

"America's Finest Inboard Racing Club"

MARINE PROP RIDERS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



Established 1951

www.marinepropriders.com

November 2009

2009 MPR Awards Banquet

Saturday November 14th — Doors open at 6pm, dinner about 7pm

We have redesigned this event and really want to see you there!

Nice new location, a Saturday evening, buffet style, cash bar, \$25

MPR member to race in Doha, Qatar

MPR member Mike Webster will have his boat, the U-22 Matrix Automotive Systems, at the Oryx Cup in Doha, Qatar for the world Championship races to be held on November 19, 20, 21, 2009 in the Arabian Gulf. He and his crew will be leaving on the sixteenth of November for the race and return soon after the racing is over.

The unlimited race teams will also be looking at possible race sites in Brazil and China for 2010. The Marine Prop Riders will have a presence at these world wide races with the Webster unlimited U-22.

The ABRA web site states that they will be attempting to live stream from the race at Qatar.

2009 MACH Series Champions – announced at Region 6 meeting by Ray Dong

T class (1.5L Stock)	Brandon Kennedy
Y class (1L Mod)	Jim Sechler
S class (2.5L Stock)	Keith Anderson
A class (2.5L Mod)	Royce Richards / G. & R. English
E class (5L Stock)	James Martin
NM (Nat Mod)	Paul Yinger
GNH (7 Litres)	Jimmy Deel



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – October 7th 2009 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Crash Landing called to order at 7:55 by Eli Whitney.

Eli mentioned that Stan Fisk is in the hospital. He will be there for awhile and need a lengthy rehabilitation. He is at Boston General Hospital. Cards and emails are accepted.

Minutes – Motion to accept the September meeting minutes as printed by Mario Maraldo seconded by Royce Richards. Stands as printed.

Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo; September expenses of \$215.09 for the September newsletter, \$132.81 for the October newsletter, for a balance of \$12,089.18. Motion to accept by Ray Dong seconded by Tom Alfono. Stands as read.

Membership Report – Mario: 130 current members.

Website – Brian Reed; nothing new. Apologized for the repeat picture. Eli thanked Judy for the cover letter.

Entertainment – Ray: Bill Rands had to decline. Future guests are Mike Brudenell and the Aussie stock car driver (name not given).

Eli asked for a motion to depart from normal business and reopen MPR Board nominations. Motion made by Brian Reed seconded by Mario Maraldo. Greg said that Stefanie declined her nomination for membership. Eli asked for any new nominations and for someone to fill the membership position. There was not a word spoken by anyone. Cadi asked if she could nominate herself (yes) and Ray seconded it. Racer Bob declined his nomination for Member at Large. Motion to close nominations by Tony seconded by Royce. With no positions contested, Eli asked that the nominees be accepted by acclamation. Motion to accept by Cadi Reiss seconded by Mark Weber. Motion passed. 2010 MPR Board of Directors will be; President – Eli, Vice President – Eric, Secretary – Tony, Treasurer – Mario, Publicity – Brian, Membership – Cadi, Entertainment – Ray, Members at Large – Mary Ann and Paul.

Race Reports – Quake – Racer Bob; the volunteer appreciation party was last Friday. Waiting for the first meeting for next years race. Ray talked about the funds raised by UD and others with matching funds from Racer Bob's employer for a total of \$1,500.00 extra to be donated to the Rainbow Connection.

Stony Creek – Racer Bob; talks are ongoing but no progress. 50/50 chance for a race next year.

Walled Lake – Jim; not a lot of info. 12-13 of June is tentative date. Trying to list and fix issues from last years race. There was a question about the financial loss mentioned at the last meeting. Jim said they lost less than the previous year and those losses are in easily correctable areas.

Gold Cup/ Celina – Mark; still on. The Gold Cup actually made money this year. The main sponsor, Chrysler Jeep Dealers Association, does not exist anymore. There are several ideas; they just need to come up with a plan for sponsorship. They have a new promotional DVD and are getting help with marketing and demographic studies. Mark said we are still running events in the city when everyone else is leaving.

Allen Creek – Eli; testing session with 34 boats showing up, went well. Mark said it was a good show by the racers for the people and the park. The Ohio Parks people were impressed with the APBA and Region 6 structure. This site has great potential.

APBA/IRC – The results for the National elections are in the Pit Patter. Congratulations to Mark Weber, re-elected as President of the APBA for the next two years.

Region 6 – Region Meeting October 24-25, Perrysburg, OH. Regional elections will be Sunday morning.

Old Business – Banquet advertisement in newsletter. November 14th, 6-12 PM, dinner at 7. \$25 buffet style with cash bar. We need to increase attendance. Hopefully the new arraignment will bring more people. There are rooms available at special rates for Banquet attendees. Mario challenges the people who have asked for change to attend because the changes have been made. Mark said it may take a couple of years to bounce back to attendance numbers that we used to have.

New Business – Eli mentioned the IB race schedule poster info in the newsletter may be a chance for the race sites to advertise. Racer Bob mentioned an article in a surveyors magazine about hydroplane racing (he has copies). Bob also wants to create a new MPR trophy for the "unsung heroes" of the club. Mark said that in case the club folds, that the trophy should revert to the APBA instead of White Lake Twp. as Bob suggested.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM by Jim Sechler, seconded by Royce Richards.

No 50/50 (low attendance).

Submitted by: Tony Kallio

THE NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 4th!

7:30 p.m.

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

Take I-696 to Dequindre, then go North on Dequindre a short distance

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

26620 Dequindre Road — Warren, MI 48091 — 586.751.4444

2009 Region Six Fall Meeting - APBA Commissioner Election

The APBA members of region six that were at the fall meeting elected two APBA Inboard commissioners, Mario Maraldo and Jim Sechler for the 2010 racing season.

Thank you for your vote and remember that this is the time of year to submit rule proposals to be discussed and voted on at the 2010 APBA National Meeting in January.

The form to submit rule change proposals can be found on the goboatracing.net web site under Bulletins and Forms.

Help for your Windows computer

(Advertisement - no classifieds page this month and a bit of space to fill here)

More and more I've been helping people and small companies clean up their computer systems, fixing the common complaints of slowness, error messages, printer networking, upgrading, etc. If you're having problems, I can probably help! You get personalized and ongoing help from someone you can trust, instead of haphazard and over-priced help from the likes of the 'Geek' squads.

I'm available for on-site help in the Metro Detroit area as well as for remote/online assistance.

Brian Reed - 586.751.3247 - sayhello@reedonline.com

Upcoming Events Schedule

MPR AWARDS BANQUET

Perrysburg OH - *Spring meeting* - Region 6

November 14, 2009

Feb 27 & 28, 2010



2009 AWARDS BANQUET

When: Saturday November 14th 2009

6:00 PM until midnight • Dinner at 7:00 PM

Where: ConCorde Inn (new location)

44315 Gratiot Ave • Clinton Township, MI 48036 • 586-493-7300
<http://www.concordeinn.com>

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Cash Bar)

Includes:

Selection of salads and condiments

Farfalla marinara, chicken piccata and roasted pork tenderloin

California mixed veggies, and red skin potatoes

Coffee, tea and soft drinks

RSVP to: Mario or Kathy Maraldo

586-468-3204

***Anyone who brings a gift basket this year will
receive 20 tickets towards the cause***



A LETTER
FROM THE

THE PRESIDENT

We're starting another APBA year (these run November 1 through October 31 annually), it also means MPR starts with a fresh Board of Directors elected last month. I welcome our new board members (Paul and Cadi) along with incumbents Eric, Mario, Tony, Mary Ann, Brian, and Ray.

I've thought last year (2009) was pretty lively.

We support three races, got two on the books; one of these (Quake on the Lake) was the Inboard Eastern Divisionals, which gathered in the highest boat count at any Inboard race nationally this year, and, in spite of some funky weather, produced some of the finest racing action witnessed anywhere in the last several years. The third race has not failed, just delayed; it is being worked feverishly, patience is the byword.

MPR exhibited, promoted, and supported inboard boat racing and the APBA Driving School endeavor at Autorama, Novi Boat Show, Miracle Mile Spring Show (at JYC), and the APBA Gold Cup.

MPR members racing accomplishments: Eastern Divisional Champions (Mark Burghardt, Jim Sechler, Royce Richards, Pat Sankuer); MACH Series – too numerous to mention all here; National Hi Point standings – leaders (1st 2nd or 3rd) include Pat Sankuer, John Grigg, & Cadi Reiss in GNH; Royce Richards and Debbie Welte in 2.5L Mod (A); Cristina Wilson in 2.5L stock (S); Jim Sechler and Sean Bowsher in 1L Mod (Y); and Marty Wolfe in Grand Prix (GP). That's a lot of top spots nationally.

MPR is active in APBA Region 6 and nationally, as members contribute their efforts, time, and some resources to the organization and management of our boat racing.

MPR has redesigned the annual Awards Banquet, moving to a new location, back to Saturday night, cut the price in half, let's see how this endeavor works out and find more revisions in the future to make this a must attend affair. This one time each year, we bring out some glitz as we honor our club champions and have some fun. Don't forget, these awards validate our competition among the racers, make the efforts worthwhile. When we attend these, we further that validation, which is important to the continuance of our avocation.

Where do we go from here? Forward. This new year offers opportunity and, as always, more work. Let's have at it, no sense waiting!

Don "Eli" Whitney

APBA Region 6 Fall Meeting 24-25OC09 Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio – Eli's notes

All APBA racing categories and types active in Region 6 met to rehash the just ending racing year activities, begin planning next year's activities, and elect category region officers, region board of directors, region chairman, and category racing commissioners. For Marine Prop Riders, the spotlight is on Inboard and Vintage.

Inboard region officers elected: Chairman – Billy Noonan; Director – Steve Spisak

Inboard Racing Commissioners elected: Mario Maraldo, Jim Sechler.

Other elected Region 6 Board of Director positions:

Officiating Committee: Chairman – Don Whitney; Club Committee: Chairman – Eric Pomber

Vintage Region 6 rep: Joe Shulte; Region 6 Reporters: Dudley Smith (outboard), Eli Whitney (Inboard)

Inboard Officiating Committee: Chairman – Don Melillo

The combined Inboard Race Chairperson and Inboard Officiating meeting featured much discussion on race dates and maintaining officials. It was noted that there is a lack of fully qualified chief referees. There is more to being a referee than just taking the test; in Region 6, there is a training program which must be completed under guidance of experienced referees. Several people are part way into the training, but more are needed. The scorer situation is under less duress, with competent scorers in place. There are several persons participating in inspections, also alleviating a shortage which existed only a few years ago. But, in both cases, we still need more. Case in point: most of the Region 6 inboard races are conducted on record courses. This situation requires not just one inspector, but two fully qualified inspectors. One can see that we could run out of local help in a hurry. Scoring help is always appreciated, also. Turn Judges! You do not have to be a driver, you just need to be an APBA member. This job is a good way to contribute; we always need at least two to run any race.

Race dates - 2010:

Alum Creek – mid-May – testing/vintage two days. Date is TBD, coordination with Dayton needed.

Dayton – mid to late May – APBA Driving School ONLY. See above with Alum Creek, Box 21 cannot be in both places at the same time.

Walled Lake – 12-13 June – Thunder! Race course will be flip flopped again (starting line on the front stretch, no that's the back stretch, no it's the front again!), weed cutting machine this year to deal with weeds.

APBA Gold Cup – Detroit – 9-10-11 July

Waterford – 17-18 July – Quake on the Lake features two days of racing (no more three days); same great place to benefit the Rainbow Connection!

Stony Creek – TBD – patience, patience; negotiations are taking place. This one is touch and go, tough economy to suitable race date to reconstituting the sponsoring club; discussions make this one a tough go.

Celina, Ohio – 28-29 August, two days at this small town, big time affair. Be ready, be on time!

Rocky Fork (Hillsboro), Ohio 18-19 September (no hurricanes, please). There is a buckeye tree, we've seen it, but it is ill mannered to plant buckeyes up here in Michigan!

Alum Creek – 25-26 September – first race weekend for this new site, two days!

A Region 6 Inboard bylaw addition was approved, now any race date swaps between clubs must be in writing between the respective presiding officers, approved by the Region 6 Inboard chairman, with the original dates returned to normal the following year. This alleviates a very sticky situation that has occurred recently. It is causing all region sites to do more long range planning, and that is a good thing.

Rich Evans brought a proposed T class engine (1.5L stock) to the Inspection Seminar, where he tore it down for display and educational purposes for any who got curious. This engine is a GM Powertrain marine and fork truck 1.6L four cylinders, single overhead cam, two valves; it is being considered by the Inboard Tech Committee to supplant the almost extinct Toyota engine in current use. Power is virtually identical; it is economical to purchase and to install (about 60% of the Toyota). This writer favors the potential use of GMPT's marine fuel injection and electronic ignition control with this package; the components are very durable and match today's technology level and technology expertise (points and condenser, what are they?).

Let's close with the Region 6 Spring Meeting dates: 27-28 February, 2010, same place, Holiday Inn French Quarter. The Region Award's Banquet and ceremonies are Saturday evening (27FE), information regarding these will be forthcoming right after the New Year, but, since this writer gets to pick the menu, cost, etc., let's just say we'll be holding the line on cost and make this pool side gala a must attend affair.

Board Of Directors

2010

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Membership

Marine Prop Riders
Membership Application
c/o Mario Maraldo
25999 Ballard
Harrison Township, MI 48045

\$30.00
Family
Membership

Only one active driver per family membership! List all, indicate driver.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax: _____

Affiliations: Owner / Driver / Mech. / Official / Media / Other _____

Boat: Class _____ Boat Name and # _____

What can you or your crew do to help at races?

Check here if this is a correction or address change. _____



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