

November 29, 2016

From the New President:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone!

Well, a lot has happened with the club in the past month:

- The annual awards banquet was a huge success thanks to Mario and Kathy Maraldo (and their support team), Ray Dong (emcee), the trophy committee and also Alexis Weber who stepped up in a big way to help make the night a huge success. Apologies for arriving late and my thanks to Rich Falcinelli for stepping in.
- The Board of Directors was also faced with several resignations; which were filled in a special election at the last meeting. That election was not binding (per club by-laws) but the remaining Board members voted unanimously to accept the wishes of the membership. As a result, I became the President, Rich Falcinelli moved to VP, Alexis Weber became the Publicity Chairman and Chris Ritz filled Rich's spot as Member at Large.
- The December pot luck dinner and club meeting will be held at our shop this year. There is a little more room and it may be more conducive to the dinner and meeting parts of the evening. Who knows, next year we may do something else completely different.

We have some things that will need to be addressed in the near future:

- A by-law change will be needed to address the concern of race days in Region 6. To be eligible for club points awards, you need a minimum number of meetings attended or Region race days run. With 2 region race days in 2016, only local club members who went to meetings could win awards. A committee will be chaired by Mark Weber who assures me he will have a proposal on the table in no more than 60 days. (See the November meeting minutes)
- There is renewed interest in racing in Walled Lake again! Johnny and the team at Bayside are interested but will not underwrite the total cost to do the race. Look for an update in the near future.

It seems hard to believe that it was almost 30 years ago when I was first elected President of one of the oldest and most respected clubs in all of APBA. It is an honor to be elected to do this again. Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work. Get involved, we need everyone's help!

Oh, and "Most likely to kiss the referee?" Stay tuned for the winner at the December 7th meeting.

May your Holidays be filled with joy and may your New Year bring health, happiness and prosperity!

Mike



MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FROM 11/02/16 MPR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:47pm by Mario Maraldo.

Mario advised all in attendance that he was running the meeting because the vice president was out of town; and the president and publicity chairman had resigned their positions.

Peggy Kinnard moved to accept the minutes of the October meeting, seconded by Andy Keogh. Approved.

Treasurers report: Mario reported that during October MPR had expenses of \$54.52 for postage & printing of the newsletter; \$20 to the State of Michigan for non-profit registration, and a deposit of \$453, leaving the club with a balance of \$10,859.79. Motion to accept the report by Mike Weber, seconded by Nancy Spanich. Approved.

A discussion to replace the officers that had stepped down took place. The club by-laws state that "the Board shall appoint individuals to fill any vacancies" that may occur. The discussion included the procedure that the Board might follow. After much discussion, Rich Falcinelli moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the membership for those positions that needed to be filled; seconded by Ray Dong. Approved by the membership.

With that, nominations were open. Ray Dong nominated Mike Weber for President. Mike accepted the nomination; seconded by Barry Pray.

Ray Dong nominated Rich Falcinelli for Vice President. Rich accepted the nomination; seconded by Mark Weber.

Alexis Weber was nominated for Publicity by Rich Falcinelli. She accepted the nomination; seconded by Barry Pray.

With his acceptance of the nomination for VP, Rich Falcinelli vacated his position as Member-at-Large. Mark Weber motioned to have the individual that placed 3rd in the election fill the seat. That person was Chris Ritz, who accepted. Seconded by Ray Dong. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rich Falcinelli motioned that the Board accept the recommendations of the membership for the new officers. Seconded by Mario Maraldo. Unanimous vote by all Board members present.

Mike Weber, newly appointed presented took over meeting. Mike thanked the Board for handling the issues that led the club to have to make these changes. Mike is committed to making the club the finest racing organization it can be. He also discussed bringing back Walled Lake (owners of Bayside seem to want a race, but must have help); Quake on the Lake (need to find someone to take over for the Wilsons who have committed so much time over the past several years); and Stoney Creek. Improvements underway & planned for the park mean that 2017 won't happen, but 2018 is a definite possibility.

The MPR Banquet is Saturday, 11/12 at the ConCorde Inn in Clinton Twp. The criteria for Club high points were not met in 2016 due to the lack of races in the Region. Mario Maraldo suggested that the Club award class high point trophies at the banquet. Mark Weber motioned that the Club accept the actions of the Board regarding trophies for 2016, even though they might be outside the By-laws, and **DEMANDED** that the newly appointed president get the issued resolved within 60 days. Rich Falcinelli seconded. Approved by the membership.

Region 6 News.

The Region 6 Fall Meeting was 10/22 & 10/23 in Perrysburg, OH. Highlights: Eli Whitney was elected Region Chairman. Barry Pray was elected Region Inboard Chairman. Rich Falcinelli was elevated to Region Officiating Chairman. Don Melillo was elected to the IRC. Eli will have details included in the next issue of the Club newsletter.

A request has been made to have the December meeting at APBA headquarters. No reply yet. Mike Weber will follow up.

Entertainment: Ray Dong said Tom D'Eath was scheduled to be at the meeting, but had to return to Florida earlier than planned to tend to business. Ray asked all to stay after adjournment to have everyone relate their stories of how they came to be involved in MPR.

Membership: Brian Reed reports that as of the meeting, we had 4 paid members. The year only started the day before the meeting.

Ed Krupinski mentioned that Vito LoPiccolo, the "Voice of Motor City Motorsports", and a WW II veteran passed away at the age of 90 recently.

Motion to adjourn by Barry Pray at (about) 8:45; seconded by Bob Dabrowski.

Submitted (with a whole new respect for Eli) by Barry Pray.

Board of Directors

President	Mike Weber	(770) 330-8559
Vice President	Rich Falcinelli	(586) 909-7424
Secretary	Eli Whitney	(586) 940-9869
Treasurer	Mario Maraldo	(586) 468-3204
Publicity	Alexis Weber	(404) 202-0440
Membership	Brian Reed	(586) 751-3247
Entertainment	Ray Dong	(313) 575-6670
Member at Large	Chris Ritz	(248) 840-3430
Member at Large	Nancy Spanich	(313) 530-0985

December Meeting

Where:

Weber's Race Shop
43742 Utica Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48314

When:

December 7, 2016, Potluck Begins at 6PM

What to Bring:

Your Favorite Dish to Share!

What to Wear:

An Ugly Christmas Sweater, of course.

**If you have any questions, please
call:**

Mike Weber at (770) 330-8559



Unlimiteds Detroit's Annual Holiday Party and Auction

Party and Auction will be held
Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 PM

At Stewart's Restaurant

Located at the St, Clair Shores
Country Club at 22185 Masonic Blvd.

(That's just west of Harper and east
of I-94)

Live and Silent auctions, Awards,
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She asked me to say
those three little
words, so I said "Let's
go racing!"



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*If you're thinking of doing a hotel card, you may want to discuss which races you plan to attend next year to be sure you choose the right hotel chain.





Full Circles

By Alexis Weber

As I write this, I reflect on this awesome lifetime I've spent around racing and I can't help but laugh at how many times life seems to have taken a full circle. For example, the ironic similarity between the naming of the "My Way" boats (the original and mine). The excitement behind the original "My Way" wasn't just the obvious fact that the Weber brothers had their own boat. My Dad's entire career up until that point had been racing for someone else and not having full say in how the boat and overall program was set up. When the decision was made to begin the 5 Liter, it would be the first time that they had built and ran a team *their* way. When the time came to consider a name, "My Way" was perfect...and it was a bonus that Frank Sinatra's song was also one of my Dad's favorites. A couple years later, Dick Delsner compiled some videos and set racing footage to "Turn Me Loose" by Loverboy which includes the lyrics, "I gotta do it my way or no way at all!" From then on, that song became one that we still play on our way to every race.



Fast forward 22 years, and we're making arrangements to pick up a 2.5 Liter from Bert Henderson's shop. This opportunity meant the world to me as it was the first time I'd have my own boat again in close to 7 years. Of course, the question always comes up, "So.. what are you going to name it?" I thought of a million ideas but none of them felt right. It has always been important to me to pave my own path and create a name for myself because of my



own accomplishments and *not* because of my family name. For that reason, I struggled with using a previous family boat name until one day it hit me. The reason I was thrilled about this opportunity wasn't just because I was stepping into a new and very competitive class but because for the first time in my racing career, it was going to be my team and program to run...my way. For the first time, I finally understood that feeling behind what inspired my dad and uncles all those years ago. Needless to say, the new name for the boat became clear.

What makes this article so funny to me though is this next instance. I was maybe around 7 years old and dreading my mom's monthly ritual of locking herself up in her office to type away at her computer. It never failed, as soon as I thought I was going to be off the hook I'd hear, "ALEXISSSSSSS!" ... "Shit." Okay, so maybe my 7-year-old (and painfully shy self) didn't say that out loud but I *was* raised around the Grand Prix/Unlimited pits so I'm sure the word at least crossed my mind. I'd walk upstairs and open the office door and just as I expected, it was time for my monthly child labor duties- the Marine Prop Rider Newsletter. As most of you know, my mom was in charge of the newsletter for quite a while and was great at it. Like the entertaining and filter-lacking gal she is, the newsletter was always a good read.

Though, I never remember drawing the short straw- it became my job to put together every single newsletter, staple them and add the labels. Seems simple but when you're 7 years old, it feels like a prison sentence. Seeing how much the newsletter meant to my mom and the amount of time and thought she put into it was something I never fully understood... until that full circle caught up with me again this past month. Now, after spending my life in Georgia, I find myself in Shelby Township typing away on my laptop and understanding why putting her heart into the newsletter every month was so important to her.

I'm excited (and honestly, nervous) to be in charge of what has always been an important piece of our club. I hope that I can do even half the job my mom did all those years ago. Best part is, my inner 7-year-old self will now get sweet paycheck... guess who gets to staple and label every month? Sorry, Dad.

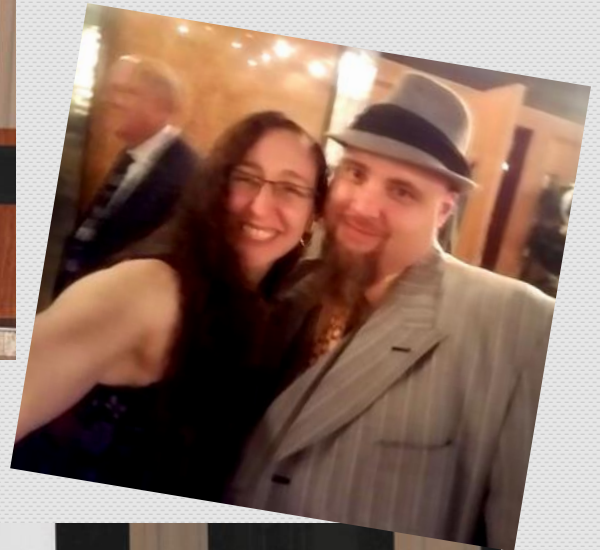
Annual Awards Banquet

November 12, 2016

A big thank you to everyone that was able to attend this year! What a great night we had!



Above: "Doc" Terry's family poses with several of those who have received the award over the years. This was the family's first time attending the banquet since the award was introduced.



Andy Mitchell showing off his Rookie of the Year trophy





Rich doing the "Cupid Shuffle" with the ladies!



Dick and Mike solving or creating problems..

2016 Award Recipients

2 Liter Modified	Tim Collins "Shenanigans"
2.5 Liter Stock	Alexis Weber "My Way"
2.5 Liter Modified	Royce Richards/Andrew Tate "Fat Chance Too"
5 Liter	Todd Liddycoat "Team Extreme"
National Modified	Tom Newman "Sum Toy IV"
Grand National Modified	Fred Shearer/Andy Mitchell
Grand Prix	Royce Richards/Andrew Tate "Fat Chance Too"
Charles Emery High Point Award	Tim Collins
Jim & Elsie Edwards Award	Kathy Schuler
Hard Luck Award	Dave Turner
Rookie of the Year	Andy Mitchell
Grant Ward Award	Ray Dong
"Doc" Terry Memorial Sportsmanship Award	Kim Urbano
Prop Rider of the Year	Chris Ritz



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Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

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Ron Taylor: 269-926-8975 rjtaylor0134@yahoo.com

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