



September 2012

From the President...

Summer's almost over, school begins soon and that means our local racing season is coming to an end. This is the time our club gets to work though! We review what we did over the last year and make plans for next year. Our meeting agendas will now start to fill up with much more than race reports.

Some of the topics we should review include:

- Continued support of existing races
- New race sites?
- Publicity and promotional opportunities
- Formalizing budget
- Electronic version of newsletter
- Entertainment topics for meetings
- Banquet plans
- And of course, nominations for next year's board members

If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile, now's the time! Better yet, bring a friend! Our club can continue to grow stronger with your help!

Best regards,
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A Note About Hillsboro Registration

"Well boat racers, Hillsboro is coming up fast.. I hope you all have read the sanction.. If not take a second look... You need to pre-register if you want to be included in any type of payout... Send me a E mail "pre registration form" jjgrigg@yahoo.com.. Ill be sure to put you on the list.. Also let me know if you're interested in running hot laps . I will only take pre registration up to Thursday 9/13, Friday morning we leave for the race...See you all there.."Go Fast or Go Home"



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – August 1st – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: At Juliano's in Warren. Called to order by MaryAnne at 7:33 P.M. Scooter Grigg will be selling the 50-50 tickets this evening. Welcome to Kim Urban, guest of Sam A.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Judy Roberts, seconded by Sam Anspach. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As reported by Mario Maraldo for June, 2012 - deposits of \$226 and \$140, leaving a balance of \$8464.94. For July, 2012, \$ 174.25 for Newsletter printing, \$26.51 for postage, and \$50. to Angela Hospice in honor of Joe Tate's passing. Also a previous expenditure of \$169.73 for June Newsletter printing, leaving a balance of \$8291.18. Motion to approve by Andy S., seconded by Rick Falcinelli. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Jennifer Grigg reported membership now exceeding 151 counting latest sign-ups.

Publicity: Brian Reed thanked MaryAnne and Ray Dong for their efforts (beyond the call of duty) in getting out the July Newsletter, a time during the summer when many members are supporting club activities, working on their boats and taking part in the races.

Entertainment: Ray Dong announced that Sam Fullerton would be present at the next meeting to provide more info on running sports events, and dealing with the unexpected. Entertainment for tonight's meeting will be Sandy Ross showing his video presentation on Chuck Thompson Sr. and Jr. which he presented at Sindbads prior to the running of the Gold Cup in July.

Race Reports

Dayton Testing No new news until 2013.

Walled Lake Thunder Todd reported through Ray that things are positive and plans are underway for next year, including the possibility of an enhanced spectator setup.

Gold Cup 103rd Annual Race July 13-15, 2012 Bill Rands reported on the successful running of the Gold Cup for 2012, with the exception of a few weather delays. Leadership is looking forward to next year already. Judy Roberts has pix available for those interested.

Waterford/ Quake on the Lake 13th Annual Race, World Championships, July 21-22, 2012. MaryAnne reported on the overall success, helped greatly by the participation of MPR members, too numerous to mention - but, especially- the officials: Mike Weber, Jennifer Grigg, Tony Kallio, Steve Spisak, Allen Baskett, Steve Linn, Ron Snyder, Rick Falcinelli and Barry Pray; the Pit Crew: Mike Ambroggio, Jennifer Falcinelli, Rich Falcinelli, Rachel Anspach, and Tim Hueston, Mark & Lori Weber, Bob Wilson and the Wilson family, Ray Dong, Tom English and David Archiable for pit security, Judy Roberts for Media Relations, and so many many more (sorry for the names we didn't mention!). Also, it's important to note the trophies were underwritten by Richards and Sankuer - Mary Anne presented a special trophy to the Richards in honor of their support. The media coverage was in abundance this year, a formal list of all places covered will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Celina, Ohio Canceled, unfortunately, due to water conditions. There isn't enough.

Rocky Fork - May very well be a go, September, 14-15, 2012. Seeking support and sponsors at this time.

Stony Creek Still on hold.

Tonawanda August 18-19, 2012 The week before Celina. Race venue very deserving of the support of all racers. All should make every effort to attend. It is a MACH format race.

APBA News

IRC Racing News No new news.

Vintage News Good representation at Walled Lake, at the Gold Cup, and at the Quake. Static participation at the Eyes on Design Extravaganza at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, and at the Algonac Classic Boat Show.

Old Business

Display Boat Is making the rounds in support of all MPR related functions.

New Business

Tom D'Eath will be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame on Aug. 16 at the Gem Theater in Detroit. A great honor for a boat racer to join this group.

Mike Weber announced the probability of ¼ mile straightaway speed record course in New Martinsville, W.Vg on Sept. 29- 30, 2012. Outboards and inboards. More info coming.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Andy G. seconded by Eric H. at 8:17 P.M. Unanimous approval.

50-50 \$ won by Joshua Anspach. Miss Budweiser photo won by Bill Rands.

Submitted by Paul Poledink

THE NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 5TH

7:30 p.m.

— Juliano's Restaurant at 27380 Van Dyke in Warren —

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Event Schedule – 2012

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

Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park

September 15-16

Geneva NY - Hydrobowl

September 21-23 **

MPR Annual Awards Banquet

November 10

Region 6 Fall Meeting

October 20-21

Entertainment for the September meeting:

Dr. Sam Fullerton, Professor of Sports Marketing for Eastern Michigan University. He will talk about Fan Relations, "Customer Relationship Management" (CRM) and "Recovery Marketing" ... (what to do when everything goes wrong!)

Thunder reported at Gratwick Park, North Tonawanda, New York, all weekend under clear skies! Baffled weathercasters all over! Capacity crowds drawn to the park! Numerous roostertails of water in sight! North American Championships decided!

What really happened? Boat race, that's all, a typical Niagara Frontier Boat Racing Club event featuring APBA (and CBF, eh?) inboard racing boats, hydros and flatbottoms. Forty-nine race boats braved the waters of the mighty Niagara, only about five miles above Niagara Falls under perfect weather conditions. It is sometimes said that the winds over the river are always present, but this weekend, these stayed minimal and favorable, right on cue for the races. Did Darryl, Luanne, Pete, and Co. have an inside edge? Sure seemed so, and for racers and spectators alike, created a great time for all. Great crowds filled the ideal viewing along the river shoreline, along with numerous campers. North American Championship Trophies were awarded in 6 classes on Saturday, while Sunday racing rounding out the entertainment; MACH Series points were earned both days. A great feed Saturday evening, with a great local Buffalo blues band providing background tunes, was capped off by the awards ceremonies for the NA victors! Hats off to the entire racing club, volunteers, race committee, sponsors, and everyone connected!

Racing results, courtesy of Chief Scorer Jennifer Grigg, first for the NA Championship classes:

1.5L Stock (T): John Shaw piloting Doug Hagatha's T-1 had his way with the field, winning all four heats and the NA Championship trophy. Andre Bergeron (Sebastion Lebeuf's T-62), James Benson (T-518), and Eric Duperron / Yan Lecompte (T-25) chased the T-1 juggernaut all weekend.

2.5L Stock (S): Ten S-boats challenged for the NA Championship, with Valleyfield, PQ's Yan Lecompte sweeping his Saturday heats and the NA Championship, while Sunday's heats were swept by Mike Monahan in Greg Barker's S-9 *Rewinder*. The judges stand (hi, Dave Shaw) was kept busy for these S class races, with a few restarts needed to quell a series glitches (breakdowns, etc., no accidents). Overall, for the weekend, Glen Stevenson (S-10) was consistent, keeping the top guys honest, along with Derek Anderson (S-77) and Mike Holfine (S-12), who employed Jeff Bernard (Sat) and Kent Henderson (Sun) as drivers. Four different boats won heats this weekend, indicating a quite competitive group! Tina Wilson (S-20), Scott Thompson (S-41), Kent Henderson (S-319), Alan Bush (S-711), and Doug Martin (S-33) completed the field.

5.0L Stock (E): Just say E-1. The Washington-state based yellow missile driven by Jeff Bernard dominated the seven boat field. Four heat wins, NA Championship, seems like a pretty successful outing for the Region 10 team! 'Bout the only thing that went wrong for the team was when a cowling pin disappeared into the pit grass when Steve Weber fumbled it Sunday morning, never to be seen again (the pin, not Steve). Tom English (E-75), Todd Liddycoat (E-97), Joe Less (E-500), and Alain Verrault (CE-21) chased the E-1 to no avail. The normally volatile E class was on best behavior all weekend, with the only hiccup an equipment breakdown for Jeff Sankuer (E-17) Sunday. Rookie Kyle Roskowski in Scott Blackwell's E-617 got experience, earning points in all four heats, attaboy!

National Modified (NM): Newman was awesome! Tom Newman's NM-100 piloted by Tony Black came, conquered, went home with all the hardware, including the NA Championship. He had to earn it, as each heat came down to the last lap, with Keith McKnight (NM-32), rookie driver Don Burshnick (NM-27), and Scott Thompson driving Mike Cashin's World Champ A-8 chasing the "Toy". Don Burshnick even went so far as to employ Dan Kanfoush to drive the NA Champ race Saturday, to make sure Tony earned his keep.

Pro Stock / Can-Am (PS): Tonawanda is big block country. All of the Chevrolet big blocks were manufactured up river at GM's Tonawanda Engine Plant, so this weekend is a homecoming of sorts for the motors, anyway. Pro Stock flatbottom racers speak "Big Block", five of them came to lecture us all this weekend.

Mike Smith's PS-4 with Dale Hernandez (in from the outer reaches of Minnesota, long hair and all) driving, swept the action and took home the NA Championship. Dom Cournoyer (PS-122), Gil Rousse / Derek Anderson (CBF prez himself) driver (PS-103), Jim Clauss / Robert Convery driver (PS-34), and Mel Trevocha (PS-96) chased the wild man to the finish. Two step ups from SE class challenged on Sunday, adding Pete Hackett (PS-66) and Charles Hamill (PS-81) to the fray.

Sport Entry (SE): These small block Chevy (350 CID) sisters of the PS fleet found four boats battling for the wins. NFBRA's own Pete Hackett (SE-66) grabbed the win Saturday and the NA Championship trophy, while Rob Kaufman SE-69 finally got going well on Sunday to gain a first place. Charles Hamill (SE-81) and Greg Barker (SE-9) rounded out the stout field. Incidentally, this brand new class here in the east offers great growth potential and excitement; Greg Barker should be hi-fived for his work to bring about this opportunity for new racers to enter the sport!

For the classes not competing for the NA Championship, previously contested at another race site, here are those results:

1.0L Mod (Y): Five strong runners challenged the Niagara, two strokes all. Coming out on top was Jim Sechler's Y-1 with Dan Kanfoush ably guiding the craft. Did he win all four heats? NO! Mike Monahan in Sean Bowsher's increasingly potent Y-52 got the best of the Y-1 in the qualifier on Saturday. Definitely an upset. Dan took care of business after that, though, but the Y-52's win was no fluke. Cory Peabody installed Jeff Bernard into the Y-5 seat, keeping the above two boats honest, with Joe Sovie (Y-44) and Becky Wilson (Y-131) giving chase. Becky had hard luck in the Saturday final, finishing with a hole in the hull bottom; dad Bob Wilson was observed (from a distance, of course, for fear of being handed a tool) under the boat, patching, Becky aiding and instructing (Dad! Not that one, this one!), with mom Mary Anne giving moral support, on Saturday evening, only to have more problems on Sunday. They don't give up, not that crew!

Grand Prix (GP): The pair of GP's on hand ran a single heat Saturday, with Mario Maraldo in his GP-59 *Baby Doll III* taking the victory over John Grigg in the Wanna Bee Racing GP-52 *Dad's Dream II*. John was out for Sunday with fuel injection mysteries, while Mario ran with the GNH's. These boats are another facet of the Big Block Family Reunion at this race, with their powerful supercharged big block Chevys throwing huge roostertails in the air!

Grand National Hydroplane (GNH): Six of 'em, big block Chevys all, provided close competition this weekend. Jim Martin in his GNH-43 (formerly the GNH-8 *Deel ME In* of Jimmy Deel) won three of the four heats, with Cal Phipps World Championship GNH-41 *Too Hot* taking the Saturday qualifier. Joe Keirtzer in Cadi Reiss's GNH-515 One Way made Jim work for his wins, as very closed deck to deck racing ensued (ask both of them about the Saturday final (Paul Reid has photos, whoo boy!))!! Other boats joining in were Kevin Lacey in the Wanna Bee Racing GNH -52 (J. Grigg), GNH-777 Pat Rankin with Dave Archiable up, and the beautiful glossy black GNH-55 Jay Gignac making his 2012 debut. Cal's *Too Hot* had a serious mechanical malfunction (shaft bearing got "too hot"), Jay punched a hole in his right sponson front after only three laps (at least they were good laps, per Jay, no flight plan required), and Kevin was forced to sit out Sunday due to an engine anomaly.

That pretty much sums up the weekend races, kudos to the NFBRA team, great organization and team work paid off in spades! Also, thanks for the many sponsors, among whom were Little Ceasars of North Tonawanda, Northeast Machine (Y class), Electro-Mech Sysyems Group, Inc. (SE class), Mohawk Truck, Inc. (NM and T class), Southside Trailer (S class), The State Group Inc. (E class), Towne Auto (PS/CanAm), GP:50 Instrumentation (GNH)!!

Quake On The Lake XIII

Photos by Ray Dong

Tony Kallio (right) with Ken Warby - *fastest man on water* and Honorary Chairman of this year's Quake On The Lake!



The Grigg's Wanna Bee with Kevin Lacey driving.



John Bridge is getting to be a veteran behind the wheel of Paul Poledink's White Lightning.





Dick Delsener talks with Andrew Tate before Andrew takes South Paw for a test ride.

Andrew in the South Paw



Happy Go Lucky on the move



About The MACH Series - Part 1

It's 1984 - the Detroit Tigers are "World Series Champs", the economy is recovering from recession, and APBA Region Six Inboards are in trouble ...

A tough economy, rising fuel prices, low boat counts, inconsistent race sanctions and a polarized region were taking its toll. Sounds eerily familiar.

As the newly elected President of the Marine Prop Riders, I was contacted by Tom Swindling, Commodore of the Northern Kentucky Boat Club. "Let's get together and fix our sport". I agreed. In November 1984, the four conducting clubs of the region met in secrecy at Becker Electric in Cincinnati. Phil Kunz and Dave Bernard of Dayton Motor Boat Racing Association, Pat Powell from Ohio Valley Motor Boat Association, Tom and Bill Morrison representing Northern Kentucky Boat Club and Ray Dong from Marine Prop Riders gathered together. What emerged from this summit was that APBA had good structure and 40 years of in-board success. "No need to reinvent the wheel", Region Six however had to be more creative, innovative, and have an eye for the future to survive.



With renewed interest in the MACH Series, newer participants should be brought up to speed on where we've been, and are planning for the future...

Our goal was to increase race team compensation, create an incentive based system for race teams to appear, protect "class racing" with consistent class lineups, and assure race sites of strong boat counts and quality fields. In other words, "a partnership" between racer and race promoter.

Next month I will elaborate on the back story, state of the region, politics, infighting and the sport in 1984.

What emerged that cold November evening was the "Mid American Championship Hydroplane Series" (MACH).

Innovative point system It was as important to be at a race as was performance. "Participation and Performance". 50 points for participation, 50 points for winning. Maximum 100 points.

Refined class lineup Everyone is invited! Instead of the 9 class burden, promoters were obligated to run at minimum six classes or combine alignment (T&Y, S, A, E, N&F, J&H). Result: more boats racing at one time, better show, compressed program... the race sites and fans loved it! For the first time, the racer could control which races to attend. The "MACH format" meant each and every racer was invited to the party.

Prize structure In 1984, Region 6 minimum was \$300, MACH format \$1000 per class or combine.
1st - 30%, 2nd - 25%, 3rd - 20%, 4th - 15%, 5th - 10% (5 places).

Season point fund \$600 per day, per class or combine.
1st - 50%, 2nd - 30%, 3rd - 20% (3 places).

The "MACH format" created an incentive based partnership between racer and race site, intended as a complement to the long established APBA regional and club based point systems. It was also a genuine attempt to unite a "splintered" Region Six. Success in this arena can be debated, but the fact remains, 28 years later, "MACH remains as the only and oldest continuous APBA Inboard series" in America.

More next month - Ray Dong

APBA Race Circular

Regatta: **Rocky Fork Thunder Powered by VisitHighlandCounty.com** Event Date: **9/15/2012 – 9/16/2012**

Conducting Club: ROCKY FORK THUNDER RACING ASSOC. #440 Region: 6 Sanction ID: 12101 Approved

Place: **Hillsboro, OH Rocky Fork Lake** Directions: From Hillsboro, Ohio follow Rt. 50 East to State Rt. 753 (9.1 miles), turn RIGHT onto McCoppin-Mill Rd./C.R. 51 (1.9 miles), Turn RIGHT onto East Shore Drive (.4 miles). Follow signs to pit area. Accommodations: Bay View Camping & Cottages 937-393-3119 Yellow Rose Bed & Breakfast 937-763-0622 Holiday Cottages 937-365-1331 Greystone Motel 937-393-1966 Tu-Lakes Motel 937-393-1917 Blueberry Hill Cabins 937-403-6541

Course: Competition, 1-1/4 mile, 4 laps, 5 miles. **Approved for Records.** Start Type: Clock

Safety / Rescue: Box 21 Course Elevation: 880 Ft.

Classes: Saturday, September 15, 2012 **00800 VINTAGE** 01020 GRAND NATIONAL HYDRO 01030 NATIONAL MODIFIED 01040 2.5 LTR MODIFIED 01110 5 LTR 01130 2.5 LTR STOCK 01140 1 LTR

Sunday, September 16, 2012 **00800 VINTAGE** 01020 GRAND NATIONAL HYDRO 01030 NATIONAL MODIFIED 01040 2.5 LTR MODIFIED 01110 5 LTR 01130 2.5 LTR STOCK 01140 1 LTR

Prizes: In accordance with Region 6 Inboard by-laws. Dispersion to be announced at drivers' meeting.

Prizes may be reduced if less than four (4) legal starters.

Registration: **Pre-registration required for inclusion in prize/tow money and hot laps. Payment can be made at race site.** Registration in pit area Friday 6 PM to 8 PM, Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am - 9 am SHARP

Driver Meeting: Hot lap drivers' meeting: 9 AM each day Competition drivers' meeting: 10:45 AM each day

Entry Fees: Competition: \$65 per class per day plus \$20 (for the weekend) for the Inboard Administrative Fund.

Vintage: \$65 per day Make checks payable to "Region 6 Inboard" Send Entries To: Email registrations by 9/8/12 to jjgrigg@yahoo.com or mail to: Jennifer Grigg 9627 Crawford Rd, Columbus, MI. 48063

Officials: **Race Director** (750) DAVID ARCHIBALE, 4237 FOREST AVE, CINCINNATI, OH

Race Director (13454) MARY ANNE WILSON, 323 EILEEN DR, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

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Notes: Vintage Referee: (53207) RON SNYDER, MINSTER OH Surveyor: Thomas E. Purtell, P.S., McCarty Associates, LLC; \$150 for each destroyed course buoys - payable to Rocky Fork Thunder Racing Association

\$500 for each destroyed course sign - payable to Rocky Fork Thunder Racing Association

Finals will be based on course position not time. NO unlicensed vehicles will be permitted in the park (Ohio State law). **Pit Bosses: Sam Anspach, Rachael Anspach, Tim Hueston, & Dennis Bowsher.**

You will be assigned a parking spot and crane based on your pre-registration. See one of the pit bosses listed above upon arrival for your pit area assignment - no exceptions!

RV/Motorhome parking - paved upper parking lot. \$25 weekend fee - either cash or check payable to Rocky Fork Thunder Racing Association



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