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May 2014

Hello Prop Riders,

Race season is here! Dayton is now in the books and the turnout was great, The water was warm (for those that had waders), and the Saturday cookout had a good showing. Hopefully everyone learned something and left faster than when they arrived.

Special thanks go out to the webers, Billy Noonan, and the rest of the crew that put in countless hours to make testing happen.

Speaking of volunteers, Todd and Maryanne are still in need. Can you or a friend help?

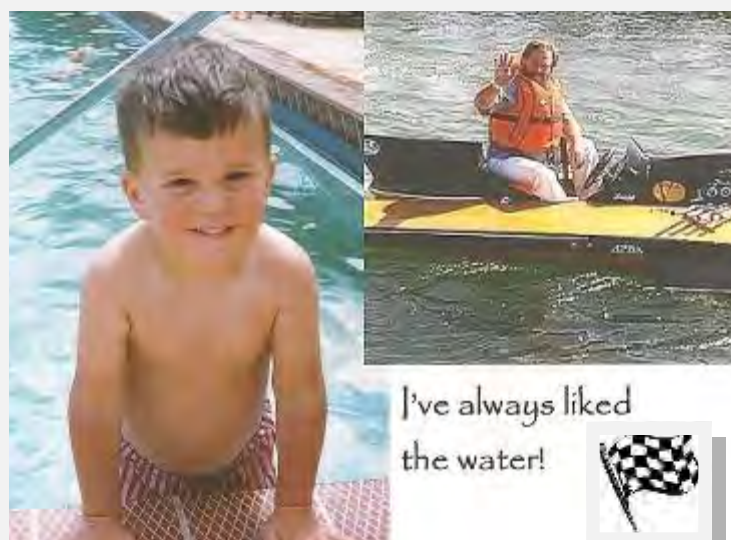
In this issue. there are some photos of dunk testing held by Andy & crew, along with Dayton testing. Also, there's a fun blast from the past. It gives some insight to how old Dick Delsener is..... Guess the year?!

Rumor is that some locals may be venturing out to Greenwood Lake. Record water? who says Region 6 racers don't travel?? Good luck to all.

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Be sure to wish **Dick Delsener** a belated Happy Birthday! We hear it's a big one. We couldn't fit all the candles on this page.....





MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting April 2, 2014 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held at Juliano's in Warren, Mi. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:41 pm.
Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge will be selling 50/50 Tickets tonight. Prop Pitch is not available tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz): The boat racing community and family lost a special friend last month. Tim Hueston lost his brave battle against cancer on March 22, 2014. Chris Ritz is asking to club to dedicate this years acts of volunteering to be in memory of Tim. Many members added thoughts, and memories (including some type of bandage or cast), of his many years of selfless volunteering he did to benefit this club and the racing community. The club thanks Racer Bob, and Safety Andy, for those special things they did, to assure Tim had the best chance to live a longer life, and share more of his time with the club and racing community. The club also thanks Jennifer Falcinelli for her efforts with the club communications, and club representation during the memorial, and celebration of Tim Hueston's life.

The club also introduced two (2) visitors to tonight's meeting; Barry Pray and John Pulbratek. Hopefully, the club left a good impression on them, and they may again join us during this years upcoming events and activities.

Approval of Minutes: Approved by: Eli Whitney Seconded by: Rick Falcinelli

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): Disbursements for Printing and Postage: \$86.40; Flowers (Tim Hueston Memorial): \$50.00; Tim Hueston Memorial Advance: \$1261.64 (Advance of Pay Pal account to be presented to the Tim Hueston family during the memorial. This amount has now been recovered from Pay Pal and will be redeposited into the account.) Balance: Initial: \$10,347.72, Final: \$8949.68. Approved by Rick Falcinelli and seconded by: Rich Falcinelli

Membership (Jennifer Falcinelli):	(2013)	(2014)	
Current Membership:	212	161	(Eleven (11) new members)
Primary Membership:	130	100	
Family Membership:	59	47	
Life Membership:	13	14	
Vintage:	24	25	(ten (10) New)
Newsletter: Printed:	86	52	
Electronic:	51	58	
None:		52	
Total:		161	

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Vallery Ritz added her e-mail address to the newsletter so that our members could more easily contribute information, biographies, and story lines for the use in the newsletter.

Vallery would like to include member biographies again. Mrs. Keogh assured us that her husband (Kent Keogh) would gladly submit his biography for the next newsletter. Kent has previously been a featured celebrity in our newsletter biography. It should be interesting to find out more things our club's historian can submit about himself. If we are "lucky", maybe our historian photographer (Sandy Ross) and Kent will start a fun new feature like a historic centerfold or cover shot.

Sandy Ross and Kent Keogh are working together in making DVD's about the history our sport. Hopefully, their DVD's will be available soon, and their efforts can be shared by all.

Entertainment (Ray Dong) : Rosie the Riveter (Jane Vass) was ill tonight, and could not attend this meeting. Ray will talk about the Yankee Air Museum, and its potential to promote boat racing. Ray was able to produce a couple of unique items available for the raffle.

2014 Race Reports:

Dayton Testing:

April 26-27

Spring has sprung in Dayton, melting the ice on the lake. Call Billy Noonan if you are planning to attend. This will help in planning all pit activities including a Kreitzer cook-out for those attending. Those southern boys know how to start the season with a party. The advertisement circulars for Dayton, are available, but not technically approved. They will be appropriately distributed. when they are become official.

Walled Lake Thunder: June 14-15 Volunteers Needed

Andy and Todd, recently attended the City Council meeting, and presented a plaque to the City Council. The City Council approved the race this year, and then announced their police department will charge for their services this year. The J-Stocks have been invited for a race/exhibition yet to be determined. Todd McQuade is organizing a party for the core of volunteers to be either, at his house, or at the Bayside Grill.

Gold Cup: July 11-13

It has yet to be determined if this will be a two (2) day, or three (3) day event. Sponsors are still being courted to make this a three (3) day event. The DRRA has announced their annual banquet to be May 02, 2014. This is a very large party, and it is suggested to make reservations if you are planning on attending. The entry fees to the banquet are as follows: DRRA Members: \$50.00, Non-DRRA Members: \$100.00. This "Banquet" consists of a vast array of finger foods large enough to fill a whole banquet room. Plenty to eat according to those that have previously attended this event.

Waterford Quake on the Lake: July 19-20 Volunteers Needed

This event is slated to be a National Event Live Streamed and Televised on Comcast. Last year it was reported by Comcast that this event was live streamed to eighteen thousand (18,000) sites. The Gold Cup in comparison was live streamed to a mere seven hundred (700) sites. The televised productions are looking for sponsorships, which would include commercials featuring your group or business. These commercials will/can include on business site filming.

The Quake on the Lake website was recently down to update to its newest format including the ability for daily updates, and announcements.

The event planners are upping the ante on all events being planned, some of which are highlighted as follows:

- Saturday night will be a Beach Party, complete with band stand moved onto the beach, a Margarita Bar, and a Jimmy Buffet style band.
- Car Show will include awards.
- Craft show with forty (40+) exhibitors.
- VIP Parties, pre-race parties, On-site parties, Pit Parties (Not!)
- More Presence of those recipients of the Rainbow Connection.
- Friday Happy Hour Hot Laps including prizes.
- Turn Judges will be paid \$50.00/half day.
- Vintage boats will start each day after the course is set around 9:00am.

The official hotel of the Quake on the Lake will again be the Quality Inn near the Silverdome. They are offering a discount for those attending, and request the discount.

The Insurance companies are being very restrictive about the parking situation. So be aware, you may not get to park where; a.) You historically have, or b.) Where You think you should. Rest assured though, there will be a parking spot, for you, somewhere on the site.

Bob and Kyle Wilson are the Official Race Director, and his Assistant Race Director. They are in the process of building the "Officials Team", so if you are interested in helping with this event, and volunteering your time, contact "The Wilsons-Bob, Mary Ann, or Kyle" and let them know where your interests are.

To help with communication concerning the races, and finalize volunteer assignments, Todd McQuade and Mary Ann Wilson (not present tonight) will present a "List of Tasks" for "Volunteer Sign-Up" concerning their respective races. These will include "Pre-race, Race, and Post-race" assignments. It was suggested to encourage local racers, to stay around Sunday night, after their races are complete, to help with tent/scoring stand/race course disassembly. This would reduce the effort needed on Monday following the races with limited volunteer help.

Celina, Ohio: Aug. 23-24
Working on sponsorship

Rocky Fork: Sept. 20-21
Working on sponsorship

New Martinsville: Sept. 27-28

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APBA News (Eli Whitney): Dan Wiener stepped down from his position with APBA. He left on good terms in pursuit of a better career opportunity. Applications will be accepted, and resumes will be reviewed, to find the right candidate to fill Dan's position. The rest of the staff is intact. APBA has even added another intern to serve in the role of producing the Propeller magazine (the last intern had served his complete sentence). The collapse of the APBA website had nothing to do with Dan's departure, and is up and running again if you know when to properly use the "refresh" key.

MACH News (Ray Dong): MACH is trying to hold their own, as there is another group trying to start up to compete with MACH. Entry Fees to MACH is still \$20.00. MACH is trying to work out something with the Vintage Group to recognize their efforts as a non-race (exhibition) related group.

IRC Racing News (Jim Sechler): No Report

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): Rocky Fork and Celina are looking for sponsors. Celina is talking with a major sponsor and hopefully can put something together soon. Tom Swindling is not present tonight because he is helping to obtain this sponsorship.

Rocky Fork is putting together some sort of Doc Yinger Memorial Race.

Old Business: The club would like to thank Rich Falcinelli, Eli Whitney, Mike and Mark Webber for their efforts in making the best use of the display boat(s) this year. The boat(s) were apparently located at the shows in some real good locations for exposure. There was also a great effort of the volunteers present at the shows, to pitch our hobby and introduce local racing to those present at the shows. There are some major repairs to the trailer and the cowling in which Eli Whitney, Mike Webber, and Pat Sankuer will determine financial requirements, organize the repairs, report their progress, to complete the necessary work.

New Business: "Volunteers" took on the responsibility to audit the financial books. Eli Whitney, Ray Dong and John Bridges will schedule a time to meet with Mario Maraldo to share in the financial review of the books, and of course celebrate their accomplishments with pizza and refreshments. Thank you all for volunteering.

Next Meeting: Date: May 07, 2014 at Juliano's in Warren, Mi

Adjournment: Time: 9:05 pm. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by: Mary Ann Wilson ; Seconded by: Pat Sankuer

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: Mary Ann Wilson, amount: \$43.00; Raffle Winners: Pat Sankuer, Tiger Cup, Stadium Turf; Sandy Ross (Ray Dong, Chris Ritz Donated back to club), Nick Lidstrum Poster

Tonight's Entertainment: Ray Dong's presentation of the Yankee Air Museum and his vision of creating an exhibit on the history of boat racing within the museum.

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

The Next Meeting Is May 7th

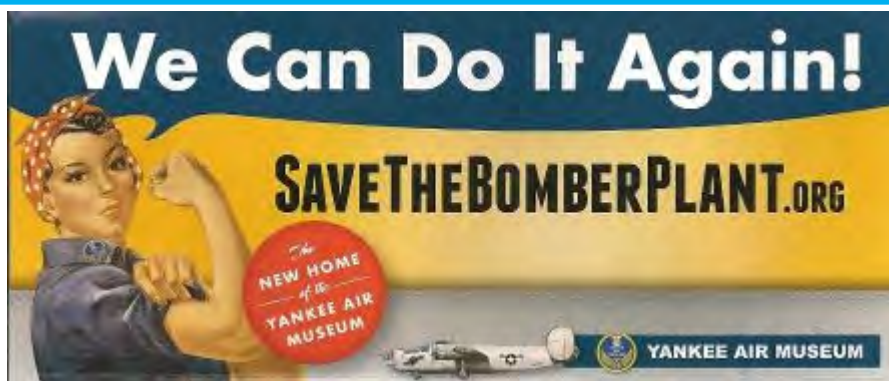
7:30 PM

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>
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Special Guest is Jane Vass, aka "Rosie the Riveter"



The Willow Run Bomber Plant is where 40,000 American workers built over 8,800 B-24 Liberator bombers that helped win World War II.

Enough funds have been acquired to preserve the bomber plant and create the future home of the Yankee Air Museum.

Visit SaveTheBomberPlant.org for additional information. Better yet, bring a guest to the next meeting and hear Jane's stories as Rosie the Riveter.

Safety Cell Testing

April 5, 2014

Lanse Creuse High School

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, Andy Guaresimo and his team hosted safety cell testing at Lanse Creuse High School. This was one of the last chances for racers to get dunked before the start of the 2014 race season. Turnout was good and the line to be tested moved briskly. There were also a few surprises. John Bridge was there being tested. What does he know and is not telling? We also got to see Mario swimming laps. He's still got it! Will we see Scooter Griggs in a boat this year?



Rachel & John



Scooter listening intently to Andy



Mario getting instructions.



What's going on here?



Dayton Testing April 26-27, 2014



Sean & Shelby Bowsher



Mark Weber & Tom Newman

Photos courtesy of Ray Dong



Box 21



Tom and Chad Swindling



Event Schedule – 2014

*Race dates and upcoming events are tentative.
Planning is taking place for the following events:*

Inboard Driving School, Dayton, OH

April 2014

Walled Lake

June 14-15, 2014

Quake on the Lake (APBA Inboard Nationals), Waterford, MI

Jul 19-20, 2014

Celina

August 23-24, 2014

Rocky Fork

September 20-21, 2014

Vintage Views

Hope you enjoy these photos from various race sites. Photos courtesy of Paul Poledink and Sandy Ross.



Yes, Miss America X is that long



Vintage logo of the DRRA



A wise spectator at many of our meets



Spectators at Buffalo Launch Club following directions



Suspended in mid-air - the museum quality Juno



A rare view of Royce's **Fat Chance**



Jack Schaeffer in the unlimited **Miss US**

Miss Vernor's Unlimited Hydroplane U-64 Oz.

**Owner - Driver
"Fearless Fred Alter"**

Length	30'-0"
Beam	13'-0"
Engine	World War II Allison 1710 V-12 Used in P-39, P-40, P-51 Mustang
Power	1250-1300 HP Stock 2,500 HP Racing
1977	The original Vernor's was designed & built by Les Staudacher in Kawkawlin, Mich.
1978	Fred Alter uses the design for a series of Unlimited Kit boat frames. Sponsored by the URC, the project was intended to provide low budget teams with modern hulls.
1980-95	The original Vernor's was raced as the Vernor's, Squire Shep, & KRYK (driven by Brands Jones)
1999	Kit boat frame (unfinished) purchased from the estate of racer Bob Gilliam
2002-2007	Miss Vernor's kit completed & launched by Fred Alter, for display at APBA Vintage event.



The story behind the vintage Miss Vernors



Phil Kunz and the **Helter Skelter** Crew at 2014 Dayton Testing.



Bill Noonan giving instructions before testing.



The legendary Ron Snyder

If you have any articles, classifieds, photos, "Who Knew" news, race reports, or want to submit a member bio in the newsletter, please forward to me at: varitz@gmail.com

Thanks!



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Help promote our sport, the MPR club and our upcoming races!

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 Columbia (Boblo boat), Seeandbee,
 Put-In-Bay, Tashmoo

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Brian Reed - (586) 751-3247





MARINE PROP RIDERS
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Membership Application

- Electronic Newsletter Single Membership...\$20.00 Paper Newsletter Single Membership...\$25.00
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Primary Member Name: (Required for drivers and MPR board members)		
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City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	
E-Mail Address:		

RACE AFFILIATION: (Check All That Apply)

- Owner Driver Crew Mechanic Official Media Other: _____

BOAT AFFILIATION:

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

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