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November 2014

Prop Riders,

Well, that's a wrap! What a great 2014 season we had. It was capped off by a Mach race held in New Martinsville. With its storied history and great hospitality, New Martinsville continues to be a highlight of the racing season. Congrats to Jim Sechler and his team for shattering the 1L Mod 1/4 mile record. What a way to go out!

While it may seem like things are slowing down, we're actually picking up! We have our Annual banquet next weekend. Don't forget to RSVP to Mario or Kathy Maraldo and bring your gift basket too! Last year we had some pretty unique ones to raffle and win in the trivia contest! See below for further details.

It's also that time of year to start thinking about the display boat circuit as Autorama is just around the corner. Can you volunteer some time to promote the club? It's pretty fun introducing hydroplane racing and the Marine Prop Riders to the curious. Once, a kid actually thought a hydroplane was a spaceship....

A big welcome to Paul Poledink and John Bridge to the 2015 MPR Board. Who said we don't represent vintage?!!! I'd also like to thank MaryAnne Wilson and Mike Weber for your wisdom and service last year.



Ritzzy

PS: Did you see Jennifer's membership campaign? Way cool! Check it out inside or online.



**2014 MPR Awards
 Banquet**



Saturday, November 8, 2014

*6:00 PM until midnight • Dinner at 7:00 PM
 "Evening Attire"*

ConCorde Inn

*44315 Gratiot Ave, Clinton Township, MI 48036
 586-493-7300*

\$25.00 per person: Hors d'oeuvres, Buffet dinner, cash bar

**RSVP to Mario or Kathy Maraldo
 586-468-3204**

Bring a gift basket and receive complimentary raffle tickets

Rooms can be reserved by calling the ConCorde Inn and using code 1108MP.

The Next Meeting Is November 5th

7:30 PM

**Juliano's Restaurant
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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting October 1, 2014 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held at Juliano's in Warren, Mi. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:34 pm. Fund Raising Activities: Where's Johnny...Kent Keogh (Last man in.) will be selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz): Chris Ritz welcomed an old member back to our club tonight, he is Paul Reinhardt. A tearful Mary Ann Wilson gave us the introduction of Paul Reinhardt and his wife Terry. Paul and Terry were attending the Gold Cup this summer, when Paul's wife Terry suffered a stroke. She never fully recovered from her stroke, and followed the race course of life to her final checkered flag two (2) weeks ago. The group present at the meeting, joined Paul, with a moment of silence in remembrance of Terry. Next summer during race season, we will join Paul and celebrate her life at one of the races. Hopefully, all MPR members can make arrangements in your schedules to join us in the celebration. For those of us who don't really know Paul, he is the Guru of Communications for the Gold Cup. He can fix your communication devices (racing radios), should you find them not working properly. Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Approved by Eli Whitney, seconded by Rich Falcinelli

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): September Deposits: \$0.00; September Disbursements: Printing and Postage \$126.21, Display Boat Trailer Tires \$228.84. Balance: September Initial: \$10,236.82, Final: \$9,881.77. Note: The treasury is \$33.01 above last year's balance at this time. The final balance above is not as reported by Mario at the meeting. The final balance has been adjusted by the Chris Ritz submission of the invoice for Display Boat Trailer Tires. Mario also reported...The Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.) has accepted the filing of Income Taxes. Approved by Eli Whitney and seconded by Rick Falcinelli.

Membership (Jennifer Falcinelli):	(2013)	(2014)
Current Membership:	212	186
Primary Membership:	130	120
Family Membership:	59	49
Life Membership:	13	16
Vintage:	24	29
Newsletter:		
Printed:	86	60
Electronic:	51	71
None:		54
Archive:		1

New Members: 1

Paul Rienhardt will be submitting his membership on-line. Welcome aboard!!!

Down twenty six (26) from September 2013.

Note: November 01, 2014 watch for details regarding a new on-line membership campaign. You will find the details via E-Mail, Facebook, Twitter, and Paper Mail. Jennifer Falcinelli encourages everyone to wait to pay their 2015 Membership Dues, until after this new membership campaign is available on-line. Renewal letters will be sent out on, or around, November 01, 2014. Look for them in your mail.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Vallery Ritz thanked everyone for their newsletter submission(s) over the tenure of her position as the newsletter publisher. She reminded everyone that she is not intending to be the Newsletter Publisher in the upcoming term. The beauty of being the secretary of the club, is the meeting notes get submitted after the meeting...so I can happily announce at this time...with the encouragement of Dick Delsener, and Dick's generous offering/bribe of one (1) bottle of French Champagne...Vallery Ritz has reluctantly accepted the position as the Publicity Director for one (1), and only one (1), more year. It was brought up, to maintain such a high level of perfection in the newsletter for the future, this position may have to be a budgeted/paid position. Just a thought at this point, but we can thank Vallery Ritz for spoiling us with such a great publication in which we have come to expect. For those members, whose locations make it impossible to be present at our monthly meeting, this is a very good form of communication to keep them up to date with what is going on in the club.

Entertainment (Ray Dong): Tom D'Eath was scheduled to be our guest speaker at tonight's meeting. Tom D'Eath had to cancel tonight with the Marine Prop Riders due to a conflict in his schedule with the "Motorsports Hall of Fame of America". The "Motorsports Hall of Fame of America" is relocating to Daytona, Florida. Tom D'Eath is looking forward to meeting with the Marine Prop Riders at a later date.

Ray Dong always has a back-up plan in his pocket, and again has not failed in his commitment to provide meeting entertainment. This time he has called upon Nancy Spanich/Sandy Ross and Chris Ritz for slideshow presentations. The featured presentation will include photos of Jim Sechler Racing breaking their own speed record, Chris Ritz reviewing his shattered hydroplane, and other photos of the Detroit Racing Association (D.R.A), Rocky Fork Race (2014), and New Martinsville Race (2014).

2014 Race Reports:

<i>Walled Lake Thunder:</i>	<i>June 14-15</i>	<i>Complete</i>
<i>Gold Cup:</i>	<i>July 11-13</i>	<i>Complete</i>
<i>Waterford Quake on the Lake:</i>	<i>July 19-20</i>	<i>Complete</i>
<i>Webster, MA :</i>	<i>Aug. 23, 2014</i>	<i>Canceled</i>
<i>Celina, Ohio:</i>	<i>Aug. 23-24</i>	<i>Complete</i>
<i>Rocky Fork:</i>	<i>Sept. 20-21</i>	<i>Complete</i>
<i>New Martinsville:</i>	<i>Sept. 27-28</i>	<i>Complete</i>

APBA News (Mark Weber): No information presented, Mark Weber is not present due to illness.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Congratulations to Jim Sechler Racing for breaking their own speed record. They have now set the record at one hundred fifteen (115 mph) miles per hour in a one (1) Liter Mod.

Ray Dong provided us some insight on the New Martinsville race. Ray Dong believes in the future, New Martinsville will be able to provide a full in-board race program. The water is perfect for setting records, and the town seems to be excited about having the boats, and their crews, visit their town. New Martinsville is a perfect example in which Regions can work together, to make this a world class racing sight in the future.

IRC Racing News (Jim Sechler): Jim Sechler was involved in a conference call which ultimately determined the National High Points Champion in the T-Class. The Class Championship was determined by one (1) heat over the course of the year. The referee changed his position on a ruling based on information available from all racers involved in that heat. It came down to if three (3) or four (4) boats officially started the heat. Four (4) boats were on the course, one of the boats failed to officially make it across the starting line due to mechanical failure. The mechanical failure on the boat, and his position on the course very close to the starting line determined if there were enough boats on the course, which are needed to officially start the race...ultimately determining if it was an official race in which points could be awarded.

There was also a discussion about the number of commissioners which can be elected for 2015 race season. Jim Sechler will contact Eli Whitney about the boards determination before the Region 6 Meeting in which the commissioners are elected .

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): Eli Whitney reminded everyone to review last month newsletter in which he posted the schedule of events, meetings, and awards banquet. If you have an opinion which needs to be aired, or a suggestion for changes in the future of A.P.B.A. in-board racing it is paramount that you attend the appropriate scheduled meeting to be recognized .

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink):

<i>Grosse Point Yacht Club</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Algonac Harbor Yacht Club, St. Clair, MI</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Presque Isle</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Algonac Pickerel Tournament</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Rising Sun Regatta, Rising Sun, Indiana</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta, Wheeling, West Virginia</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Niagara Frontier Boat Show and Raceboat Reunion Grand Island, NY</i>	<i>Completed</i>

Paul Poledink reported on the Vintage Class participation at Rocky Fork. There were twelve (12) Vintage Boats in their respective three (3) classes i.e. small, medium, and large class. Ken Warby brought two (2) boats to the show also. Rocky Fork was tough on these boats. One boat owner (bet you can guess who) must of forgot his checklist, or at least the hull plugs. I'll bet these vintage crafts get very heavy, and slower, when they are full of water. Helter Skelter and Miss Peg both suffered Oil problems keeping their owners busy the entire weekend. Ken Warby's "Fury" blew its' valve train, fortunately for Ken, his rider is also his engine builder. You can be assured they will get it fixed, and we will see them next racing season.

Old Business:

Display Boat: The Display Boat Trailer continues to need attention. The trailer incurred a flat tire on the way to its' scheduled display at the Roostertail. Due to an "on the spot Presidential decision", the trailer now has new tires. The cost of the tires fell within the proposed budget for trailer updates. A motion was made by Barry Pray to reimburse Chris Ritz for the expenses incurred, and seconded by Mike Weber.

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Autorama: It is that time of the year to start planning for the Autorama. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this year's event. The allotment of space has not yet been determined by the Autorama planning committee. If your boat is available, and you haven't recently displayed your boat at that show, please consider making it available should space become available for it.

Hooters Car Show/Boat Show: Ed Krupinski held his forth Annual Car Show at Hooter's to raise funds for our Veterans. He invites our boats to join him at this show. This year, the show, and tonight's donations by individual Marine Prop Rider members raised about thirteen hundred (\$1300.00) dollars for our Veterans. He puts allot of hard work into organizing the car show, and he supports the finest Organization in America with the funds he raises in his efforts. Our hats off, and a formal salute, to him for his efforts and generosity.

New Business:

Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame: Mark Weber is scheduled to be inducted into the Michigan Motors Sports Hall of Fame on November 02, 2014. Jennifer Falcinelli sent a note entitled "Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming MPR Events" dated September 30, 2014 to all Marine Prop Rider members. On it, you will find an attachment which details where/when Mark Weber will be inducted, and how to obtain tickets. They are not available at the door. Please feel free to attend this celebration, and honor Mark Weber for his lifetime racing, and A.P.B.A. management achievements.

Annual Banquet: The Marine Prop Riders Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday November 8, 2014.

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Election Results: The following nominations were formally elected into their respective positions. Let it be noted that all positions were elected unopposed. There are one hundred eighty six (186) total members in this club, all with individual talents/assets/experience(s) very valuable to the future of the Marine Prop Riders. Some of these positions will be vacated next year, guaranteed. Please seriously consider, vying for one of these positions for 2016. Thanks for stepping up, and congratulations to the following officers:

President: Chris Ritz
Vice President: Paul Poledink
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Entertainment: Ray Dong
Secretary: Wayne Shagena
Treasurer: Mario Maraldo
Members-at-Large: Rich Falcinelli, John Bridge II



Next Meeting: Date: November 5, 2014 at Juliano's in Warren, MI

Adjournment: Time: 8:33 pm. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Eli Whitney, Seconded by: Rich Falcinelli.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: Chris Ritz, Amount: \$36.00, Status: Donated back to Marine Prop Riders. Note: three (3) months in a row Chris Ritz has won 50/50....FIXED!!!! Detroit Tiger Poster Winner: Mike Weber

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

Don't forget about the new online membership campaign at <https://booster.com/marinepropriders> With each \$35 renewal order placed online, the recipient will receive:

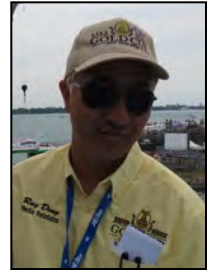
- One (1) single 2015 e-version primary membership with the MPR
- Voting rights at MPR meeting
- MPR e-newsletters subscription for 2015
- One (1) MPR t-shirt (\$20 value)



New Martinsville, West Virginia 2014:

"A Critique"

Submitted by Ray Dong, 44 year volunteer



The Back Story – New Martinsville, West Virginia has one of the richest powerboat racing traditions in history. This Ohio River town in the south end of the "Chemical Valley" has been the host of many world records and championships and is one of a few iconic race sites left in America.

The most recent incarnation is primarily a "Powerboat Superleague" tunnel boat championship with APBA ¼ Mile record runs. Three years ago, promoters invited inboards to participate in the record runs and "2" classes in competition.

For many decades, New Martinsville conducted "kilo" runs on Saturday with inboard races on Sunday. In the late forties and fifties, unlimited raced there. Lee Schoenith, Doc Terry, Royce Richards, Jack Bartlow, Sandy Ross, and Walt Kade all competed. Judy Roberts Dad "Bill" Stroh won the "World Trophy" with his 7 Litre. That trophy resides in the APBA collection at headquarters.

Last year, the "Powerboat Superleague" approached the Mach Series to participate in this historic event. We eagerly accepted, perhaps too eagerly. Although 2013 was successful, the ultimate goal is to stage a full Mach format race with all classes in the future. Presently, it is a "Tunnel Boat Race", with record runs, complimented with inboards.

Presently – The phrase that covers what happened this year was "We got away with it." Tradition, history, perfect water, perfect weather, enthusiastic fans, great hospitality, a professionally managed event. Sam and Sharon Winer are two of the most caring and supportive backers of what we do. In fact, Sam's first job as a youngster was to stencil seat numbers on the bleachers lining the race course. This race is personal. All this should be a recipe for success right? Not exactly. We didn't exactly cover ourselves in glory.

To quote the famous Curly, "We were a victim of circumstances." The much anticipated GNH shootout was cancelled due to attrition. Kudos to Vintage participants, Mark Cravens, "Nellie" Franken, Tim Settle, Ron Snyder and crews. You showed up on four days' notice! The schedule was way, way too ambitious . . . akin to putting five pounds of sugar in a one pound bag. Our vintage and inboard teams were relegated to end of each day's schedule, in fact the vintage guys only got to run once all weekend. This is unacceptable. The medical team was not properly equipped, logistics and communication was not properly geared to handle inboards/vintage. This will not happen again . . .

On a positive note, with the sun setting the west, we got the program off, with all team members helping each other. It was all hands on deck – could not have done it without complete cooperation. Racers should never have their convenience or safety compromised. 2014 was our mulligan – "We got away with it!"

Future Plans – Two days after the race, we were contacted by Sam Winer. We expressed our chagrin with the negative experience although nobody's fault, it did happen. Sam outlined efforts to improve infrastructure geared for inboards. Joe Sovie has volunteered to put together the proper medical and safety requirements and procedures. Plans to rearrange the pit are, add additional docks, perhaps have an inboard race director and pit manager will smooth out communications and logistics. Schedule realignment proposals include lower horsepower record runs on Friday only. All the issues this year are fixable. Be assured that Sam and Sharon are committed to do so as well as the MACH Series. Let's add to the rich history of this great venue in 2015!

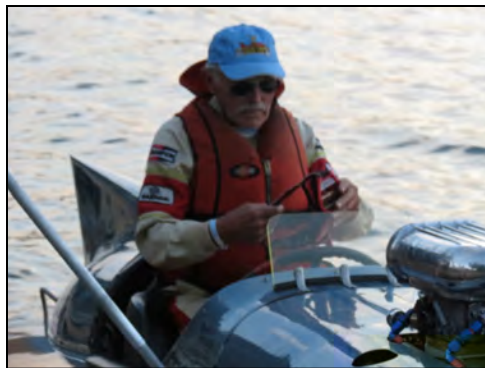


Happy Thanksgiving!

New Martinsville, WV

September 27-28, 2014





Photos provided by Ray Dong and Vallery Ritz

Around Town . . .

On September 4, 2014, **Hooters of Troy** hosted the **4th Annual Veterans Charity Cruise-In Car Show**. This event is the brainchild of our own **Ed Krupinski** who did just about everything including trimming bushes!

Thanks to APBA, **Jennifer, Rich and Rick Falcinelli** for hosting and displaying our driving school boat.

Appreciate **Eli Whitney** and **Cadi Reiss** for your generous donation. Kudos to all the prop riders for aiding our Vietnam era Veterans with monetary contributions. Ed presented a check to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 for \$1310.00; thanks Eddie!



Happy Birthday!

Best wishes to **Fred Alter**. He recently celebrated his 88th birthday!



Another reason to attend our banquet! An autographed Jonathan Ericsson #52 jersey will be auctioned. Thanks to the Detroit Red Wings for this generous donation. (Kristyn not included)

A huge thank you to Ray Dong for making this possible.



Kart 2 Kart

Prop Riders have an opportunity to take part in another type of racing prior to the awards banquet at Kart 2 Kart. Racing begins November 8 at 1:30 PM sharp!

The cost for Kart 2 Kart is \$55/person for three sessions (practice, qualifying and position). For more info, go to www.kart2kart.com.

Contact Chris at 248-840-3430 or ChrisARitz@gmail.com if you plan to race.

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Membership Application

- ☐ Electronic Newsletter Single Membership...\$20.00 ☐ Paper Newsletter Single Membership...\$25.00
☐ Family Membership...\$30.00

Primary Member Name:

(Required for drivers and MPR board members)

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- ☐ Owner ☐ Driver ☐ Crew ☐ Mechanic ☐ Official ☐ Media ☐ Other:

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

NEWSLETTER:

Please check how the primary member would like to receive the newsletter. (Check one only)

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Or

☐ Regular mail: A black and white version of newsletter

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Thanks!



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