



June 2012

## ***From the President...***

The race season has begun and promotional opportunities for our sport are all around us! I am so very excited about so many of our members taking extra initiatives for publicity. If we each do our share in our own areas, we can help spread the enthusiasm for our sport – don't forget to tell them about the club and invite them to join!

Here is a summarization of what's been happening and what else is scheduled so far:

**TROY** - A couple of weeks ago, the Troy school district hosted a "Things That Go" event and the MPR display boat and the Richards vintage boat were there! Many thanks to Jennifer Falcinelli, Royce & Kathy Richards and Todd McQuade for working this event!

**WATERFORD, ST. CLAIR SHORES and WALLED LAKE** - Next up was the Memorial Day weekend. The DRRA display boat and Jeff Sankuer were in the St. Clair Shores parade, Todd had Jim Sechler's boat in the Walled Lake parade and the MPR display boat was in the Waterford parade. The rest of the Memorial Day weekend, the MPR display boat was on display at the Waterford Hills race track. We got some great publicity from fellow racers and their fan base!

**QUAKE and WALLED LAKE** - We will, of course, have a display area set up at Walled Lake and the Quake – let us know if you can help work one of these events!

**WALLED LAKE** - Todd from the Walled Lake race has been moving the display boat to various places around their race site, including many of their sponsor locations. In fact, Todd says he's had the boat in "10 different cities and 3 different counties!"

**ALGONAC** - We are invited to take the boat to the Algonac Antique Boat Show with fellow members Paul Poledink and Royce & Kathy Richards already committed to taking their boats as well. If anyone is available to take the display boat to Algonac for the day, please let me know. The event is Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**DETROIT** - On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the display boat will be back in front of the Roostertail for a special DRRA event.

**DETROIT** - We have once again signed up for a location at the Gold Cup – this is a great way to talk about our club to the loyal hydroplane fans that attend!

**WATERFORD, WHITE LAKE and CLARKSTON** - The Quake committee has many special events & locations planned for the end of June and beginning of July, including car dealers, bars & restaurants and of course, one of our most popular events, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Clarkston.

These are just the things I know about ... hopefully I didn't forget anything! I'm sure each of you are doing things on your own as well. If so, can I ask a favor? Take a photo – even if it's on your phone – and upload to Facebook or send it to me and I'll upload it to Facebook ... every little bit of publicity helps!!

See you at the races!

Mary Anne Wilson



# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – May 2nd – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** At Juliano's, Warren MI Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:31 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by John Bridge.

**President's Report:** MaryAnne began by introducing two noted guests for the evening: Dan Weiner, Executive Director of APBA, and Ryan Berlin, Communications Director, APBA. Both will address the membership near the end of the meeting. Also noted were the memorial services conducted for John Sendrowski, longtime supporter of APBA racing activities. Moment of silence took place. Also, Kent Keogh underwent surgery and is recovering. Request was made to clarify the previous Board of Directors' discussions and/or minutes; MaryAnne reviewed the major items as reported out in previous membership meetings and their current status.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April meeting - as appearing in the distributed MPR Newsletter - were up for approval. Motion to approve by Mike W., seconded by Rick F. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mario Maraldo reported a deposit of \$259. Expenditures included \$201.58 for printing and postage, \$12.51 for special postage to Canada, and \$68.08 to GoDaddy for MPR website hosting fee. Balance: \$8372.82. Motion to approve by Sam A., seconded by Eric H. Motion passed.

**Membership Report:** Jennifer Grigg reported membership at 140, well on it way to a goal of 200.

**Publicity:** Brian Reed began by thanking Mario for his assistance in getting the Newsletter out, and then began a somewhat detailed discussion of the issues associated with the suggested issuing electronic versions of the Newsletter in addition to the traditional print copies. These issues include who will manage the e-mailing list, keep it up-to-date, monitoring its distribution, coordinating it with the print mailing, deciding which platform to carry it on -, web-site, AOL, Facebook, etc. Also, will it save \$ as intended, is it technologically acceptable to the membership, and much more. It was suggested that Brian outline these issues for publication in a future Newsletter for all to consider and provide input. 2013 would probably be the earliest start date for this Club initiative.

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong announced that two potential "entertainment" guests were unable to make the meeting tonight because of illness and prior commitments - Wolverine Propeller and Sports Marketing. Bill Rands of the Gold Cup Committee will take their place with a Unlimited race report.

### Race Reports

**Dayton Testing:** May 19-20, 2012 Sanction approved. Anyone planning to attend, race or vintage, should notify Billy Noonan.

**Walled Lake Thunder:** 5th Annual Race June 9-10, 2012 Todd says all is go. He is expecting 8-10 Super Light Tunnel Boats to race for the fans. Vintage boats are a maybe. Suggestion to move June meeting to Bayside meeting room. MaryAnne will follow up. Also, location and date of July MPR Meeting needs finalization.

**Gold Cup:** 103rd Annual Race July 13-15, 2012 Bill Rands emphasized the need for financial support for the race. The DYC has been immensely supportive of the event with their fundraiser. Offshore boats as well as vintage will take part in this year's race. The Air Guard continues its sponsorship and will supply flyovers, along with acrobatic planes. Mark Weber noted the tenuous times for the unlimited sport

**Waterford / Quake on the Lake:** 13th Annual Race, World Championships, July 21-22, 2012. The committee is working with the DNR to facilitate logistics associated with the race, and Mitch Ryder will perform. Hot laps may take place the morning of the race days.

**Celina, Ohio:** Aug. 25-26, 2012. Ready to go.

**Rocky Fork:** Tentative September, 14-15, 2012. Seeking support and sponsors at this time.

**Stony Creek:** Pat Sankuer inquired as to the status of the race venue. No activities taking place as of now.

**APBA News** Dan Weiner and Ryan Berlin discussed the attempts by APBA to utilize the power of social media to promote the sport.

**IRC Racing News** Mark Weber, newly elected Inboard Commissioner, detailed his plans to support inboard racing. Meetings have been taking place, three committees formed ( Planning, Marketing and Promotion, and Technology).

# THE NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 6TH

7:30 p.m.

**NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION THIS MONTH!**

— **Bayside Sports Grille in Walled Lake** —  
142 East Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake, MI 48390  
<http://www.baysidesportsgrill.com> - (248) 669-3322

## Event Schedule – 2012

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

<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>Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park</b>	<b>September 15-16** (tent.)</b>
<b>Geneva NY - Hydrobowl</b>	<b>September**</b>
<b>MPR Annual Awards Banquet</b>	<b>November 10</b>
<b>Region 6 Fall Meeting</b>	<b>October 20-21</b>

Deputy Commissioners appointed. Region 6 reps include Jim Sechler and Tom English. Mark will also look at the return on the investment of IRC dollars, how to use them in the best manner. The school boat may also be moving around the country to enable others to take part in the Driver's School.

Vintage News MPR will be represented at the Algonac Historic and Classic gathering at the Chris Craft plant in June.

### **Old Business**

**Display Boat** Will be present in Troy at an school promoting transportation and mechanical items. Jennifer Falcinelli volunteered to "person" the exhibit on behalf of the Club. Thanks to Mario for mentioning this community event.

### **New Business**

Sandy Ross announced the topic for the annual Pre-Gold Cup Luncheon at Sindbads on Friday, July13, 2012 @ 11:00. Chuck Thompson Sr and Jr.

**Next Meeting:** June 6, 2012, at Bayside Sports Bar and Grill in Walled lake.

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Ray D. @ 8:42 P.M. Seconded by Andy G. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by Paul Poledink

# The Future of the MPR Newsletter

Like all clubs and organizations in the 21st century, we are struggling with higher printing and postage costs for the newsletter as well as the challenge of balancing that with the digital age of news distribution that has established itself well beyond what can be done with a monthly mail newsletter.

*The MPR BoD would like your feedback on this topic!*

MPR has had a web site since 2003 and a Facebook page for at least a couple years now. These are excellent news and publicity tools.

The MPR Board ran the numbers and want you to know that at least 3/4 of your annual \$20 membership fee goes to the printing and mailing of the newsletter. We think our members would like to see those funds going to better things like promotion of the sport like the display boat (which stretched our budget), signage and promotion at events, and more.

*Our questions to you:*

- 1) For the internet-savvy among us, are you willing to opt-out of the mail newsletter for 2012 and look on our web site for it, around the 1st of each month? This means a change from our current practice of posting newsletters online weeks after they have been mailed out. MPR has been using that as a reason for people to become members, but perhaps it is time to re-think that as a 'perk'?
- 2) If we move to emailing the newsletter when it's new, my guess is that it will be shared with non-members, so there would be no reason to delay posting it to the web site. A newsletter that people want to share means we have useful content. Also, we could open the list to non-members.
- 3) We know that some people really look for the MPR newsletter each month, those that don't spend much time online, or are not online at all - including some of our favorite old-timers. We'd really like to hear from you, perhaps there is a way to keep you in the loop without an official mail newsletter? What are the parts of the newsletter that you find most informative? What parts can you completely do without?
- 4) Should we consider retiring the formal newsletter format itself in 2013, for both print and email, in favor of today's internet methods? Then it's just a small number of members we need to get news to another way.

*Your input is appreciated, please email to Brian at [moreinfo@marinepropriders.com](mailto:moreinfo@marinepropriders.com)*

## **Tom D'Eath Joins Michigan Sports Hall Of Fame**



The Michigan Sports Hall Of Fame has announced their 56th class of inductees, and Tom D'Eath is among the 24 inductees, the third inductee from boat racing.

The date and location of the induction ceremony is still to be announced, it is expected to be in August. For details ASAP watch their web site...

<http://www.michigansportshof.org>

From MSHOF - "Tom D'Eath: A native of Detroit, he was a successful limited inboard boat racer winning 3 national championships in the 1960's. After successfully racing off-shore boats, he moved into racing unlimited hydroplanes in 1973. He went on to win 19 races between 1975 and 1990 - including the coveted APBA Gold Cup three times. He also won the Prince Edward Canadian Gold Cup three times before retiring from active racing in 1990. During his career, he won 12 of his races driving for the legendary Miss Budweiser. Overall, he was a 7 time world champion in several racing classes and is a member of several racing and motorsports HOF."





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**U-64 Miss Vernor's Vintage Unlimited Hydroplane**

Built by Fred Alter. Ran at vintage regattas in 2010. Complete package includes boat with recently rebuilt Allison engine and trailer. \$90k

Also: spares: engine, Fairlane Tool gearbox, magneto, Holley carburetor, props & shafts, and misc. spare parts. \$30k



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