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# **MARINE PROP RIDERS**

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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**November 2012**

## ***From the President:***

### ***Welcome ....***

Welcome to the newly elected Board members and welcome back to those returning! I am excited about having some new faces on the board and so many new ideas! We met as a board a couple of weeks ago and developed a plan to continue some of the great things we've been working on for the past few years and talked about many new ideas too! Just wait 'til you hear what we talked about!

We plan on presenting our goals & objectives at the November meeting, so make sure you're there to hear all about it!

In addition, we are now planning to hold quarterly board meetings 30 minutes before the club meeting. Our first time doing so will be at the November meeting, so if you want a sneak peak of what we're planning or just want to watch your board in action, get to Julianos 30 minutes early and observe!

Speaking of November, have you RSVP'd for the MPR banquet yet? Another elegant evening is in the works, thanks to the hard working banquet committee. Where else can you go for \$25 per person and enjoy cocktail hour with your racing friends, amazing food (I can't wait for the mouthwatering chicken picatta), a fun filled awards presentation and tons of great prizes!

In closing, thank you for your support by electing me as MPR President again. I remain highly optimistic about the club's future and am looking forward to putting some of our great ideas into action. If you have anything you'd like to see us address, I am always open to new thoughts & suggestions. Please feel free to call or email me anytime!

Warmest regards,

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***SEE INSIDE FOR YOUR INVITE TO THE MPR AWARDS BANQUET NOV 10 !***



# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – October 3, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** At Juliano's in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne at 7:35 P.M. John Bridge will be selling the 50-50 tickets this evening. Welcome to Tom D'Eath, Guest / Entertainment for evening, and his wife Deb, as well as members of Unlimiteds Detroit.

**President's Report:** MaryAnne noted the health concerns of MPR members and supporters – Don Mellilo, Tim Hueston, and Rich Evans, who has undergone a heart valve replacement. Best wishes to all. Also noted was the death of Stephanie Nettke's sister. Better news included the continued recuperation of Bob Ritz, Chris' father, after a motorcycle accident in Florida.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August meeting were up for approval. Motion to approve by Eli Whitney, seconded by Red Mathis. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As reported by Mario Maraldo - Two postage expenditures of \$54 each, \$167.84 for printing, and a deposit of \$413., leaving a balance of \$8018.77. A check for \$300. from the Quake committee is also forthcoming, to fulfill their sponsorship commitment on the MPR Display Boat. Motion to approve by Eli W., seconded by Rick F. Motion passed.

**Membership Report:** Jennifer Grigg reported membership remains at 158.

**Publicity:** Brian Reed reported that Mario and Ray Dong were extremely helpful in producing this month's newsletter, and thanked Jennifer F. for her contribution. Brian also noted that he would be willing to continue his work on enhancing the MPR website, but would like to hand off the production of the newsletter if possible to others.

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong announced that a rare 16mm film of the 1976 Gold Cup Race will be shown following the meeting, - and will be narrated by its winner, Tom D'Eath, LIVE!, followed by a Q and A.

### RACE REPORTS

**NEW MARTINSVILLE** Sept.29-30 Speed runs. Mike Weber reported that 30 boats attended the ¼ mile speed runs. Good water, good event, reliving to some extent the past races at this historic venue. APBA records / benchmarks were set at this inaugural event.

**DAYTON TESTING** No new news until 2013.

**WALLED LAKE THUNDER** On the agenda of events for 2013.

**GOLD CUP** 104TH RACE ON THE AGENDA OF EVENTS FOR 2013.

**WATERFORD/QUAKE ON THE LAKE** ON THE AGENDA FOR 2013

**CELINA, OHIO.** NO NEWS FOR NOW.

**ROCKY FORK** - A SUCCESSFUL TWO DAYS OF RACING. EXCELLENT WATER, PICTURESQUE SURROUNDINGS, COMFORTABLE WEATHER, MINOR MISHAPS ONLY, GENERAL RAVE REVIEWS, GREAT SPONSORS, LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

**STONY CREEK** STILL ON HOLD.

**TONAWANDA** NO FURTHER NEWS UNTIL 2013

**GENEVA** Sept. 22-23. As reported by Eli, lots of wind, but still 1 full day of successful racing. All classes ran except 2 ½ mod and vintage. Very well-attended and appreciated by the spectators.

### APBA NEWS

**IRC RACING NEWS** MARK WEBER REPORTED THAT THE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS NEED TO FULFILL THEIR COMMITMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AMOUNT OF WORK FACING THE SPORT IN THE COMING YEAR.

**Region 6** meeting scheduled for Perrysburg, Ohio on Oct. 20-21.

**Vintage News** Nine vintage hydros and two flat bottoms (Ken Warby's) ran successfully at Rocky Fork. No incidents; good water, four good runs.

### OLD BUSINESS

**ANNUAL BANQUET** NOVEMBER 10, 2012 AT CONCORDIA INN, SAME AS LAST YEAR. PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY BY THE MANY VOLUNTEERS. MPR MEMBERS SHOULD CHECK E-MAILS AND THE NEWSLETTER FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

## NEW BUSINESS

**It's time to renew memberships in MPR!** Jennifer Falcinelli promises to aggressively continue the recent years' efforts to build participation in our club

**Awards Committee** will be meeting to determine the MPR Award winners to be announced at the Annual banquet. Nominations for the four awards are welcome from the MPR membership. Check e-mail for a notice on this – or call in to Chris Ritz, Committee chairperson.

| NOMINATIONS      MPR BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2012-2013. REOPENED |                     |                                       |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT  | MARYANNE WILSON     | BY ACCLIMATION                        |
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| PUBLICITY  | VALLEY RITZ         | BY BRIAN REED, SEC. BY RAY DONG       |
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|  | TODD MCQUADE        | BY SAM ANSPACH, SEC. BY RAY DONG      |
|  | ELI WHITNEY         | BY MARIO MARALDO, SEC. BY JOHN GRIGG  |
|  | WAYNE SHAGENA       | BY CHRIS RITZ, SEC. BY PAUL POLEDINK  |

SECRET BALLOT VOTING TOOK PLACE FOR **VICE PRESIDENT**, AND **MEMBERS AT LARGE (2)**. Chris Ritz, Rich Falcinelli, and Todd McQuade were elected. Motion to destroy ballots passed.

**NEXT MEETING:** NOV 7, 2012 AT JULIANO'S, 7:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:20 BY JIM GARZA, SECONDED BY KEVIN LACEY. MOTION PASSED.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL POLEDINK

## **THE NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 7TH**

**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 5th meeting at APBA Headquarters as in previous years.*

## **Some Sad News**

Many of you are aware that Jim Garza passed away October 25, 2012 at 6:40 PM. Jim 's family will be having a private service for Jim in the coming week or so and is discussing a celebration of Jim next July during race week at the APBA Gold Cup.

Jim worked his 46th race this past July and was working with us just two weeks ago mowing the lawn at the Dodge Pit Area. Mark Weber and others took him to lunch that same day at Sindbad's to celebrate his 74th birthday.

*The hills are alive with the sound of..... no, not music, but THUNDER!* The rolling landscape of Southern Ohio's Highland County echoed with the thunder of horsepower as the APBA Inboard Hydroplanes contested the **Rocky Fork Thunder Powered by VisitHighlandCounty.com** regatta on the picturesque waters of Rocky Fork Lake State Park. Picture perfect weather and potent powerboats produced great competition on this record setting, 1.25 mile oval around the famous island. Watched closely by spectators from all over and the local wildlife, a true spectacle of racing took place!

The new race committee has ably taken over from the former committee (thank you Doc Yinger and company, for making this event viable in past years), executing a smooth handoff, which should result in continued future racing at this important Region 6 site. Thanks to the many sponsors, including the Highland County tourist commission, Weiner racing, Sankuer Composite Technologies, and Bill and Bobbi Shea / Donate For Life. Tom English and Dave Archiable did a bang-up job bring the new committee into being and the results are impressive! Here are some names for reference: Mary Anne Wilson, Don Melillo, Ron Snyder, Steve Spisak, Jim Sechler, Jennifer Grigg, Dennis Bowsher, Dean Armstrong, Joe Johnson, Phil Mitchell, Rich Falcenelli, and Kevin Gilday! Oh, yeah, the pits. The pits are always a chore at Rocky Fork, and this year, most spots were preplanned, and it worked! Great crane work with organized traffic control from the lower pits to the upper pits made things move along! More names: Sam and Rachel Anspach, Tim Heuston, Dennis Bowsher! Box 21 and Rick Wickline had some work to do, but all ended well!

An aside, Don Melillo is ailing, and we all wish him well and support him! Somewhat linked to Don's circumstances, Bill Shea received a lung transplant one year ago, and to celebrate his gift of life, Bill and Bobbi donated some contingency prize monies for this weekend, promoting the Donate For Life program, with stories, conversation, stickers, and pins. Great to see Bill and Bobbi, all decked out in their race uniform stars and stripes shirts from 1997! ***An individual decision, signing up to be an organ donor is as easy as checking a box on your driver's license renewal or by checking it out on the internet, please consider it!***

Vintage boats were invited, and a strong field took up the challenge. A number of beautiful boats took to the water in three separate heats, safely and proudly revisiting old times of hydro racing. To mention only a few does not do justice to the field, but some of these were the *Sir Ron* E-boat, the Beth Gilday / Billy Noonan's *Lil Miss Hillwinds*, Phil Mitchell's beauty out of Minnesota, and Phil Kunz's E-66 *Helter Skelter*, driven in competition by the late Jim Kropfeld, and driven this weekend ably by Ron Snyder. Incidentally, Ron sez he wished he had been able to drive the Skelter back then, he'd have won a lot more races! Might even have gotten famous!

OK, time for the racing. The show began with timed hot laps on Saturday morning. The water was fast, oh my! Record setting speeds were recorded, leading to much anticipation for the racing the rest of the weekend! Leading the way was the NM-100 with Chuck Miller piloting (driving? The way that thing flew, piloting!) this black beauty to a lap speed of over 111 mph (NM record is 108)! That was just getting ready for the weekend racing, too!

Y class – Nine 1L Mods raced; Y-1 the victor. The racing was very close, and the dynamic duo of Jim Sechler/Dan Kanfoush, with the help of the competent Y-1 crew, had to be on the top of their game, both days. Becky Wilson shucked a sponson in the first heat Saturday; Jeff Mauer's Y-16 orange crate looked good with Kathleen driving, but encountered some transom troubles (prop blade broke and shook the transom apart, fixed it, ran on Sunday!); Chris Ritz and Canadian racer Andre Rousseau had their troubles all weekend; Joe Sovie overcame Saturday difficulties to run on Sunday. Sean Bowsher raced a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Saturday, but faded on Sunday. Marty Hammersmith came on real strong, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and finishing a very close second on Sunday, the Y-4 has really come on this year! Bob Weaver's famous Y-563 Lobsterboat (Chuck Miller in the seat) came in from Raleigh, North Carolina to wind up 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Overall: Y-1, Y-4, Y-563, Y-52, Y-16, Y-44

S class – Seven 2.5L Stocks saw action this weekend, with boats coming from Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, New Jersey, and New York. Virginia's Doug Martin (S-33) to be the king of the qualifiers (both days), but the finals were taken by New Jersey's Joe Longo in the S-146 *Lil Electron* (thank you Willard, look to see you sometime soon!) over Mike Monahan in Greg Barker's S-9 *Honey Bun* (both days!). Tina Wilson in her S-20 ran consistently all weekend, while Scott Thompson continues to build up points in his S-41 *Second Choice*. Keith Fickert in Joe Kreitzer's conventional hulled S-67 *Impossible Dream* finished a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> on Saturday's final, good job by the rookie! Scott Anderson and Myron Buxton continue their efforts with the S-38 from the Celina, Ohio area, finishing a couple heats and making progress! Overall: S-146, S-9, S-20, S-41, S-33, S-67, S-38

E class – Eight 5L Stocks raced in twin qualifiers, with Joe Less in the E-500 *Centsless 14* (Don Less' current craft) winning one Saturday and Sunday, and Tom English (E-75) and John Jenkins (E-32) the other qualifier, Saturday and Sunday, respectively. The Saturday final went to Joe Less, but the Sunday final went to Stover Hire's E-37 *Hire Voltage* with nephew Colby Denman piloting. With this, his first win, Colby got thrown in the lake to cool off his

hot work! Congratulations! Joe Sovie in Doug Benyon's Louisiana based E-61 *Ragin' Cajun*, Illinois' Mark Manos (E-51), and rookie Kyle Roskowski in Scott Blackwell's Indiana based E-617 all ran strong and steady this weekend; the long tow award (if there was one) goes to Mike and Mike from Colorado, Mike Schroder and Mike Hopkins, with the E-23, who ran well on Saturday, but found Sunday a little more challenging. Overall: E-37, E-61, E-617, E-51, E-500, E-75, E-32, E-23

A class – Eight 2.5L Mods honored the memory of Joe Tate this weekend. The George English / Royce Richards, Randy English prepared pairs were present, but the drivers were different! With the regulars out (one hurt and one practicing his driving skills in San Diego), Dan Kanfoush (A-52) and Stevie Kuhr (A-25) put the pair through their paces. Results: Dan in the A-52 *Fat Chance* won all four heats contested, while Stevie in the A-25 *Fat Chance II* had a pair of 2nds in the qualifiers, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Saturday's final (not bad for the very first time in that potent radical Staudacher hull!). Joe Sovie gained the runner up spot for both finals in Debbie Welte's A-23 *Geezerboat*; the Essinger four cylinder just singing a high RPM song! Tom Bergman in Mike Cashin's World Champ A-8 ran steady all weekend, with Doug Martin in George English's A-7 getting some mod experience on Saturday; Kevin Kreitzer in Joe's A-64 had a rough Saturday, but ran strong on Sunday, finding some light at the end of that tunnel he's been in! Maryland's Gregg Isaac's A-47 with Bobby Kennedy aboard had a rough weekend, but ran one heat very well, while Florida's Jim Aid in A-33 had an even rougher weekend, but without any serious damage, just operational maladies of the immediately incurable kind. Overall: A-52, A-8, A-25, A-23, A-7, A-64, A-47, A-33

National Modified class – NM's were five strong, Lem Thompson's black beauty NM-200, with Chuck Miller piloting, took 'em all to school on Saturday and in the Sunday qualifier. Joe Sovie in Mike Wiener's NM-81 grabbed the Sunday final, not bad for Joe's first ride in this potent machine! Scott Blackwell in the Wolfe Racing Engine powered NM-83 *Desperado*, owned by Dennis Johnson, ran consistently all weekend, finishing as runner up in each final. Don Burshnick (Maine, New York) in his own NM-27 worked hard and was rewarded with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Sunday's final. NM-100 *Sumtoy3* spun in the Saturday final, holed the hull, and promptly sunk, much to the chagrin of Tony Black! Tom Newman was pretty calm about it, nobody hurt, not an upside down episode, but a bunch of work. The crew dried it out, fired the motor by Sunday afternoon, and found only a hole (pretty big one, at that) in the hull. They headed home promising to make Geneva the next weekend! Both the A-52 (G. English / R. Richards / Dan Kanfoush driver) and A-64 (J. Kreitzer / Kevin Kreitzer driver) also entered the NM class to help keep the NM hi-points war going, kudos for these extra efforts! Overall: NM-93, NM-200, NM-81, NM-27, NM-100, A-52, A-64

Grand Prix – John Grigg brought the *Dad's Dream 2* GP-52 for some hot laps, and the hills reverberated with the sounds of the supercharged big block Chevy, wowing the throng and reminding all that GP's are cool at Rocky Fork!

Grand National Hydroplane – GNH brought in 8 boats, a strong field. Cal Phipps showed up, along with point leader Jim Martin, Cadi Riess, Steve Kuhr, Alex Findlow with a trio of boats, and Butch Nace. For Saturday, twin qualifiers were run, with Cal (GNH-41 *Too Hot*) taking the first by a nose over Joe Kreitzer (GNH-515 *One Way*) and Jim Martin (GNH-43 *Keen's Villain*), with Stevie Kuhr (GNH 317 *Irishman*) showing the way in the second, except a one minute penalty dropped him to second behind Dave Archiabile (GNH-777 Pat Rankin owned *Cajun Queen*). The final found Cal victorious over Kuhr and Cadi, winning the Dan Walls Memorial. This memorial race for long time Region 6 racer Dan Walls (Sr.) will be contested each year at Rocky Fork in the GNH class, with the winner's name and boat inscribed each year on a perpetual trophy. Cal was very much honored by receiving this award from the Walls family. Sunday found a three boat consolation heat, with Jarrod Walls (GNH-33 *Tennessean*) leading the way over Butch (GNH-29 *Nace's Ace*) and dad Dan Walls, Jr. (GNH-68), leaving a five boat field for the final. The final: a real barnburner to close out the weekend, with Cal winning, but having to hold off a pair of fast closing hydros, Kreitzer and Kuhr, with Martin and Dave Archiabile 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. Kreitzer just nosed out Kuhr at the finish, as those two boats were deck to deck all race, closing on Cal. Cal got his lead on the first lap going off the near turn, and was never able to stretch it out at all. The two K's were even from there on out. Five boats went into turn one darn near side by side, that's tons of water thrown in the air! This great race closed out the racing weekend in spectacular style! Overall: GNH-41, GNH-515, GNH-317, GNH-777, GNH-43, GNH-68, GNH-33, GNH-29

With the weekend over, we look forward to next year, at this fabulous racing venue. Let's all push to get this event back on the MACH schedule! With the cooperation of all concerned, the heats were completed in a timely manner, especially on Sunday. Hats off to the entire operation: the committee, the state park, the sponsors, the officials, the cranes, the pit personnel, the tractor drivers, the racers, and most importantly, to the spectators, for supporting this great event and allowing we racers to strut our stuff, in this grandest show off sport of them all: APBA Inboard Hydroplanes!

Don "Eli" Whitney reporting  
APBA Region 6 reporter



## Room Reservations for the Awards Banquet

We have a set number of rooms at a very special price so don't wait too long to make your room reservation for the Awards Banquet. You have until 6:00pm November 10th (the day of the banquet) to cancel your reservation if something unexpected comes up.

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Hope to see you there,  
John E. Bridge II





# ***2012 AWARDS BANQUET***

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

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***RSVP to Mario or Kathy Maraldo***

***586-468-3204***

*Bring a gift basket and receive 20 raffle tickets*





# ***MACH series News***

## **MACH class high point Winners**

**T-1 / Trophy Hunter - Douglas W Hagatha Owner - Driven by John Shaw**

**Y-1 / Fast Eddie Too - Jim Sechler Owner - Driven by Dan Kanfoush**

**S-41 / Second Choice - Scott Thompson Owner / Driver**

**A-8 / Mike Cashin Racing - Mike Cashin Owner - Driven by Tom Bergman**

**E-97 / Team Extreme - Todd Liddycoat Owner / Driver**

**NM-27 / God and Country - Don Burshnick Owner / Driver**

**GNH-43 / Keen Machine - James Martin Owner / Driver**

**Honorable mention goes to E-17 / Modern Drummer, Jeffrey Sankuer Owner / Driver who attended ALL MACH races**

**Also honorable mention goes to GNH-777 / Cajun Queen - Pat Rankin Owner along with David Archibale doing the driving who attended ALL MACH races**

## **Who Knew?**

As we travel to various race sites or attend club meetings, there are certain things we just somehow know about our fellow racers ... we know that his dad used to race, we know that those two are married, we know that he lives in (name the city) and we may even know his beverage choice at the end of a race day (Little Kings, PBR, ice cold Bud Light), but I've realized this year there are MANY things we DON'T know about our fellow racers. Below are a few that come to mind!

- ♦ Did you know that **John Shaw** and his brother **Richard Shaw** are both POLE VAULTERS!? So good at it, in fact, they POLE VAULTED their way through college!!
- ♦ Did you know that **Mike Weber** makes an amazing pot of chili? Yes, from scratch. There is seemingly no recipe either! That's some spicy news! I know what he's bringing to the MPR December Potluck meeting!
- ♦ Did you know that **Mike Monahan** AND **Randy English** were both incredible hockey players and made it all the way to Juniors!? Wouldn't you love to see those pictures!?
- ♦ And finally ... Did you know that **Dan Kanfoush** used to have a mullet!?? Yes, you heard me right, a MULLET! Speaking of pictures – hope to see this one someday ...

I'm sure you have some too! Email me at [maryannewilson@comcast.net](mailto:maryannewilson@comcast.net) to add them to next month's newsletter!





MARINE PROP RIDERS  
Detroit, Michigan  
Membership Application

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# Member Biography

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## *Andy Guaresimo*

Andy was born in his Grandmother's house on Vernier Rd. in Gross Pointe Shores when it was still a dirt road and most of the Grosse Pointes were farm land, not mansions. He learned to swim before he learned to walk (surprising?!). After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and attending college, he was drafted and enlisted in the US Marine Corps.

As a Marine, Andy is a Vietnam Veteran as a paratrooper/paramedic. He spent a lot of time jumping out of airplanes and helicopters in the middle of enemy fire to aid his fellow servicemen. He has been awarded both the Medal of Honor and a Purple Heart. After his tour of duty, Andy returned home to continue his education and earn degrees in both Metallurgy and Criminal Justice.

Andy has a son, Greg, who followed in his father's footsteps by enlisting in the US Navy and becoming a Navy seal. Now, Andy had 10 Grandchildren between he and Jay.

Andy has been diving since he was 15 years old. He is still a Licensed Commercial Diver, travelling all over the world to dive. His favorite places are Cozumel, Mexico, and Truk Lagoon, Micronesia. In the 1980's, Andy dove in Lake Superior with the Canadian Navy Seals to the Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald, which is 534 feet down.

He got his start in off shore racing as a throttleman 35 years ago, but has been involved with racing for over 40 years. Andy has worked The Gold Cup for over 25 years and has collaborated with Racer Bob Dabrowski from the very beginning for both The Quake and The Streak. He has been a member of MPR since 1991 and had been Vice President three years and Member-at-Large for four years. He also handled the Autorama and the Boat Shows for both MPR and DRRA for over five years.

Andy has been on the Board of Directors for The Jefferson Yacht Club, is a member of St. Clair Shores Eagles, AmVets #121, Moose Lodge (Celina, OH) as well as a volunteer for the Parade Company. He is a Team Leader for Medical and Communications for the marathons. He also works for the Free Press Marathon in the same capacity.





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