



November 2011

From the President:

Seems like just yesterday I was writing my first column as the newly elected President of the Marine Prop Riders and here we are a whole year later! We've come so far since last year - and if we stay on this path, we can continue to grow with the same level of energy and enthusiasm! This year's board has already met and are developing initiatives that further our efforts and so much more! We want to maintain our momentum with increased publicity and promotion in the desire to nurture our membership and have fun doing the things we all love to do! With your help, we'll continue to develop our goals and plans for next year!

You may have already noticed but in every corner of this sport people are looking at ways we can improve and attract more members, sponsors, etc. These types of changes must be done on every level and here, at the grass roots club level, the Marine Prop Riders must do their share as well. Our display boat and continued emphasis on boat shows, Autorama, and any where we can promote our club are critical touch points for us to reach many people. Please join us and lend a hand - as the old proverb says, many hands lighten the load!

I would like to take a moment to thank the committees that are hard at work this month. First of all, the Awards Committee went through many nominations, compared them to the criteria and selected this year's award recipients. This is not an easy job and I want to thank them for their efforts. Secondly, the Kart to Kart Committee - wait - they actually haven't worked that hard, but I'm sure they'll be breaking a sweat when they get out on the race track! And finally, the Banquet Committee has met a few times, exchanged numerous emails, done a lot of research and are still hard at work preparing what looks to be the epic event of the year! You have already received your custom designed invitation - make sure to RSVP and book a room!

In closing, thank you all for your continued support! I'm looking forward to some great fun with the club this year!

Best regards,

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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – October 5th – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Juliano's called to order at 7:35 PM by John Grigg.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the September meeting minutes by Rick Falcinelli, seconded by Brian Reed. Stands as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Mario; expenses of \$246.89 for the newsletter, \$235.56 for postage, and a deposit of \$195.00 for a balance of \$9,392.09. Motion to accept by Eli Whitney, seconded by Stefanie Nettke. Stands as read.

Membership Report: Mario for Jennifer; 170 members.

Publicity Report: Brian; updated the web page. Member bio's doing good. If anyone needs help submitting their team pages, see Brian.

Entertainment Report: Ray; Steve Garey will talk about Bill Muncey.

Race Reports:

Walled Lake – no info.

Gold Cup – no info.

Quake – no info.

Celina – no info.

APBA/ IRC – Mark Wheeler is APBA President-elect.

Region 6 – Fall meeting October 22, 23. Circular in newsletter.

Vintage – Paul; Vintage in Louisiana.

Old Business – John said that Mary Anne has been talking with Tom Bertolini about working on our display boat. Ray mentioned that it might be possible to have one of our meetings at the old Ford plant on Piquette Street in Detroit. There was a discussion about the MPR banquet, November 19th. Evening attire suggested but not mandatory.

New Business – Don't forget to fill out the MPR Awards forms and submit to the Awards Committee. MPR Board of Directors final vote as follows:

President – Mary Anne Wilson. Vice-President – John Grigg; Secretary – Paul Poledink; Treasurer – Mario Maraldo; Publicity – Brian Reed (with club support); Membership – Jennifer Grigg; Entertainment – Ray Dong; Member at Large – Eric Hindbaugh; Member at Large – Eli Whitney.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 by Rick Falcinelli, seconded by Tony Kallio.

50/50 won by Curt Smith who donated it back to the club.

Submitted by Tony Kallio

THE NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 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

Current plans are to have the December 7th meeting at APBA Headquarters like we did last year - more info on page 9

Some Sad News

The Marine Prop Riders would like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of longtime Region 6 racer, Danny Walls, Sr. who passed away October 26, 2011.

Danny's son Dan Jr. and grandson Jared with Danny have campaigned their boats (2.5 stock S-55 and 1L mod Y-55) for years all over Region 6, including Walled Lake, Waterford, and Stony Creek.

Danny himself was a longtime successful driver, famous in the 225 class, and drove hydros all the way up to and including Unlimiteds.

Event Schedule – 2012

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

MPR 60th Anniversary Awards Banquet	November 19, 2011
Boat show - Detroit MI	February 11-19
Autorama - Detroit MI	February 24-26
Region 6 Spring Meeting - Perrysburg OH	February 25-26
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**
Clinton IL	September 8-9(**?)
Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park	September**
Geneva NY - Hydrobowl	September**

Some events or dates may be tentative, more solid info in the coming months.

Region 6 Fall Meeting – October 22-23, 2011

Don “Eli” Whitney reporting

The APBA Region 6 Fall Meeting was held the weekend of October 22-23, 2011 at the Holiday Inn – French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio, its home for several years now and in the foreseeable future. An annual feature of the meeting are elections of committee and category officers, who make up the region’s Board of Directors, and elections of category commissioners, who sit on their respective category racing commissions, which direct racing activities nationwide. Additionally, the various committees and categories conduct regular business besides the elections.

A couple Saturday meetings required the participation of several MPR members. In the morning, the Inboard Race Chairman’s meeting took place, where race successes and problems are discussed. With two of the races local, reps from Walled Lake and Waterford were present. The races always benefit from these discussions. Saturday afternoon, the GNH’s held a class meeting, with an MPR presence, as several GNH teams are MPR members. Turned into a lively and productive affair, had some help from GP’s Mario Maraldo and John Grigg, as we discussed last year’s activities, and made some plans for next year.

The Inboard meeting took place on Sunday morning, with Tom English calling the meeting to order at its appointed time, 8:30 AM, to which the rather small but audience responded with astounding attention, well, enough attention to hear the reading of the minutes, move and second adoption of same, and move onto the rest of the meeting agenda. Sometimes it is like pulling teeth, but Tom got the meeting going forward pretty well; we had no choice, he is an ex-cop after all.

Race recaps were short and sweet, with only three races actually racing in 2011. Financial woes cut into Rocky Fork, forcing a postponement until 2012. Likewise, a new event in neighboring Region 7 (Clinton, Illinois) was postponed until 2012, Region 6 racers should flock to this event, September 8-9, 2012. Additionally, the Dayton test session and APBA Driving School was flooded out this past spring, but plans are being made to once again put the waters of the Hydrobowl to use in 2012, with the dates TBA. There was no news regarding Alum Creek nor Stony Creek.

The three races that ran featured great racing, solid boat counts, and two premier championship events, one in Michigan, one in Ohio:

Walled Lake Thunder opened the 2011 racing with a good race, lotsa action (speed, thrills, chills, had everything!), the most successful thus far, as reported by Jim Sechler. The next peal of Thunder will echo over Walled Lake June 9-10, 2012.

Mary Anne Wilson reported that the 2011 Quake on the Lake was successful as a race, putting on the Inboard Nationals with 72 boats, one of the best boat counts this past year, in spite of the economy. As befits a “hot race”, that is, hot as in racing hot, and *hot* as in weather hot, the 2011 Quake on the Lake shook out the funds, as a \$10,000 check was raised for the Rainbow Connection, the charity of choice for Quake these many years. That ten grand will grant a wish for at least a couple of the Rainbow kids, which is always worth the effort. Next year’s race is scheduled for July 21-22, 2012.

Celina, Ohio’s Governor’s Cup saw an Ohio community and county citizen coalition overcome the perceived water quality issues of a year ago (race was postponed in 2010) to put on the Inboard World Championships. With Champions declared in 5 classes, and the coveted Governor’s Cup decided by mere seconds on the race course, this event more than lived up to its reputation as a premier Region 6 event. More of this excitement is on tap this coming year, all roads lead to Celina, Ohio on August 25-26, 2012.

MACH series was affiliated with four races this year, not the five or six hoped for last fall, but besides the three Region 6 races above, MACH was affiliated with an out of region race, the first since the last running in Decatur, Illinois several years ago. Where did MACH make its landing? Geneva, New York. What a first time event to be affiliated with, this race was a huge success and bolsters MACH’s standing in the racing community. MACH awards will be announced and handed out at the APBA Region 6 Awards Banquet next February, Saturday evening, February 25, 2012 to be exact!

Region inboard equipment is in pretty good shape, although a new P&G tester (aka, the pump, it is used to check engine displacement) will be purchased, with the blessings of the positive vote by those present (still not very many, a couple new faces dragged themselves through the Forum entrance, but only a couple). The clock is in good condition; in spite of the carnage inflicted upon the course buoys by certain drivers at Celina (at times, it looked like opening day of deer season rather than racing, as buoy after buoy got bagged), the quantity on hand and on order will be adequate. The equipment trailer and contents did make the ride to Geneva and served as the clock and starting line buoys, the upstate New Yorker’s paid the normal loan fee happily, so all costs were covered.

A need for another scorer (or two) was expressed, interested persons need to take the test (and pass it) in order to score. It also seems most of the referees want to be assistants rather than chiefs (seems strange, usually everybody wants to be chief and we have no followers), this will work out, the region does have some pretty good chief referee talent. One thing though, next year’s most important official: risk manager. Risk manager duties are not expanding, just the recognition of the importance of these duties is being realized. Insurance waiver signing by everyone in the controlled areas (pits, judges stand, patrol boats, etc.) is recognized now as a paramount duty of the race site, and the enforcer (watch out, Dirty Harry) is: the Risk Manager. So, everyone, Pay Attention!!!!, sign the waiver sheet when you come in. No sneaking in the back gate, no more hiding in the back of the truck or depths of the van,

don't be too busy to put down your John Hancock imitation. It is good for racing; in fact, without the waiver sheet and signatures, racing could not happen, it would be financial suicide.

No report from salvage teams. Musta been quiet, but I seem to recall some upside down action at least at Walled Lake? Apparently, no issues, although I do know a lot of sand had to come out of at least two of the motors!

Box 21, the rescue team for Region 6 Inboard, had a good year, reported Dave Noble. There were no injuries, in spite of the excitement at times. The jet ski's are OK, with regular maintenance expected and maybe a little repaint. Dave also announced four new recruits to Box 21's race rescue team, 3 police officers (no, they are not bringing their speeding ticket books!) and 1 FAA accident investigator (if you can't figure out what happened when you turned right instead of left, he'll tell you on the way in); four new guys is really positive, as the extra help is also providing continued great service to the racers. Dunk test graduates this fall: eleven. Way better than the three of a year ago. No, the test is not easier, this just reflected some racers thinking ahead for once, good job! Also, for us wider bodies, the new, wide body dunk test cell is finally progressing, as Dave Archibale will have it ready for Box 21 use next February, at the spring meeting. Box 21 does need some equipment to outfit the cell, specifically helmets and life jackets. Donations requested. If you have something for them, contact your IRC commissioners or chairman, they can help get you hooked up.

Local club announcements centered first on MPR. First, the banquet attendance was encouraged, noting the date (November 19, 2011, a Saturday evening), the low cost (\$25), the high quality site (Concorde Inn), and the Kart2Kart Saturday afternoon fun race. Mario reminded all that he and Jennifer both had plenty of membership forms on hand, and memberships for 2012 are available at the regular low cost of \$20 (\$30 for family membership). Mike Bruns, on behalf of the Celina race committee, spoke of the continued improving water quality of Grand Lake St. Mary's, and an appreciation for all who came to Celina to race. He also suggested that Dayton testing would be a good place to bring equipment for sale, as there is always a chance to make a deal when the goods meet potential customers. Mark Weber added that there may be some potential race sponsors or volunteer organizations invited to Dayton for the testing weekend, to develop relationships which may turn into actual races. Also, a young gentleman from Celina has taken on the task of being the main man for a Region 6 Facebook page, he will monitor participation and help anyone wanting to post. I apologize to you all, as I don't have contact info for him, when we get it, we'll publish it. This is a good thing, as that is emblematic of some young people stepping up to fulfill their interest in boat racing! We need this!

Another piece of old business was a Region 6 Inboard By-Law change vote. This change was proposed last spring, and the second reading and voting to complete adoption took place. The change added wording to prize money requirements for Region 6 Inboard races, to allow a race site to adjust class minimum payout to enable successful bids to the IRC for championship events. It is rather complicated, but it comes down to this: if a bid is put in, the bid encompasses all Inboard classes, even though here in Region 6 we usually run 6 or 7 classes out of the total of 12 classes nationwide, and the total amount of money needed to cover all classes is not always available to be guaranteed. Bids have been lost on the amount of money available for prizes and whether or not all classes will be listed. The bylaw change to allow the adjustment in money minimums was approved, but not by unanimous vote, as serious concerns were expressed that this action opens possible erosion of Region 6 Inboard's long standing tradition of paying prize money to racers.

The next piece of new business were the elections. Following nominations, motions, seconds, and voting, these guys are your APBA Region 6 Officers and Commissioners. Note that the Alternate Director is appointed by the Chairman.

Inboard: Chairman – Tom English; Director – Steve Spisak; Alternate Director – Mark Weber;

IRC Commissioners – Jim Sechler, Tom English

Now, not trying to confuse anyone, what actually happened is that Billy Noonan was elected Inboard Director. At the Region 6 BOD meeting later Sunday morning, Billy Noonan was nominated and elected as Region 6 Chairman, and by rule, vacated the Inboard Director position. Steve Spisak, who had been appointed by Inboard Chairman Tom English to the Alternate Director slot, by rule again, succeeded to the Inboard Director office. Tom English then appointed Mark Weber to fill the Alternate Director position. What does this mean? I'd say the leadership is in good hands, we are on solid ground. We'll give'em all the support they request and need, I believe.

Finally, Inboard Chairman Tom English appointed a "blue-ribbon" committee to formulate Region 6 Inboard goals, plans, and metrics (no, not millimeters, meters, and litres, these metrics are measurements of progress or grades) thereof, to focus efforts on the next five years of inboard racing in the region. Appointed (drafted is more like it) were Billy Noonan, Eli Whitney, David Archibale, and Todd McQuade (uh, none of us got to say no, somebody moved to adjourn and whoops, meeting over!).

I guess we gotta report something next meeting, which is in February! I mentioned the Award's Banquet above, the APBA Region 6 Spring Meeting takes place February 25-26, 2012, at the Holiday Inn – French quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio. More info will be out in January, 2012, regarding reservations, banquet, and meeting schedules. Be There!, because that's when the race schedules firm up, events from the national meeting begin to have effect, next chance to take the dunk test, and race season approaches ever closer!!!!

Get your room for the MPR Banquet now!

Hello Everyone,

I am writing you today to let you know about the great deal we have worked out with the ConCorde Inn Hotel for the Marine Prop Riders 60th Anniversary Banquet on November 19th. They have garishly offered us a block of rooms for \$89.99 plus Tax for either a King Bed or two Queen Beds. The Hotel has a very nice Pool if you or your family would enjoy a swim. When calling for reservations mention you are attending the M.P.R. Banquet and would like one of the Blocked rooms that have been set aside. We have a set number of rooms so don't wait too long and miss out on this deal. You have until 6:00 PM November 19th to cancel your reservation if something unexpected comes up.

The Hotel's number for your reservation is 586-493-7300 using Code Number 1119 M for our special price.

The Hotel is located at 44315 Gratiot Ave Clinton Twp Mi 48036. It is about 1/2 mile South of Hall Road also called 20 Mile Road or M-59.

<http://www.concordeinns.com>

Hope to see you there,
John E. Bridge II

MPR Kart2Kart racing – Nov 19th

Join us as we race on the challenging and fast go-kart track at this indoor facility in Sterling Heights, Saturday November 19th at 12 Noon!! This is the Saturday of our 60th Anniversary banquet!

Depending on the number of participants, the price per person (I believe) is set at \$50 for 3 runs. If we get less than 36 people we will have our heats between heats for the general public. If we get more than 36 people, we would have the entire place to ourselves for that time, but it doesn't appear that we will.



PLEASE let us know if you are interested in attending, by contacting Mary Anne at 248-798-3188 or maryannewilson@comcast.net to help us plan for this event.

Bring your helmet (or use one of theirs), wear tennis shoes (no open-toed shoes), and maybe even bring a pair of driving gloves. K2K has a selection of food, bottled water, juices, energy drinks, chips, ice cream and alcoholic beverages available.

**K2K is on Van Dyke (not M-53, the expressway), just south of 19 Mile Rd.
www.kart2kart.com 42705 Van Dyke (586) 997-8800**



2011 AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday November 19th 2011

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

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586-468-3204

Bring a gift basket and receive 20 raffle tickets

Member Biography

Jeff Sankuer

Personal Information:

History: Why did you you get into hydroplane racing?

My dad started racing in the 70's and then took a break for a bit. then started racing in the GNH class in 1991 with my brother Pat driving. so it is kind of an inherited sport.

When and where did you drive your first hydroplane race boat?

Well I have always crewed for my dad and brother, but my first ride was in 1997 at Dayton OH, I got to test our GNH at the race. My first race was in 2005 with my 1 liter mod at Pontiac Lake in Waterford MI.

How did you acquire your current hydroplane and where did it come from?

I bought Nicky Pellerin's 5 liter The Chopper, 2 years ago. It was built by Ron Jones in 1982.

What was your greatest heat in racing?

My favorite heat was in 2008 when my brother won the GNH final at Stony Creek MI. That was a awesome race. For me I think this past year in Geneva NY I ran 2nd in heat 1b, the boat ran great.

Who helps you at the races and in the shop?

My family is a huge part of my racing, my support at home from Katie and Grayce is the most important. My dad is a huge part, we are always talking strategy and always how to do the best. My mom for her support and just being the best. My brother, who i look up to the most, i learn from him about racing, i have learned by watching him drive, he helps me with the boat hull, fiberglass and paint (SCT of course) and he is my crew chief. a huge part of my team is Leif Glasius, without him the boat would not move. he does a great job building the motors and making sure the boat is running right. Without my family and team, i could not do it without them.

What do you want to accomplish this year?

Our goal this season was to do the best we can and try to improve in every heat, have fun and be safe and look the coolest of course.

What would you change about racing?

Well as always the cost of everything is hard, and to have 5 liter and GNH not run back to back.

What would you not want to change about racing?

To always let people be innovative and bring great ideas into a great sport and strive for their goals.

What is your favor-it race course?

Pontiac Lake in Waterford MI

What is something no one knows about you?

I have the coolest beard in APBA, lol

What is your occupation.?

I am a union electrician local #58

Where do you call home?

Marine City, MI



What is your age?

34

Do you have any children?

Katie and I have our Grayce

Do you have any sponsors?

Sankuer Composite Technologies (SCT)

Equipment specifications?

E-17 — 5 liter / 305 Chevy by Leif Glasius, Jones hull

Your 2011 MACH Champions

Congratulations to all the 2011 MACH Champions!

T-5 / Trophy Hunter - owned by Douglas W Hagatha with John Shaw driving

Y-1 / Fast Eddie Too - owned by Jim Sechler with Dan Kanfoush driving

S-242 / Crush - owned by James King with Bobby King driving

A-23 / Geezer Boat - owned by Debbie Welte with Joseph Sovie driving

E-500 / Centsless - owned by Donald Less with Joe Less driving

NM-100 / Sum Toy - owned by Tom Newman with Tony Black driving

GH-8 / Deel-Me-In - owned by James Deel with Joe Longo & Cal Phipps driving

Note that there was just a 1 MACH point difference between E-500 and E-17 !

Special December MPR Meeting

*Like we did last year, the December MPR meeting will be held at APBA Headquarters.
It will be December 7th and the meeting will begin about 7:30pm as usual.*

We will have our regular meeting, then our entertainment for the evening will be a tour of APBA HQ including the very special trophy and memorabilia area.

The food plan is pot-luck style, bring a dish to share. We had quite a spread last year!

Our December 7th meeting location:

The American Power Boat Association Headquarters
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Eastpointe, MI 48021



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

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