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**MARINE PROP RIDERS**  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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September 2014

Prop Riders,

What a great season it's been. And it's only half over! (I'm a glass half full kind of guy) We've been blessed by great weather (sans 1 day in Walled Lake), great racing, and AWESOME volunteers this year. The participation by Marine Prop Riders continues to show the Inboard racers what we're really made of. In this issue, Ray Dong writes a FANTASTIC article of things going right with MPR, APBA, and Inboard racing. In addition, there are race reports and pictures by Ray Dong, Eli Whitney, and Vallery Ritz.

We still have 1.5 races left in Region 6. It will be great to be back in Rocky Fork September 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. There should be some world class racing & water there. In addition, the .5 race is for New Martinsville. We can see region 6 across the river, so we can claim .5 ours! The GNH's, 5L's, and Y boats will be there bringing back the roar to the Ohio River. If you haven't been the last 2 years – you need to. The committee there show's the racers some good ol' southern hospitality!

Don't forget, nominations for the 2015 MPR board will take place during our next meeting. Be at Juliano's on Wednesday, September 3 if you want your voice heard and vote counted. Elections will be held during the October meeting.

See you in Rocky Fork!

Ritzzy



Detroit, Michigan 2014

Judy Stroh Roberts



Thank you to Judy Roberts for sharing the group photo she took at this year's Gold Cup.



Boat racer and author Steve Garey narrated the slideshow during the August MPR meeting. Steve graciously signed copies of his latest book for members who attended.

**The Next Meeting Is September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:30 PM**

**Juliano's Restaurant  
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# MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting:** Held at Juliano's in Warren, Mi. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:35 pm. Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge will be selling 50/50 Tickets tonight..

**President's Report** (Chris Ritz): Chris Ritz introduced Steve Mallard visiting tonight's meeting. Steve has been with us before, and hopefully is our newest member.

Chris Ritz, and Ray Dong thanked the many volunteers who helped out at Walled Lake, and Quake on the Lake. These races would not be possible if it were not for the many volunteers it takes to run these races. Hopefully, next years races will encourage even more volunteers to help out before, during, and after the events. Many hands make short work out of huge challenges.

Ray Dong said a few words on behalf of Rich Willim (Brain Tumor) who recently passed away. Ray believes Rich Willim represented everything good about this country. Rich was known for his expertise with the Ford flat head motors, and his talents on building/repairing the A.P.B.A. school boat. Rich influenced Ray's ability to "Race" a hydroplane, and not merely just "Drive" an extremely fast boat. Rich also taught Ray a lesson in life that "The work going into "Preparation", is merely the effort necessary to meet an "Opportunity". Our clubs' thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Ray Dong was elated to announce that Jimmy Gannon (Liver Transplant) who was within seven (7) weeks of transplant surgery, was on hand to volunteer his services to our organization for the Quake on the Lake. "UNBELIEVABLE"--Thanks Jimmy!

**Treasurer's Report** (Mario Maraldo): June Deposits: \$159.00, \$165.00; July Deposits: \$120.00; June Disbursements: Printing and Postage \$115.42, Trailer Repair \$ 100.00, Air Museum \$ 100.00; July Disbursements: No Reported Expenses \$0.00. Balance: June Initial: \$10,698.57, Final: \$10,832.15; July Initial: \$10,832.15, Final: \$10,952.15. Approved by Rich Falcinelli and seconded by Judy Roberts.

<b>Membership</b> (Jennifer Falcinelli):	(2013)	(2014)
Current Membership:	212	183
Primary Membership:	130	120
Family Membership:	59	49
Life Membership:	13	14
Vintage:	24	26
Newsletter: Printed:	86	60
Electronic:	51	70
None:		54

New Members: 16

Note: We are down twenty nine (29) members from last year. At this point in the racing year, registration of membership is likely to have concluded for this year. Chris Ritz has requested an investigation into the lost memberships. Chris was wondering if the five dollar (\$5.00) increase in membership fee has affected total club membership. Approval of Membership Report: Approved by: Rick Falcinelli, Seconded by: Rich Falcinelli

**Publicity** (Vallery Ritz): Vallery Ritz thanked Ray Dong for contributing his collection of this years racing pictures used in the last newsletter. Vallery also thanked Eli Whitney (even though he wasn't present at this meeting) for his race reports used in the last newsletter. Vallery also reminded everyone to submit a Member Biography so it can be used in the newsletter. Jennifer Falcinelli clarified to all of the group present, that a member biography; "Doesn't just have to be from a driver...it can be from any member of the Marine Prop Riders".

**Entertainment** (Ray Dong): Sandy Ross brought his slideshow used during the Gold Cup Week at Sinbad's featuring the California Kids. Judy Roberts brought along some pictures of this year's Gold Cup, and Ray Dong brought along his Hampton, Virginia summer vacation (I mean racing) pictures for us to enjoy.

Ray has also scheduled an Unlimited Boat author "Steve Garey". Steve will be bringing his third book published, to this his first public appearance with it. The book was supposed to be available in time for this years Gold Cup, but got hung up during publishing and only became recently available.

## **2014 Race Reports:**

<b><i>Dayton Testing:</i></b>	<b><i>April 26-27</i></b>	Complete
<b><i>Walled Lake Thunder:</i></b>	<b><i>June 14-15</i></b>	Complete
<b><i>Gold Cup:</i></b>	<b><i>July 11-13</i></b>	Complete
<b><i>Waterford Quake on the Lake:</i></b>	<b><i>July 19-20</i></b>	Complete

Barry Pray wanted to thank all the volunteers who worked to help make this year's race the success that it was. He also mentioned by name, many of the younger generation members, and noted the positions they held, participating as volunteers, and racing at this year's event. Barry also wanted to thank the drivers for their level of professionalism displayed over the course of the weekend.

Chris Ritz also mentioned he revealed his "not so macho soft side", while tearing up, during the introduction of Joshua, by his mother, at this year's drivers meeting. I've got to believe Chris Ritz, and Mary Ann Wilson, were not the only ones displaying some emotions during this touching moment. Thank you Rainbow Connection, for sharing some of the limited, valuable time, of your special loved one, with our group, at the drivers meeting. It had a huge impact on many of us!!

***Celina, Ohio:*** ***Aug. 23-24***

There are currently water quality problems at this site. The race is still intended to take place at this time. Volunteers are always needed, so if you are available, make sure you help out at the race. See ***you*** there!

***Rocky Fork:*** ***Sept. 20-21***

Let's Go Racing. This event is currently scheduled to take place. Currently, this race will be for fun only. There will not be any points or prize money. It's a **race**, and **we have** boats, **that is why we race**...see you there!! Support this year, may bring greater things next year. No boats, No Race, No Future in our Sport...Think about it!!

***New Martinsville:*** ***Sept. 27-28***

five (5) Liter, G.N.H., and one (1) Liter Mod has been asked to show up. Quarter mile (1/4 mile) time trial scheduled for both days. Tunnel boats are scheduled for both days.

***Webster, MA :*** ***Aug. 23, 2014*** **Canceled**

**APBA News** (Mark Weber): Mark is not present at this meeting. Therefore, no information was presented.

**MACH News** (Ray Dong): Ann Fitzgerald acknowledged there is a new East Coast Series. Ray Dong made a seventeen (17) hour trip to Hampton, West Virginia for the race expecting the worse...knowing Region 4 is unhappy with point fund meeting. A private party wrote a point fund check which cleared the bank, so Ray Dong felt/was obligated to disperse the Mach Checks where appropriate/intended. Many Region Six (6) boats showed up for the race which supports the idea of Mach Points and Funding.

Kim Liddicoat is facing the same problems of finding financial sponsors to support a race. Therefore, to make sure boat numbers are there to support a race, it is real necessary for MACH Points and Prize Funding. It is extremely important to assure the future of this sport, that all parties involved work together. It is an extreme waste of energy for groups of special interests to work against each other, in this sport.

**IRC Racing News** (Jim Sechler): Jim is not present at this meeting. Therefore, no information was presented.

**Region 6 News** (Eli Whitney): Eli is not present at this meeting. Therefore, no information was presented.

**Vintage Report** (Paul Poledink):

***Gross Point Yacht Club*** **Completed**

***Algonac Harbor Yacht Club, St. Clair, MI*** **Completed**

Jeff Sankuer with "Modern Drummer", accompanied Jennifer Falcinelli with her infamous "Stiletto" represented the Marine Prop Riders at this event.

***Presque Isle*** **Completed**

Headlining news...Paul Poledink attended this event.

***Algonac Pickerel Tournament*** **Completed**

Algonac has opened up a Maritime Museum. It is very small at this point but should feature many things from Chris Craft as the development progresses.

***Rising Sun Regatta, Rising Sun, Indiana*** ***August 16-2014***

***Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta, Wheeling, West Virginia*** ***Aug. 30-31, 2014***

***Niagara Frontier Boat Show and Raceboat Reunion Grand Island, NY*** ***Sept. 6, 2014***

**Old Business:** Wayne Shagena has made contact with Washtenaw Community College Body and Paint School, to paint the display boat sometime this fall or early winter. This school usually does not work with the community on projects like this, but this one is unusual enough to grab their attention. The school has a design department which could come up with an attention grabbing paint scheme. It has been suggested that the Marine Prop Riders form a Display Boat Committee to work with the college (Ray Dong?, Rich Falcinelli?, others/volunteer??). The Marine Prop Riders initially need to get some Digital Display Boat pictures to the college, so that they can start the design work.

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The college professor needs to make some presentations for this project within their doors, for final approval to work on this project. All costs of materials will be the burden of Marine Prop Riders, all labor will be the burden of the community college. If you are interested in making the display boat a better asset to this club, please step forward, your help will be appreciated.

Jeff Sankuer and Jennifer Falcinelli took on the challenge of getting a five (51) liter class boat race to happen at the Detroit Gold Cup, and challenge for the Gar Wood Trophy. The challenge was even made harder for them knowing the boats could be torn up on the infamous, "boat destroying", Detroit River only a week before the Nationals at Quake on the Lake. Leave it to Jeff and Jennifer, they successfully carried off the five (51) liter race on the Detroit River, and even have posters to prove it for the taking.

**New Business:** Mario Maraldo is just out of the hospital following some surgery to attend tonight's meeting. He said; "He can breath, swallow, and count money." Good indication he is on the road to recovery. Welcome Back Mario!

Phil Kunz recently suffered a heart attack, as reported by Ray Dong.

St. Felicien, Quebec wasn't too kind to Burt Henderson recently. Due to a horrific accident there, he will be out for at least three (3) months with a punctured lung, broken ribs, and broken toes.

**Next Meeting:** Date: Sept 03, 2014 at Juliano's in Warren, MI

**Adjournment:** Time: 8:25 pm. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Rich Falcinelli, Seconded by: Barry Pray.

**Fund Raising:** 50/50 winner: Chris Ritz, Amount: \$33.00, Status: Accepted.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Wayne Shagena



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**Event Schedule – 2014**

*Race dates and upcoming events are tentative.*

*Planning is taking place for the following events:*

Rocky Fork September 20-21, 2014  
New Martinsville September 27-28, 2014  
MPR Awards Banquet November 8, 2014

The **2014 MPR Awards Banquet** will be held earlier than usual this year at the ConCorde Inn in Clinton Township. Rooms can be reserved now by calling 586-493-7300 and using code 1108MP. Mark your calendars to attend on November 8, 2014!

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## Primetime Players

So, is there anything right about our sport? You bet; here's a few examples:

I just returned from Celina, Ohio. This is a local APBA Region Regatta which I referenced last month. It is and always had a "world class" feel to it.

Many "prop riders" pitched in: Jay and Andy Guaresimo, Sam Anspach, Mary Ann Wilson, Steve Mallard and of course, the "Bruns" our hosts. I marvel at the organization and execution of this regatta. Lori Weber quarterbacking the judges stand, Mark running "pit ops", nuf said!

Newer members knock it out of the park Feeding the race volunteers has almost been mediocre at best. Recently, Jewel Sechler, Denise, and Ms. Kim nailed it. The lunches were nicely organized, prepared and cheerfully served. We appreciate it!

Jim Gannon, who chairs the pit gate (the most miserable job by the way), was eight weeks recovering from a liver transplant!

Our secretary, Wayne Shagena, was the lone prop rider who showed up to build the judges stand on Thursday at "Quake" – you are a primetime player. We can always count on you.

When done right, the race site dinners are always highlights at National events. Mike Weber organized, funded and executed a fantastic meal. When you invite 200 of your closest friends, and pull it off, you and your committee deserve a gold star. The barbeque at the Hampton Cup Regatta was super also!

Speaking of Hampton, thanks to all the MACH series members who supported the Eastern Divisionals. Around 60% of the racers were MACH members. Kudos to "Lisa" the race chairperson and Chris Bauman and family for funding our point fund.

Support our boat races – New Martinsville, West Virginia. In conjunction with the ¼ mile record runs and tunnel boat races, Sam and Sharon Winer have invited the 5 Litres, Grand National and One Litre Modifieds. Kudos to the Y boats. Your inclusion was because of your intense lobbying, communicating with each other and sticking together. "Squeaky wheel". Our goal is to run a "full" MACH Series program in the near future. Pit area and sponsorship are key considerations. The memory of Dr. Paul Yinger will be honored at Rocky Fork, Ohio on the weekend of September 20-21. As of this writing, it will not run a MACH format. David, Tom and crew have put in a monumental effort to make it happen. Bring your team, buy a shirt, or volunteer your time. Tom and I will.

Youth is served I have been blown away by the young volunteers at our region races. Kyle, Becky and Charlie Wilson, and Devon McQuade to name a few. Your maturity, spirit and enthusiasm are infectious. Our young drivers are awesome. Kathleen Maurer, Shelby Bowsher, Alexis Weber, Becky Wilson, Andrew Tate, Jennifer Falcinelli and Richie Falcinelli. Your talent and skill do not go unnoticed. I tend to live vicariously through my friends' children . . . you kids get it. Let's get "Scooter" a ride!

Appreciate what you got Lifeline's Kent Fauntleroy has been attending boat races since he was eight years old. That's four decades worth. He stated that Pontiac Lake was the "finest" boat racing facility he had ever seen. High praise indeed.

A Weber driving "Helter Skelter?" Are you kidding me? Seeing Mark drive Phil's boat was really a surreal and poignant experience. It completed a 40 year circle. Come to the meeting, I'll tell the humorous back story.

We recently lost Rich Willim, my friend, advisor and mentor. I'll have a tribute to one of the best people ever next month . . .

Submitted by Ray Dong, 44 year volunteer



Several past boat racers were seen at the Celina race. Does everyone recognize this guy?



The APBA Driving School Boat had a lot of visibility at Celina.



Bill Goodwin's family stopped by during dinner to give some positive feedback on the Celina race.



# The Celina Governor's Cup

August 23-24, 2014

The Celina Governor's Cup was held in memory of Bill Goodwin who loved the local boat race. Bill's favorite saying was "Life is neat."

In case you missed it, here's a link to an article about MPR member Ron Snyder: <http://www.dailystandard.com/archive/2014-08-21/stories/24692/minster-man-still-has-need-for-speed-at-75>



Ron Snyder & Phil Kunz peer into the Helter Skelter.



Mark Weber piloting the Blue Mule.



Mickey Redman returns to the dock after driving the APBA school boat.

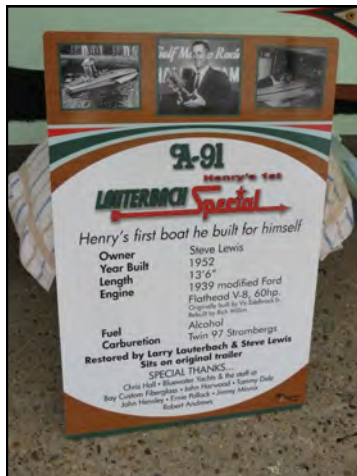


Photos provided by Ray Dong and the Ritz's



# Hampton Cup Regatta / Eastern Divisionals 2014

August 2-3, 2014



The Lauterbach Special with engine rebuilt by Rich Willim.



Todd Liddycoat racing down the straightaway.



Teamwork looking for gremlins.



Bobby Kennedy



Bobby Kennedy and John Shaw tangled on the course.



The Y class was well represented in Hampton.



The One Way waiting for the start.



Tom Swindling handing over a check.



Alexis Weber and Wesley Simmons



Kathleen Maurer

Photos provided by Ray Dong

# Ohio Governor's Cup 2014 Race Report

Reporting by Eli Whitney



Forty-three intrepid warrior boat racing teams invaded Celina, Ohio, the weekend of 23-24 August 2014, to compete for the Ohio Governor's Cup and valuable MACH points. This summer's weather has been rather comfortable, so Mother Nature sent in a 90 degree F. weekend, just so Celina's racing activities would be back to normal: hot, sunny, and sticky! The community responded by opening their doors to welcome all the racers with a fine racing venue on the western shore of Grand Lake St. Mary's, which was rather smooth this year, compared to some past regattas. A well done must be given to the race committee, lead by the 'B Brothers', Allen Baskett and Myron Buxton. Note also must be given for a smooth race program, with minor adjustments on the fly, by Race Director Mark Weber with Lori Weber directing him; with assistance from drivers reps Rick Falcinelli, Billy Noonan; crane men Sam Anspach, Steve Mallard, and Andy Gauresimo; cattle chute guard Red Mathis; referee Don Melillo; timer Steve Spisak; and scorer (responsible for slipping this writer the race data to make up this report) Jennifer Grigg; there are also unnamed others locally who pitched in and made this regatta one of the best managed around. Gotta say a thanks also to Chreyl and Mike Bruns, along with son Aaron Bruns, for a welcome racers picnic at the Bruns shop (just behind Lockwood's Speed Shop off Route 29 on the east side of Celina!) on Friday evening, food, fun and frolic for all. Thank you Celina, Ohio and all of the sponsors!!!!

Racing began with hot laps Saturday and Sunday morning, after the fog lifted. Minor delay, as hot laps were runoff with minimal interruption. That is, until Seaford, Delaware's Al Thompson found the one and only rogue wave on Grand Lake St. Mary's at about 9:36 AM Sunday. Al hit the hole, barrel rolled, got a 2.87 on a 10 point scale (only a barrel roll, no acrobatics added), got to put into use his capsule escape training (well done, by the way) with assistance from Box 21; he is A-OK (note: this was the only incident of the weekend!). Unfortunately, the S-92 was out of action with hull damage, should be repairable for Al's next race! Fast times were produced by Y-1 (Dan Kanfoush-Jim Sechler), S-78 (Bobby Kennedy-Doug Rapp), E-35 (Bobby Kennedy-Thompson Bros.), GNH-68 (Dan Walls - 96+ mph fast time for hot laps), A-64 (Kevin Kreitzer-Joe Kreitzer).

**Vintage** - a well rounded field of boats representing all sizes of limited inboard hydros filled the vintage pits, as six classes were represented (T,S,E,F,J,H), with boats from Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Australia (yes, down under!). Ron Snyder, featured in a Minster, Ohio newspaper section in early August, drove Phil Kunz's E-686 Helter Skelter, the honored craft originally built by Jim Cunningham, who was the featured vintage celebrity for this weekend. Sorry, can't tell you all the names, but Paul Poledink/Sandy Ross/John Bridge (E-52 White Lightning) can, as they were there along with Tom Franken's T-59 Scraps, Nelli Roth's S-149, a beautiful S-07 conventional with 144 Ford Falcon six cylinder, Phil Mitchell's F boat from Minnesota. Another vintage expert spotted included able machinist Jack Hines (F-90), whose machining handiwork is on a number of these boats (and current race boats, too!). Quite a few of the vintage craft took to the hot laps waters to get representative testing times, with the Minnesota F boat showing fine form and control as the best overall. All boats received a very nice engraved tumbler set from the regatta as a memento of this year's event.



Racing, oh yeah, that's why we all showed up. Roostertails, thunderous exhaust, excitement, competition. We were treated to exhibition running of John Grigg's GP-52 Wannabe Racing, big roostertails and window rattlin' exhaust! Big boat, big thunder (plus breaking in the Freightliner this weekend)! The APBA School Boat E-8 took to the water with four different drivers, all having fun; nice rides for Rich and Jennifer Falcinelli, Mickey Redman (Box 21's Mickey, not the Red Wing hockey sharpshooter!), and Nelli Roth. Great way to get the word out for the driving school (next spring at Dayton is next class in Region 6). For this regatta, class competition ends up determining the Governor's Cup winner, so let's go there now!

**1 Liter Mod - Y:** Reigning and thrice in a row champions Y-1 Fast Eddie Too (Jim & Jules Sechler), driven by Dan Kanfoush dominated the Y class. Except for Joe Sovie. Joe's Y-44 Polaris missile got the best of the Y-1 in Saturday's final. Hmm, that's three times in the last month, Jim. Marty Hammersmith put Sean Bowsher in his Y-4, resulting in a second overall, with Kathleen Maurer a fine third for the weekend. Chris Ritz (Y-2) ran fine on Saturday, then Sunday produced the opposite results. Well, one out of two is better than none out of two! Becky Wilson (Y-31 Circus Circus) showed some speed, especially in Sunday's qualifier, but, holed the hull, delaying the final, putting her on the trailer. Eight boats total, Andrew Rousseau's Y-14 (Canada) and Robert Wilson's Y-80 Outlaw having mucho gremlins preventing meaningful results.

**2.5 Litre Stock - S:** John Shaw has been on a roll, lately, well, he got rolled back a little this weekend. The S-145 owned by Willard Wilson had issues, down a little on power, reluctant to start, just stuff, they got it together to win Saturday's final, but otherwise were a second place boat all weekend (which ain't bad at all!). Windham, Connecticut's Doug Rapp (S-78 Bad Influence), driven by Bobby Kennedy, swept the other three heats, finishing second once only to S-145. Pretty impressive. Jennifer Falcinelli's (S-55) consistency garnered a third place overall, a fine showing. Virginia's Doug Martin (S-33), usually a top runner, finally found about 80% of his normal power to have a decent finish in Sunday's final, but it was a battle with the boat all weekend



to maintain his lead in MACH. We already talked about Al Thompson (S-92's barrel roll), but he had good results on Saturday, they'll be back, I'll bet! Keith Fickert (with partner Joe Kreitzer) *S-17 All In* suffered hull damage on Saturday, limiting their competitive efforts.



**5 Litre Stock – E:** Seven E boats came to Celina to do battle. Overall, the *E-35* of the Thompson Brothers (Maryland based) driven by Bobby Kennedy took the honors, in contention for the Governor's Cup with three consecutive wins, leading up to Sunday's final. Todd Liddycoat (Burlington, Ontario, Canada, eh?) with his *E-97 Team Extreme* (overall for weekend second) took their measure in Sunday's final, convincingly, followed by Joe Sovie in the Tom English/Doug Beynon Louisiana based *E-60 the Investigator* (overall for weekend third). Ashtabula, Ohio's Carl Adams (*E323*) consistent finishing of all heats maintains his position towards the top of the MACH standings (unofficially), while Stover Hire's *E-37 Hire Voltage*, piloted by Colby Denman ran fine until a fuel issue forced them to the trailer. Kent Keogh's *E-13 Lucky Lady* (Andy Keogh up) fought ignition and fuel pressure issues all weekend, finishing only one heat. Mike Cashin's *E-8* rounded out the field.

**2.5 Litre Mod – A:** Only two boats were present, with the *A-64* of Kevin and Joe Kreitzer breaking in their new motor (it's a quick combo, look out A class) and Kevin Dowty out for the first time with his *A-734* chasing injection setup woes.

**Grand National Hydro – GNH:** A strong showing by the 7 Litres with seven boats in the pits, with a welcome back to Tony Stalder, as he entered his *GNH-83 Blue Mule* (Mark Weber driver) for the first time in awhile! Also in the pits were Butch Nace (*GNH-29 Nace's Ace*, Tony Black driving), Cadi Reiss (*GNH-515 One Way*, Kevin Kreitzer driving), Jared Walls (*GNH-12*), Dan Walls (*GNH-68 Almost Heaven*), Steve Kuhr (*GNH-317 Irishman*, son Stevie Kuhr driving), and Andy Denka (*GNH-11*, John Jenkins driving). The Denka-Jenkins combo dominated, taking all four heats, in fine style! Great effort and consistency! More on that later. The Irishman team garnered runnerup honors, with third place going to Dan Walls. Engine troubles came up for the other boats, which however did not prevent a most impressive seven-wide start for the first heat on Saturday afternoon! The engine issues, though, have most certainly tightend up the MACH points battle, which for GHN will be settled in September on the Ohio River at New Martinsville, West Virginia!



**Ohio Governor's Cup:** The Ohio Governor's Cup is awarded to the boat racing team earning the most points for the weekend. In the event of a tie, then the decision goes to the boat having heat speed closest to their respective class competition record (5 mile 5 lap record). One other technicality, minimum number of boats registered each day for competition. Every one of these stipulations entered into the determination of the winner this year. From the above class results, looks easy. Andy Denka and John Jenkins swept all four heats, earning 400 points. Whoops, not so fast, with attrition, only four boats were registered (meaning able to race) Sunday morning, the magic number is five. So, the *GNH-11* is out of the running, disappointing for the team and the class, but that's racing. Now, it is down to three teams, each with three wins. That looks impressive enough, but wait, one of the teams had a third place to go with the wins (*E-35 Thompson Bros.*, 390 points) while the other two had a second place apiece (395 points each). So, the final faceoff is between *S-78 Bad Influence* and *Y-1 Fast Eddie Too*. Off to the record books, comparing the heat times. Here's your winners: ***S-78 Bad Influence*, Doug Rapp owner, Bobby Kennedy driver.** They came closest to their respective class competition record, earning the 2014 Ohio Governor's Cup!



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# Vintage Views

## We Get SWAG!

So what's in it for vintage boat drivers, owners, and crew?

Of course there's the joy of bringing back an old raceboat to its former glory, running it around an oval course, watching oldtimers and youngtimers smile at the re-creation of the good ol' days. Letting mom or dad take a picture of their smiling offspring sitting in a real raceboat. Also, the camaraderie with the other owners, drivers, and crew members. And, between runs, enjoying the racing action taking place at the dual sanction venues.

However, there is no prize money, and no 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies at the end of the day. There are no points earned, no bragging rights and no championships to glory in at the end of the season.

But – there is *swag*, those participant goodies you get at the racing venues, the regattas and the boat shows. Here's a sample of those rewards that thank vintage folk for participating in the show. All in all, they are pretty neat, and look good when displayed on the mantle, in the workshop, or at one's workplace. In the middle of a cold winter, they do bring a ray of remembered fun from the past season, and in some ways symbolize the joy associated with this niche sport.



A neat T Shirt from the Buffalo Launch Club Vintage Regatta



APBA Gold Cup participant plaque



Lucite award from Walled Lake Thunder



Hand carved half hull from the Presque Isle Boat Show



Participant plaque from the Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta



Lucite award from the Eyes on Design Boat and Car Show



Rocky Fork Thunder participant plaque



The Quake's vintage "thank you" award



Embossed wood jewelry / trinket case from the Celina Regatta



A T Shirt from the Toledo Boat Show





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