



May 2016

Fellow Prop Riders,

I am sorry to have to report the loss of a long time member of our racing family. Mike Cashin passed away and will be missed by all. I'm sure many memories of Mike's kindness and generosity toward his fellow competitors will be shared in the pits for years to come. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Cashin family and crew. A card has been sent with condolences from the Prop Riders to the family.

I was recently informed of more sad news. Fred Farley has passed away down in Indiana. Fred was the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane historian and contributed his articles for many years to several publications around the country. Fred also authored several books on hydroplane racing. He brought the history of the sport back from the past for us all to enjoy. Thank you Fred for your dedication in preserving the history of the sport we are all so passionate about.

Several Prop Riders attended and donated items to the Vets returning Home Dinner Banquet at the Royalty House on March 12th. It was great to see a local charity support such a great cause. The Director, who I had a chance to speak with, is a wonderful Lady (Sandy Bower). Her staff includes Kathy Shuler and Earl Stilson (Vintage Prop Rider members by the way). Sandy's volunteers house, clothe, feed and give job training to Vets returning from service with nowhere to go. What I respect most about this charity is that they do not accept any money from the Government for their efforts. They can run it as it should be run without any red tape.

Ray Dong and I attended the Quake Event meeting on 4-12-16. Sounds like everything is moving along nicely. The Staff is working hard on securing sponsorship money so the event will be able to continue. Ray will be working with the staff producing the Program so the content is up to date and correct. There will be a meeting held within thirty days in regards to Race operations and logistics. I plan on attending and will keep you up to speed. Again, please consider volunteering time to help the race officials. Turn Judges are always in high demand. If you are qualified, please step up for a shift. It will be greatly appreciated by all.

Dayton testing is coming up this weekend and a large number of boats (40 or so) have reported back with intentions of coming out to test. This number does not include the 15-18 or so School Boat students. If that many show up it will be a busy weekend for the River Rats and School staff for sure. Let's hope for a safe and successful weekend for all. Reports on the event will be discussed at the May Prop Rider meeting.

Best Regards and safe motoring,

John E. Bridge II

P.S. Thanks goes out for this issue to Chris Ritz. I really appreciate your support.



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 06AP2016 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at Juliano’s called to order by Pres. John Bridge II (JB II) at 7:31 pm.

Announcements: After recognizing visitors, the club welcomed back **Kathy Richards**, complete with her re-furbished hip joint (all new genuine parts, no foreign knockoff, used, or remanufactured parts!). Kathy thanked all for the card and well wishes she received and confirmed she’s as good as new! On the mend is **Fred Farley**, recovering from a recent operation, watch for some Facebook updates. A successful fund raiser was held for **Daryn Rollins**, to help defray costs incurred recently and coming in the future, a GoFundMe page is in the making to keep up the momentum, see **Ray Dong** or **Andy Guaresimo**.

March meeting minutes – Motion to approve the March 2016 minutes as printed, **Rich Falcinelli**; second, **John Pulbratek**. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo: expenses of \$128.49 for newsletter printing and mailings, \$230 to the Oakland Community Club for last year’s Alumni gathering at the Quake, and \$99.05 for the MPR website; deposits of \$150 and \$130; the MPR treasury balance is \$10,738.03. Motion to accept, **Rick Falcinelli**; second, **Brian Reed**. Motion carried.

Membership Report – John Pulbratek: 100 members: 13 lifetime, 2 honorary, 67 primary, 18 family. John is taking membership cards and applications to Dayton testing later this month.

Publicity – JB II: **Chris Ritz** edited & distributed. Chris has the May newsletter already started, so send him stuff (these minutes, for example!).

Entertainment: **Ray Dong** – noted hydroplane author **Steve Garey** will reveal some factoids from his latest book *BEST OF THUNDERBOAT RACING*, not the least of which is revelation of the beginnings of hydroplane racing in Detroit 100 years ago!

Race Reports: Dayton Testing – 23-24APR2016, testing and APBA Inboard driving school both days. All systems go. Need info on attending boats to make pit setup work out to the advantage of all attending.

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. Volunteers needed, especially for the back pit gate at the parking lot, see **Bob Wilson**. JBII spoke of a need to find and develop a successor for **Mary Anne Wilson**, as she phases out from the leadership role. A suggestion from the floor was made again to strongly urge the Quake race committee to run the race only as a National Championship, with qualifying Saturday and Championship finals on Sunday; see March minutes. (JB II) Will be communicated once the Quake actual race committee meets (not the whole event committee). Considerable discussion followed.

Detroit Gold Cup – 26-27-28August2016 – Detroit River Events, Inc. (DREInc) work continues, **Free Friday is back on the schedule!** **Ray Dong** spoke of both a limited special edition of a Pewabic tile with a Detroit hydroplane theme (see March 2016 minutes) and a “challenge coin” with Detroit hydroplane features being offered for sale by the Detroit Unlimiteds club (*FYI: challenge coin is a US Navy tradition, throw the coin down on the bar, challenge whoever is sitting there to produce a challenge coin, if they don’t have one, either they buy the round or a fight starts, maybe both!*). **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 Sindbads on Friday of Gold Cup week, 11 AM or so ‘til 12:30 PM, preceding the on water activities of Free Friday! Also, plans are unfolding for a welcome tent with displays of historic photos, etc., all connected with Steve’s presentation. Gotta be there to see it!

Vintage: Three events mentioned: 20-21AU2016 - Clayton, NY (on the St. Lawrence River in the famed Thousand Islands); 03-04SE2016 – Wheeling, WV; 17-18SE2016 – Madison, Ind.

IRC news – Rich Falcinelli reporting: news on Flat Bottoms (capsule requirement) – the capsule requirement has been rescinded (APBA BOD vote) with performance restrictions added; effect on number of boats in Super Stock and Pro Stock won't be known until after a couple events have taken place, in order to figure probable effect on Quake. KRR now requires capsules in all hulls competing.

Region 6 News: Region 6 High Point Championship trophies were presented to **Kathy and Royce Richards** and **Joan English** for two classes: 2.5L Mod (A class) and Grand Prix (GP), as they were unable to attend the February Awards Banquet and Region 6 meeting. Congratulations to for all, including their driver **Andrew Tate!**

Old Business: Kathy Shuler and Earl Stinson's Vets Returning Home function held on 12MR2016 was highly successful, raising a significant \$\$\$\$ for the program.

New Business: Sandy Ross presented a picture ensemble to **Sam Anspach**, proving Sam to be Certified Hydro Driver (CHD)! In the ensuing congratulating, speculation arose as to how many hydros have been launched and retrieved under the capable direction of Sam in these past few years! Yes, Sam was sufficiently surprised!

Next Meeting: 04May2016, Juliano's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 PM: Happy Birthday Shelly Bridges! (JB II blabbed) Motion to adjourn by **Dick Delsner**, seconded by **Chris Ritz**. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned by JB II at 8:43 PM.**

50-50 winner: **red headed Diana**, who graciously donated much of her winnings back to the club!
Gold Cup programs: **Barry Pray** and **John Pulbratek**; Red Wing program: **Sam Anspach**

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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7:30 PM

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Dayton Testing 2016

On April 23-24, 18 inboard, 12 vintage and 3 OPC boats went to Eastwood Lake to test their hard winter's work. The weather man cooperated and the water stayed busy the whole weekend. In addition APBA put 18 students through the driving school.

There were some new boats there too. The Thompson brothers brought their brand-new 1-liter and our own Dick Delsener brought his "new" vintage 7 liter with Mike Ambrogio.

Lastly, the family of Mike Cashin stopped on their weekend tour to leave a part of Mike on the backstretch. Appropriately, Mike joined the lake at 100mph. RIP Mike.



Jim Sechler was busy this weekend.
Didn't he retire??



Andy Keogh took a "selfie" in the pits. Finally a selfie by someone that's pretty cool.



A picture of Phil Kunz taking a picture!



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Mark Cravens giving the Heavy Duty a workout!



How does one caption this? Greg Kreitzer using a lawnmower as a pit vehicle with a passenger and cooler!



John Bridge & Billy Noonan battling it out!

The Baby Doll crew formulating their plan.



Bill Whitehouse in the Hire Voltage



Bobby King looking forward to another run.



Mr. Snyder in his happy place.



Scott Anderson is all smiles after his NM ride!



Tim Settle giving the Barracuda a good run. Such a cool boat.





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