



Quake on the Lake Edition

Fellow Prop Riders

AUGUST 2016

Quake on the Lake 17 has come and gone. A small army of volunteers were required to put on this Race. If I were to try to thank all of the individuals I wouldn't do justice to everyone that had a part in pulling off this endeavor. So if you are one of those individuals please accept the Club's sincere appreciation and gratitude for your time and sacrifice in Saturday's heat and Sunday's morning rain. I wouldn't feel right if I didn't personally thank the Wilson Family and the Oakland Committee for their yearlong dedication in producing this Event. It's very easy for folks to sit back and criticize aspects of the event. Now is your chance to get involved and help change the Race for possibly its betterment. As you know the Wilson's are stepping back from the front lines of this event after many years of service. They are not hanging us out to dry or having us fend for ourselves. I have been told they will help where they can with contacts, contracts or whatever is needed in an advisory role. They do not want to see this Race go away after all their hard work and of course neither do we. We are going to have to fill several key positions to have this Race next year. I suggest we start this discussion now and ask for some volunteers to step forward or we could wind up not having any Race in Region 6 at all. There is no question that it will be much easier to continue on with this Race at this picturesque Park then to start from scratch somewhere else. Let me tell you, if we let this Race go it will be truly tragic and could have devastating repercussions for our Club. Not to mention we want somewhere local to run our Toys. This should also include our Vintage class members!!

I am looking forward to the APBA Gold Cup / UAW-GM Spirit of Detroit Hydrofest coming up on August 26-28. I think I can only remember missing two Detroit Races in my lifetime. That is a lot of races let me tell yaw. I will finish up with another one of my favorite sayings, "No one ever perished from trying to win the Stanley Cup or a Superbowl."

Best regards and safe motoring,

John E. Bridge II

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





MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – July 6, 2016 – Meeting Minutes **Meeting at Juliano's called to order by Pres. John Bridge II (JB II) at 7:33 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.

June meeting minutes – Motion to approve the June 2016 minutes as printed, **Ray Dong**; second, **Barry Pray**. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo: expenses of \$56.84 for newsletter printing and mailings, . deposits of \$134; the MPR treasury balance is \$11,020.63. Motion to accept, Rich Falcinelli; second, Andy Guaresimo. Motion carried.

Membership Report – John Pulbratek: 113 members total. John hopes to sign up 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: slides from recent activities, including the Polish-American Dinner, Tom D'Eath, pit shots, Madison, Air Force Museum's newest wing which recently opened!

Race Reports: Quake on the Lake XVII – See above reminder, 23-24July2016.

Detroit Gold Cup – 26-27-28August2016 – all systems go!

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.

Region 6 News – Eli: The Region 6 Inboard clock was used by the Madison Regatta, giving a needed fund injection to the bank account. With total funds prior approaching only a \$2000 mark, needed expenditures for trailer license, insurance, etc. plus impending repairs for a jetski in the immediate future, along with only one full inboard race in Region 6, the BOD has decided to not procure region hipoint trophies for this year (2016).

Old Business: Quake discussion, especially the need for volunteers for setup, tear down, cleanup, etc.

New Business: Referencing the Region 6 news above, will this club need to rethink the club high point awards similarly? Cost is one of the concerns, also the lack of region races. It was pointed out that National Points are used to determine club high point awards, however there is also the provision regarding minimum region races (which will not be possible this year) or attendance at club meetings being a requirement for

winning which may make determining winners difficult, at best. JBII will hold BOD meetings to discuss the issue and any ramifications that come from the discussions.

Cal Phipps blow-over at Madison in the Wiggins unlimited was dissected, with news that Cal was OK being the best outcome there. Someone has started a GoFundMe page (conjectured to be some Madison race committee associates) to raise some \$\$\$ to help on repairs, no news on any success thereof.

Gold Cup posters were handed out by **Mark Weber** for distributing everywhere and anywhere!

Next Meeting: 03August2016, Juliano's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 P.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by **Rick Falcinelli**, seconded by **John Pulbratek**. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned by JB II at 8:43 PM.

50-50 raffle: \$30 to Barry Pray! He said he's putting it in the bank.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)



Once again, the Saturday night pit party did not disappoint! Thank you to our organizer and sponsors for making it possible to relax with a full plate, beverages and dessert after Saturday's full race schedule.

Mike Weber, Alexis Weber, Barry Pray, The IRC, Tom Clark, and the Quake Race Committee

Event Schedule – 2016

Celina (OH)
Hampton (VA) [Eastern Divisionals]
Detroit APBA Gold Cup (MI)
Vintage - Wheeling (WV)

Postponed to 2017
August 6-7 2016
August 27-28 2016
September 2-4 2016

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The Next Meeting Is August 3rd

7:30 PM

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Saturday, July2K. The first tremors are felt around Pontiac Lake. Birds fall silent. An oak leaf trembles. Now the silence is broken by the voice of Ray Dong: "Y boats to the crane. First call!". Quake on the Lake has been born.

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Ray, isn't about time to learn a new line?!!??

Eighty two (82) APBA Inboard hydroplanes and flatbottom racing craft gathered by the beach at Pontiac Lake State Park (Waterford, Michigan) to compete for National Championship titles. An increase from 2015's Sweet Sixteen Quake, largely due to the presence of some flatbottom classes not usually present in Region 6, let the racing begin!

But first, this writer must digress. Socially, the MPR sponsored Saturday pit party went very, very well. At least 382 persons were fed and watered: three kinds of chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, buns, condiments, banana pudding, two cakes for dessert, beverage choices from water to soft drinks to draft beer and my choice, Molson! Thanks Mike Weber, Alexis Weber, and associates (which included JBII wandering the pits counting attendees – took 3 hours!) and any extra sponsors beyond the MPR support! National Championship awards and recognition followed at the center beach stage, with a great time had by all!

Also, it's time to recognize many who did a lot of work: Chas Dodge (referee), Mr and Mrs Russ Dodge, Robin Shane, Kim Liddycoat, Chreyl Bruns, Steve Spisak, Barry Pray, Billy Noonan, Kyle Wilson, all on the judges stand or manning the radio corral; Sam Anspach and his minions (among them Steve Mallard, Tony Kallio and Tom English) managing the cranes; Box 21 rescue (glad you found a new battery for the jetski, Dave Noble) and Andy Gauresimo's salvage crew; Jim Sechler with Rich Falcinelli inspecting, Rick Falcinelli turn judging (among others unnamed and unsung); Jennifer Falcinelli as driver's rep (took too much gaff, in my opinion, but bore up well, still smiling on Sunday at 5PM!); Mark Weber and the IRC for Nationals support; Becky, MaryAnn and Bob Wilson for the whole event; Oakland County Community Club for having us race! Cannot forget the hospitality always shown by Kathy and Royce Richards, too, on a hot day, most welcome! Glad to also to see the Jack Fischl's (pa and son), Terry Collins, Einar and Gretchen, Kathy Maraldo and more Maraldo's, and anyone else I have left out! Oh, yeah, Ray Dong pit communicator, a yeoman's job that keeps you in one spot on the scaffold both days (this guy does not sweat ever, 90 degrees, no pressure felt!). Vintage – while not scheduled, kudos for Billy Noonan, who brought up his T-2 vintage hydroplane. Saw it parked in the back of the pits Saturday, don't know if it got any display time, but this writer thinks they were missed. There was ample room for about 20 of them, coulda had 100 boats in the pits! Maybe next year.

A word about the weather: Friday's setup day was hot and humid, compared to the 100 degrees F plus out west and down south, perfectly balmy. Saturday, more of the same. All with plenty of sun. Sunday dawned cloudy, humid, threatening, and by 8:30 AM wet. Sunday races began finally still in some sprinkles, with rain coming and going. Racing did continue, with great work by the pit managers to keep things going ahead of impending weather. Then, that storm went around us, by 3 PM, sunny and getting hot and sticky. Some teams did leave, not enough boats in their class able to run, many who left had broken their boats, and faced with long trips in wet weather, got an early start. So, Sunday's program got a little lean, but that can be understood by all. At least, I hope so.

Oh, yeah, racing. That's probably what you really want. Well, I will try, but remember, out in the middle of the pits, working with a race team, no PA other than Ray dutifully calling boats to the crane. Here goes nothing!

T class: 4 boats from the east coast made the trek to Waterford, Thompson sponsored and a Stewart craft, winner either day is anonymous to me. The T's raced well, first out Saturday, and on Sunday, ran back to back heats to wind up this year's Quake.

S class: 11 boats included a new record setting Greg Barker Rewinder S-9 (Bobby Kennedy up), Dutch and Debi Squires Mega Bucks S-83 (JP Squires up), Keith Fickert and Joe Kreitzer's All In S-17 (Tony Kreitzer up Saturday, Keith F. Sunday), and a surprise entry from Tina and Jim Wilson, the S-20 is back (grandson driving). There were gun jumps and penalties, but when the smoke cleared, the ultimate winner was Tom Haganir.

Y class: a tough field, with boats from the east coast, St. Lawrence River valley, west coast, and Region 6. These included Keith Mc Mullen (Y-80), Joe Sovie (Y-44), Jimmy Shane Y-6), Timmy Collins Y-1 (Y-41 on the boat), Kathy Mauer (Y-16). Jimmy Shane prevailed; big hydro, small hydro, doesn't matter to him!

E class: a mix of 350's and mod 305's, some good racing in two heats Saturday and the National Championship final. Andy Keogh (E-13) prevailed in his qualifier, got third in the final. Todd Liddycoat (E-97) won on the water, but was "one foot over the line", so the song goes, and so went his nationals bid. Donny Allen took the win in the teams rookie year in inboards! Five litres did not run on Sunday.

A class: a tough field got thinner when two of the three potent English/Richards 2.5L hulls had problems before racing even started, leaving only the A-25 (Andrew Tate) to carry their team. Before the start of the final, the A-25 sputtered to a halt, leaving a wide open race course for Kevin Kreitzer (A-64), Jeff Sankuer (A-17), Doug Havell (A-23), and Mark Manos (A-51), among others. Kevin parlayed a great start into a deck to deck duel with the V8 powered A-17 of Jeff Sankuer, until Jeff's motor said "enough today" in turn 3-4; Kevin looked unbeatable as he pulled away from the field, until the 3-4 turn gremlin bit off a prop blade one lap later; leaving the A-23 and A-51 to fight it out for the title. Prevailing was Doug Havell, with Mark Manos a close second. Great racing guys! Doug prevailed on Sunday, too.

National Modified: The Bird gave all the bird again. Scott Liddycoat up, the Linn brother's highwinding V8 NM-30 took top honors, leaving others in his wake, including two Tom Newman entries, Greg Isaac's Blitzkrieg (Stevie Kuhr up), a strong NM-88 from Washington, and Andrew Christopher's Old Crow (Mark Weber up).

Grand National Hydroplane: 6 of the big 7 Litres vied for the National Championship, coming out on top was Scott Liddycoat in George Conover's GNH-18 (Scott got a twofer!). Second was Steve Kuhr's Irishman GNH-317 (son Stevie up); third went to the Minnesota Mitchell's GNH-17 (Tony Black up for the final, Andy M for the heat). Matt Mattson brought the GNH-76 all the way from Washington but final had engine woes, Tony Stalder's Blue Mule GNH-83 (Mark Weber up) got a hole in the hull, and finally GNH-1 of Andy Denka let the engine smoke out in spectacular fashion, rod through the bottom of the hull, while leading (in case you are wondering, some say these engines must run on smoke, because when the smoke comes out, the engine stops). GNH did not run on Sunday.

Grand Prix: Just a couple years ago, at the first nationals run at the Quake, one Mario Maraldo of local fame won his first National Championship, proving that old age and trickery wins out over youthful enthusiasm (young Mike Weber jumped the gun while Mario motored around the course, daring Mike to catch him). Well, lighting struck again! Mario's GP-59 Baby Doll III earned a tough first place, this time with Bobby King piloting the Doll, as a penalty, a gun jump, and sputtering engines put the field behind him. Bobby got dunked, Mario is the Champion, all is right with the world! The other boats: the English/Richards duo of GP525 (Tom Thompson up), GP-101 (Andrew Tate up), and GP-97 (I believe) from Quebec. Good boats all, great racing and thunder!

Jersey Speed Skiffs: 5 craft skipped their way around Pontiac Lake, I know that two of them are of the Jimmy Stewart clan, don't know who won out in the end. Skiffs did not run Sunday.

P class: Who are those guys, anyway? Well, these are the Crackerbox, a chiefly California class, featuring 310 cubic inch small block V8's (600 hp versions) in 15 foot hulls, with a driver and rider (crash test dummy, or CTD) at the transom. A sprint car on the water, a real treat to examine and talk with Scott Schatz (no, he is not related to the World of Outlaws Donny Schatz, which means Tony Stewart is not financing these guys, maybe he should!). Four of them trekked from out west, and will continue to Hampton about when you are reading this missive, for an East Coast swing. A couple CTD's were recruited locally, one being our own Chris Ritz, who rode out his heats sometimes hanging on in his own seat, sometimes sitting on Scott, his driver! Cowboy up! Scott & Chris won the national championship, with his brother Mike Schatz and Joe Sovie getting second. The show was great! Too bad we don't see these often, as these are really competitive racing craft.

SE: 6 of the SE Sport Entry flatbottoms contested both days, with Saturday's National Championship trophy going possibly to Katelyn Shaw (don't know, no identifications made known). Pete Hackett also competed strongly. These boats are 16 to 20 foot sk hulls with 350 CID small block Chevrolet based power, running about 85 MPH (rumor maybe 94 MPH, but who's counting anyway). With older used hulls being utilized, and a little sense in the engine department (a crate motor can work), this is a good entry class for those interested in the flatbottom type racing. Should have them here every year!

SA: This is a new deal for the Pro Stock class, slowing down some to improve safety for the drivers. The top speed is mandated to be 105mph, checked with GPS, and on the Quake 1 mile oval, speeds checked out to be in the 101 to 103 mph range, Big Block Chevrolet power prevails, as many are fuel injected and run on methanol. Don't know who won, but 8 of'em competed, some from Quebec, some from the Niagara frontier (Paul Reid), some from the east coast; we need these back to the Quake next year, too! Due to the newness of the class, no national championship was contested, however, the class raced both Saturday and Sunday.



Quake on the Lake

Summer Nationals
July 23—24, 2016



Andrew Tate prepares for his heat in the GP 101.



A variety of boats were in and out of the water.



Fleet Manager Mason Kuhr rescued the inflatable before it drifted too far away.



Members of all race teams enjoyed the Saturday night pit party.



Brian Reed was in a serious discussion about the day's events.



Amanda Cody, Mike Weber, Barry Pray and Alexis Weber unwinding after the pit party.

Look for more Quake photos on Facebook soon!



Kent Keogh and Ray Dong just purchased their 50/50 tickets from John Bridge.



Scott Wendecker and Jean Ritz celebrate the winning 50/50 ticket. Scott generously donated the \$196 to Victoria, 2016's Make a Wish Child.

Marine Prop Riders in the Winner's Circle at the 2016 Summer Nationals



Andy Keogh celebrates his third place award with Lady Luck with sprayed champagne.



Steve Kuhr in the Winner's Circle with his third place award in GNH.



Chris Ritz with Steve Schatz—winners in the Miss Suncoast P-9.



Bobby King and Mario Maraldo are all smiles after accepting their first place award.

Thank you to the Wilson's



Kyle shows one of the awards up for grabs during the Summer Nationals.

This is the third year the Wilson Family has undertaken the numerous roles to make Quake on the Lake a huge success. New boat classes were added to this year's agenda, as well as new vendors and activities.

Mary Anne was the event chairperson, Kyle—Race Director, Bob created all of the awards (what talent!), Becky and Charlie, as well as Kelsey all had duties to assist.

This year's Make a Wish child is 17 year old Victoria from Chesterfield Township. Two years ago she was diagnosed with leukemia. She plans to visit the World of Harry Potter in Disney World.

On behalf of the Marine Prop Riders and all the race teams who participated at Quake for the past three years, THANK YOU! Your efforts and sacrifices are truly appreciated. You have left some very big shoes to fill.

Photos courtesy of Greg Grenier.



Mary Anne with this year's Make a Wish child, Victoria.



Alexis wins 2.5 Stock at Valleyfield!



Our very own Alexis Weber and father Mike made the trek to Valleyfield this past month to compete in one of inboards most prestigious races. After winning a qualification heat, she was in the inside lane for the final. Alexis nailed the start and led wire-to-wire. The winners circle was one emotional spot without a dry eye to be found. Congratulations on the win which will be a lifetime memory.

Featured artist and MPR member **Greg Grenier** took some incredible photos during Quake on the Lake. You can view all of them and purchase any at <http://gforcepics>.



Andrew airing out the GP-101 headed to the first turn. This picture debunks the myth he drives with his eyes closed!

Scott Schatz and Chris Ritz in the P-9 Miss Sun-coast crackerbox. Greg Grenier caught a rare point in time - the boat is actually in the water. These guys are headed to Hampton in 2 weeks for the Eastern Divisionals.



Jeff Sankuer in the Modern Drummer. Jeff and crew did a great job converting this boat to a 350 and it looks good!



Another great shot of Stevie Kuhr in the GNH317 Irishman. He, too, appears to drive with his eyes open!



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