



**May 2023**

Hello fellow Prop Riders. First and foremost, please say a prayer for our fellow members who are in mourning at the passing of our own Geoffrey Scott. As a club and individually our hearts go out to Dennis, Cassandra, his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. Here is information on the memorial:

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This will be a short update as you all know we are full steam ahead on race planning for the season. Things are progressing nicely for both events we are trying to make happen.

As we get closer to race season please keep in mind that as Bellville approaches, being that it is the first, we are looking for people who can volunteer at the race from the club. So please, if you haven’t already, reach out to Steve Lynn or any race committee or board member and ask what you can do to help for that week-end.

It has been encouraging to see the level of participation at our meetings. Keep up the great work as there is always strength in numbers. Let’s keep welcoming new members, getting younger members involved in our sport, and continue to have valued contributions from our legacy prop riders who attend all meetings. I sincerely thank you all for the continued support and for everyone’s hard work for this year’s agenda. See you at an upcoming meeting!

*John*

**Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 05AP2023 – Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by VP Steve Read at 7:30 PM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Moment of Silence for Geoff Scott, honoring his recent passing, with thoughts of support for his family, Dennis, and Cassie. Geoff was a veteran of the US Armed Forces. Celebration of life coming, no details yet. Gone too young, *Godspeed, Geoff!*

Guests tonight: Steve Garey (noted author and boat racing authority), Joe Shulte (too long absent), and Andrew Tate (not so noted boat racer, soon to be put on display for Ray's entertainment tonight); Welcome!!! Nancy Spanich brought cupcakes and cake to note Mario Maraldo's 85<sup>th</sup> (or thereabouts) and Kathleen's recent birthdays!

**MARCH 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, Tom Alfano; second, Dave Muczinski; motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO:** Mario Maraldo submitted the treasurer's report, noting deposits of \$300 each from DMBRA and R6IRA for refinishing the display boat; expenses of \$109.95 (Autorama), \$43.97 (postage / printing), \$63.60 (club banner), \$119.88 (website hosting), and \$1000 (boat refinish deposit); balance is \$11,769.58. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Rick Falcinelli; second Rich Falcinelli; motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH:** Nancy's monthly report finds: 60 primary, 16 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 95. Memberships keep coming in!

**PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON:** Tina's back from vacationing, need content!! Nancy Spanich updated address list to make sure of delivery by email and snail mail, thanking Brian Reed for his aid in making the e-delivery work!

**ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG:** Ray Dong (as mentioned above) has convinced Steve Garey to introduce Andrew Tate for some in-depth background of Andrew's successes in boat racing circles. Ray also foreshadowed next month's entertainment, indicating he would present incriminating photos from the recent Lincoln Park dunk tests and slides from the Ken Warby life celebration last month in Ohio. Steve Read queried as to the availability of a larger monitor (TV screen to we oldies present) for better visual experience; seems unlikely for now.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Social Media / Website / Facebook: Steve Read encouraged club members to know the social media community one is dealing with; information regarding the new races needs to be placed on social media soon; more people need to put articles into the newsletter; new developments need to stay inside the club until these are ready to be released to the world; *Remember to keep positive if commenting on information regarding the new races; no keyboard wars!!!!*
2. NEW RACE SEARCH COMMITTEE: A. Belleville Lake – 24-25June 2023, Steve Linn, Mike Horvath, Steve Read, Phil Goddell; insurance application submitted, updates expected to be needed; working on boat count, with Rich Falcinelli's help; Referee Barry Pray, Asst Ref Jack Meyer, Inspector is ?, Scorer is ?, Race Director is ?, Pit Manager is ?, John Bridge Vintage Rep; Rich Falcinelli spoke of having a group boat inspection in May for those who do not go to testing prior; meetings with Belleville YC continue. B. Ford Lake – Barry Pray: discussed cancellation for 2023, work on 2024 expected to continue with JAYCEES. C. Mott Lake's Crossroads Village (Flint area) - Dave Muczinski and Cassie Briggs; 12-13AUGUST 2023; the Mott Foundation has offered suggestions on finding funding sources, looking for \$\$\$ continues; 1 mile race course has been designed by Russ Dodge (Region 10); enthusiasm in area good. D. Quake – Rebranded to Gateway Regatta: Ray Dong and Steve Read – business plan developed, meeting 07AP23 with park and DNR; looking towards 26-27AU23 (last weekend of August); focus is on White Lake Twp. for support, Waterford Twp. is still in the picture.
3. Audit (*actually a financial review of MPR records*): John Grigg, Nancy Spanich, Ray Dong, will join Mario to review the club finances, date TBD.
4. Display Boat – Phil Goodell: Painter working on hull; deposit of \$1000 received (see Treas. Report above).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. New Race Search Committee meeting called for 13AP2023 (Thursday) at Simple Palate 7:00 PM. Focus will be on Belleville and Mott Lake.

**Next Meeting:** 03May2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Barry Pray; second, Mario Maraldo. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

# MPR Display Boat

Last summer Ray and I took a ride out to Paul Poledink home to recover the MPR Display Boat where Paul so graciously stored the boat for the past eight or more years.

The boat and trailer were in relatively good shape although the weather had taken its toll on the paint. At least the tires were in good shape and still had air in them.

I brought the boat back to my house to see how much work was required to bring back its luster and make it available to promote potential events.

Once news got out that the display boat was available, I received a text message from Mike McGuire and our friends with the Dayton Motorboat Club. Mike was interested in displaying the boat in front of Joey's pizza to promote Rumble in the Hills at Rocky Fork State Park.

After the event was over, I had a moment to speak with Mike and asked if the display boat made an impact on the event. Mike replied that having the boat on display and announcing the race dates on the banners, people in the area were excited to see the event was on schedule for 2022.

Soon after, Greg Kreitzer asked if he could use the boat to promote Hydrobowl – Caesars Creek. Greg also mentioned that having the boat on display also played a role in drumming up interest.

The boat returned to my house for a moment as I wanted to remove those sun-dried stickers from past race events. Mike contacted me and asked if I would be open to him getting the boat back down to his place in Hillsboro so he could have his painter put a coat of fresh paint on the boat and have it cleaned up and ready for the 2023 race season.

After receiving a quote and the MPR board approving the cost, the boat returned to Hillsboro.

Work has begun and a request was made by the Belleville Yacht Club to have the boat on display in Downtown Bellville to promote Thrill in the Ville June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Update to soon follow.

Story by Phil Goodell



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Oh yes, it's going to Happen!!!!



## Our billboard for Belleville Lake



A big thank you to the race committee and  
Steve Linn for the picture.

We are going to need volunteers for this  
race  
Hint, Hint



# “2023” Race Schedule



|      |                                    |                      |   |
|------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| EAST | DAYTON TEST & TUNE,Waynesville, OH | April 29 & 30        |   |
| EAST | Edgewood, MD( NEW )                | May 13 & 14          |   |
| EAST | Bellville, MI ( T NEW )            | June 24 & 25         | Classes TBA   |
| EAST | Guntersville, AL                   | June 23,24,& 25      | GP & E350   |
| EAST | Madison, IN                        | June 30, July 1, & 2 | GP & E350   |
| EAST | Cambridge, MD                      | July 22 & 23         |   |
| EAST | Hillsboro, Oh                      | July 29 & 30         |   |
| EAST | Genesee, MI Mott Lake (T NEW)      | Aug. 11, 12, & 13    |   |
| EAST | Mays Landing, NJ                   | SEPT 9 & 10          |   |
| EAST | Lake Hopatcong, NJ                 | Sept 16 & 17         |   |
| EAST | Hampton, VA                        | Sept. 23 & 24        | SUMMER NATIONALS                                    |
| EAST | Caesars Creek, OH                  | Sept. 30 & Oct. 1    |   |
| EAST | Lakeland, FL                       | Oct. 21 & 22         | EASTERN DIVISIONALS                                 |
| WEST | Buckeye, AZ                        | March 11 & 12        | CB  |
| WEST | Oroville, CA                       | April 15 & 16        | CB  |
| WEST | Yelm, WA                           | April 29 & 30        |   |
| WEST | Lake Chelan                        | May 6 & 7            |   |
| WEST | Copperopolis, CA                   | May                  | CB  |
| WEST | Nicolaus, CA (Lake Minden)         | June 3 & 4           | CB  |
| WEST | Soap Lake, WA                      | June 17 & 18         |   |
| WEST | Richland, WA                       | TBD                  |   |
| WEST | Olympia, WA(Black Lake)            | July 8 & 9           | WESTERN<br>DIVISIONALS/(CRACKER<br>NATIONALS Day 2) |
|      | TriCities, WA                      | July 28,29,& 30      | GP, 2.5 Stock, E350                                 |
| WEST | Pateros, WA                        | Aug. 19 & 20         |   |
| WEST | Brewster, WA                       | Sept. 2 & 3          |   |
| WEST | San Diego, CA                      | Sept. 15, 16, & 17   | CB, GP, & 1 LTR                                     |
| WEST | Oak Harbor, WA                     | Sept. 23 & 24        |   |
| WEST | Lake Chelan                        | Sept. 30 & Oct. 1    |   |
| WEST | Copperopolis, CA                   | Oct. 7 & 8           | CB  |
| WEST | Nicolaus, CA (Lake Minden)         | Oct. 14 & 15         | CB  |
| WEST | Buckeye, AZ                        | Oct. 21 & 22         | CB  |



**Next newsletter**  
**Pictures from Caesars' Creek**  
**Test & Tune**  
**April 29-30**

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- ☐ **Family Membership: \$30.00 - Check box for paper newsletter ☐**

|  |              |      |
|--|--------------|------|
| Primary Member Name:<br>(Required for drivers and MPR board members) |              |      |
| Family Member Name(s):<br>(non-voting member(s))                     |              |      |
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### **RACE AFFILIATION:** (Check All That Apply)

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Class/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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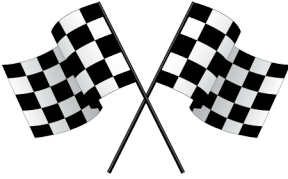
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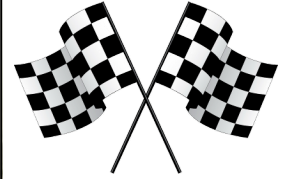
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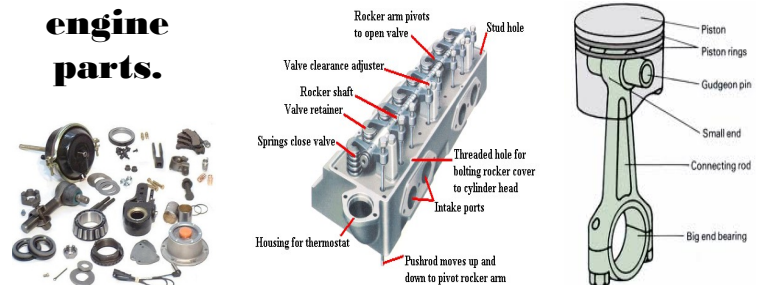
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