

May 2012

From the President...

Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and of course websites - we've been hearing about it for the past few years. It's a critical way for our sport to reach out to people and a potential avenue to attract new members. But what's the best way to do it? Do we create a "group" or a "page" on Facebook? Is it for teams or race sites? What do those hashmarks (#) mean on Twitter. What is Pinterest anyway?

On behalf of the members that were at last month's meeting, many thanks to Natalie Shaver, who provided our entertainment. She handles social media for a professional hockey player, so she knows her way around these sites. She provided a simple introduction to Facebook and Twitter and, although we didn't have a projection screen for her to support her statements with visual aids, she gave us enough insight and tidbits to maneuver through these sites. There is a lot of information to learn though and it can be quite confusing if you haven't tried it.

These sites provide fast, accurate information about what's really going on in our sport. Many celebrities now have their own Facebook and Twitter pages so the public can get the real story from them rather than the tabloids. We can do the same, from the boat shows and parades we're doing now to the updates we can "tweet" about from the upcoming race sites. And the more we do this, the more the information gets out there and the more we can spread awareness of our sport. Remember the old commercial (I think it was a hair care product), where you like it so much you tell two friends and they tell two friends and so on and so on and so on.....

I encourage each and every one of you to look into it – create a page for your team, sign up for Twitter and just start following some of your race sites or teams. Marine Prop Riders is set up on Facebook and Twitter but we need regular content to make them worthwhile sites. There is no right or wrong way to go about it, even signing up will make a difference. And if you need help doing it, just ask someone from the younger generation because they're probably using it as their main form of communication.

Best regards,
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MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting: At Juliano's, Warren MI Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:34 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by John Bridge.

President's Report: MaryAnne began by recognizing Chris Ritz who thanked the MPR on behalf of his father for the card of encouragement; his recovery from his accident is progressing. Also recognized was Cathy Schuler who recounted some of the details surrounding the accidental deaths of three vintage boaters in Florida. Ray Dong also commented on their passing. Moment of silence.

Also noted was an up-and-coming web-based conversation with Chip Hanauer on April 21, sponsored by the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February and the March meetings were approved. Motion by Eli, seconded by Chris Ritz. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Maraldo reported expenditures of \$16.80 for show handouts, \$195.00 and \$12.71 for postage and printing, and a deposit of \$371, leaving a balance of \$8395.99. Motion to accept by Ray Dong, seconded by Sam Anspach. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Jennifer Grigg reported that as of this date, MPR has increased to 120 dues paying members for 2012.

Publicity Report: Brian Reed again produced and with much help got the newsletter out to the membership. Entertainment: Ray Dong announced future entertainment plans: May, Wolverine Propeller representative to discuss, what else, propellers; and June, Sam Fullerton on Sports Marketing. Short meeting tonight to allow time for Natalie Shaver, discussing Social Media Basics.

Race Reports

Dayton Testing May 19-20, 2012 Systems are go. Driver's school is at capacity, sanction has been issued.

Walled Lake Thunder 5th Annual Race June 9-10, 2012 Andy G. for Todd M. discussed the filling of the class fields for the race. All looking good. The Hilton on 12 Mile and Novi Road is official hotel. Also, no cell testing at the Lake. Cell testing on April 21 at East Detroit High School.

Gold Cup 103rd Annual Race July 13-15, 2012

Waterford/ Quake on the Lake 13th Annual Race, World Championships, July 21-22, 2012. Planning meetings continue.

Celina, Ohio Aug. 25-26, 2012.

Rocky Fork - Tentative September, 14-15, 2012. Planning discussions ongoing.

Stony Creek Under discussion.

APBA News No report

IRC Racing News / Region 6 Eli W. announced the availability through himself and Rich Evans of the 2012 In-board Racing Rack Cards and Posters. All are invited to pass these out to friends, businesses, sponsors and any locations interested in promoting the sport.

Vintage News Paul discussed the participation of MPR boats - Vintage, Race, and Display - at the 27th Chris Craft Plant Jamboree at the Algonac Harbor club on June 23, 2012, 9-4. Bob D, Paul P, and Royce R, displayed their boats there last year and publicized various racing events and the sport. Very good response from the organizers and participants. Paul suggested MPR continue its participation again this year. See him for more details.

THE NEXT MEETING IS MAY 2ND

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 – 2012

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

Dayton OH - Dayton testing	May 19-20
Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder	June 9-10**
Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup	July 13-15
Waterford MI - Quake On The Lake (WORLD's!)	July 21-22**
Celina OH - Governor's Cup	August 25-26**
Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park	September 15-16** (tent.)
Geneva NY - Hydrobowl	September**
MPR Annual Awards Banquet	November 10
Region 6 Fall Meeting	October 20-21

Old Business

Display Boat Mary Anne circulated a sign up sheet for participation of members at up-and-coming shows, and parades and events. Use of the display boat was encouraged, now that it quite complete.

Mach Series No report

Financial Audit Has been rescheduled

New Business None

Next Meeting May 2, 2012, at Juliano's in Warren.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Eli W., seconded by Ray D. at 8:20. Unanimous approval.

50-50 Winners: Barb Lacey and Andy G.

Submitted by Paul Poledink

Mark Weber narrowly wins APBA Inboard Chairman Elections

The Elected Inboard Commissioners have selected a new commission chairman. Mark Weber beat out Dutch Squares in a seven to six vote. Weber is looking forward to his tenure as chairman and is excited to make a difference. "With the economy and the challenges we have, really we need to stay focused on putting on the best races we can and putting on the best show we can for the community hosting events," Weber said. "I think there are challenges in our sport right now and I look forward to making a difference."

As chairman Weber will work closely with the elected commissioners around the country to make sure that all of the inboard rules are followed as races are held and to make sure that the racers are compliant with all the rules and structure. In the immediate short term Weber plans to research and fill vacancies on the IRC and bring back the Deputy Commissioner program. "Deputy Commissioner is something that's in our rules and they have the authority to help people if they have questions about the rules, race management and to receive and accept input. The position will be a non-voting commissioner and I will use them as my eyes and ears out in the field," Weber said. "I plan on using the Deputy Commissioner as a mentoring program, for future commissioners, to get them involved in the structure of inboard APBA racing."

Weber brings plenty of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to his new position as the immediate past president of the APBA, Inboard Competition Director, a former racer, and he ran the inboard office for 11 years as the administrator for four different chairmen. Previously holding the title as IRC Chairman was Mark's brother Mike.

Mike resigned as chairman toward the end of March because of work and family obligations. "This sport is in a fragile time right now and I have found that work and family obligations just don't leave me with the time and energy necessary to lead Inboard racing the way it needs to be lead. I feel I am doing a disservice to the members, clubs and race committees by remaining in this office any longer," Mike said in his resignation letter. "Times have changes and insurance issues, economic issues, border wars and other problems continue to escalate. This is going to require a dynamic leader with the time and passion to drive the substantial changes needed for Inboard racing to grow and prosper."

John Sedrowski, Age 56

With a heavy heart, we share the news that John Sedrowski, a DRRA Volunteer and lifetime supporter of our sport in so many ways, passed away recently from complications following a surgery he had last week. John has been around "forever" and has two sons that are also very active in hydroplane racing. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

For more info see the DRRA site, issue #162 on the news page: <http://gold-cup.com/news>

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Member Biography

Judy Roberts

Personal Information:

Q: Your full name? Judy Stroh Roberts. Yes, I'm Bill Stroh's kid. People who knew my father say I remind them of him.

Q: What's your background in boat racing? I really grew up with it. My father Bill was involved at many levels, including driving Jack Schafer's "Schafer Special and Dossin's "Miss Pepsi". I knew people like Joe Taggart, Danny Foster, Stanley Dollar and Lou Faegol. My dad owned boats like the Nuts and Bolts, Miss Detroit, Miss Great Lakes, Miss Motor City and Hot Potato. Boat racing was different right after the war than it is now.. The drivers and mechanics traded engines, parts and even hulls trying to go faster. Dad had a machine shop, and later a marina, and so I was raised in this type of environment. I guess you could say I was a water rat.

Q: How long have you been involved with Marine Prop Riders? I lost touch and interest in boat racing after some tragic accidents many years ago. Then, over the years, many of the boat racing friends I grew up with moved on with their lives - and away from the Detroit area. I was looking for a way to become reacquainted with the boat racing scene, and was advised to check out the MPR group, which I did. Then, my friends Steve and Linda Mahac encouraged me to become even more involved with MPR, and to be a part of the action again. I came to the meetings several years ago, joined the club, and here I am now.

Q: What do you like about the MPR? Surprisingly, I find it sort of relaxing, after putting in long hours in my work. The people are cool, the meetings are "interesting", and I can use my skills for the fun of it in an area - boat racing - that I know so well. Also through the MPR, I am able to brush up on the modern racing rules and procedures. Serving as a turn judge at one race was a good way to really expand my racing knowledge. MPR provides good learning opportunities for anyone interested.

Q: You seem to take a lot of pictures at MPR events. It's my profession. I am a Master Photographer, and have my own studio, Photography Unlimited out on Gratiot near 26 Mile Road in New Haven. I started working in a photo lab at 16 years old and just went on from there. I also teach photography at the Michigan School of Photography. In reality, photography actually describes my life.

Q: How's business? It's a struggle, like all small businesses. What people don't realize is that for every hour I spend shooting pictures, I spend 2 or 3 hours on the computer producing the images and making them presentable to the customer. So a three hour shoot means nine or more hours back at the studio.

Q: What's something no one knows about you? Well, as a little child I couldn't read. So my grandfather let me use his camera. By the age of ten I was developing my own prints and expressing myself through photography. I still express myself through my images. I have photos of a Detroit race taken when I was only twelve.

Q: Where did you call home? We lived on Harbor Island with a lot of other water rats down by the Detroit River where it meets Lake St. Clair. My dad had large steel davits over the canal which he used to lift boats out of the water and move to his workshop. We had a boat in there every winter to work on. Interestingly enough, I also lived on a boat. My folks obtained the fire damaged 105' yacht Gypsy, and we fixed it up over several years. I lived on it at the DYC for three summers.

Q: Any hobbies? My "hobbies" seem to be photography related. I serve as a Professional Photographers of America judge in photography competitions, I enter competitions, and I take pictures of boat races around Detroit to bring attention to the sport. One of the photos that appeared in this publication has just been judged a national "merit" print which means it will be seen all over the country as one of the best photos in 2012. I can only hope that seeing photos like that attract people to this great sport!

Thanks, Judy.



National Merit Print: GotYa!

Judy Roberts, Age 3



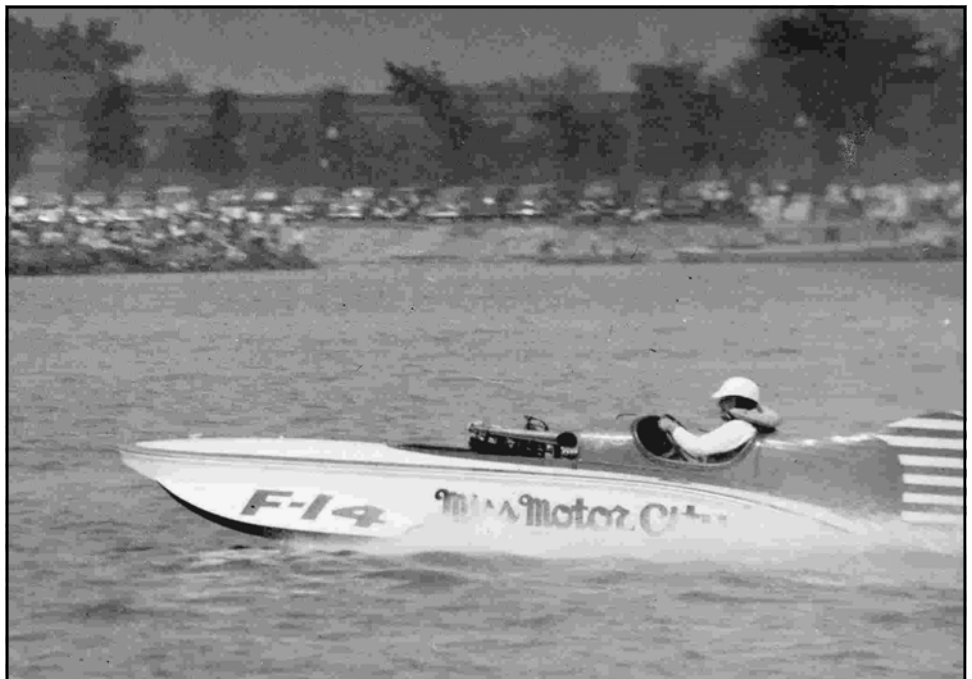
Bill Stroh and Fred Alter

More photos on next page



**Jack Schafer Congratulating
Bill Stroh**

Miss Motor City on Plane



Hi Mary Anne:

Just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for the invitation to the MPR banquet. Joanne and I really enjoyed the evening - really was a first class event. It was great seeing everyone and all the pictures. I know you put a lot of effort into that and I felt it added a lot to the banquet.

Just wanted you and all the Marine Prop Riders to know that Joanne and I send our thanks for a great evening!!!

Gloria J. Urbin - Executive Director - American Power Boat Association

Vintage

APBA RACE CIRCULAR

REGATTA: Venetian Festival on the St. Joseph River DATE: August 1, 1981

CONDUCTING CLUB: Marine Prop Riders

PLACE: Benton Harbor, Michigan - St. Joseph River.
I-94 to 94 Bus. Loop (Benton Harbor Exit) to Riverview Dr., left to
Pier 1000 Marina.

COURSE: 3 laps of an approx. 1-2/3 mile course. Not approved for records.

CLASSES: 850 Hydro (114)/1200 Hydro (116) combined
145 Hydro (113)
2.5 Litre (104)
280 Hydro (111)
GPR-B (151)

Classes combined at discretion of race committee.
Two heat format.

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or more per class, will pay maximum \$20.00 per boat Tow Money with
\$200.00 limit per class.
To be presented at Pier 1000 Marina.

REGISTRATION: Pier 1000 Marina - 8:00 am to 9:30 am

DRIVERS MEETING: 10:00 am - Pier 1000 Marina

SEND ENTRIES TO: Howard Trerice, 15858 Kirkshire, Birmingham, MI 48009

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00

ACCOMMODATIONS: Travel Inn Motel, Riverview Dr. 616 527-2421

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