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May 2015

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Race season is here! Many of you who have boats (sans the author) made the trek to Dayton and braved the cold, rain, and wind to get some testing time. While Saturday was weathered out, Sunday allowed some valuable water time. Rumor has it someone who hasn't driven in years was spotted in a white vintage boat? It looks like he still has "it".

Sounds like the news about Walled Lake this year isn't good. While Jim Sechler works hard bringing it back for 2016, let's be sure we're giving MaryAnne the help needed to run a successful Nationals in Waterford.

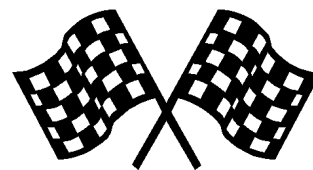
Speaking of volunteering—we need your help! The display boat is in need of some TLC to get ready for parades and display around town. What can you do? Contact Rich Falcinelli or myself.

See you at the races!
Ritzy



Recognize this driver?

Photo provided by Keith Koether.



The Next Meeting Is May 6th

7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting April 1, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held Juliano's in Warren, MI. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:32 pm. Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge II is selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz): Welcome back Paul Reinhardt. He renewed his membership dues tonight, and is present at this meeting.

John Bridge II announced the progress on the surgery of his wife's (Shelley) foot and ankle. From the pictures of the x-rays, she has enough metal and screws in her ankle, that getting through any airports' metal detectors will be a challenge. That qualifies "Mrs. Peg-Leg II" as our president of the Marine Prop Riders Pirates Committee with all that metal. Stay off the foot for the summer, and we're looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

John Bridge II also informed us on the health of Bobby Knowles, who is in his second (2nd) year battling with cancer. He is heading to Boston next week for some new test programs. Bobby has been a valued working member of this club since 1976 when he initially joined this club. Our thoughts, and prayers, are with you!

Chris Ritz said; "That his wife (Val) has again managed to get the newsletter out on time to our members". The good news is the number of printed newsletters has been reduced to about thirty two (32) copies, and the rest are electronic. Dick Delsner and Chris Ritz emphasized the effort it takes to manually put together the printed copies, and getting them prepared for mailing.

Dayton testing is getting near, and from the interest shown, it looks like this may be one of the largest attended events this summer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved after four (4) corrections were pointed out to be changed. Yours truly, used some recently published material as the basis for information to post in the last newsletter concerning scheduling. Unknown to your secretary, the information had been updated, or changed, between the time of publication, and posting in the newsletter. *The corrections to the schedule are highlighted in this month's newsletter.* There were also corrections to the information about high points calculations, and helmet rules from the regional meeting. *Those corrections are also highlighted later in this month's newsletter.* Your secretary is slipping (or sleeping)...it must be time to replace him! Do I hear a motion to replace your secretary?

Approval of Meeting Minutes with highlighted changes : Eli Whitney, Seconded by: Rich Falcinelli.

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): March Deposits: 235.00, \$193.60; March Disbursements: Postage and Printing \$49.55; Autorama #1 \$75.00; Autorama #2 \$75.00; Website \$99.05. Balance: Initial \$11,121.33; Final \$11,251.40.

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

Membership (Rich Falcinelli for Jennifer): March 2015 April 2015

Current Membership:	141	153
Primary Membership:	103	110
Family Membership:	20	25
Life Membership:	18	16
Honorary		2
Vintage:	19	

Newsletter:	Printed:	28	32
	Electronic:	87	91
	None:	26	30
	Archive:	1	1
	Total:	142	154

Jennifer Falcinelli mailed Mario a check for the t-shirt revenue of \$33.60. To be added to the \$272.37 of revenue raised by the prior t-shirt campaign totaling \$305.97. All T-shirt revenue to be earmarked for later use.

Approval of Membership Report by Rich Falcinelli, seconded by Eli Whitney.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Deadline for next month's newsletter will be April 24, 2015. The electronic mailing is catching on. There are only thirty (32) newsletters sent out hard copied. This reduces Val's manual labor a whole lot, and is greatly appreciated. Val also commented on how light the print was on the concussion report. Hopefully, all readers were able to view, understand, and submit to memory, the information publicized, even though the print was very light. You might be tested on this information when you least expect it, in an emergency situation.

Entertainment (Ray Dong): Ray Dong had scheduled a slideshow of the 1946 Gold Cup. The slide show was preempted with a presentation by Dave Michalik (National Sales Manager) for Gryphon Mobile Electronics. Dave met Jennifer and Rich Falcinelli at the Autorama where they were marketing "The #1 selling Lithium Battery Jump Starter in the World". Rich and Jenn Falcinelli are going to work with this company to help develop a product, capable of meeting extreme boat racing conditions. If/when a racing product becomes available, there is a potential of reducing twenty (20+) plus pounds from a hydroplane. The current jump starting units are approximately priced between eighty (\$80.00) dollars and one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars. Can you think of a cheaper way to substantially reduce weight in your boat?

2015 Race Reports:

Date:	Location:	Series:	Notes:
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 (Tent.)	Walled Lake Thunder:	(M)	
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): Dayton Testing is on schedule (Think Spring). All classes are invited. Due to the enormous interest to this event, there have been changes to the Pit Area-- both in layout and working format. The pit area has been expanded. The pit entrance has been moved about one hundred (100) yards toward the ramp area. You can stage boats, and turn around, in the new area. The Pit Area is not a "Parking Lot" this year. All Tow and Crew Vehicles will be parked outside the Pit Area-- Exceptions are appreciated, but will not be accepted....Don't even think about it. Hopefully, this newsletter will be sent out before this event happens...or once again your secretary is a day late, and a dollar short. There are still five (5) openings for the drivers school.

The local convention bureau is scheduled to attend this event for their first time. If you see them, feel free to introduce yourself, and pass on your appreciation for the use of this tremendous site. Not too many places are willing to donate a site for three (3) days, exclusively for our use, and events like this.

There is a concern regarding a hole present in the five (5L) liter cylinder head available through A.P.B.A. The supplier was contacted, and this hole actually is plugged for the race motors, and will be of no concern. The hole was initially designed into the cylinder head, to help control the choke during cold start-ups. No effect on today's race motors.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Be sure to check the above schedule for changes of sponsorship (EPIC) / (MACH) at both Kent Narrows, and New Martinsville.

Ray Dong commented on the completion of the ceramic coating added to the Official Race Timing Clock. Mark Tate has requested it be removed from his facility. If left for Ray Dong to do so, it would be a couple of weeks before he could fit it in his schedule to do so. Ray Dong therefore, asked if anyone was heading that direction in the next week or so? Chris Ritz has some business to do in that area next week, and volunteered to pick it up.

IRC Racing News (Marty Hammersmith): No Report/Combined in APBA News.

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): Your Secretary errantly reported on the following. *The corrections are as follows:*

As incorrectly previously reported: In-Board By-Law changes were approved as follows;

As Corrected: In-Board By-Law changes *are scheduled to be voted on during next fall meeting:* National High Points will be awarded to Owners who are residents within the boundaries of, or assigned to, Region 6.

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Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 3)

As incorrectly previously reported: In-Board By-Law changes were approved as follows;

As Corrected: National Rule now in effect: Helmets approved for racing will be Snell 2000 Minimum.

Have I mentioned; “Your secretary is slipping (or sleeping)...it must be time to replace him! Do I hear a motion to replace your secretary”? Come on Prop Riders!!

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink): Race/show season has started for the vintage class, and Dick Delsner has a tan to prove it. Fortunately, Dick did not try to prove he has no tan lines, like insiders tried to indicate. That would have been too much visual information. Dick made a twelve (1200) hundred mile journey to the pot hole free roads of Tavares, Florida, where Sandy Ross joined him for some fun in the sun. Sandy has the pictures to prove it. The event down there was Vintage only...which means they were not going to be bumped for “actual racing” boats. There were many classes not normally demonstrated in Region 6. They had classes for Donzi, Raveau, and the Vintage Unlimited boats of Miss US (driven by Ron Snyder), and Gale V. The Tavares site even had an area buoyed off for an active sea plane runway. This was a well run, highly organized event giving the vintage crews and drivers, their first very enjoyable event of the season.

Old Business: Thanks again, to Rich Falcinelli ,for his efforts in coordinating boats, and volunteers at this show! Thanks again to; Tim Sutton, Jack Hines, Paul Poledink, Kent Keogh and their Crews for making their boats available at this show! They had the opportunity to pass out an entire box of promotional cards while at this show. There are more promotional cards available, and available upon request according to Rich Falcinelli.

The display boat is at Bartush’s shop, and needs some prep, and paint. Ray Dong has had an opportunity to meet with Washtenaw Community College about painting, and it seems at this time, that opportunity has closed on us. Rich Falcinelli has volunteered to make their race shop available after Dayton Testing, for anyone interested in joining him to prepare the boat. Rich and/or Ray does have another professional painter lined up to spray the boat, once it has been prepped. Let’s not have this opportunity escape our club, and get some volunteers to the Falcinelli race shop to put this overdue project behind us. An E-mail can be sent out to notify those who might be interested in joining in on the work party. Let Rich Falcinelli know, if you are interested in some “bond-o-ing time” with the boat, and repair team.

New Business: Earl Stilson and Kathy Shuler are happy to report the fund raiser at the Royalty House for “Veterans Returning Home” was a success in the tune of raising twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) plus dollars. Kathy and Earl thanked those that took the time to attend, and support, this event. Ray Dong mentioned it was well worth the time to attend, and was also very humbling, “Because of the vets, we enjoy the freedom to race our boats.” After the meeting, in a private conversation, Kathy mentioned they are working on a Charity Bike Ride, for those who might be interested. Details will be posted later.

The Marine Prop Rider Banner is getting old, and may be the time to consider replacing it, or repairing it. Due to its long history, current shape, and potential high expense with the club, consideration for repair, or replacement, will be tabled till next year.

Ray Dong suggested that it may be time to organize a Marine Prop Rider Club Reunion. Quake on the Lake is a National Event, and would be an excellent opportunity to hold such an event. A hospitality tent/suite could be erected for such an opportunity. Ray Dong and Vallery Ritz have volunteered to lead a committee for such an event. They are looking for a few volunteers...how about you? If you are interested in helping pull an opportunity like this together please contact them. They are looking forward to hearing from you. Dick Delsner volunteered donating some liquid libations, and some beef for this event. It was suggested that free event passes, and free parking be made for those V.I.P.’s invited to such an extravaganza. Will past, and present Unlimited Drivers be invited as special guests? What an opportunity! Watch for news on this event, as they develop.

Next Meeting: Date: May 6, 2015 at Juliano’s in Warren, MI at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: Time: 8:27 PM. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Rich Falcinelli, seconded by Eli Whitney.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: John Bridge, Amount: \$30.00 (approx.), Status: Donated back to club! Red Wing Program: Winner: John Pulbratek, Status: Accepted!

Tonight’s Entertainment: Presentation of Jump Start Lithium Cell Battery Pack by Dave Michalik

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

Marine Prop Riders Support Veterans Cause

The First Annual Vets Returning Home Fundraiser, sponsored by Royalty House Banquet Hall in Warren, MI, was held on March 28, 2015. **Earl Stilson** and **Kathy Shuler** are advocates for Vets Returning Home and invited everyone at the March monthly meeting to attend and support our Veterans. The fundraiser included dinner, dancing, raffles and a live karaoke band. Several prop riders attended the event. As mentioned in the meeting minutes, the fundraiser raised over \$20,000.

For more information and/or donate, please visit <http://vetsreturninghome.org>.



Kathy Shuler standing behind Sandy Ross, Royce & Kathy Richards and other guests at the fundraiser dinner.



Ed was hoping for a winning raffle ticket from Earl.



Earl Stilson, Royce and Kathy Richards, Ray Dong



Earl Stilson and Ed Krupinski

Dayton Testing

Dayton testing was scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2015. Although Saturday was weathered out, Sunday was more productive. From seasoned racers to driving school students, the smiles say it all!

Photos provided by Ray Dong





Vintage Views



Pretty fancy credentials for us exhibitors!

Autorama Sound Bytes . . .

Submitted by Paul Poledink

. . . as overheard at the **Marine Prop Rider's** hydro display at Cobo Hall's **Autorama**, March 8 – 10, 2015, featuring **Miss Peg**, **Lucky Lady**, and **White Lightning**.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How fast does it go? Where do you run? Why just a 2 barrel carb?

When's the Gold Cup this year?

Is this boat wood? How do you stop it? Is this a new boat?

Is that a SBC Chevy motor? Is it a 350? Why is the motor in backwards?

When's the Gold Cup this year?

When and where is (Famous Wrestler, Car Builder, or B-List TV Sit Com Actor) appearing for autographs?

Where's the escalator to the rat rod display in the basement?

What does the gear on the end of the motor drive?

When's the Gold Cup this year?

Do you run at Columbiaville?

This last question was very interesting for me. Because, we did run at Columbiaville on the Holloway Dam Reservoir back in the late 60's. Quarter mile drags. We ran a 426 Chrysler Max Wedge powering a modified Berkeley Jet Drive in a 17' ski boat. Great hole shots and acceleration if I must say so, but we couldn't keep the water inlet down in the water at higher speeds. Without a continuous supply of water being sucked up through the inlet and discharged through the pump nozzle, we lost out to the prop boats. Great memories. This question came about because some of the spectators thought we had drag boats on display. All the drag boats back then were flat bottoms, but now the records in the quarter mile are being set by boats that look to a great extent like our "modern" hydros.

Frequently Expressed Comments (FEC's)

I'd like to run that boat on my lake. 80 mph is pretty fast on the water.

It must be pretty loud sitting there. Hot exhaust gas in your face too.

My buddy's got this ski boat in his garage, and . . .

I'd put a four barrel carb on that motor.



Name the three guys with **Miss Peg**.



That motor **is** in there backwards!?



Our fearless show organizer at work.

Sad News . . .

The past month has been difficult as we have said good-bye to several racers who have supported hydroplane racing in the past. Our heartfelt condolences to all of their families and friends.

Lorne Liddycoat—Lorne raced boats in the 70's and 80's while he and Corinne were raising Scott and Todd. It left an impression on their sons as both have followed their father's footsteps. Lorne and Corinne traveled to the races to watch and cheer for both of their sons as they pursue their racing dreams.

Jamie Wilson— Jamie raced the newly acquired A5 last year after taking some time off from racing. His willingness to help others and great attitude will be missed.

Ethel Long— Long time racer Ether Long will be missed. Some of you may remember her and her husband Charlie. Both raced for many years—along with family members Hugh and Mark.



Lorne Liddycoat



Ethel Long



Jamie Wilson



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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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Or

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Thanks!

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