

June 2011

From the President:

Hello to our growing MPR membership! If you're a long time member, thank you for your continued support! Keep those ideas coming to help us preserve the legacy. If you are new to the club, thanks for joining! Please ask me about ways to get involved that fits what you are looking for! As one of the oldest hydroplane clubs in the country, we are focused on preserving our history while also creating new traditions that excite & entice new members to keep the club going strong!

We talk a lot about "Being Part of the Action" here because the MPR involvement in the sport of hydroplane racing and helping out at our local race sites is the most exciting thing we do! Sure, we have fun at our monthly meetings and yes, many lifelong friendships have been built by friendly club members, but race season is approaching here in Region 6 and it's our time to shine!

We begin with Walled Lake, our newest race in this area! Situated in the charming town of Walled Lake, on the site of its sponsor, Bayside Bar & Grill, this is fast becoming a must attend race, due to the very capable Jim Sechler and Todd McQuade. We have included in this newsletter the circular and an "ad" to show the dates and details. Volunteers are still needed to help set things up on Friday, take things down on Sunday, to help with things like serving lunch and manning the pit gates on Saturday & Sunday, and the MPR booth will be there by the pit gate, so we'll need people to talk about and solicit new MPR members.

We follow that with the Detroit Gold Cup! Many of our club members are signed up to help support the Detroit River Regatta Association host this event and we plan on having our MPR display back on site as well.

Finally, the Marine Prop Riders are very proud to help the Oakland County Community Club host the APBA Summer Nationals at the Quake on the Lake this year. This is the first time in over 40 years that our club has been involved in the National title, so the excitement and anticipation is building! The significance of the event has not been lost on all the additional work and details that must be covered. As the Race Chair/Director, I have been working with many of you on solidifying most of the details. But as we enter the final lap (nice analogy, huh?), we still have so much to do! The sanction/circular is being finalized this week and the race date is fast approaching. I hope you'll note the additional information on the Quake in this newsletter and think of a way you can give just a little bit of your time.

As you can see, with our first race just a couple weeks away and the Quake just four weeks later, it's show-time baby! The next 60 days is what we're here for! Race teams from around the country will be coming to these events! This is our time to show the APBA and all of its spectators what it means to be a Marine Prop Rider!

Best regards, Mary Anne Wilson

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Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – May 4th – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: At Juliano's Restaurant in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:30 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by Stephanie Nettke.

President's Report: MaryAnne began by thanking Vice President John Grigg who ably chaired last month's meeting due to the fact of the Wilson's winter trip to Florida. A moment of silence was observed on behalf of Devon Mason and Stan Hanauer, both members of the boating family.

Approval of Minutes: of April, 2011 General Meeting. Motion to approve Rich Falcinelli, seconded by John Grigg. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Maraldo reported the April financial activities as \$10.02 for postage, \$211.69 for Newsletter, leaving a balance of \$11258.47. Motion to approve by Andy G, seconded by Tim Heuston. No discussion; unanimous approval.

Membership Report: Paid membership stands at 142 as reported by Jennifer Grigg. Progress is being made to reach the goal of 200 members for 2011. Jennifer also discussed the formulation of the MPR Membership Directory, and announced the cutoff date for inclusion to be the week of Dayton testing. Any corrections of member information should be given to Jennifer.

Publicity: Brian Reed thanked those responsible for smoothly getting the newsletter Also, that the MACH race results and standing results are available on the MPR website thanks to Dave Sutton, and that the new member profile should become a regular feature of the newsletter.

Entertainment: Ray Dong announced that Game 3 of the Red Wings march to the Stanley Cup would be the entertainment for the evening. MaryAnne also floated the idea of members attending a Tigers game as a social activity. Those interested should contact her.

Race Reports

Walled Lake Thunder: Todd McQuade and Jim Sechler reported that plans are moving along nicely. A larger crane will be in place for the "big" boats, and the sanction has been filed. Volunteers are needed for driving the tractors and the Jeep, for setting up on Friday and tearing down Sunday and Monday. The need for turn judges was again emphasized as an ongoing need, with the establishment of mentors to assist new members who might want to fill these positions. It was also agreed to place a MPR ad in the Walled Lake Program.

Gold Cup: Mark Weber reported that the race is set for the July dates and that many DRRA members and MPR members are spending Saturdays sprucing up Muncie park and the general riverfront venue. Public/City dollars are in short supply to carry out this function. Interested members should contact Sandy at APBA/DRRA headquarters for more details.

Dayton: Mark Weber announced that traditional testing and the APBA driving school will take place May 24-25,, 2011.

Waterford/ Quake on the Lake: As the Site for the Summer Nationals, the Quake will host two days of testing and qualifying and racing. R.Bob announced that the cranes will be arriving on Thursday evening for setup before any boats are allowed in the pits. No boats will be allowed in the pits before noon Friday. Testing time will be available Saturday morning. Two qualifiers and the final will take place Sunday afternoon. Motorhomes will be allowed in the park this year for a small fee. While many of the usual "volunteers" are in place, more, as usual, are needed.

Celina, Ohio: Racing will take place as scheduled.

Rocky Fork: Racing will take place as per the schedule.

Stony Creek: Discussion took place regarding possible MPR efforts to jump start (with \$?) new life in this venue. While many overtures have been made by R.Bob, and Andy G, no organization has surfaced to take on the project, even though Huron-Clinton Parks has been receptive. A good site, but lack of sponsors and \$\$ is the problem.

APBA Racing News: Nothing to report **IRC Racing News:** No news to report.

Vintage News: Vintage boats wishing to test at Dayton should notify Billy Noonan, Region 6 Rep.

Old Business

MPR Apparel and Merchandise: Judy Roberts brought promotional goodies for all to use. MPR stickers were given to members present, with a decision to sell them at appropriate venues for \$1.00. Retro Region 6 stickers were generously donated by the apparel vendor for distribution. Beautiful embroidered MPR patches were gobbled up by the membership @ \$5.00 each.

Financial Audit: Will be carried out in the near future.

MPR Awards Policy February, 2011: Was distributed for perusal by the members present. Some discussion. Will be posted on the MPR website.

Meeting Location: Motion to continue at Juliano's by Andy G., seconded by Todd M. Motion passed.

New Business None

Next Meeting: June 1, 2011 at the Juliano's Restaurant in Warren @7:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Rich Falcinelli @ 8:45 P.M. Seconded by Royce Richards. Unanimous ap-

proval.

50-50 Results: The 50-50 drawing was won by Mark Weber, \$63.

Announcement: Jim Gannon wished to take the opportunity compliment the Navy Seals on their successful anti-

terrorism foray. As a Navy man, Jim could not have been prouder of his fellow members of the USN.

Submitted by Paul Poledink for Tony Kallio

THE NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 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 - 2011

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

Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder June 11 & 12**

Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup

Waterford MI - "Quake" - Inboard Nationals! July 16 & 17**

Cambridge MD July 23 & 24
Hampton VA August 6 & 7

Celina OH - UIM World Championships! August 27 & 28**

Clinton IL September 10 & 11 (**?)

July 8 - 10

Shelby Twp MI - "Streak" - *Stony Creek*Hillsboro OH - *Rocky Fork State Park*September (2012?)

September 17 & 18**

Geneva NY
Alum Creek OH
September 23 - 25**
September (2012?)

Wildwood Crest NJ - N. American Champ'ships October 1 & 2
Morgan City LA - Eastern Divisionals October 8 & 9
MPR 60th Anniversary Awards Banquet November 19, 2011

APBA Race Circular Regatta: Walled Lake Thunder Event Date: 6/11/2011 – 6/12/2011

Conducting Club: WALLED LAKE THUNDER ASSOCIATION #41 Region: 6 Sanction ID: 10965 Approved

Place: Walled Lake, MI Walled Lake Directions: I-275-N to 96-West to Novi Rd.-North (right) (Turns into Decker Rd.)

to Maple Rd. (left), Walled Lake Dr. (left), 2nd drive on right. 142 East Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Accommodations: Reservations are being held at the Crowne Plaza Novi - \$84 a night. Call 1-800-2-CROWNE prior to

May 27, 2011 to receive the discounted rate. Crowne Plaza Hotel Novi is located at I-96 and Novi Road just 10 minutes

downtown Walled Lake 27000 Sheraton Drive Novi MI 48377 Direct Line: 248-348-5000

Course: Format/Rules - 1 Mile NOT approved for records. Start Type: Clock

Safety/Rescue:Box 21 Course Elevation: 932 ft.

Classes: Saturday, June 11, 2011 01020 GRAND NATIONAL HYDRO01030 NATIONAL MODIFIED01040 2.5 LTR

MODIFIED01110 5 LTR01130 2.5 LTR STOCK01140 1 LTR01160 1.5 LTR STOCK

Sunday, June 12, 2011 01020 GRAND NATIONAL HYDRO01030 NATIONAL MODIFIED01040 2.5 LTR MODI-

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Prizes: \$750.00 PER DAY, PER CLASS. 1ST - 30%, 2ND - 25%, 3RD - 20%, 4TH - 15%, 5th - 10%.

AWARDS FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE BASED ON OVERALL POINTS FOR WEEKEND. PRIZE MONEY MAY BE RE-

DUCED IF LESS THAN 4 BOATS. THIS IS A "MACH" SERIES EVENT.

Registration: FRIDAY, 6/10 - - 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY, 6/11 - - 7:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, 6/12 - - 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Driver Meeting: SATURDAY, 6/11 - 10:00 A.M. * * * SUNDAY, 6/12 - 10:00 A.M.

Entry Fees: \$115.00 FOR THE WEEKEND. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO REGION 6 INBOARD ASSOCIATION.

Send Entries To: JENNIFER GRIGG, 9627 CRAWFORD RD., COLUMBUS TWP., MI 48063 - - OR - - E-MAIL:

JJGRIGG@YAHOO.COM

Officials: Race Director (50001) TONY KALLIO, 4470 ARDMORE DR, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

Referee (811) MICHAEL S WEBER, 1233 BEACONSFIELD AVE, GROSSE PTE PARK, MI

Assistant Referee (53207) RON SNYDER, 4611 STATE ROUTE 66, MINSTER, OH

Inspector (1505) JIM SECHLER, 29305 GLENARDEN ST, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

Inspector (50115) RICHARD T EVANS, 4992 COUNTY HIGHWAY 96, CAREY, OH

Scorer (12741) JENNIFER GRIGG, 9627 CRAWFORD RD, COLUMBUS, MI

Risk Manager (10698) ROBERT WILSON, 323 EILEEN, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

Risk Manager (75376) PAUL POLEDINK, 53653 NINE MILE RD, NORTHVILLE, MI

Notes: ** RV'S are NOT ALLOWED in the PIT AREA. A place has been provided for RV PARKING/CAMPING in a parking

lot about 1/2 Mile from the course. The address is 730 N. PONTIAC TRAIL, WALLED LAKE, MI 48390.

\$100 FEE FOR EACH BUOY DESTROYED.

CAPSULE TRAINING: By Blue Water, Friday, June 10th, 5-7:00 p.m. at Host Hotel - Crown Plaza Hotel, Novi (see info above).

This Regatta is sanctioned through APBA All prizes are the responsibility of the conducting Club. APBA does not guarantee nor is it responsible for payment of prizes. You are advised that this event may be canceled prior to the race due to circumstances beyond the control of this association. If you plan to travel a long distance, it is recommended that you contact the race sponsor prior to your departure to ensure this event will take place.



LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR 4TH YEAR!

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1.5 LITER STOCK — 1 LITER MODIFIED
2.5 LITER STOCK—2.5 LITER MODIFIED
5 LITER—GNH—NATIONAL MOD

TWO DAYS OF POINTS!

STILL LOOKING FOR YOLUNTEERS: HELP IN THE PITS, SET-UP, ETC.
CALL TODD AT 248.722.7985

DUNK TEST - JUNE 10th!

The Friday of Walled Lake, 5-7pm at the host hotel. Cost: \$25

PLEASE HAVE YOUR APBA NUMBER WITH YOU

TESTING INSTRUCTOR:

ANDREW C. GUARESIMO (BLUEWATER ANDY)

RSVP PLEASE - THANKS, ANDY

EMAIL: blwtrdvr@msn.com CELL: 586-242-0673 HOME: 586-779-4632

IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE & SPEAK CLEARLY

WE WILL RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS

Volunteerism and the Marine Prop Riders

It seems to me that ever since I have been a member of MPR we are constantly saying we need more volunteers for our club activities. That the same people always end up doing the brunt of the work. That there are a variety of opportunities and roles to be played in our organization. And that you get more out of our organization if you "Become Part of the Action" as our motto states. We want more people - after joining our club —to help out in some fashion.

And yet, everything –or almost everything, to all outward appearances – seems to get done, whether it's at the races, the meetings, the banquet, or the many other MPR club functions and necessary business responsibilities. So where's the truth? If everything seems to be getting done, why the call for more volunteerism?

A very tricky question, it seems to me. And, I don't presume to have a complete answer, but I'd like to explore this issue in some detail, both for my own benefit as an MPR member and maybe for the Club in general. In this initial newsletter commentary, I'd like to merely frame the issue, as the saying goes. To open up a discussion on volunteerism.

To begin with, we are not alone. Nor is this a new issue for the Prop Riders. So many clubs, organizations, and groups in the public, private, service, and religious sectors are facing the same situation. For many groups the problem is far beyond getting people to volunteer. Their issue is the organization's existence itself, a true lack of members, not just current members who are not volunteering to do something. I think we are fortunate to see our membership increasing to some extent. We are, hopefully, doing some of the right things in this area. We are supporting a club which feeds the interests, meets the needs, and fuels the passions of boat racers and fans of boat racing. We seem to be an enjoyable place to come to once a month for information and camaraderie and fellowship and, of course, for good food and entertainment.

Our challenge then, is to continue to build a sustainable and stable membership, a task which is beginning to be realized but we know is still quite a fragile process. Then we must somehow encourage and motivate as many as possible to want to volunteer to do something – anything- and have an enjoyable time doing it. How do we do this? In the next issue, I'd like to explore some of the ideas others have used when faced with this dilemma, and maybe see how their approaches might be adapted to our beloved and truly historic Marine Prop Riders.

Thanks for listening. Your comments are welcome.

Paul Poledink

Member Biography

Kevin Lacey

Personal Information:

History: Why did you get into hydroplane racing and how long? Racing boats has been a life long dream of mine, ever since my Uncle Frank took me to Belle Isle to watch testing for the Gold Cup in the late 60's and 70's. He once stopped on the Belle Isle Bridge and hoisted me above the railing just as Bill Muncey did his wide victory lap for the fans. That moment is forever etched in my mind. My Uncle had a 28 foot



Chris Craft so my second home was on Lake St. Clair. My Dad would take us to Columbiaville and watch the Drag boats on the Holloway reservoir. I once got Dad to pull over on Anchor bay drive to look at some outboard Hydro's for sale, but they were a little more then Dad could afford at that time. How long have I been racing??? Well I can only say; I've been racing in my mind since I was thirteen.

When and where did drive your first Hydroplane race boat? May 23, 2010 Eastwood Lake Dayton Ohio - The APBA's "Ride of a Lifetime". The Boat E-8 to me on that day, was the fastest 5 liter in world.

What is your most memorable moment in hydroplane racing? That day in May when 46 years of dreaming, waiting and anticipating finally came to a Climax in 9 laps of pure fear and excitement.

Who helps you at the races and in the shop? Well that's an easy one; John Grigg Jr., John Sr. the Jennifer's (his Mom and Wife) Scooter, Ashley (two of the best crew chiefs ever) My Good Friend David Gemmell and my wife Barbara. The Grigg's have been the best supporters any Rookie could hope for.

What is your memorable traveling experience? Has to be last September when Dave and I volunteered to crew on John's GNH. We got up at 1:30am and drove down to rocky fork, never so lost in my whole life. Ohio has some of the most twisted two lane horse trails I have ever seen. Dave and I had some good laughs, really bad coffee and a great time.

What do you hope to accomplish this race season? Get the GNH on plane and get Certified as a Driver,

What are some accomplishments in boat racing? 9 laps in E-8; I'd like to think I was the fastest of the day; should have got an award. L.O.L.!!

What would you like to change about racing? As a fan, more classes, less dead water time, bring out the little guys (outboards) and Jet ski's. Bring the whole Circus and fill the stands.

What would you not want to change about racing? The Class of people I have met so far; you're all pretty Cool.

What is your favorite race course? as a Student driver, Dayton: as a fan all of them.

What is something no one knows about you? I never once looked at the gauges in E-8 for nine laps, I was too dam focused; sorry Mark. :)



NEWS A

R U M O R

DENNIS MACY BREAKS CLUB RECORD AGAIN! The unofficial time of last months meeting, 15 minutes, was made offical this month, thanks to Mark Weber! Club historians have verified this as being an official record.

Sylvan Lake has been cancelled for the 1992 race season.

Don Cameron sold his 5 litre to Mike and Bob Horvath this past winter. Are you sure you guys know what your getting into?

Patti Kennedy has a new one litre stock, her first race should be Cheraw S.C.

Speaking of racing. The season has begun, just ask one of the Prop Riders that drove 17 hours to Meridian, to have both days blown out. For all of you that don't agree with the idea of "no milling on the infield" just stick together. It worked in Meridian.

Greenwood Lake is on and the 2.5 mods are on the race schedule. I would call before leaving, just to be safe!

Todd Roesch was in town a couple of weekends ago, delivering racing goods up north. Rumor has it Todd and Darrell Monette are partners on a Jamie Auld kit boat, that will be race ready for 92.

Doug Miller tested the Schaller's skiff down in Meridian. Could it be he'll have the ride soon?

Race Rock Cafe opened a week ago. You can't miss the place theres a model unlimited out front, and its on the corner of 15 mile and Groosebeck. I hear a few Prop Riders were there opening week, maybe we can get a recap at the next meeting!

And for all of you that thought Mark Weber missed the last meeting because of racing business, well think again...

It seems Mark entered Lori (his wife) in a hot legs contest where he was the judge. This wasn't the type of contest where you judge by looking. Mark was blind folded and he had to feel all the contests legs and pick which ones were Lori's. Guess what??...he picked Lori's legs. Ask him how he knew.......



APBA SUMMER NATIONALS

1.5 Liter Stock — 1 Liter Modified—2.5 Liter Stock
2.5 Liter Modified—5 Liter—GNH—National Mod

Jersey Speed Skiffs—Grand Prix

Vintage



A charity event, raising money for The Rainbow Connection, which grants wishes to children with terminal or life threatening diseases. We are already working towards fulfilling our first "wish"! 9 year old Kyle from

White Lake Township with Lymphoma whose wish is to go to Disney World! Help us make Kyle's wish come true!

Still need volunteers:

Turn Judge boats; Pit set-up and tear-down; Course set-up; Region 6 equipment help; Pit gate; Lunch set-up & serve; Pit party helpers

Contact Mary Anne Wilson for more details. maryannewilson@comcast.net || 248.798.3188



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other wood work. Complete w/running Ford V-8 racing engine and trailer. Asking \$2,000.

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\$20.00 Active Club Racing

Membership

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

\$30.00 Family Membership

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

Name(s):		-	
		Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Occupation:		Work Phone:	
Email Address:		Fax:	
Affiliations: Owner / Driver / Mech. / Official / Media / Other			
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