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# MARINE PROP RIDERS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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May 2010

## New MPR Web Site!

The new web site for the Marine Prop Riders is up and running! It has been built using a Content Management System for easier updating and maintenance.

**ATTENTION MPR TEAMS!** We want you to add your team to the site, we really want to show off your team and the whole club there. I have a nice form set up where you can upload photos, type in your crew info, team info, accomplishments and more. It should be pretty easy and I'm here to help you if needed.

Create a new account on our web site by going to this link: <http://www.marinepropriders.com/user>  
You'll want to save that link, it's where you log in again later. Basically, just make sure "/user" is on the end of the link. Click on "Create new account" under the MPR logo. Enter your full name with capitals (like "Brian Reed") and follow the steps to create your account. Once you've created an account I'll turn up your permissions and you will receive more info via email.

Questions? Email Brian at [moreinfo@marinepropriders.com](mailto:moreinfo@marinepropriders.com)

### *MPR member looking for some engine and mechanical advice*

I am a current member, not active but wanted to contribute to your club.

I have a small favor that maybe you can help me on. I purchased an old Jersey Speed Skiff that I hope to restore. I also have a chris craft 283 engine (right rotation) engine and paragon manual transmission. I think I can handle the boat (hull) restoration but the engine / transmission needs to be completely rebuilt. I would really appreciate if one of the members could kind of mentor me through some of the technical help I will need and who can make recommendations. Just someone who could offer occasional advice.

thanks....

Mike Tucker  
248 705 5280



# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – April 7th 2010 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Crash Landing called to order by Eli Whitney at 7:44 pm.

50/50 sales by Stephanie Nettke.

Moment of silence for Mrs. Irene Weber, wife of Harold Weber, mother of Ray Weber, grandmother of Sue, Sandy, Mike, Mark, Steve Weber, matriarch of the Weber family, who passed away March 22 at the age of 98. Also keep in mind Tim Hueston, who has undergone tests and medical treatments for cancer. Surgery is possible, his spirits are good.

**Minutes** – Motion to approve the March 2010 minutes as printed made by Royce Richards; second, Joe Shulte; Passed.

**Treasurers Report** – Mario Maraldo: balance \$11,593. Motion to accept, Joe Shulte; second, Judy Roberts. Passed.

**Membership Report** – 66, plus 4 at the meeting, total :70.

**Website** – Brian Reed: Website is up and running with updates. Need team info!

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong – none tonight, next two meetings will be a representative from Joyce-Julius (sports marketing electronic marketing specialists) and Sandy Ross, one each meeting.

**Guests:** Andrew Christopher, Region 6 Rookie of the Year for 2009 (he joined MPR also), Chris Ritz, a former racer and member, reentering boat racing with a 1L mod (Scott Liddycoat built).

**Race Reports – Dayton Testing** – drivers school and testing; May 22-23, 2010. Testing available Saturday morning at 9 am, drivers meeting 8:30 am. After that, water time will be shared with driving school. Sunday will see time sharing with driving school all day. Notify Billy Noonan with intent to test; circular is available online.

**Walled Lake** – June 13-14, 2010; Tony Kallio and Paul Poledink are risk managers; 3 cranes are expected.

**Gold Cup** – July 9,10,11 new dates due to city budget woes. Finances still being worked.

**Quake** – July 17-18, 2010; 2 days racing (Saturday and Sunday). Thursday night and Friday will see a carnival and band concert; pits will be open Friday afternoon and evening for entry and registration; pits will be secure.

**Stony Creek** – 2010 postponed to 2011. Still working on service club backing.

**APBA National news:** Doug Whitley is the new vintage chairman, replacing Tom Bertolini, who resigned after several years of service to vintage. Doug is from Region 10 (Washington) and is an able replacement, per Joe Shulte.

**IRC news:** Eastern Divisionals split between Syracuse, NY (June19-20) for 1L mod, 2.5L mod, NM, GNH, and GP, and Hampton, Va. (August 13-14-15) for 1.5L stock, 2.5L stock, 5L stock, and JSS. GNH/NM combine was withdrawn prior to decision by APBA BOD due to procedural errors.

**Old Business:** 1.Andy Guaresimo's team will conduct safety cell testing Saturday, April 17 at EDHS (9 and Gratiot) 11:30 -1:30. 2.Rock Prudential Center in Novi's Boat Show, mid March, successful display featuring GNH 52 (John Griggs) and S82 (Ed Barko) boats plus the DRRA U3 Unlimited plus a nice display arrangement by Tina and Jim Wilson, along with representation from various club members plus SLT's. 3. Banquet deposit placed by Mario. 4. June meeting (June 2, 2010) will be held at the Bayside Grille in Walled Lake (sponsor for Walled Lake Thunder), confirmed by Todd McQuade. 5. Membership growth discussion. A motion was made to admit brand new members for \$10 was made by J. Grigg, second by S. Nettke. This item was referred to the MPR BOD with advice forthcoming.

**New Business** – None.

Motion to adjourn by Eric Pomber, seconded by Judy Roberts. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

50-50 winner: Judy Roberts, \$27.

Submitted for Tony Kallio

**THE NEXT MEETING IS May 5th!**

**7:30 p.m.**

**NOTE THAT THE JUNE MEETING MAY BE IN DOWNTOWN  
WATERFORD AT THE BAYSIDE SPORTS GRILLE**

**Watch [www.MarinePropRiders.com](http://www.MarinePropRiders.com) for details**

**— *Crash Landing, on Dequindre between 11 Mile and I-696 in Warren* —**

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From the North or South: I-75 to 696 East to Dequindre, then left/North on Dequindre a short distance

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### **Upcoming Events Schedule**

*Race dates and upcoming schedule:*

<b>Dayton OH - APBA Driving School</b>	<b>May 22 &amp; 23 2010</b>
<b>Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder</b>	<b>June 12 &amp; 13, 2010</b>
<b>Syracuse NY - Eastern's for Y,A,NM,GNH,GP</b>	<b>June 19, 20, 2010</b>
<b>Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup</b>	<b>July 9, 10 &amp; 11, 2010</b>
<b>Waterford MI - Quake On The Lake</b>	<b>July 17 &amp; 18, 2010</b>
<b>Cambridge MD - APBA Inboard Nat's &amp; World's</b>	<b>July 22 - 25, 2010</b>
<b>Hampton VA - Eastern's for T,S,E,JSS</b>	<b>August 13, 14 &amp; 15, 2010</b>
<b>Celina OH - NA Championship, Governor's Cup</b>	<b>August 28 &amp; 29, 2010</b>
<b>Wheeling WV - Vintage</b>	<b>September 3, 4 &amp; 5, 2010</b>
<b>Stony Creek MI -</b>	<b>(postponed to 2011)</b>
<b>Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park</b>	<b>September 18 &amp; 19, 2010</b>
<b>Alum Creek OH - (race)</b>	<b>September 25 &amp; 26, 2010</b>
<b>Perrysburg OH - Fall meeting - Region 6</b>	<b>October 23 &amp; 24, 2010</b>
<b>MPR 2010 Awards Banquet</b>	<b>November 13, 2010</b>
<b>Detroit MI - 2011 APBA Annual Meeting</b>	<b>January 26 - 29, 2011</b>



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

May finds racing plans being put into operation all over. Race sites are busy working on their race, finding volunteers, officials, etc. Volunteers are still needed urgently at every race, for us in Michigan, that means Walled Lake and Waterford. They need turn judges ahead of time, not the day of the race (or the day after).

The MPR BOD has met the last two months to discuss at length a major issue which impacts this club and APBA: dwindling membership. A proposal will be made at this next regular meeting to change our fees for new members in certain situations: first, at our races this summer, any brand new member buying a membership for \$20 (regular price) will receive a free pit pass for the weekend (MPR will square the proceeds with the race committee); also any race volunteer who is not a current or recent MPR member will be offered a membership for half price (\$10) for their first year. These moves are proposed to obtain new club members, basically from individuals who are interested already to some degree but do not realize what the club offers. From any of these new members, we also may have some also join APBA due to the involvement with boat racing. We are trying to grow the club, which in turn can generate new membership for APBA. Will it work? We won't know unless we try.

We will also have club membership forms for those racers who don't have a club (owners and drivers) or a club card at registration.

You might ask, why would newbies (or even boat owners / drivers without cards) join MPR? Well, for one thing, our newsletter is second to none. Pertinent race circulars are in each issue as available and appropriate, which helps racers know where and where to go, and also helps the race sites get the word out to racers, as circulars do not have to be mailed out by a race site. Results are printed as available, along with news and views from APBA nationally, Inboard Racing Commission, and Region 6.

Our annual awards are also second to none. Great trophies and recognition for Hi-point class winners and high achievers both nationally and local. Our banquet is growing, with racer friendly cost and site, with additional features being considered for the banquet day / weekend. Our meetings a regular (monthly) and open to all, guests are always welcome.

Our web site has undergone quite a bit of modification by Brian Reed, he certainly deserves congratulations and thanks for this job. A considerable amount of skill and time go into these changes, and these seem to be right on the mark. Club boat owners, listen up: there is a need for info for each club boat. Only a couple teams are on line now. Mary Anne Wilson has pledged all the info from last year's Quake program, which can help, but for those who aren't part of that package, we can use info now.

One might ask if our boat displays work, a legitimate question when you think of the work which goes into organizing and putting the boats in a show. I received a phone call from Louisiana, from Randy English (on behalf of he and his dad); it seems the English's had a visitor from Detroit to work on their motors a bit. This visitor went on and on about his positive impression of the club Autorama display and the members manning the area, of their knowledge and excitement for boat racing. The visitor: Mr. Kinsler of Kinsler Fuel Injection, who is the real world expert in that field and extremely knowledgeable about motorsports. Mr. Kinsler had ample opportunity to look at and speak of all kinds of fancy stuff down at Cobo Hall that weekend, yet he chose to single out the MPR display. Kudos for this club and those involved. This also says that we are noticed and would be missed if we did not make these efforts.

These factors are positives for the club, they are reasons to join. Our biggest factor is our membership itself. We have a very knowledgeable and experienced membership in regards to boat racing, whether it is historical or current. We need to be willing to mentor these new members when they appear to keep them with us and become a part of this club, the oldest Inboard club in APBA.

Speaking of new, let's welcome into the club two new boats and possibly a third: Andrew Christopher, who was Region 6 ROY in 2009, with his A boat (2.5L mod) (I think this is a new boat to the club); Chris Ritz, a new old member whose dad raced boats in the 70's and 80's, now has a Y boat (1L mod) built by Scott Liddycoat; and not a new member but a new boat to the club is Jeff Sankuer's E boat (5L stock), the former Intruder from Louisiana (Nicky Pellerin), recently purchased and delivered to Jeff, in beautiful shape, in Jeff's black color scheme (Jones hull, Auld cell). Nothing wrong with additional boats on the roster!

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# APBA Race Circular—Dayton Testing

Regatta: **APBA Driving School and Region 6 Test & Tune**

Event Date: **5/22/2010 – 5/23/2010**

Conducting Club: **AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION**

Region: 6 Sanction ID: 10760 Approved

Place: **Dayton, OH Eastwood Lake**

Received Date: 3/30/2010 - Approved Date: 4/12/2010

Directions: State Rt. 4 @ Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH

Accommodations: Comfort Suites, 5220 Huberville Ave. - (1/2 mile from race site )Rooms held until May 1st

Mention- "Region 6 Inboard" when calling.

937-425-6498 - - \$88.95 per night plus tax.

Course: Approx. 1.25 mile oval. We will put in a shorter course for the smaller classes if needed.

Start Type: No racing, testing and school only!

Safety / Rescue: Box 21 / Region 6 Safety Team

Classes:

Saturday, **May 22, 2010**

**00800 VINTAGE01000 INBOARD04000 PRO OUTBOARD05000 MODIFIED OUTBOARD06000 STOCK OUTBOARD07000 OPC11000 J CLASSES**

Sunday, **May 23, 2010**

**00800 VINTAGE01000 INBOARD04000 PRO OUTBOARD05000 MODIFIED OUTBOARD06000 STOCK OUTBOARD07000 OPC11000 J CLASSES**

Prizes: None

Registration: SATURDAY, 5/22 - 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. \* \* \* SUNDAY, 5/23 - 9:15 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

**NOTE: TO RUN ON SUNDAY, YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY 10:00 A.M.**

Driver Meeting: **Saturday & Sunday: 8:30 a.m.**

Those who arrive after Drivers' Meeting must see the Referee to review what was explained at the Meeting.

Entry Fees: **\$150.00 PER BOAT FOR WEEKEND. \* \* \* JUNIOR CLASSES: FREE ENTRY.**

Send Entries To: Do Not Send. E-mail Billy Noonan @ [willytapba@yahoo.com](mailto:willytapba@yahoo.com) - or call 502-396-3120 - and just tell him you are coming and what class of boat you are bringing.

Officials: **Race Director** (55) MARK J WEBER, 20201 SHADY LANE AVE, ST CLAIR SHORES, MI

**Referee** (55307) STEPHEN SPISAK, 4483 KNOB HILL DR, BELLBROOK, OH **Inspector** (50115)

RICHARD T EVANS, 4992 COUNTY HIGHWAY 96, CAREY, OH **Scorer** (53770) WILLIAM T

NOONAN, 226 S. SPRING ST #1, LOUISVILLE, KY **Risk Manager** (53207) RON SNYDER, 4611 STATE ROUTE 66, MINSTER, OH

Notes: This Regatta is sanctioned through APBA

For information on the APBA driving school, go to [www.apba-racing.com](http://www.apba-racing.com)

**Please Read:** APBA racers will have the water Saturday morning until noon. Saturday afternoon we will start the APBA driving school. The water time will be limited in the afternoon, but shared. On Sunday, we will share the water time with the driving school all day, going back and forth between APBA racers and the APBA Driving School. If you have any questions on how this will work, please call Mark Weber. 586-206-8894

Vintage Representative: Tom Bertolini, 35839 Bal Clair, New Baltimore, MI 48047-2457

Vintage Inspector: Richard Evans (see below)

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**E-55 "My Way"** - 2003 Henderson hull. This is a very clean, fast boat. Turn Key Package! Boat, motor (just off the dyno), one shaft, and one propeller. Asking Price ~ \$35,000.00. Many extra spare parts and propellers are also available. Serious inquiries only! Please call Steve Weber at (248) 841-3793, or email him at [sweber110@aol.com](mailto:sweber110@aol.com).

**MPR members: Be sure to submit your ad for free listing.**

**2.5L Stock** - perhaps for the Vintage class. Once known as S-32 Bad Habit, more recently known as the S-93 Hot Shot. Selling Hull & Trailer. Run as T, Y, S, & Vintage (with capsule/cowling change). Very reasonable price! For more info & pics visit [www.ChromeBlvd.net](http://www.ChromeBlvd.net) or contact Tom Bergman 812-401-6370 [hotshotdel@hotmail.com](mailto:hotshotdel@hotmail.com)

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**Membership Application**  
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Affiliations: Owner / Driver / Mech. / Official / Media / Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Check here if this is a correction or address change. \_\_\_\_\_



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