



OCTOBER 2024

Happy October Fellow Prop Riders,

While the racing for the year is not quite over, it is winding down. By the time you receive this the regions final inboard race of the season, Caesars Creek, has come and gone. What a year of great racing and 2025 is looking very positive as not only our club, but the region has potential for bringing back some legacy courses. Time will tell but the health of inboard racing seems to be getting stronger, all we need is more racers. I encourage all to get those boats out of the garages and back into the water for next year who haven't been active. Also, we all need to encourage new boat racers to join in and let's try to get those boat counts higher for 2025!

It's also election Month at the next meeting so come out and make sure your voice is heard. Regardless of the outcome of all upcoming positions, I would like to personally thank the board, volunteers and all those who have made the last year productive. The amount of work on behalf of the club that these individuals invest in does not go unnoticed from me. It has been a pleasure working with you all and I look forward to what the future of the club holds.

Congrats to all Marine Prop Riders who have competed on the water this year. At the risk of leaving anyone out, I am proud that many Marine Prop Riders have competed and won at all different levels and classes. It has been a very successful season for many of our teams and they have represented the Marine Prop Riders proudly with their efforts. From boats making it to the water to champions, I salute you all.

I am looking forward to the election and October's meeting, see you there and if you are still competing, good luck and safe racing!

John

MPR General Meeting September 4 2024

Called to order 7:35pm by President, John Grigg.

Moment of silence for Paul Poledink, and a few words shared in his memory.

Motion to accept minutes as printed in newsletter. Rick Falcinelli, 2nd by Steve Fischel. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Mario reported 31 checks for tow money, 4 checks for officials, 1 check for crane operators and 1 check for the announcer. There was 1 deposit made. Motion to approve Treasurer's report Dave M, seconded Eli. All in favor

Tina – Publicity – still do not have cooperation for Marine Prop Rider of the month. She will use the write up about Paul Poledink for the Prop Rider of the Month

Membership – 124 members (29 new member this year).

Entertainment – Ray Dong – Tom D'Eath could not make it. Has a slide show from Mott Lake. Next month Uof M Dearborn representative with Formula SAE program. Welcomed Tony Kalio and Linda Tipetta. Thanked Tom Wright for the great flag lap at Mott Lake. It was great having the whole lap in front of the beach.

Old Business:

Streaming Company that was at Mott Lake doing video of the races could not go live that weekend because of Olympics using all the bandwidth. They are editing the video of the races so there is no down time. He is going to put the names of boats, drivers, etc.... in the video. Sponsors will be acknowledged in the video.

New Business:

Race Chair for Mott Lake next year will be Patti Hayes and Dave Muczinski will assist.

Patti gave an update on the wrap up meeting with Genessee Parks & Rec.

Steve Read – Pontiac Lake. Things are moving now. They have a meeting on the 18th with the homeowners association to get approval. They are very geeked about everything and hopes approval will be easy. Then they can start looking for sponsorships. Date is May 17 & 18, 2025. Eli said to get sanctions in to secure the date.

Kathy Richards sent some old pistons if anyone wanted them. John Bridge also has some Unlimiteds Detroit coins for sale.

Belleville – Phil said that Belleville could come back at any time. Phil sent an email to the new commodore about using a different part of the lake, etc... they do not like that idea.

Greg Kreitzer asked if Ceasar's Creek could borrow the scaffolding to hold up the clock. Tina Wilson made a motion to allow this, seconded by Rick Falcinelli. All in Favor

The board voted to hold up to 3 races for 2025. Tina Wilson made a motion for MPR to host up to 3 races in 2025, motion 2nd by Steve Fischel. Majority in favor, 1 opposed, Eli Whitney.

Nominations were opened for the new board:

There was a discussion regarding the new by law that was passed. Some felt that the bylaw does not take affect immediately and we should be voting on every position, rather than just the President and Secretary. This will be looked into and will be discussed again at the October meeting. In the meantime, nominations were opened for all positions.

Nominations as follows:

President – John Bridge nominated John Grigg, 2nd Connie LaBelle. Barry Pray nominated Dave Muczinski, 2nd Eli Whitney.

Secretary – Patti Hayes nominated Steve Read, Steve declined. Patti stated she will not be running again. Eli Whitney was nominated – declined.

Vice President – Phil Goodell, was nominated by Tina Wilson, 2nd Rick Falcinelli.

Treasurer – Dave Muczinski nominated by Mario Maraldo, 2nd by Steve Fischel

Publicity – Tina Wilson was nominated by Scooter Grigg, 2nd by Kathy Maraldo

Membership – Nancy Spanich was nominated by Patti Hayes, 2nd by Connie LaBelle (pending acceptance)

Entertainment – Austin Hayes was nominated by Ray Dong, 2nd by Barry Pray (pending acceptance)

Members At Large – Patti Hayes was nominated by Tina Wilson, 2nd by Rick Falcinelli. Steve Fischel was nominated by John Bridge, 2nd by Barry Pray. Adam Justin was nominated by Rick Falcinelli, 2nd by Connie LaBelle.

It was noted that if the current president does not get re-elected and takes the ex-official position, there will only be one Member At Large position open for voting.

Ray Dong made a motion to close nominations for this meeting, 2nd by Eli Whitney. All in favor

Nominations for awards: The awards that are open for nominations were announced. Slips of paper were put out for people to write down who they would like to nominate. The slips of papers that were returned will be passed on to the awards committee.

Barry Pray made a motion to adjourn at 8:39pm, 2nd by Steve Fischel. All in favor

50/50 won by Linda Tipetta, \$48...donated back to the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Hayes

MPR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the MPR Board of Directors elections are open!!

The following members were nominated and seconded or declined at the September 4, 2024 meeting.

President: John Grigg, Dave Muczinski

Vice President: Phil Goodell

Treasurer: Mario Maraldo

Secretary: Patti Hayes – Declined; Eli Whitney – Declined

Publicity: Tina Wilson

Membership: Nancy Spanich (pending acceptance)

Entertainment: Austin Hayes (pending acceptance)

Members At Large: Patti Hayes, Steve Fischel and Adam Justin

Nominations were closed for the month and will reopen at the October meeting. Once nominations are closed at the October meeting, voting will take place.

Nominations and seconds to the nominations are noted in the meeting minutes in this newsletter.

Next best thing after Hydroplane Racing is:
“Football”

“GO LIONS”

Lions vs Seahawks
Sept 30 @ 8:15



Thought everyone would like to be reminded the beautiful state we live in.

Fond memories with Paul Poledink

Let me start out on a cold winter's night thirteen or so years ago. I received a call from Paul and after he introduced himself, he stated he wanted me to drive his vintage hydroplane. I said I don't think this is very funny and don't appreciate your prank phone call. I mentioned other than the A.P.B.A. driving school I was not a seasoned boat race driver so why would you want me. He was rather surprised by my reply and after a long pause said you know Sandy Ross don't you. I said of course I do. I've known him most of my life. Well, he recommended you and said you would be a good fit for our team. It hit me then that this was not a joke, and he was serious. After a short conversation I said that I would be thrilled to join the team and drive. I then told Shelley about the offer I had just accepted, and she said you're kidding right. She saw my excitement and then said your nuts your fifty-five years old.

I had always wanted to drive a hydroplane since a young boy. Paul was going to allow me to fulfill my life-long dream and drive his Vintage 5-liter White Lightning hydroplane.

I drove out to work on the Boat at Paul's home in South Lion just south of Novi. I came to realize quickly that he was a rather laid back and reserved gentleman. From the beginning I found out that he was very intelligent and a very deep thinker. I then learned that when I would ask him a question, I might have to wait a while for his answer. Possibly even up to weeks. All of his years of teaching I guess played a role in his lengthy answering thought process.

Paul acquired the unfinished hull from Tony Kallio who had Steve Balcer start the restoration. Paul then returned the Boat to Steve and had him finish the wood working portion. I remember Paul telling me he had several boxes full of miscellaneous parts. He said it was like a puzzle figuring out what was the correct hardware to use. That was about a year or so before I came on board. The original builder was Mr. Palmer up in Collingwood Ontario Canada. The Hull had never raced in the United States. Which explains the C for Canada in the number CE52.

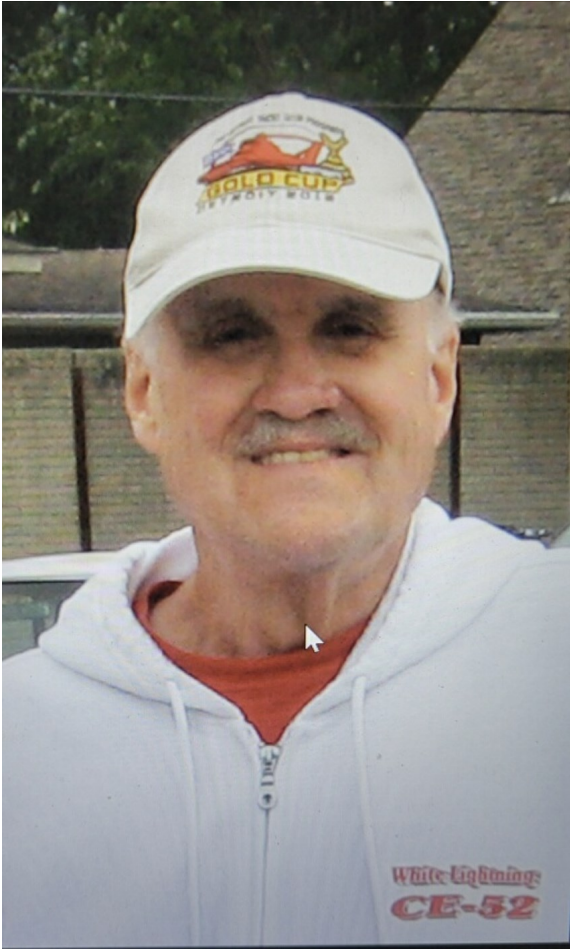
One of Paul's favorite stories was from a Canadian gentleman Paul Reid. Paul and Sandy were at the Buffalo launch club when Paul R walked up and said I know dat boat. I raced against dat boat, but I didn't see much of it because it was always way behind me. They became good friends after that, and he was a contributing factor for us running at Valleyfield in 2022. Paul was very pleased to be able to run the White Lightning in front of her native countryman and three generations of the Palmer family.

I must say I think Paul enjoyed showing the Boat as a static display as much or even more than watching it run. He truly loved to talk to spectators or other owners about what he had accomplished with his beautiful restoration. He also enjoyed placing kids in the boat and having their parents take pictures while they pretended, they were driving. Sandy would then come along with a picture card as a remembrance souvenir gift.

My remembrance of Paul. He was a loving and caring husband to his wife Alice. Proud father of his daughter Ann. Loving grandfather to Renee and David and respect for his son in law I will miss his friendship and guidance. He will always have a special place in my heart for his wit, wisdom and kindness

Race in peace my friend,
John E. Bridge II

Thank you John for this wonderful memory of Paul



Paul is very pleased John!!!!





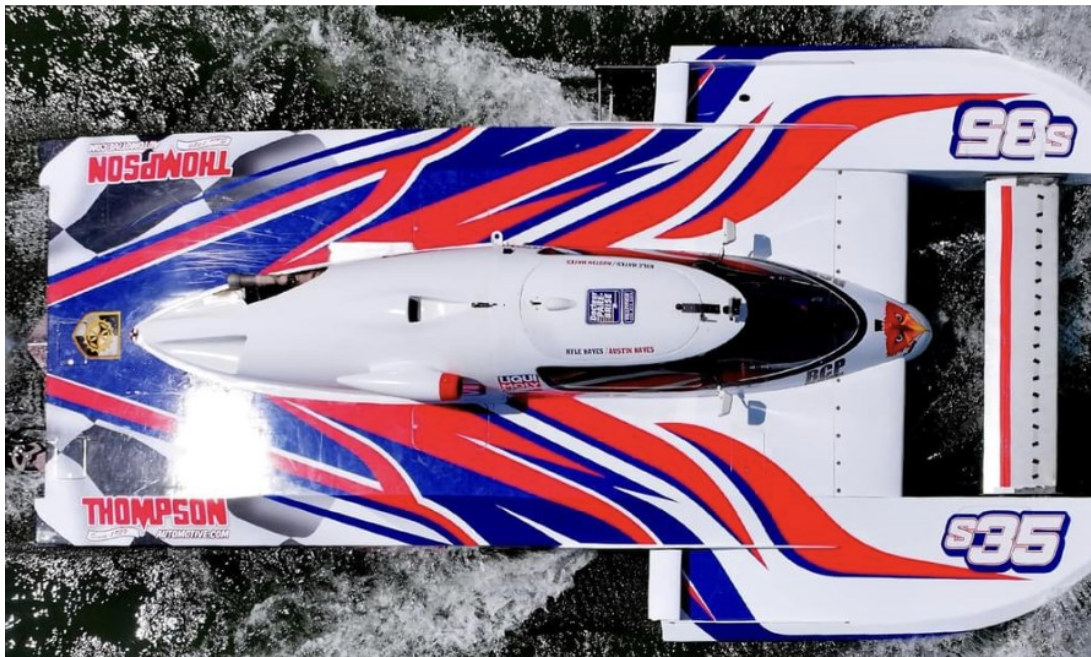
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Congratulations to Kyle Hayes, Tim Collins, Bobby King and Andrew Tate on winning the Summer Nationals yesterday in Hampton, VA!! Congrats also to Andrew on setting a new world record!!! 🏁🏁



S-35 TM-Special Austin/Kyle Hayes 2024 Summer Nationals Hampton, VA 🇺🇸



HEADING OUT Racing



HEADING HOME FROM Racing



To All Members

Please, please, please.

**I would like to keep the MPR member bio's going, I ask and get no takers. I was just asked again to put this in the newsletter from our VP
Phil Goodell.**

**Just a short bio of when and why you are a Prop Rider, one page, maybe a picture. If you own a boat or if your affiliated with a Team let me know. Please send it to:
jetjims@comcast.net**

All articles should be in word and sent to me no later than the 25th of every month.

**Thank you
Christina**

Hope to hear from someone!!!!


Visit Central Florida

ORANGE CUP REGATTA

LAKE HOLLINGSWORTH

LAKE OF RECORDS!

Jeff Dobis
Marine Prop Rider
Member
Congratulations!!!



3 RECORDS SET THIS PAST YEAR, WHO'S NEXT???

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19 & 20**

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October 18th



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

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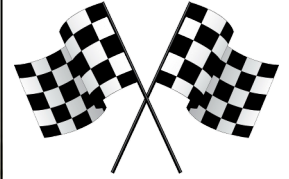
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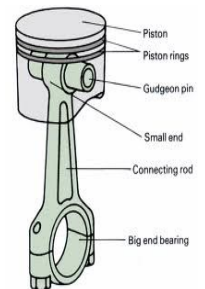
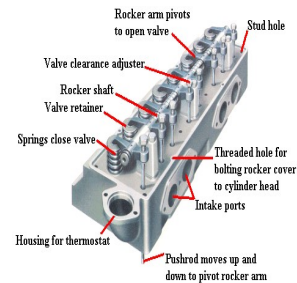
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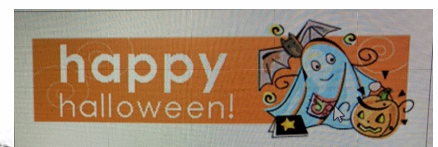
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