



June 2015

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Race season is here and Quake on the Lake is fast approaching. This is the second year in a row we've had the opportunity to host the APBA Inboard Summer Nationals. This is quite an honor and also a time for us to step-up and show the inboard community what the Prop Riders and Region 6 racing are all about.

I'm proud to announce that The Prop Riders, like last year, will help sponsor the Saturday night pit party! And in other big news, the Prop Riders are hosting an Alumni tent at the Quake. See inside for more details on these exciting gatherings.

In addition, Bob & Mary Anne are in need of volunteers. Have you thought about what you can do to support this event? While speaking of the Wilsons, a big shout out to the family for participating in the Waterford parade this past Memorial Day weekend. This family really gives this sport and community its all!

See you at the races!
Ritzzy

A Big Thanks to the Tate Family . . .

Thank You!

and Sun Coating, who donated an update to the Clock used at the race site.

Since its original build, the clock was finished with a powder coat, and only through the careful handling and supervision of Steve Spisak, it has survived with only minor overall damage. Most of the damage was on the corners. The powder coat has been updated with an expensive, and more durable ceramic finish.

See pages 8 and 9 in this issue for a Blast From the Past about Mark Tate.

The Next Meeting Is June 3rd

7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting May 6, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held Juliano's in Warren, MI. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:34 pm. Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge II is selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz):

- New member(s): Dick Delsner, Vintage Group. He renewed his membership dues tonight, at this meeting.
- Memorial(s): This month took a toll on the membership of the Marine Prop Riders. Chris Ritz summarized his, and his family's relationship(s), with the following three (3) members we lost during the past month. Lorne Liddycoat, Ethel Long, and Jamie Wilson. If you weren't at the meeting to join us, please take a private moment of silence in the remembrance of these important club participants.
- Bobby Knowles joined us for tonight's meeting. As mentioned in the last newsletter, he is in his second (2nd) year battling with cancer. Bobby announced he was predicted to live another four (4) months when he was diagnosed. He is in his second (2nd) of those four (4) months, and still has a very positive attitude. Look farther in the meeting minutes for information regarding a couple of benefit fund raisers in his behalf.
- Chris Ritz said; "That his wife (Val) has again managed to get the newsletter out on time to our members". Members should have respectively received the electronic version last Friday (May 1, 2015), and the hard copies last Monday (May 4, 2015). If you did not receive your copy, please contact Vallery Ritz, so that she can forward you another copy.
- No changes to the minutes were requested this month, therefore, motion to approve minutes initiated as follows: Motion to Approve Minutes: Rich Falcinelli, Seconded by: Eli Whitney

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): April Deposits: \$190.00; April Disbursements: Postage and Printing \$58.96; Joseph Brent Hospital Memorial Fund \$50.00; Postage (Jennifer Falcinelli) \$9.80; Postage (Canadian) \$10.95. Balance: Initial \$11,251.40; Final \$11,291.89.

Treasurer's Report approved by Eli Whitney and seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

<u>Membership</u> (Rich Falcinelli for Jennifer):		2013	2014	2015
Current Membership:		212	167	156
Primary Membership:		130	106	113
Family Membership:		59	48	25
Life Membership:		13	13	16
Honorary:				2
Vintage:		24	26	21 (w/D.Delsner)
Newsletter:	Printed:	86	55	33
	Electronic:	51	60	93
	None:		53	30
	Archived:		1	1
	Total:		168	157

- New Members: 20
- Note: Historical Data was requested in the meeting, but it was not immediately available. That information is respectfully submitted here, per the meeting request.
- Approval of Membership Report by Rich Falcinelli and seconded by Eli Whitney.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Deadline for next months newsletter will be May 20, 2015. Vallery Ritz thanked all those that submitted articles, and photos, for last month's newsletter. I for one, don't know how she does it....I know (and have the initial copy to prove it) of what I submit to her for the meeting minutes portion of the newsletter. I'm here to tell you, somehow she always manages to make some sense out of the extremely jumbled mess I submit to her, and then she manages to publish a professional version of the meeting minutes for your reading pleasure. !!!!! Great work Vallery !!!!

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink): The White Lightning of Paul Poledink was piloted by Ray Dong (instead of John Bridge II) at Dayton Testing. Dick Delsner “just happened “ to have his boat on the water at the same time...Anyone think the timing of the two historic champions from the same boat class, being on the water at the same time was by chance?... Well after a few laps of “head to head racing” (vintage style) was complete, history was repeated, championships were relived, and the two drivers still have mutual respect for each other. You should have been there to witness the “Greatest Vintage Style Race” of all time! Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao have nothing on these two champions.

Entertainment (Ray Dong): There were no projectors available at tonight’s meeting, therefore, tonight’s presentation of pictures from this year’s Dayton Testing was postponed till next meeting.

2015 Race Reports:

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Series:</i>	<i>Notes:</i>
March 6-8	Lakeland, FL	(E)	
April 25-26	Dayton Testing:		
May 16-17	Stuart, FL	(E)	
June 6-7	West Milford, NJ		
June 13-14 (<i>Tent.</i>)	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)	

Note: Changes made to schedule are highlighted by color and Italics.

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

MACH News (Ray Dong): Awaiting grant from I.R.C. to update Website. Brian Reed and Jennifer Falcinelli are proactively working on the project while anticipating funding.

IRC Racing News (Jim Sechler): Jim Sechler is not present at tonight’s meeting, therefore no updates were presented.

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): There was a lot of enthusiasm displayed while discussing the success(es) of Dayton Testing, even though the weather was not very cooperative. Some drivers got into the school boat for their “Ride of a Lifetime” in a race boat, while other more experienced drivers were invited to upgraded their skills in boats more powerful then their normal respective classes. Some drivers relived their championship racing styles, and renewed their respect for fellow drivers, while all participants enjoyed a well managed event. Hopefully, those attending the event participated in the 50/50 drawing held there in a cooperative effort with the American Legion Post. These efforts are building goodwill with the local Chamber of Commerce, and local clubs, in an effort to bring hydroplane racing back to Dayton, OH.

Old Business:

- Post Cards with the 2015 Race Schedule are available for your distribution. Feel free to obtain the cards from Jennifer, or Rich Falcinelli, and distribute them as you see fit, and beneficial, to the promotion of the club
- The display boat is still at Bartush’s shop. Now that Dayton Testing is complete, the display boat needs to be moved to the Falcinelli Race Shop for some prep work prior to paint. Rich Falcinelli is looking for anyone interested in joining him to prepare the boat, so if you are interested in some “bond-o-ing time” with the repair team contact Rich Falcinelli for schedule.
- Ray Dong had a professional painter lined up to spray the boat, but that opportunity has also slipped through the cracks. Bob Wilson “volunteered” (Thanks!! Mary Anne... since Bob was not present at tonight’s meeting) to spray the boat, if no one else is interested, or knows an actual professional painter willing to spray the boat.

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Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 3)

New Business:

Quake on the Lake: Motions were made, and passed, for funding a couple of club opportunities at Quake on the Lake. The motions made were as follows:

- A motion was made to allow funding not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the “**Racers Pit Party**” on Saturday night at Quake on the Lake. (Note: After the meeting rumor, from a source in the know, thought last years’ event expenses more than exceeded double the approved amount). This funding is earmarked for providing dinner for the racers and crews. Barry Prey will be responsible for appointing a committee to organize the “Racer Pit Party”. More funding may have to be requested in the future as the planning committee finalizes the plans for this event. Motion Made by Barry Prey and seconded by Ray Dong.
- A motion was made to allow funding of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for a **Drivers Reunion** at Quake on the Lake. This Seven Hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) will be earmarked to reserve an initial “Hospitality Suite” (tent) to be used for this event. There was much discussion about the possibility that this reunion may have costs to exceed maybe triple the seven hundred fifty dollar (\$750.00) amount. More funding may have to be requested in the future as the planning committee finalizes the plans for this event. Motion Made by Eli Whitney and seconded by Barry Prey.

Bob Knowles Benefit:

- There were a couple of fund raising activities planned to help Bob Knowles and his family cover the expenses involved in cancer treatment, travel, and living expenses while at Boston and Cleveland Cancer Treatment Centers. The fund raising activities were scheduled for dates before the newsletter will be published (May 9, 2015 & May 17, 2015). Donations can be sent to Knights of Columbus, Council Number 6824, Box 231, Ortonville, MI 48462
- The Italia Gardens, 1076 S. Lapeer Rd, Oxford, MI 48371, (248) 628-4112 also held a benefit dinner on Bob Knowles’ behalf. They have graciously offered to continue the benefit if you inform the server/cashier that you are there for the benefit. Twenty five percent (25%) of your food bill will be given to the Knights of Columbus for the Knowles Family.
- Any Monetary Donation will be accepted. All checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus #6824.
- A collection was taken up at this meeting, and a donation was presented to Bob Knowles near the end of the meeting. Bob Knowles thanked all for their generosity.

Next Meeting: Date: June 3, 2015 at Juliano’s in Warren, MI at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: Time: 8:47 PM. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Rich Falcinelli, seconded by Eli Whitney.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: John Pulbratek, Amount: \$30.00 (approx.), Status: Donated back to club! Red Wing Crying Towel winner: Earl Stilson/Kathy Shuler, Status: Accepted! Helmet Bag winner Jack Fischl, Status: Accepted!

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

Quake on the Lake Updates

Remember last year’s pit party Saturday night? We had a great dinner provided by the Marine Prop Riders, Mike Weber coordinated and donated to the dinner and other donations were made by Barry Pray and the Ritz’s. This year’s dinner committee is in place. As mentioned under New Business in the meeting minutes, the club generously approved a donation of \$750 for the dinner. However, to have a dinner like last year’s, we need to raise about \$1000. We need everyone’s help to make it happen again. Come to the June prop rider meeting or contact Mike Weber to donate to the Saturday Night Pit Party Dinner.

New this year will be the Prop Rider’s Reunion Tent. The club donated another \$750 toward this year’s Hospitality Suite. We hope to see many past members come to the race this year. It will be a challenge to locate previous members, so please extend an invite to those past members you see or talk to. Plans are still in process, but we may be able to provide parking permits to reunion attendees. We will need a count of how many plan to attend for catering and parking purposes.

And remember, volunteers are always needed for Quake set up, tear down and everything in between. Even if you can only give an hour, please contact Bob Wilson. He has an entire list of things you can do for this year’s Quake. We want to put on a great show for Summer Nationals, so if you can help in any way, please volunteer your time!

Vintage Views

Marine Prop Riders represented the club and sport at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's Great Lakes Boating Festival.



Submitted by Paul Poledink

Autorama, March 6—8, 2015

Autorama was held in March 2015, but due to lots of content the past couple of months (a great problem to have!) , the pictures from that weekend were delayed until this month. MPR was represented by Lady Luck, Miss Peg and White Lightning. Hope you enjoy the photos from Ray Dong.



Tommy Alfano manning the booth.

Ray's Top Picks



Andy and Kent Keogh share some father and son time with Lady Luck at Autorama. They received the third place award .



Paul Poledink and the White Lightning at Autorama. White Lightning received the second place award.



Ray Dong congratulates Jack Hines on the First Place award that went to Miss Peg.



Time to load up and move out.

A Blast From the Past. . .



ELECTED 1981 A.P.B.A. HALL OF CHAMPIONS

MARK TATE

Disappointments yes, mistakes plenty and the victories - sweet! It was just a few short years ago when Mark Tate took his very first ride in a race boat. In fact, he started or attempted his first race in a J STOCK OUTBOARD at Ford Lake, Michigan. In all the excitement Mark's grandfather, being an inboarder from way back, put the prop on the J Stocker backwards. Fortunately they were able to figure out what was wrong with the rig and why it wouldn't get up on plane before the first heat started. First race, a second place, not bad for a junior!

The following year Tate remained in the J STOCK class, where he combined enough points for a second place in National High Points missing first place by a mere 25 points. His next step was A STOCK outboard for two races and then switched to the 15SS class for the rest of the season. The following year it was back to A STOCK, where he won region high point champion two straight years in a row.

So much for outboards, the following season of racing was quite a change for him as he played crew member instead of driver, this time on his father's Lauterbach 850 class inboard. Watching and working patiently as other drivers had their hand at the wheel of his dad's 850, Mark's big chance finally would come that same fall.

With only one race left in the 1978 season and no one around to pilot the boat Mark set out alone for Dayton, Ohio where he successfully qualified himself as an inboard driver. In 1979, his first season of driving inboards he was awarded the "Governors Cup" in New Martinsville, West Virginia for coming the closest to setting a record. The Marine Prop Riders awarded him "Rookie of the Year". An impressive season for the first year in inboards.

Mark Tate continued . . .

When 1980 came along Mark stepped into a newer style of craft, a Kelson 850, cabover. Bringing home first place honors from the Eastern Divisionals, a second place victory at the Nationals and National High Point winner for his class. Receiving High Point award for the 850 class and overall Club High Point award by the Marine Prop Riders. Tate was also nominated for A.P.B.A. Inboard Hall of Champions that same year but unfortunately didn't make it.

Also in 1980 Mark set a different type of record, the most accidents ever recorded in one season, by a single person in A.P.B.A. history. A record yes, but not one he was proud of!

The "81" season was quite a come back for Tate after the disappointment in 1980 of being nominated and not elected to the Hall of Champions.

February started off the racing season down in St. Pete, Florida with a new boat. Stepping into his brand new Kelson, just delivered the week before, it was record chasing time. Tate bumped the existing 850 record to a speed of 84.142 MPH to set a new five mile competition record! A super way to start off the season.

Problems plagued Tate, known now as the "Kelson Kid", at the Eastern Divisionals but the taste of victory was sweet when he placed first in the Nationals at Dayton. The next important item on the agenda were the Kilos in West Virginia where wind and accidents hampered any attempts at pumping records. Meanwhile a top contender in the 850 class, Steven David, was pushing Tate to the limit trying to take his National High point title away. The two teams ended up in a fierce battle collecting points. Each team trying to out travel, out race and out spend each other, with both teams capable of doing anything and traveling anywhere. The battle started in the eastern states and worked its way south to Florida. On towards Colorado, Seattle and then back to Lincoln City, Oregon for an unsuccessful attempt at the Kilos. Some heavy duty traveling and driving skills proved Tate the Victor as he would retain his Y-1 National High Point champion standings once again by a narrow margin. Again Mark Tate recieved the National High Point award, the Prop Rider 850 class High Point award and the overall club High Point award.

With 25,000 miles of traveling and last five weeks of the season on the road, he indeed made it. Mark Tate was nominated and elected to the American Power Boat Association Inboard Hall of Champions.

Congratulations Mark from the Prop Riders on this well earned and deserved achievement!

Hope you all enjoyed this article from the December 1981 Marine Prop Riders Newsletter.



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