

Fellow Prop Riders

September 2016

Well what do you know; we have some great news for a few of our members in the MPR family. I would like to congratulate three of our members for their success during the Nationals at Waterford. The proprietor (that means bill payer) for the Baby Doll III, Mario Maraldo and his Driver Bobby King for winning the National Championship in the Grand Prix class. Next winner would be Chris Ritz as the rider in a Cracker box flat bottom owned by Scott Schatz from California.

I would be remised if I also didn't mention and congratulate our own Andrew Tate for winning the Seattle Seafair in only his third start in the Jones owned U-9 Unlimited. We all think the world of Andrew and are very happy for his first win in this, his Rookie year. I'm sure there will be many more to come, right Andrew.

Breaking News: Andrew Tate wheeled the English, Richards GP-101 to a fantastic race victory on Detroit River. Crew Chief Mike Weber just kept repeating "keep digging" into Andrew's Helmet. He did and made the pass on the final corner. I told Sandy Tate I was going to write in Andrew's name for President of the United States and she said she didn't think she wanted him to have that job. I even partially lost my voice because I was cheering so hard for the new fan favorite.

Congratulations to Mark Weber, and everyone involved with DREI for pulling off a fantastic event. The Race is truly a miracle every time it is run due to all the obstructions that come up and have to be worked out for it to happen; great job.

Back to Club business, September 7th's meeting will include nominations for officers. If you would like to get more involved or think you can make a difference in region six, get your name placed on the Ballot for next month's elections. You don't need to be present to be nominated. Contact myself or a Board of Director if you would like to be put on the Ballot. We need to fill the Publicity position if we want to continue receiving this News Letter. New individuals need to step up.

Best Regards and safe motoring,
John E. Bridge II

P.S. Thanks again go out to the Ritz duo for formatting, publishing and paper copy distribution. Electronic delivery kudos goes out to John Pulbratek.



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 03August2016 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at Juliano's called to order by Pres. John Bridge II (JB II) at 7:39 pm.

Announcements: Guest recognized is **Shana** attending with **Rick Falcinelli**; welcome! **Daryn Rollins** continues to improve very slowly, he is now staying in a rehab facility, in which he undergoes therapy and relearning skills; good news here. **JBII** reminded all that Quake 17 is a couple weeks away, 23-24July2016. Setup begins Thursday, 21July2016, all help is appreciated.

Moment of Silence for **Kevin Gilday**. Kevin passed away Sunday, 31July2016, services being held 04August2016. Kevin became affiliated with MPR along with **Beth** after being invited when they were competing in the ThunderCat inflatables, upon which they raced a 2.5L stock and a Y boat. Kevin later invested in a radio communication service for events, often being utilized at inboard races; what isn't commonly known is his involvement with many other activities using his services, including marathons, outboard races, offshore races, etc. Kevin was a long time MIOSHA employe, spending many a day inspecting manufacturing facilities to improve worker safety. His regional involvements including stints as an assistant referee and helping with other functions around the race. We all will miss him, and the Marine Prop Riders Club sends their sympathies to Beth in this time of sorrow. Godspeed, Kevin!

Other: JBII showed **Mazella Lifting Technologies** brochures on the front table, **Mike Garity (Mazella LT)** dropped these off and will be present at the September MPR meeting to present information to the club regarding lifting slings, which all our boats utilize. A previously planned presenter pooped out today (Mike Saunders), varnishing Miss Supertest took its toll apparently.

July meeting minutes – Motion to approve the July 2016 minutes as printed, **Ray Dong**; second, **John Pulbratek**. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – **Mario Maraldo**: expenses of \$49.25 for newsletter printing and mailings, \$750 for the Quake pit party; deposits of \$134 and \$185; the MPR treasury balance is \$10,406.38. Motion to accept, **Rich Falcinelli**; second, **Earl Stinson**. Motion carried.

Membership Report – **John Pulbratek**: 115 members total. John signed up a couple more at Quake.

Publicity Report – **JB II**: Team effort, thanks to **Vallery** and **Chris Ritz**, **John Pulbratek**. Nice job! *More volunteers needed here now!*

Entertainment — **Ray Dong**: bench racing tonight! Also, Happy Birthday to Earl Stinson, complete with card and applause.

Race Reports: Quake on the Lake XVII – 23-24July2016. Some surprise expenses make balancing the till difficult, but time will tell there. Barry Pray awarded Kudos for those who stepped up to help at Quake and Boo for those who had committed and did not show. All in all, a successful event. Standing ovation was given for the Wilson family for their efforts and success! Kathy Schuler cited the Grant Ward course, which produced another record (2.5L stock – S-9 Rewinder – **Greg Barker**, Grand Island, NY). Pit party crew also cited as *outstanding* for the party. Another story: seems like the dessert cakes were in storage in the Maraldo Motorhome; **Gypsy** was assigned guard duty; storage area impregnable to anything but a nuclear bomb; howcum there was this one paw print in the middle of the chocolate cake???? Gypsy lawyered up, she is not talking.

Detroit Gold Cup – 26-27-28August2016 – all systems go! Discussed extensive vintage display, autograph area, amphitheater, various generations of hydros from older to newest. Lot of activities surrounding the event.

Vintage News – Paul Poledink: Clayton, NY coming up soon; Wheeling, W.Va is 03-04September2016 (Labor Day weekend); Madison, Indiana 17-18September2016.

IRC News – Rich Falcinelli: All quiet on this front. All champions at Quake passed inspection.

Region 6 News – Eli: no news.

Old Business: none.

New Business: There will be a **MPR BOD meeting 21Se2016** to discuss how club awards will be determined this year. Mario mentioned lift sling material (use Poly instead of Nylon for less stretch and better wet strength) and good service from Mazella (be here for presentation in Sept!). **Peg and Fred** invited all to view the Harrison Twp Boat Parade of Lights the evening of August 6th, fun for all. The U-27 drive for funds has a different page, ask JBII for details!

Next Meeting: *07September2016*, Juliano's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 P.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by **Racer Bob**, seconded by **Barry Pray**. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned by JB II at 8:41 PM.**

50-50 raffle: \$20 to **Racer Bob**.

Event Schedule – 2016

Celina (OH)
Vintage - Wheeling (WV)

Postponed to 2017
September 2-4 2016

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The Next Meeting Is September 7th

7:30 PM

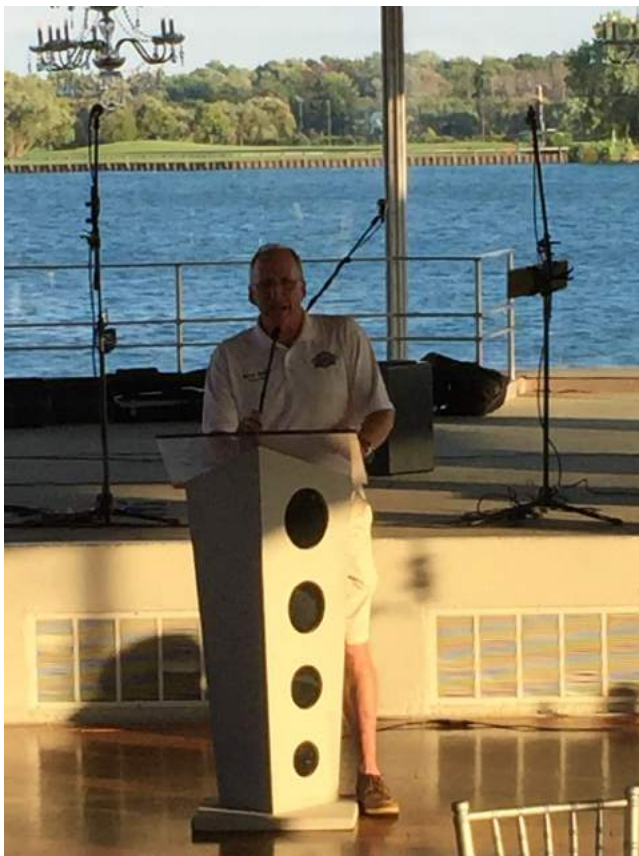
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The 2016 Gold Cup Drivers

Mark Weber speaking to the crowd at the Roostertail on Thursday evening.



Jimmy
Shane
and
the U1

Andrew Tate
mastering
the Rooster-
tail turn in
the U-9.



The GP-101
team eaves-
dropping on
the other
teams. Or
were they just
listening to the
Tigers?





Royce & Kathy enjoying the weekend.



Donny Allen—sleeping or concentrating?



Andrew putting on his "game face" before his GP final victory.



A rare moment where Randy English isn't busy with a boat!



The morning fog on Sunday made for some really spectacular visuals and pictures of boats. These were taken in color, but the shadowing makes them look black and white.



Rich Falcinelli taking the very successful school boat for a demonstration run.

The Winners!



Andrew after a heat win and accepting the Silver Cup.

Bobby King after winning in the Baby Doll. How cool that we have 3rd and 4th generation drivers winning!



Blast from the Past!

Can you guess the year? From the Port Huron Times Herald.

Boat racer goes free-agent route

By KEVIN ALLEN
Times Herald Sportswriter

Tom D'Eath has the distinction of being the first unlimited hydroplane driver in the history of the sport to declare himself a free agent.

And it paid off for him this winter when he signed a three-year contract with the Miller (Lite) Brewing Co. He says it makes him the highest paid driver in boat racing.

"The deal puts me in the same category as some of the other leading sports figures," says D'Eath, who declined to reveal his annual salary.

"I'm not making \$300,000 or \$400,000 like some of those football players, but I'm sure I am making more money than anyone else in this sport."

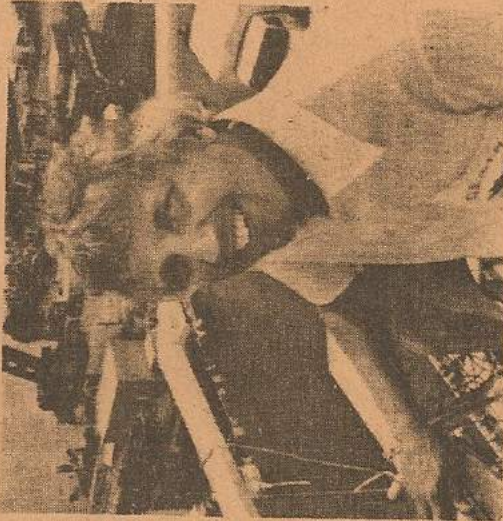
D'Eath, who owns a boat designing business in Fair Haven, quit as driver for The Squire Shop after the 1982 season when the owner refused to pay him the \$40,000 salary he requested.

D'Eath, 40, said he was not going risk his life in one of the world's most dangerous sports unless he was paid handsomely.

The Squire Shop enticed D'Eath back for the final two races last year with a very attractive offer. "I probably made more in two races than anyone else made driving all season," D'Eath said.

But Miller Lite contacted D'Eath, and that sponsor's deal was better than The Squire Shop offer.

"It's the kind of money that drivers should be getting," D'Eath said with a laugh, "Only my wife does not think so."



Times Herald — Ralph W. Polovich

Tom D'Eath, Fair Haven, will drive the Miller Lite boat on the unlimited hydroplane circuit this summer.

Miller Lite is starting from scratch in hydroplane racing. D'Eath will ride a new turbo-powered T-64 boat with a Lucero hull. The boat boasts 3,900 horsepower. The team will be based in Houston.

D'Eath said the Miller Lite commitment to other motor sports leads him to believe the new sponsor will do everything in its power to give him a competitive boat.

Miller Lite also sponsors NASCAR driver Bobby Allison, Indy-car driver Al Unser Sr. and fuel dragster driver Gary Beck. The

group, including D'Eath, is referred to as the Miller Lite all-stars.

D'Eath expects his boat to be competitive with Atlas Van Lines and Miss Budweiser, the two boats that have dominated unlimited racing the past few years. D'Eath expects that five boats will be top contenders on the circuit this year.

The Squire Shop team has purchased the old Atlas Van Lines boat, which automatically makes that team competitive. Driver Steve Reynolds also has joined a new team based in Seattle, which supposedly will have a boat that can challenge the frontrunners.

"Our goal is to win the national championship, and win the Gold Cup (in Pasco, Wash.)," said D'Eath, who won the Gold Cup in 1976 in Detroit. "Of course I have sentimental reasons for wanting to win in Detroit because I'm from Detroit. And I'm the only unlimited driver from Michigan."

D'Eath, who has been racing for 25 years, said the fraternity of drivers were glad to see him land a lucrative deal. The top two drivers from last year, Chip Hanauer (Atlas Van Lines) and Jim Kropfeld (Miss Budweiser), even thanked D'Eath for helping them get more money.

"They both said I was indirectly responsible for getting them a raise," D'Eath said.

When The Squire Shop could not keep D'Eath, Hanauer was offered that job. Atlas Van Lines was forced to raise the ante to keep him. Then Kropfeld was offered the job, and Budweiser had to up his salary.

"You have to look out for your own interests in this sport," D'Eath said.



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FOR SALE: Vintage S-57 Airborne – the Red Boat; asking \$2900; Call Cadi or Eli **586-940-9869**; Cadi Reiss' first 2.5L Stock (S class hydroplane); 1979 Karelson Kit hull – wood boat! 2000 Ford Pinto engine, seat, steering, rudder, skid fin, linkages, engine plates, thrust bearing, shaft log, fuel tank, kill switch; with trailer; 2 props; buy now, drive at Dayton in April! Cadi raced this hull as *Airborne* 1989 into 1991; formerly the S-79 *General C*, Bob Field / Bob Field Jr, raced 1980-1985.

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