



November 2023

Greetings Fellow Prop Riders,

First, I would like to thank the membership for the honor of being elected your president once again. Congratulations to all the members who were elected to the board for an upcoming term again as well. I look forward to working with you all and with some new faces and fresh ideas, this upcoming year proves to be an exciting one in carrying on the tradition of the Marine Prop Riders being America's finest inboard racing club. We have a lot of work to do on behalf of our members so let's get to it!

Secondly, the racing season has come to an end. We all know what a marathon it can be so on behalf of myself, our board, and all our members; Congrats to all our active racers who made it a great and safe year of racing. Whether you are on the podium or just making laps to gain valuable experience, you are out there supporting and promoting this great sport and we salute you.

Speaking of podiums, I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's MPR Awards Banquet on November 11th. This is a time to celebrate our members' accomplishments this past year and gather for fellowship with our club. It's right around the corner so it's not too late to make your reservation if you haven't already. Specific information is in this newsletter as well as on our Facebook page. You can RSVP to Mario and Kathy Maraldo (H) 596-468-3204 or (C) 586-804-8028. As always, thank you Mario and Kathy for their hard work and dedication to this event.

Rich Falcinelli is organizing a fun day of Kart racing open to all members who feel they aren't quite done this season. At least 20 people are needed, more is better. It will be at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park on 19 mile and Van Dyke, 11am on Nov 11th. If you feel the need to get that racing blood flowing still, RSVP or Contact Rich for more information. You can leave a voicemail or text 586-909-7424. Thanks, Rich, for doing this! See you all at the November meeting, the Kart track, and the Banquet!

John

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 04OC2023 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 7:35 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Moment of silence for the recent passing of Steve Linn’s mother and Julie Ann Tarian, daughter of Kathleen and Mario Maraldo. *Godspeed!*

Guests tonight are Patrick Linihan and Anthony Walter, both representing the Genesee County Parks, attending the MPR club meeting to express their appreciation for the recent Mott Lake regatta and to express their support for a repeat performance in 2024. *Welcome!*

JUNE 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, Rich Falcinelli; second, Viv Butvila; motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO: Mario Maraldo submitted the treasurer’s report in absentia, with Pres. John Grigg reporting, noting expenses and receipts; resultant balance is \$25,441.17. Some expenses have yet to be submitted from recent racing activities. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Cassie Briggs; second Sam Anspach; motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH: Final 2023: 81 primary, 22 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 122; 41 new members for 2023; 30 boat owners, 2 vintage. 2024 membership applications are ready to go! A membership directory is planned for 2024 (for members only).

PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON: good issue, expecting a member bio from Austin Hayes for the November issue. Tina asks that articles be one page and submitted by the 25th of each month.

ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG: None tonight with club BOD elections taking priority. Ray discussed a desire to have someone shadow his entertaining efforts this coming year; Austin Hayes volunteered to be the “*Entertainment Intern*”.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Audit (actually a financial review of MPR records):** No report. Date tbd.
2. **MPR SWAG:** Phil Goodell reported that the shirt inventory finds several shirts available for sale.
3. **By-Law Violation:** Chris Ritz stated that in his opinion, club by-laws were not being followed consistently, noting that nominations for club officer elections did not occur during the September club meeting, feeling that this represented another instance of the by-laws being violated. He suggested strongly that club by-laws need to be followed. It was noted that the by-laws state the nominations *should* be made the month prior to the annual meeting, but not *shall* be made; technically, no violation occurred in this instance. Accordingly, nominations will be opened tonight, followed by the elections.
4. **NEW RACE SEARCH COMMITTEE:** A. Belleville Lake: Looking to race again in 2024!. B. Mott Lake’s Crossroads Village (Flint area) - Dave Muczinski and Cassie Briggs: park representatives attending tonight, supporting a race in 2024. C. Quake – Rebranded to Gateway Regatta: Ray Dong and Steve Read – no discussion; D. Equipment Trailer: no discussion. E. 2024 APBA Inboard racing year: No discussion; see 06SE2023 minutes for details. Subject is NOT closed out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of Officers for 2024:** D. Whitney moved to open nominations for club officers, 2nd P. Hayes. Motion carried. **NOMINATIONS:** *President:* John Grigg, by Rich Falcinelli, 2nd Rick Falcinelli; *Vice President:* Phil Goodell, by Cassie Briggs, 2nd Tina Wilson; *Treasurer:* Mario Maraldo, by Rick Falcinelli, 2nd Mike Horvath; *Secretary:* Patti Hayes, by Rob Kurtz, 2nd Rich Falcinelli; D. Whitney, by Vic Butvila, 2nd Barry Pray, Whitney declined nomination; *Membership Director:* Rich Falcinelli, by Rick Falcinelli, 2nd Tina Wilson; Nancy Spanich, by Ray Dong, 2nd Sam Anspach; *Publicity Director:* Tina Wilson, by Rick Falcinelli, 2nd Cassie Briggs; *Entertainment Director:* Ray Dong, by Cassie Briggs, 2nd Vic Butvila; *Member-at Large (elect two):* Dave Muczinski, by P. Hayes, 2nd Brian Reed; Vic Butvila, by Ray Dong, 2nd Barry Pray; Adam Justin, by Rich Falcinelli, 2nd Tina Wilson. Barry Pray moved to close nominations, 2nd Sam Anspach; motion carried. Barry Pray moved to elect by acclamation unopposed candidates, 2nd Sam Anspach; motion carried. Per Ray Dong request, each candidate for contested office spoke briefly as to their plans for the position. Pres. J. Grigg appointed Scooter Grigg and Cassie Briggs to distribute, collect, and count ballots from voting members for the offices of Membership Director and Member-at Large, and to report the results to him. Pres. J. Grigg announced results: elected as Membership Director is Nancy Spanich; elected Members-at Large are Dave Muczinski and Adam Justin. Barry Pray moved to destroy ballots, 2nd Rick Falcinelli, motion carried and ballots destroyed.
2. **Autorama 2024:** dates are 01,02,03March2024, need boats for display. Entry form is online, fee is \$50, club will reimburse with receipt. Phil Goodell leading effort, send potential entries to Dennis Scott, address on form. A volunteer list will be generated, 4 hour shifts will be required of any volunteer.
3. **MPR Awards Banquet:** Saturday evening, 11NO2023 at the *Villa Penna*, 6 PM social (cash bar), 7 PM dinner with awards following; \$35 per person, RSVP to Mario Maraldo (see ad in newsletter). Rich Falcinelli discussed a Full Throttle Adrenaline Park (nee Kart2Kart) that Saturday afternoon (noonish beginnings); cost estimate \$50 each, with more stuff to do (axe throws??!) in addition to kart races.
4. **Docks for races:** Phil Goodell discussed an option to purchase docks used at Mott Lake; cost \$7000 for 20 ft. plus a ramp (rental cost \$3500); lease to own cost was mentioned to be in the \$9000 range. Ray Dong discussed alternative source (Follingsby / Merco Marine), being higher quality, as he was not impressed with the above docks, nor the cost of same. Barry Pray pointed out that maintenance, storage and transport of docks has to be a major consideration in any purchase by the club; also, with the cost high, can it be shared among clubs in the region. Further discussion is required in the future (BOD, equipment trailer and other equipment).
5. **Patti Hayes announced her intention to run for Region 6 Inboard Chairman at the Region 6 meeting coming up 21-22OC2023.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Dave Muczinski; second, Sam Anspach. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Next Meeting: 01NOVEMBER2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

10/12/23

To all Marine Prop Riders members.

I pondered doing this for many days but after consulting with some of our long-time and senior members we feel that the following must be said. It's like having that unpleasant conversation with loved ones.

Over our past meetings, many members have confronted me expressing disbelief and embarrassment for our club regarding the discourse during our meetings.

The following is not my intention to bring embarrassment or hardships to any of our members. I understand the passion many of us have for this club and only want the best for all of us.

Beginning now and going forward in 2024 and beyond, we must conduct our meetings in a civil manner. We are beginning to have community members, sponsors and honored guests attending our meetings looking to get a better understanding of who we are and what we represent.

We must not allow ourselves to raise our voice or argue with ANY member before, during and after our meetings.

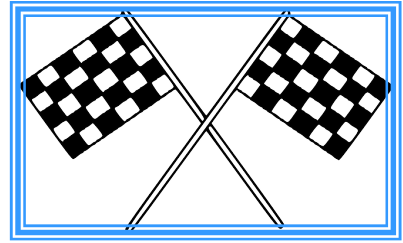
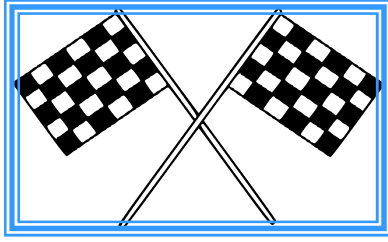
We need to conduct ourselves in a professional manner.

If a member has a question regarding the way we have conducted meetings with our racing sponsors or the way we interpret our by-laws, we do want to hear from you. Your opinion is well respected, and these issues should be discussed. But we only have a small amount of time during our member meetings to discuss these issues.

Over this past year I have discussed with some of our members in detail some of the events and happenings that our committee chairs have had with our race sponsors or government officials. When the committee runs into an issue, rest assure they bring these issues forward to John and me. Many of these issues need a response within a week or two to resolve these issues. Therefore, we do not have time to bring a single issue or all these issues before the members to vote on.

As always, me and John are available to discuss anything that may concern you. Please reach out to us.

Respectfully,
Phil Goodell
MPR VP



“2023” MPR Awards Banquet

Saturday November 11, 2023

6:00 PM until Midnight– Dinner at 7:00 PM
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Openings for 20 people

The fifth edition of the *Hydrobowl at Caesar's Creek* (Waynesville, Ohio) roared across Caesar's Creek Lake on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st, 2023, featuring spectacular 100+ miles per hour APBA Inboard hydroplane boat racing on the certified 1¼ mile oval race course, sanctioned by the American Powerboat Association (APBA). Greg Kreitzer of the **Dayton Motor Boat Racing Association**, welcomed forty-six (46) of these hi-tech automotive powered racing craft, filling the pit area; exhibition laps by vintage inboard hydroplanes recreated those thrilling days of yesteryear at the original Dayton HydroBowl! Entries and drivers came from near and far to meet the challenge: inboards from thirteen states plus the Province of Quebec, Canada competed, representing APBA Regions 1,3,4,6,7, and 10 plus our Canadian friends! As a late-season race, this edition of the Hydrobowl was sure to have an impact on national hi-point standings!

Now, class racing highlights for the eight inboard classes (six hydroplane and two flatbottom)!

1 Litre Modified (Y class): 1st – Tim Collins (Y-41) 400 points; 2nd – (tied) Chris Ritz (Y-2), Sean Bowsher (Y-52) 280 points;

J Michael Kelly, hired gun out of Region 10, shifted the Y-41 owned by Tim Collins into *maximum overdrive* this weekend, sweeping the qualifiers and finals, garnering 400 points and the Y-class national hi-point lead! Coming into Caesar's Creek in third place, the Y-41 leapfrogged Dayton, Ohio's Scott Melowic Y-40 (was 1st) and Sean Bowsher Y-52 (was 2nd) in one fell swoop. Looks like the Y class has a points race this year! Sean and Chris tied for 2nd place overall, Sean piloting his craft ably, while Chris shared driving duties with New Jersey's John Wlodarski III, a real surprise as the Wlodarski III name is usually seen kickin' butt in an outboard craft (*the dark side*). Hmmmm, branching out, Mr. III??

2.5L Stock (S class): 1st – Al Thompson (S-92) 395 points; 2nd – Don Less (S500) 385 points; 3rd – Scott Liddycoat (S-97) 360 points

Al Thompson's S-92 Tenacity, John Shaw up, nearly swept the weekend (Saturday qualifier 1st, final 2nd; Sunday qualifier 1st, final 1st), possibly putting on the ribbon of another national high point championship for the Tenacity! Eddie Kanfoush, driving Don Less's *Centsless 16*, did a fine job, winning his qualifier each day, with podium spots for both finals. Grant Liddycoat piloted the Team Extreme S-97 smoothly and expertly, for a fine 3rd place overall. Looks good for the youth movement! A dozen S boats entered the weekend, requiring qualifying heats and full fields in the finals!

2.5L Modified (A class): 1st – Thompson Bros. Racing LLC (A-35) 200 points; 2nd – Dennis Handy (A-333) 185 points; 3rd – David Turner (A-66) 95 points

Six (6) A class 2.5L Mods competed Saturday, with Kyle Hayes leading the pack in both the qualifier and final. Conner Handy ably piloted the A-333 to a third and second place, while David Turner put the A-66 into a second place in the qualifier, but could not start the final. Gotta feel for Rich Falcinelli, piloting the A-55 *Live Bullet* owned by the elder Falcinelli, Rick, as the *Bullet* proved to be a blank this weekend, broken skid fin in Saturday's qualifier trailing this fast mod for the weekend; adding to the misery, they dropped to 2nd place in A class national hi-points, as the A-35 went from 95 down to 105 points to the good over the A-55 (*OUCH!*).

E350 5L Stock (E class): 1st – Bobby King (E-242) 395 points; 2nd – Corey Peabody (E-9) 380 points; 3rd – Roger Mahan (E2) 360 points

Ten (10) of the highly competitive E350's came to race at Caesar's Creek, and compete they did! When the roostertails subsided, Michigan's Bobby King put together three wins and a lone second place (Saturday final) to win the 1st place trophy. Corey Peabody's E-9, a most impressive rig, tried to keep pace with King, but fell short. Roger Mahan's E-2 *Pleasure Seeker*, ably driven by John Wlodarski III (Mr. III!), raced steadily to garner 3rd place, 360 points, and another national hi-points lead change, this time in the E350 class! Looks like the E2 is in the driver's seat headed for Lakeland! The number of entries required two qualifiers to be run on Saturday, however, attrition found only one qualifier needed on Sunday. Saturday's final found Quebec's Samuel Tremblay piloting the H8 to a surprise win, as he out thought the field with a great start and finish with a fast boat. King's drive in the Sunday final, from a somewhat late start (probably fourth boat over the start line) to a dominating win was impressive to say the least. Must be all that extra hi-speed practice he got running the unlimited out west!

National Modified (NM class): 1st – Vic Butvila (NM-189) 300 points; 2nd – NM-81 Alex Mango (NM-81) 95 points

Four boats entered, but break-down syndrome bit this class! Vic Butvila's NM-189 *Kamax* was piloted by Kevin Kreitzer to the win in the Saturday qualifier over Alex Mango. Because of attrition, the Saturday final was altered to become combined with GNH; then late-day time constraints canned the final (sun in the driver's eyes, sunsets are coming early!). Sunday's racing was combined with GNH, with rookie Jacob Anspach piloting to a pair of good finishes!

Grand National Hydroplane (GNH class): 1st – Kevin Kreitzer (GNH-1964) 300 points; 2nd – Greg Kreitzer (GNH-64) 190 points

Three of the powerful 7 Litre big block Chevy powered hydroplanes came to battle, but the Saturday qualifier knocked out two boats: Tony Stalder's *Blue Mule* decided to be stubborn and failed to finish for driver Mark Weber, while the GNH 64, driven by John Jenkins, in finishing a very strong second to the GNH-1964, suffered some hull damage, fixable overnight. Sunday's qualifier was very competitive, with plenty of side-by-side action between the two GNH's, but again the GNH-64 hull suffered damage, leaving the GNH-1964 to vie with the NM-189 for the final race of the weekend in a classic big block vs small block battle. Results? Great show, impressive roostertails, ain't nothin' like a big block Chevy in a good hull!

Sportsman Advanced (SA class): 1st – John Brinton (SA-97) 400 points; 2nd – Jim Clauss (SA-15) 190 points

Sportsman Entry (SE class): 1st – Jim Clauss (SE-30) – 400 points; 2nd – Joel Jones (SE-57) 285 points

With only two boats each class, the flatbottoms raced together this weekend. John Brinton's SA-97 flat bottom, with plenty of big block Chevy power, is one fast boat, and he proved it twice each day! Dale Hernandez, our high plains drifter from the wilds of Minnesota, driving the Jim Clauss owned SA-15, tried to keep him honest, to no avail. Jim Clauss in his own SE-30, 350 Chevy powered, drove steady and true, all four heats. Joel Jones kept pace in his SE-57, all the way up north from South Carolina! Maybe the winds of Ophelia blew him up this way, but we're glad to see him!

Vintage Exhibition: Three vintage hulls made the trip and provided action laps around the Caesar's Creek big oval. Indiana's Mark Cravens looked great in the powerful H202 *Heavy Duty*, as did New York's Robert Strutz in his big block J12, while Tim Settle got a work out with his venerable F77 Vetnor hull, powered by small block Chevy V8 with tri-power carburetion.

Finally, the 2023 *Hydrobowl at Caesar's Creek V* was a fine APBA boat racing event, with great racing with impacts on national hi-point races! On the water safety regatta was provided professionally by Box 21, while they did get some action, all came out well. Kudos to the Dayton Motor Boat Racing Association; Greg and Jamie Kreitzer, Kevin Kreitzer; race committee Don Melillo, Robert Laws, Billy Noonan, Jennifer Grigg (*thanks for the results!*), Chris Ritz, Jack Meyer, & Mike Noonan; in the pits, Sam Anspach and Matt; and the many volunteers for providing racing action and excitement for the spectators! Looking forward to a sixth edition in 2024; Like they say, "*If you haven't raced in Region 6, you haven't raced!*"

Congratulations to the "2024" Marine Prop Riders Board

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AUSTIN HAYES Home: Waterford, Mi – Age: 22

History: *Why did you get into hydroplane racing and how long?*

I have been a crew member for my cousin and brother Brandon and Bobby Kennedy my entire life. Our family has been racing for 52 consecutive years with 4 generations of racers. This is my 3rd year being in a boat but my first season driving one.

When and where did you drive your first hydroplane?

I drove for my very first time when I was 10 years old when I got to test a J-stock hydro in Cambridge Maryland. My first time actually racing was in 2021 when I began riding in the JS-991 with Billy Sewell and drove Kevin Gunther's T-boat.

Who helps you at races and in the shop?

I get help from my entire family and TKO racing team. From our owners Ron and Sandy Thompson to my Aunt Sandy, Uncle George and cousin Brandon Kennedy who help us make sure all our equipment is safe and as fast as it can be. Also my parents and brother Bobby are the main support we get since we live at least 9 hours away from the rest of the team.

What was the main goal for this 2023 race season?

Being my brother Kyle Hayes and I's rookie season our main goal was to get comfortable in the boat and finish every heat safely but also we wanted to finish as high as we could in high points. Which we did pretty good by getting 2nd place in 2.5 Mod and 4th in 2.5 Stock for APBA.

What would you change about racing?

If I had to choose something to change about racing would be the way we use technology for not just the actual racing but mainly how we advertise and grow the sport such as drones and streaming like what TKDS does for us.

What is your favorite race course?

My favorite course would be Hampton Virginia. It has some super-fast straightaways and nicely rounded turns. It is also where I won my first eastern divisional with Billy Sewell.

Do you have any sponsors?

TKO Racing is sponsored by Thompson Automotive Group, Hage Tool & Machine INC., Liqui-moly Marine, Go-lithium, River City Printing and Full Throttle Wraps.

Equipment specifications?

Carbureted Ford 2300 in an early 2000's Henderson hull racing in 2.5 Stock and 2.5 Mod.



MARINE PROP RIDERS

2024 Membership Application



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The Marine Prop Riders can share my contact information with other MPR members. Yes No

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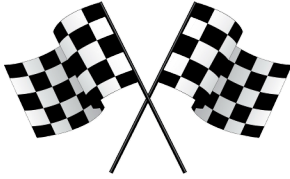
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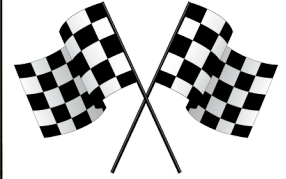
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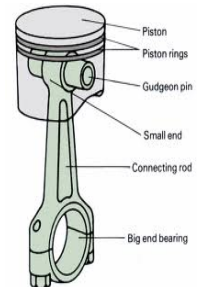
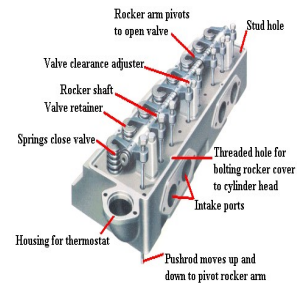
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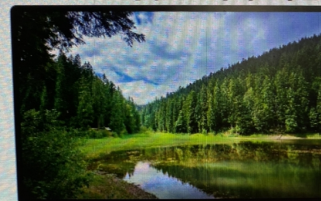
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