

"America's Finest Inboard Racing Club"

MARINE PROP RIDERS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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January/February 2013

THE NEXT MEETING IS March 6TH 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



MPR Members Honored

Our sister organization, **Unlimiteds Detroit (UD)** recently recognized three longtime supporters of the sport for their efforts over the years: MPR members Royce Richards, Judy Roberts, and Bob Knowles were honored.

Judy Roberts: ***Unlimiteds Detroit Award: For Years of Loyal Commitment and Assistance to the Club.***

Judy and her ever-present camera have documented boat racing in the Detroit area forever it seems, and her generous sharing of her images is well-known to MPR Club members as well as UD.

Bob Knowles: ***Unlimiteds Detroit Award: For Unselfish Devotion to Unlimited Racing and to the Club.***

Bob has assisted the Streak on the Creek, Walled Lake and the Quake as a judges' stand spotter, and worked on Pit Ops at the Gold Cup for many years.

ROYCE RICHARDS: ***BILL CANTRELL AWARD: FOR DEDICATED SERVICE AND SUPPORT TO THE CLUB***

Royce has not only supported successful racing teams over the years, but has also been visibly active in enhancing inboard and unlimited race venues with his participation, his generosity, and his humanity.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL POLEDINK



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – February 6, 2013 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: At Juliano's in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne at 7:31 P.M. John Bridge will be selling the 50-50 tickets this evening. Additional prizes for tonight's drawing include several vintage race programs donated by Mark Miller. Thank you, Mark. Visitors included Mark and Bill Miller, Joe Schulte, and Mack, Earl Stilson's guest.

President's Report: MaryAnne reported on the death of Brian Reed's father, Larry Reed, and the passing of Salt Walther and Eli Whitney's sister. A moment of silent prayer for all.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the December and January meetings were published in the combined Jan-Feb Newsletter. Motion to approve by Rich F., seconded by Rick F. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As reported by Mario Maraldo - January deposits of \$250. and \$51. Disbursement of \$185. to APBA for Club Membership leaving a balance of \$9234.77 Motion to approve by Eli W., seconded by Royce R. Motion passed.

Membership: Jennifer F. reported 84 racing memberships, 45 family memberships, and 13 life memberships, for a total of 141 members. 47 of these memberships are new to the club this year. 66 members requested print versions of the newsletter, while 24 selected the electronic version, resulting in cost savings for postage and printing.

Publicity: Vallery R. requested that copy for the March Newsletter be submitted by Feb. 22 in order to allow time for newsletter formatting.

Entertainment: Ray Dong announced that the evening's entertainment would consist of the groups' perusal of historic photos and memorabilia of past races. And that everyone is asked to participate in a *Show and Tell* following the March Meeting. Bring something significant / interesting /forgettable to share with the other members. This activity usually generates a great deal of curiosity and interest.

Race Reports: No discussion. Information same as last month.

New Martinsville May host a race in 2013

Dayton Testing New Dates: May 3-5, 2013, along with **APBA Driver's School**

Walled Lake Thunder June 8-9, 2013. Todd McQuade reports planning ahead of schedule. Also requested to utilize the display boat during the weeks prior to the event.

Gold Cup 104th Race scheduled for July 12-14, 2013. Mark Weber reported that sponsors are still being recruited, and ticket options are being finalized and sent out.

Waterford/ Quake on the Lake Scheduled for July 20-21, 2013. Mary Anne reported on a Lansing meeting with the Michigan State DNR to attempt to hammer out a five year plan to utilize the state park venue in Waterford for the Quake.

Celina, Ohio. Planning taking place for Aug. 24-25, 2013

Rocky Fork - Planning taking place for Sept. 20-21 2013.

Alum Creek Planning is underway for Sept 14-15, 2013.

Decatur Meeting taking place - it's a maybe. Memorial Day, May 25-27. Sean Bowsher is still recruiting sponsors.

APBA News:

2013 Race Schedule Posters Available – to be posted in high traffic areas by MPR members

National Meeting in Dallas Texas on January 23 – 26, 2013. Several MPR members attended. Mark Weber gave a wide ranging and detailed summary of the high points of the meeting, including rule changes, structure and operations of the IRC, series racing, the awards dinner, allocation of races, spec boat developments, issues to be addressed, starting procedures all of which will be available in the minutes soon to be available.

IRC Racing News Meet at the Perrysburg Region 6 meeting. Rule changes adopted in Dallas will be discussed.

Region 6 Plan to attend the Meeting and Awards Banquet February 23-24, 2013, in Perrysburg, Ohio. Eli distributed the schedule for the two day affair. Also, the sanction for the Orange Bowl Regatta in Lakeland, FL on March 2-3, 2013. Also, dunk tank testing will take place.

Vintage News MaryAnne discussed a set of principles designed to enhance the presence of Vintage boat owners, drivers, and crew in MPR. Developed by Kevin McGregor, Paul Poledink and MaryAnne, these principles include the recognition of a MPR Vintage Rep, increased coverage of Vintage in the Newsletter and on the website, and formalization of a the MPR Vintage Award, all of which will enhance communication among race site organizers, race boat participants, and vintage participants. General support expressed by several in attendance.

Old Business

DISPLAY BOAT Rich F. distributed a Display Boat Plan designed to further the support, development and use of the Display Boat. This plan included the acquisition of paid sponsorship opportunities by individuals, race teams and companies, guidelines for the use of the boat, and current plans for its display. Again, general support for this plan.

A sign up sheet for manning the Unlimited Hydro and MPR Hydro display at the Detroit Boat Show at Cobo Hall – Feb 16-24 - was circulated by Mark Weber.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS Mary Anne discussed the family membership category in MPR. Much discussion regarding the wording, definitions, and intent of the various categories of membership. And, their effect on the operation of the club itself. Since this topic is part of the by-laws, any change in this regard must be published in the newsletter prior to anything being voted upon and taking effect. Further developments on this topic will be published as appropriate.

New Business

Ray Dong announced the possible tour of the Lingefelter Auto Collection / Museum sometime in the future as a social event. Bob Dabrowski suggested this to Ray. Many in attendance indicated a willingness to participate.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN MPR!

Next Meeting: March 6, 2013 at Juliano's in Warren. 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 9:07 Motion to adjourn by Chris R., seconded by Todd M. Motion passed.
50-50 prize was \$39. Race boat programs won by, Todd, Joe S, Kim, John B.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL POLEDINK



MPR Proposed By-Law Changes

During the February MPR meeting, it was proposed to the general membership to vote on the changes to Section I and Section II as noted below. Per the By-Laws, these changes are being sent to the membership (within this newsletter) in advance of voting by the members in attendance at the March meeting.

Section I

Membership in the Marine Prop Riders shall be open to all persons. All memberships shall be classified as Active or Honorary, at the discretion of the membership. Members who have maintained their membership for 10 consecutive years and are over 65 years of age will be granted a lifetime membership

Section II

Only active members in good standing shall have the right to vote, hold office or serve as Chairman of Standing Committees. Any member thirty (30) days in arrears in payment of dues shall not be considered a member in good standing.

Section I to read:

Membership in the Marine Prop Riders shall be open to all persons. All memberships shall be classified as Primary, Lifetime, Honorary or Family memberships. Primary members shall be considered the main or racing member of the household. Members who have maintained their membership for 10 consecutive years and are over 65 years of age will be granted a lifetime membership. Honorary members are designated by the board on an annual basis. Family memberships shall be offered when more than one person in a household desires to be a club member. Family membership shall be defined as a primary member and all persons residing in the same household.

Section II to read:

Only primary and lifetime members in good standing shall have the right to vote, hold office or serve as Chairman of Standing Committees.



The Marine Prop Riders were represented at the Detroit Boat Show February 16—24.



Joe and Tommy from the show Swamp People took a break from autographing to check out the hydros. **CHOOTEM!**

Marine Prop Riders and Vintage & Historic

The Marine Prop Riders are now actively endorsing Vintage?? While that may seem like news to some, it really is just the sport of Hydroplane Racing coming full circle. The Prop Riders are one of the oldest Inboard racing clubs in the United States. If the club did a little self-examination, we could come to a few conclusions. First one up would be that many of the active members of the MPR ARE VINTAGE – many are just not prepared to openly admit that in public.

The really needed ingredient in both current Inboard Racing and Vintage and Historic is youth. We need to get involved in mentoring and driving schools to insure that we attract new members and new young members.



I went to a meeting recently and low and behold, some things never change. The club is driven mostly by a very small group of dedicated volunteers that are passionate about the sport, the people and the boats. Every form of motor-sports is experiencing a down turn in membership and number of active participants. Those of us that are left have the burden of trying to rethink the process and doing something positive to help the sport grow.

It wasn't many years ago that current racing members didn't look at the Vintage Category in a favorable light. Now that we have had a few years to get the program more polished current racers have come to endorse the Vintage category and understand what we all have in common. The love of speed on the water in perfectly prepared equipment. Now that more regattas are treating Vintage as just another class, everyone is getting a fair chance at running twice a day.

The Vintage division has brought many new members into APBA and regional clubs. We have been selling ourselves as the "Fastest Growing Division in APBA". It doesn't mean much when all the categories are struggling with membership. The Vintage category showed a loss of members last year and I hope as a group we do something to bring some of those people back. We had a good National Meeting and some healthy discussions on what to do next, but that will only mean something if we all work together to promote our hobby.

Most Vintage members will look at a current racing hydro with a little bit of envy as a part of them would love to "race". Many current racers look at a Vintage hull and think "ah, the good old days" and marvel at how much simpler everything seemed. We are all doing pretty much the same thing, and are all in the same "boat".

Racers and Vintage need to do more interacting to insure membership growth and to not have any ill feelings toward any division. I have always thought that APBA should do a better job of cross promoting between racing divisions. I have also come to realize that saying "APBA" should do one thing or another is really up to me as an APBA member. The APBA office is a group of employees that do all the data processing that the sport requires. The "APBA" is really you and me and other enthusiasts, some that care enough to get involved and change things, and some that live to be critics of any and all that happens. That seems to happen in both Vintage and the Inboard categories.

The Marine Prop Riders and Region 6 have as good a fleet of Vintage hulls as anywhere in the country, and if all parties work in the same direction we can be the best region in the country to show up with your equipment.

Safe and Fast 2013!



Member Biography

Jennifer Grigg

Why did you get into hydroplane racing & when?

You follow the one you love..... In the early 90's John and I started racing his father's 5 liter "Dad's Dream". I knew nothing of the sport and was tagging along, enjoying the time we spent together.

What is your most memorable moment in hydroplane racing?

The one time I took my daughter as an infant to the boat race... I was going to video tape the GNH boat race with her in a front carrier.

As each boat started to go out on the course she stayed still. Then we heard the Wanna Bee light up and she started to wiggle and coo. We couldn't see it yet because it had not pulled out of the pits. But he was the last boat to come out, so I knew it was him. She knew just by the sound of the engine which one was her daddy.



What is your most memorable traveling experience?

Boat racing has taken me to so many different places, but the one that stands out the most is the first year we went to Valleyfield Canada. My Daughter Ashley was about 4 years old, and was watching a French Bugs Bunny carton while we packed up the boat. At dinner all the people around us were speaking French, and when the waitress came to us she to first spoke French, before anyone at the table could say a word this loud tiny voice says "Mommy she talks like Bugs Bunny".

What do you want to accomplish this racing season?

I would like to find someone interested in scoring so I can train them to be a chief scorer. This would enable me to spend some time racing boats with my family again.

What are your accomplishments in boat racing?

Receiving the Inboard Scores award in 2010,
Supporting a family dream of building and racing a Grand Prix boat.

What would you change about racing?

The politics. It seems that there are more personal agendas that are getting in the way of the sport. Boat racing has lost its family feel. In the 90's going to the race was like a weekend family reunion. I could go score and not have to worry about my kids or boat.... I could do the job knowing that every crew member in the pits was looking out for the safety of each other and there were no worries. Today's boat racing is so cold.

What is your favorite race course?

My favorite races were the river races. Bay city, Dayton, Steubenville.

What is something no one knows about you?

I married my high school sweet heart!

What's your occupation?

Chief Engineer at a Woman Owned Small Business in Clinton Twp.

Where do you call home?

Columbus, Michigan

Are you married and do you have any children?

It will be John and my 20th Anniversary this June

We have two awesome children, Ashley and John III (Scooter).

What's your age?

Younger than most, Older than some... 40

Do you have any sponsors?

Our family business "Racers" Sponsors most of the Boat.



A new and improved MACH Series was introduced at the Region 6 Spring meeting. Full details will be in next month's newsletter.



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Event Schedule – 2013

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

Autorama, Detroit, MI	March 8-10, 2013
Testing and Driving School, Dayton, OH	May 18-19, 2013
Walled Lake Thunder, Walled Lake, MI	June 8-9, 2013
APBA Gold Cup, Detroit, MI	July 12-14, 2013
Quake on the Lake, Waterford, MI	July 20-21, 2013

Who Knew?

As we travel to various race sites or attend club meetings, there are certain things we just somehow know about our fellow racers ... we know that his dad used to race, we know that those two are married, we know that he lives in (name the city) and we may even know his beverage choice at the end of a race day (Little Kings, PBR, ice cold Bud Light), but I've realized this year there are MANY things we DON'T know about our fellow racers. Email me at maryannewilson@comcast.net to add them to next month's newsletter!

- ♦ Did you know you can follow the MPR on Facebook? Just search Marine Prop Riders and like the page!
- ♦ Did you know that you can follow MPR on Twitter @MarinePropRider?
- ♦ Visit the MPR web site: <http://www.marinepropriders.com>



MARINE PROP RIDERS
Detroit, Michigan
Membership Application

☐ Single Membership...\$20.00

☐ Family Membership...\$30.00

Name: <i>(Primary voting member)</i>	
Family Members Names: <i>(non voting member)</i>	
Address:	
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State:	
Zip:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Fax:	
E-Mail:	
Website:	
Occupation:	

RACE AFFILIATION: (Check)

☐ Owner ☐ Driver ☐ Mech. ☐ Official ☐ Media ☐ Other _____

BOAT AFFILIATION:

Class _____ Name _____

*****New for 2013*****

Marine Prop Riders can share my contact information with other MPR members. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check how you would like your newsletter delivered to you. (Check one only)

- ☐ Email a color version of newsletter (You must provide an email address above.) *Or*
☐ Regular mail a black and white version of newsletter *Or*
☐ Opt out of receiving newsletter (Household already receives one for Primary member.)

Mail application & payment to: 34110 Garfield Circle, Fraser, MI 48026



Vintage "Happy Buddha" - 1968 Lloyd hull, Ford 302 (Five Liter) fully race-prepared, new out of the box in 2005 (less than 5 hours total running time). Hull completely restored over four-year period - 2000 to 2003. Includes excellent trailer, great boat cover and misc. bits and pieces. Turnkey, ready to run - just add gas and go. Boat is located in S.W. Michigan. See:
<http://www.vintagehydroplanes.com/happybuddha.html>

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MPR MEMBERSHIP!

Is there anyone you can recruit to join MPR!

The membership application is on page 9.

Safety Cell Testing

Safety Cell Certification will be held on the following days:

- Saturday, March 9, 2013
- Saturday, April 13, 2013

COST:

- \$35.00 For APBA Members
- \$40.00 For OPA Members w/ Swim Test (offshore only)
- \$20.00 For Swim Test only (offshore only)

LOCATION:

East Detroit High School Pool
9 Mile Rd Just West Of Gratiot Ave
Entrance From 9 Mile Road Side Of Building
Eastpointe, Michigan 48021
(11:30 Am To 1:30 Pm) Sharp
(2 Miles West Of I-94, Exit # 227)
(1/2 Mile W/O APBA Headquarters)
Northeast Of Detroit



Please Have Your APBA # With You (If You Are A Member)
(Offshore Or O.P.A. Members # Not Needed)

TESTING INSTRUCTOR: Andrew C. Guaresimo (Aka Bluewater Andy)

RSVP to Andy:

Cell # [586-242-0673](tel:586-242-0673)
E-Mail Blwtrdvr@Msn.Com

If no answer, please leave message & speak clearly. We will return all phone calls & e-mails.

Please bring any capsule jackets or air system helmets for check out & testing in the pool. (if you wish).

We are also accepting any donations of outdated & used capsule jackets.

A summer capsule testing session will also be done in St Clair, MI., July 27, 2012, beginning at 9:00 AM until noon @ The St Clair City Pool, on 8th Street & Orchard.

Other sessions will be done @ all OPA offshore racing sites & will also be posted on the Facebook site of Bluewater Rescue & Salvage after 2/15/13.



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