



Fellow Prop Riders

June 2016

I would like to congratulate the five member River Rats Racing club and the Dayton Motor Boat Racing Association for a job well done with Test and Tune on April 23-24 down in Dayton. There were eighteen hydros along with thirteen vintage and three outboard tunnel hulls that shared Eastwood Lake. The water was really cold but at least the sun was out to warm us up after getting back on shore. I kept looking for somebody to carry me out to Paul's Vintage White Lightning but all I got was, (YA RIGHT). The racer pits were run buy our own Chris Ritz this year and I must say he did a super job of keeping everyone informed as to when to be ready and directing the crane with who's going into the water next. It looked like all the participants had plenty of opportunities to run several times for either testing or in the case of vintage having fun working out any gremlins. A few of my favorite runs were from Bobby King driving Mario's Baby Doll GP to the rev limiter all the way down the straightaway. Also Richard Delsener for completing and piloting Jack Stolz Somethin Special 76 & 79 National Champion 7 Liter Jones for a successful run. One run and done was Richard's, Mike Ambrogio and Jack's motto.

A.P.B.A. was also holding their Driving School with eighteen students in between test runs or maybe it was the other way around. The school staff did an amazing job with the students from all over the country. I heard of students coming from as far as New Jersey, Florida, Arizona and even California to take their ride of a lifetime. Hopefully some of them are hooked and become active members. As of this writing about a dozen or so school boat drivers have gotten involved with the sport including myself. A big thank you goes out to all who helped on the planning and running of the school. Team Newman did a fantastic job with the preparation and wrenching on the 5 Liter that made it possible for 180 laps to be run by the students without any major malfunctions. You read that right, 180 not including the staffs warm up laps. Now that's what I call impressive, well done gentlemen.

Quake is coming fast, July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. If this Race is to continue, people will have to step up and help out the Race committee. Please contact Bob Wilson, myself or a board member if you think you can be of any help in any way. With your help we can make these Nationals one of the best ever. Saturday's Pit Party will be sponsored by M.P.R. and the I.R.C. with donations welcomed.

I am happy to inform everyone that one of our founding members Fearless Fred Alter will be the 2016 Honorary Chairman for the UAW-GM APBA Gold Cup August 26-28 on the Detroit River. Congratulations Freddy, you earned this recognition.

Best Regards and safe motoring,

John E. Bridge II

Thanks goes out for this issue to the Ritz's continued editing effort and disbursement.



# MEETING MINUTES

## **Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – May 4, 2016 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at Juliano’s called to order by Pres. John Bridge II (JB II) at 7:31 pm.**

**Announcements:** Guests recognized were **Nathan** and **Alex Carry**, attending with **Chris Ritz**; Alex is volunteering to begin crew internship (intern is code for free help) with the Y-2 (Chris Ritz Enterprises “Enterprise”), Nathan has helped Chris in the past and has not warned Alex yet! Welcome to both!!! The notables table found **Sandy Ross** entertaining **Kathy and Royce Richards**, a pair of **LeDuc’s**, and just arrived from Florida, **Peggy Kennard and Fred Alter** (the Fearless One his self); must mean spring is here, even if the temperatures are sub-normal. Welcome home guys!

**JBII and John Pulbratek** attended the Quake event meeting last week, to begin the process of following in **Mary Anne Wilson’s** footsteps; Quake needs an Assistant Risk Manager to sign up soon. Remember to take the test and get on the list in the APBA office. This position requires some people skills, and is ultra important to creating and maintaining a safe environment for the event, for racers and fans alike. You don’t have to do all the work, get some helpers lined up to cover the territory, and you’ll work with the Referee (Head Guy In Charge), aka, Risk Manager, and will know everything going on as it happens! Volunteer, help make the event a great one! Contact JBII or Mary Anne soon!

**Moment of Silence for Remembrance:** On a more serious note, boat racing and the MPR lost a pair of boat racers this past month. **Mike Cashin**, a probably 50 year veteran of racing, passed away following complications from a lingering illness. Notable for his generosity to beginning racers, Mike was usually running a hull in the A class, the 2.5L Mods; his most recent achievement is the 2.5L A class World Championship a couple years ago (**Tom Bergman** in the pilot’s seat). No memorials have been held per his wishes, but he is remembered by all Prop Riders. **Vic B** is in charge of selling Mike’s remaining cache of race boat hulls and equipment, check out Facebook’s Boat Racing Garage Sale page and also the Region 6 Hydros Facebook page. Get some of that stuff back on the water is perhaps the best way to honor Mike’s memory!

**Fred Farley**, the universally recognized historian for Unlimited Hydroplane racing, passed away in Kentucky just a couple weeks ago. **Ray Dong** eulogized his long time friend, a native of Seattle, quoting **Chip Hanauer’s** description of Fred as “our version of Mr. Magoo”; Fred was famous for being oblivious to any and everything around him. Ray recalled a long ago foray, rather a “terror trip” in Fred’s 1959 Plymouth station wagon to the Sayer Pits in Seattle, while Fred related all the fine points of this unlimited hydro pit area, he completely ignored the fact that they were bustin up “lover’s lane”, as car after car hightailed it out of there! Fred cannot be replaced, only imitated, his knowledge of the unlimited was boundless. Godspeed, gentlemen.

**April meeting minutes** – Motion to approve the April 2016 minutes as printed, **Rich Falcinelli**; second, **Chris Ritz**. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** – **Mario Maraldo**: expenses of \$39.90 for newsletter printing and mailings, . deposits of \$302; the MPR treasury balance is \$11,000.13. Motion to accept, **Vallery Ritz**; second, **Rick Falcinelli**. Motion carried.

**Membership Report** – **John Pulbratek**: 104 members: 15 lifetime, 2 honorary, 69 primary, 18 family. John is planning an email blast to reach renewal candidates. Membership applications will be at Quake

registration to pick up any racers who have not yet joined a club prior to Quake (or forgot their club cards).

**Publicity – JB II:** Team effort, thanks to **Vallery** and **Chris Ritz**, **John Pulbratek**. Nice job!

**Entertainment: Ray Dong** – slides from recent activities, thanks **Chris Ritz**, too!

**Race Reports: Dayton Testing – Mark Weber:** 23-24APR2016, 34 testing boats (13 vintage, 3 outboard, 18 inboard hydros), 18 school driving graduates. **Chris Ritz** gets multiple kudos for being the PITMASTER, closely working with **Referee Steve Spisak** and each and all the racers! Financial goals are met, park officials got their park back in good order and on time. The River Rats donated a new motor to Box 21 (for the rescue boat), with the old motor traded to the rats to power their newly acquired pontoon flag boat (needs a name, how about “River Rat Jr.”?). Great weather, notables testing include **Mario Maraldo’s Baby Doll III**, making waves with **Bobby I** and **II** driving; **H-202 Heavy Duty** vintage on cruise control with both **Ron Snyder** and **Mark Cravens** at the controls; **Scott Anderson** in his first time out in **Tom Newman’s NM**; **Phil Kunz’s Helter Skelter**; **Dick Delsner’s J** class (7 Litre) big block hydro; **Joe Kreitzer** in the **S-17 All In**; **JBII** in **Paul Poledink’s White Lightning 280**; just to name a few. Incidentally, **Steve Spisak’s** 50-50 for veteran Honor Flights raised \$250, good job!

**Walled Lake** – meeting schedule (Ray Dong) is coming up soon; too late for 2016, target is 2017 and how to make it happen. There is still interest on behalf of the Bayside, but funding and logistics need mucho work.

**Quake on the Lake XVII** – No principals present. 23-24July2016. See above regarding ARM. **Fred Alter** suggested guided pit tours be included to give exposure to interested attendees.

**Detroit Gold Cup – 26-27-28August2016** – Honorary Race Chairman is **Fred Alter**, all systems go. **Sandy Ross** reported that **Steve Garey** will be presenting more info from his new book along with a **Super Sandy Slide Show** (a 4S event if there ever is one) at **Sindbad’s** on Friday of Gold Cup week, 11 AM or so ‘til 12:30 PM, preceding the on water activities of Free Friday; after the presentation, activities will center in a 20’ x 40’ amphitheatre setting, showing slides, models, photos of Detroit River racing over the years. Guests of honor are **Pioneers of Powerboat Racing Fred Alter** and **Ron Snyder**, who will hang around there for conversations, autographs, photo ops, you name it! Just don’t expect to get a free drink from Snyder, Fred ‘s a lot nicer guy, he might help you out on that score!

**Vintage – Paul Poledink:** 13 vintage boats tested a Dayton, all good!

**IRC news – Rich Falcinelli:** All quiet on this front.

**Region 6 News – Eli:** New equipment for the Region 6 trailer (range finder and P&G tester) are in the trailer, ready for use.

**Old Business: Ray Dong** related info on some **Unlimiteds Detroit** endeavors. First, 100 Pewabic Tiles with a hydroplane theme have been commissioned, following sponsorship from **Dave Bartush**, **Tom Bertolini**, **Bill Rands** and **Sindbad’s**; Ray is taking orders for purchase of these numbered art pieces (\$45 each). Second, the 2016 commemorative pin features the 1976 Gold Cup winner, the **Miss US** piloted by **Tom D’earth** in 1976 (40<sup>th</sup> anniversary). These will be available from the UD trailer in August or maybe sooner (\$10 per pin). Still available are the 2015 pin featuring **Fred Alter** and the **Miss Schwepps** (again, \$10 per), see JBII; 36 left at this writing. Third, **Bill Rands** is champion for a UD Challenge Coin, sure to spur discussions and rounds at the bar! See last month for some details on Challenge Coins, a US military tradition!

#### **New Business:**

1. Pit party at the Nationals was brought up by **Chris Ritz**. Following some initial discussion, **Barry Pray** motioned, **Mark Weber** seconding, to spend \$750 to support the party. Mario Maraldo requested some idea of

## MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

plans prior to voting on the motion. Details: **Mike Weber** chair for party; \$1800 total budget in 2015, with more classes and more attendance in 2016, probably will go higher; IRC will kick in \$1000 (Mark Weber); balance from donations; 4-5 tickets per race team, extras are \$10; same menu and format as previous two years (chicken, goodies, beverages). Mario suggested that MPR and IRC banners are displayed to give due credit. Motion carried.

2. **Rick Falcinelli** requested status of the 5L Classic Hydros. Per **Mike Weber** (class chair), rules are being finalized, interest is ongoing, first race program will be at this year's Quake.

**Next Meeting: 01 June 2016, Juliano's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 P.** Motion to adjourn by **Rick Falcinelli**, seconded by **Barry Pray**. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned by JB II at 8:39 PM.**

50-50 winner: \$33 to **Fred Alter**, who graciously donated it to the pit party!

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)



### Event Schedule – 2016

Walled Lake (MI)

Quake On The Lake (Waterford MI) [*Summer Nationals*]

Celina (OH)

Hampton (VA) [*Eastern Divisionals*]

Detroit APBA Gold Cup (MI)

Vintage - Wheeling (WV)

Postponed to 2017

**July 23-24 2016**

Postponed to 2017

**August 6-7 2016**

**August 27-28 2016**

**September 2-4 2016**

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**The Next Meeting Is June 1st**

**7:30 PM**

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## Can you guess the year?

### Celina Ohio One Litre Shoot Out

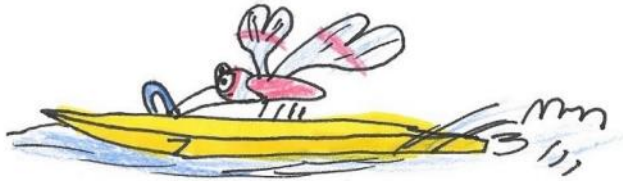
On Saturday July 23rd, in Celina, Ohio, Mark Weber, in conjunction with Dick Delsener and the One Litre Association, conducted a One Litre Race as part of a Personal Watercraft Race Weekend. 6 One Litres attended this race held on Lake St. Mary, a location which holds a history of boat racing in this Region, and where, to this day, the Ohio Governors Cup still is held in the Celina Chamber of Commerce Building. So to say that the One Litre Hydros were greeted to a warm welcome back, is an understatement. The local Celina people were geeked to have Hydros racing on St. Mary's Lake once again. The weather more than cooperated, in fact you couldn't find a cloud in the sky all day. It was intended to be a fun race for the One Litres, and it fully lived up to that goal. As far as the One Litres that came to Celina, they included Cal Phipps and his Y-141 Lil' Debt, Bob Belf and his Y-4 Conventional Wisdom, Steve Ross and his T-2 Sure Why Not. Traveling the farthest to attend had to be Jim Wilson and his T-1 Budweiser Outlaw, the Collins brothers showed up Dennis with his Y-70 Blind Faith II, and Terry brought the Y-41 K. T. Special, Dennis had Steve Linn doing the driving as usual, and Terry had our One Litre friend Ted Richey drive his beautifully repaired Y-41.

For the first heat all 6 boats answered the starters FLAG, with everyone making a fairly good start and putting on a great show for the crowd. We did have a few gremlins pop up and sideline Steve Linn and Bob Belf as the race progressed, and in the end, Cal Phipps in Y-141 Lil' Debt came across the finish first, followed by Jim Wilson's T-1 Budweiser Outlaw, Steve Ross's T-2 Sure Why Not, and Ted Richey in Terry Collins' Y-41 K. T. Special.

The first heat took it's toll, and the second heat only saw three boats answer the Starter's Flag. The Final went to Jim Wilson's T-1 Budweiser Outlaw, followed by Steve Ross in his T-2 Sure Why Not, with Steve Linn getting a real rough ride in the first turn of the last lap, sucking in some water into the carbs and stopping at the exit pin. He was able to get the Y-70 Blind Faith II started again and drive it back to the pits.

# FEATURED ARTIST

## MARINE Prop



## riders

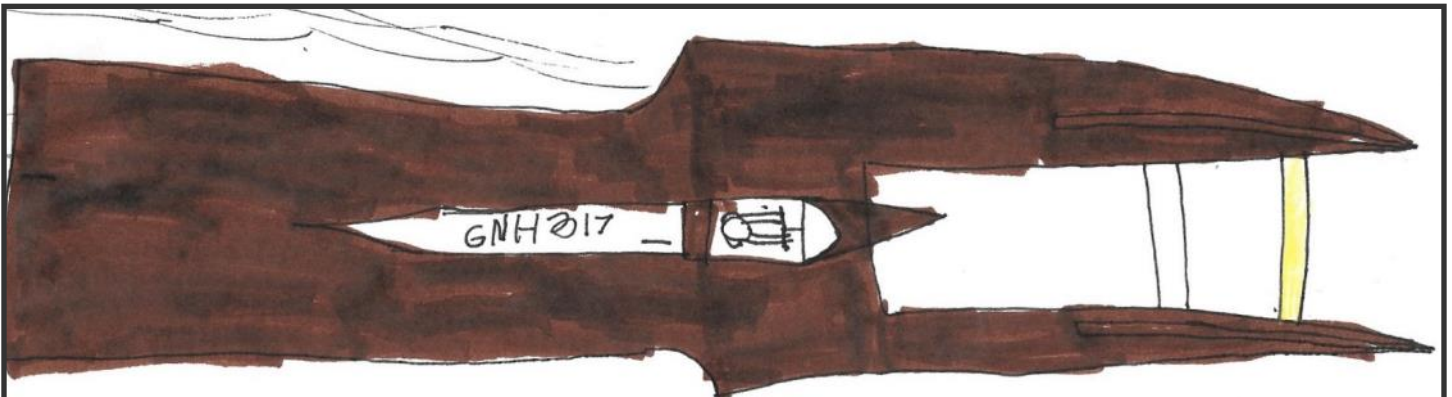
**The Marine Prop Riders logo faithfully reproduced.**

We have an exclusive this month as we are featuring **Mason Kuhr** as our featured artist. As you can see, Mason's skills are well honed and the detail is quite exquisite. Here are some samples of his work. If you'd like to have a picture of your boat, I'm sure he'd be happy to oblige. Has Ray Dong been replaced??

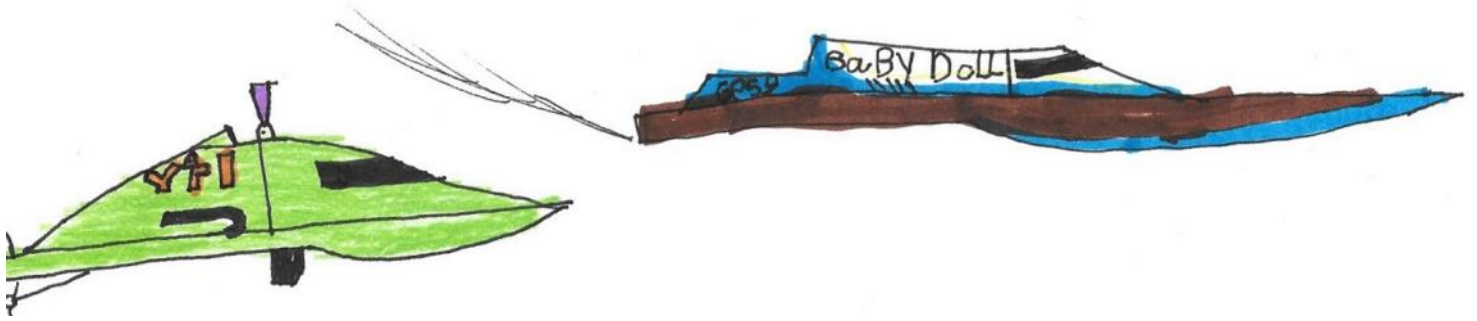
**Chris & Vallery Ritz's Y-2 , Orange Crate, throwing a nice roostertail.**



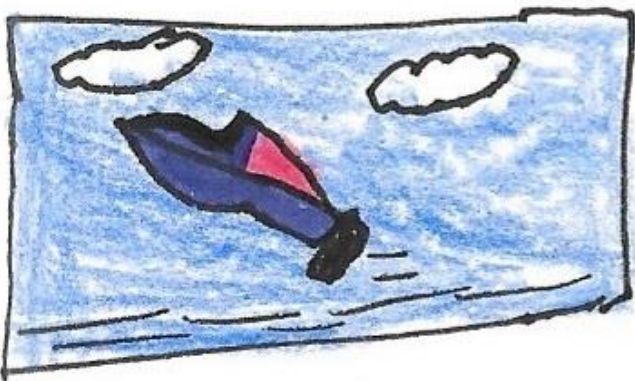
**The GNH-317, Irishman, of Mason's dad and Grandfather.**





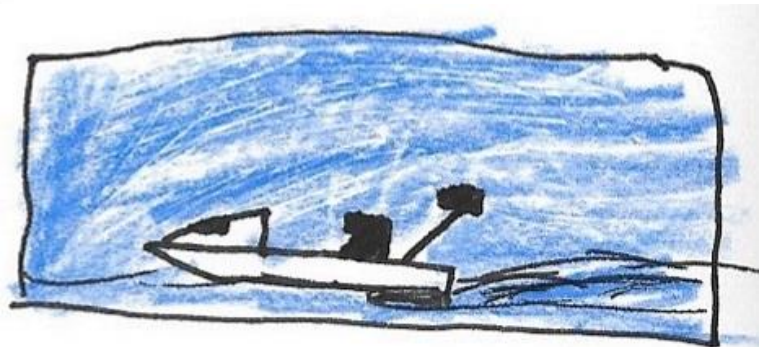


**The Y-41 of Tim Collins and Mario's Baby Doll. The colors use here are spot-on along with the detail of the hulls.**



**Hydro taking flight.**

**Winged hydroplane with a blower on top.**



**Kent and Andy Keogh's E13, Lucky Lady running nice.**



# Stuart, Florida

## May 21-22, 2016

On May 21, several Marine Propriders made the trek down to sunny Stuart, Florida for the Sailfish Regatta. This was a joint sanction between the APBA and HRL (Formerly ACHA). The classes running aligned with the HRL format, (2.5 stock, 5 liter, and Grand Prix). In addition, they ran Flat-Bottoms, Skiffs, and OPC's.

We saw Alexis Weber and her new S-55, My Way, winning the 2.5 stock Saturday final and place second overall for the weekend. Rumor has it, her team thrashed on the boat all the way up to getting it onto the hook, as it was received from paint the Monday before the race! What a way to come back after a few years layoff! The boat is beautiful and pays homage to her father Mike's E-55, My Way. Also, the Fickert and Kreitzer families made it down to try out their new aluminum head they JUST received from Esslinger. Unfortunately, carb issues kept them from the front. They will surely be ready for Quake!

In Grand Prix action, it was an up-and-down weekend for the English-Richards team. The GP101 won both of its heats Saturday and looked to be one of the teams to beat. Unfortunately, during Sunday's heat 3, a fire under the cowling started and forced them from the much anticipated final. The damage didn't look too extensive—mostly cosmetic. They WILL be ready in a few weeks and are still one of the teams to beat this year.

In other GP action, the other English-Richards entry, the GP525 also looked strong with a heat win on Saturday. Who said wood boats couldn't compete?? Unfortunately, they broke something that heat, forcing them to change engines and miss the second heat of the day. That caused them to ultimately be a trailer in the final on Sunday. Tom Thompson, running as the trailer battled through the ocean-like water to finish 4th. Great perseverance!









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**FOR SALE: GNH-515 ONE WAY** – turn key or ???; '83 Staudacher, originally *Country Boy*. Hi-point champ GNH-445 *Menace*; 1<sup>st</sup> place MACH 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Inboard Hi-points 2015; **ready to run in 2016, asking \$22K**; big block Chevy 467 cid; trailer, radios, some spares included; vintage eligible if cell is removed! **Call Eli : 586-940-9869**

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**Vintage “Happy Buddha”** - 1968 Lloyd hull, Ford 302 (Five Liter) fully race-prepared, new out of the box in 2005 (less than 5 hours total running time). Hull completely restored over four-year period - 2000 to 2003. Includes excellent trailer, great boat cover and misc. bits and pieces. Turnkey, ready to run - just add gas and go. Boat is located in S.W. Michigan.

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