



March 2024

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Well spring is approaching fast. I hope all our racers, crew members, volunteers, and enthusiasts are looking forward to the upcoming season as much as I am. I know many of you have been hard at work with winter projects, so I also hope your boats are getting in fighting shape for the 2024 season.

A lot happened in the past month. Mott Lake is moving along nicely. Unfortunately, as you may have heard, Bellview will not be able to do this year due to bridge construction. We worked tirelessly with the yacht club to try and make it work for this year but due to logistical restrictions it was decided that it's best to wait a year. They promise to make it bigger and better for all in 2025!

We also had the region 6 meeting. From what I hear, Box 21 had a fantastic turn out at dunk testing which helped a lot. This year at the region meeting the annual awards banquet was brought back and it was well attended for getting it back up and running. Again, please consider going to this next year if you couldn't attend, events like these do not survive without member participation so let's fill up the room! Thank you to all involved in the region meeting and the award ceremony for bringing this back and from all of us at the Marine Prop Riders, congratulations to all award winners.... well deserved!

Many new topics were discussed at the region meeting. I am sure we will give everyone an update and have discussion at our next general meeting.

As far as events for the upcoming month, it is Autorama time. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to volunteer this year for the event. Whether you are showing a boat or coming out to work in the area, we appreciate all the help and the club members really stepped up this year so thank you.

I will see you all down at Autorama and at the general meeting. Until then, stay safe and have a great March!

John

**Marine Prop Riders
General Meeting
February 7, 2024**

Call to order 2/7/24 @ 7:32 by President John Grigg

Ray announced that Guy Barcy has passed away. He also announced that Barry Pray had a heart attack and has had surgery. He is doing okay but tired. A moment of silence was held for Guy and well wishes sent for Barry. Ray passed out note paper for everyone to write notes to Barry and he will put a card together.

Motion to approve minutes by Adam Justin, seconded Tina. All approved

Motion to accept the board minutes Adam Justin, seconded by Brian Reed. All approved

Treasurer report – Mario: Deposits – 2, expenses – 2 Motion to approve was made by VikButvila, seconded by Rick Falcinelli. All approved

Publicity – Tina apologized for the last 2 newsletters. Absolute deadline is th 25th of the month. Cathy Maraldo thanked Tina for the great job she does with the newsletters.

Membership Primary –Nancy Spanich – Primary -50, Family – 24, Honorary – 2, Lifetime – 20, Lifetime family – 4, total – 100.

Entertainment – Ray Dong – Tried to get Greg Grenier to bring his portfolio but he was busy. He brought slides from the banquet, etc....

Ray talked about how they are restoring Willard Wilson’s old boat

Autorama: Patti said we need help!!! John and Scooter will be bringing equipment. Kyle and Austin will be bringing simulators. A volunteer sign up sheet was sent around. Tina made 500 bags with candy and info to hand out. Sara is working on an advertisement to get sent out.

Talked about the local dunk test and the need to support the one at the region meeting. Patti reminded everyone about the meeting and awards. Stated it is necessary to support this so we have it again.

Race Reports:

Belleville is postponed for 2024 because they started work on the bridge. Steve Linn has worked very hard trying to keep this location for this year but it has not worked.

Mott Lake – Nothing new. Fundraising mode. Meetings coming up with Chamber of Commerce. Logistically everyone is on board.

Harsens Island – still waiting for them to get back to us.

Waterford – Ray said Steve Read has contacted Rick Kowal and they are still interested in doing something. The DNR has a new officer and needs to make contact with him. John questioned if since Harsen’s Island is dragging their feet for testing, would Waterford be interested in just a test session? Ray will look into it. Lots of discussion regarding possible races.

Board Meeting earlier. Trying a different direction on the website to change the face of the club. John made a motion to move forward with the website to make it more appealing and make the uploading of information easier. Scooter can spend up to \$300.

Dwayne Michno – would like more info about the boat so they know what to say. Patti Hayes says she will try to get something together.

Ray – we have chairs owned by the club that Ray will bring for Autorama.

Tina – “all of you” bombard Tina with bios and Tina will pick one to feature each month..

Motion made to adjourn by Patti Hayes, seconded by Dave Muczinski. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted by Patti Hayes

**Marine Prop Riders
Board Meeting
February 7, 2024**

Called to order 6:15pm by John Grigg

Website Issues:

We need to be more proactive with getting stuff on the website. Brian says we need to send stuff to him. We are needing someone to be proactive in asking for stuff. We would like to start collecting payments, etc... through the website. We need to advertise sponsors to allow racers to get sponsors, etc... Need the website for legitimacy when speaking to sponsors. Austin and Scooter was invited to be here to discuss the site. Dillon is present, Austin is home sick.

Brian stated that the website is 14 years old. We discussed the fact that it needs to be more current. Scooter said that he can share what he had come up with. Said it is through Go Daddy...cheap....still has the website domain name. He owns the domain. He will need access to social media accounts to link and maintain them. Scooter explained everything that he has already set up on the site. Price was discussed. People that are assigned as point people can be given access to add stuff to the website. Can set up a Drop Box or something for people to send content.

John said we need to get stuff done fast and get the website up and running if we switch.

Phil thinks we should take this in 2 year increments. Let Scooter run with this for 2 years and see how it goes and then make a decision from there. Scooter would feel more comfortable with having two people with access and if anyone wants to submit pictures or anything they can send to a drop box rather than several people having access and take the chance of someone going in and making changes to the site that should not be made.

John suggested turning the website over to Scooter and Austin for 2 years to see how it goes.

John would like to form a committee of Austin and Scooter to handle the social media accounts as well.

There is an urgent need to get the website up to date and keep the content current and interesting so that we can attract more members and hopefully, sponsors.

Discussed with Mario about the electronic payments. We will visit that after the website is up and running. Scooter gave an overview of the website design he has come up with.

Adam Justin made a motion for Scooter to move forward with setting up a new website and run with it for 2 years to see how things go. The cost of the website shall not exceed \$300. The motion was 2nd by Ray Dong. All In Favor, motion passed.

Scotter said to leave everything as is until he is ready and he will let them know when it is ready.

Other social media accounts: where do we stand there?

John notified the board that Belleville is officially off for 2024. If it becomes an issue with a new rule that was passed that another race cannot be held the same weekend as the nationals, Belleville has stated they will push to move the date of the whole festival.

Dave said Mott will happen provided the funding comes through.

Ray let us know that Guy Barzy passed away and Barry Pray had a heart attack 2 weeks ago.

John reminded everyone that we do not have an open checkbook. Must have board approval for money.

Dave motioned to adjourn and seconded by Adam Justin. All in favor.

Adjourned 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Patti Hayes

IT'S TIME FOR TEST & TUNE 2024

APRIL 27-28TH

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SAFETY CELL TESTING

The date for the safety cell testing will be March 16 at 12 to 3:30

The location is at
Scuba Centers of America

Located At:

3280 Fort St
Lincoln Park Mi 48146.

Kevin Thomas with Ace Diving would like to have anyone looking to attend to call him so he can get a rough idea of time and so he can schedule you with a pool time.

You can reach Kevin at: 269-569-3765.

That is also his text number which is just as good.



MPR Member of the Month

Tommy Alfano

My background is engine building and I am from Detroit. I was with Roush Racing for 22 years, building high performance racing engines of all denominations.

Tommy started in Unlimited racing almost by accident—in 1991, during a chance meeting at a used car dealership he was visiting, he met Brian Keogh who at that time was running a dual-automotive-engine effort and due to Tommy's Background (specialty engine builder for Roush Racing). Brian asked Tommy to join the crew, which he did until the effort due to lack of funds and success. After joining a team in 1991 Tommy has a part of an Unlimited crew ever since.

Very few crew members in the sport can be assigned to just about any task on the boat at any time—but current strong Racing crew man Tommy Alfano is one of them. Tommy has been involved in Unlimited racing since the early 1900's and has probably been a part of more teams than anyone in the sport—22 and still **counting.**



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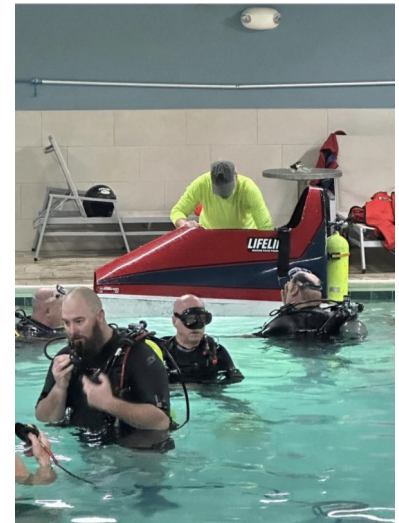


Lifting and Rigging Products

Pictures I had in my Phone



Cell testing February 2024
Perrysburg Ohio
Box 21



Mario with some hydro friends
Don't know the date



Greg Kreitzer playing my
favorite game



Ray Dong
With his Entertainment report



Mario and Kathy
With Baby Doll
Don't know the year



Got this off of Rick Falcinelli's Facebook
It needs a different word than Junkie



HARDY'S HIGHWAY

RACE FOR THE LAKE

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If you need anything.
We would be glad to help**

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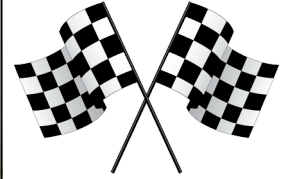
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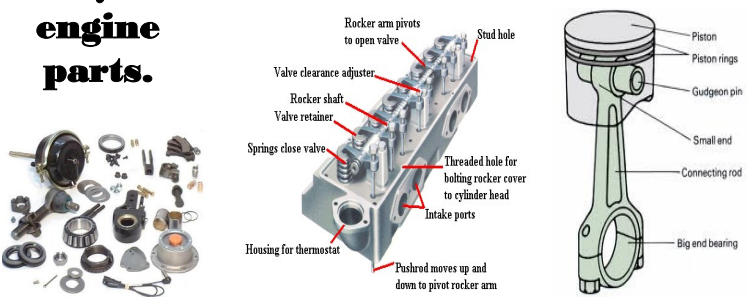
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