Race Results were reported as:

2.5 L Stock
1st Tom Yeager—Twyster
2nd Greg Barker—Rewinder
3rd Dick Harris—Lucy Baby

2.5L Modified
Bill Morrison—Competition
Mike Cashin—Coors Light Silver Bullet
Hugh Long—Big Chief

Grand Prix
Tom Baker—Stroh Light
Jimmy King—Orange Crush
J.P. Lessard—Dynasty

Thoughts on the Toledo Race:

Did they start the event by letting go, from the water, about 1000 helium-filled balloons? YES! And did about 100 of those balloons lose enough helium not to lift off from the surface of the water? YES! And did the patrol boats have to retrieve all such balloons before the start of the races? YES!

Did Charlie Kaiser really drive all the way from Toledo to his house in Dearborn (approximately 140 miles round trip) on Saturday to pick up 'pills' for his fuel injection system, only to get back in time to find out his heat had been cancelled?

Did Mike Cashin really finish 3rd in a heat that started more than three boats?

WINNER: Paul Smith - Cured his "Hydrophobia".
LOSER: Paul Smith's "Hydrophobia" - Now up at Staudacher's, being cured.

Did Mike Cashin really finish second in a heat that started more than 2 boats?

Did Mark Weber and Mike Ambrogio wait in Toledo until 11:30 pm to tow the equipment trailer back to Michigan, only to find out the hitch would not fit? YES! And did Mark Weber have to go back on Monday with the correct hitch? DAMN RIGHT HE DID!

Did Prop Rider Neil Person work all night Saturday to finish his new boat just in time to make the second day (Sunday) of racing? YES! And did another boat drop from the crane and ruin the boat BEFORE the new owner had a chance to drive it? YES!

Did Mike Cashin really win a heat?

You had to know that last one was coming.

Did Race Coordinator Tom Funka blow his Ford engine in the first heat on Saturday? YES! And did Tom Funka lose his voice from all the talking, and in some cases yelling? YES! And finally, after all this, did his driver (Mark Tate) hit a buoy which cost Tom \$50? HE SURE DID!

Did the inspectors have to weigh Alan Vordemeier's GP 'Stroh Light' using the City of Toledo's truck scales because our region scale was not in the trailer? YES! And did the boat have to be first lifted off the trailer by hand, then weighed? COUNT ON IT!

Was there a 5 Litre Hydro in Toledo which seem to have a more powerful engine than the rest of the field? YES! And were the cylinder heads illegal? YOU BET! Did it cost the owner of such equipment \$300? TO THE PENNY!

I understand that Tom & Maria Funka had such fun in Toledo that they would like to hold 2, 3, or more races here. What a relaxing weekend, right guys?!



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(non-voting member(s))

Street Address:

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RACE AFFILIATION: (Check All That Apply)

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

BOAT AFFILIATION:

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

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

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

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

NEWSLETTER:

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☐ Email: A color version of newsletter (You must provide an email address above.)

Or

☐ Regular mail: A black and white version of newsletter

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