



October 2023

**Hello Fellow Prop Riders,**

**First and foremost, I want to extend my deepest condolences to our members Mario and Kathy as well as Steve Linn for their recent family losses. No words can really heal the heart but know that all our members and I send healing peace and love to you and your families during this difficult time. God bless you and you are in our prayers.**

**It's been an extremely important and productive year for us, which by the way went by so fast. There have been so many new accomplishments that the club has had and to say I am proud to be your President would be an understatement. I have always said it takes an Army, and it certainly did. I would personally like to thank every board member for their hard work and dedication to the club this past year. While there were "elevated" discussions that took place, we all expressed what we thought was best for the club and I felt the passion for our sport in every meeting....and it was good to feel it.**

**We are nothing as a club without our members. From race organizers to volunteers and anyone who helped in any way during the last year, thank you for your service to the club and inboard hydroplane racing. There are too many people to list and at the risk of leaving someone out unintentionally, know that I appreciate all of your efforts, time, and commitment to moving the club and our sport forward. None of the following highlights would have happened without you:**

- **Conducted a new race at Belleville**
- **Conducted a new race at Mott Lake**
- **40 new members this past year**
- **Establishment of our own equipment trailer**
- **New and Exciting potential race sites contacting us**
- **Display Boat up and running**

**I could go on but those alone make up an impressive list. So overall, a huge congratulations to the club for all it accomplished this year. I believe it's safe to say that it is good to see a comeback of inboard hydroplane racing in our area and region 6. Let's keep up the momentum going into 2024 and I look forward to seeing everyone at the awards banquet. May you and your families and loved ones have a great October!**

*John*

**Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 06SE2023 – Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 7:40 PM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** John Bridge is selling 50-50 tickets, buy some! *Rich Falcinelli won the 50-50 to the tune of \$61.50, which he graciously donated back to MPR!!* Guests welcomed by MPR members: Tom D'eath with Nancy Jeanette; also Sara Grocki, who provided independent media coverage of the Mott Lake race (photos and interviews). Happy Birthday to Sandy Ross! *How many?? 95!!!! And counting!!!*

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO:** Mario Maraldo submitted the treasurer's report, noting expenses and receipts: donations included those from Patty Hayes, Royce and Kathy Richards, income from shirt sales; resultant balance is \$27,947.23. Some expenses from Mott Lake have not been submitted to date, these will be paid promptly. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Ray Dong; second Ed Krupinski; motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH:** Nancy's monthly report in person: 81 primary, 22 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 122. Noted 41 new members for 2023!

**PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON:** Tina: good issue, she sez "*I need content*"!! Tina asks that articles be one page and submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG:** Tom D'eath! Tom has brought a couple videos: one chronicling portions of his unlimited hydroplane racing career plus a moving video portrait of Bernie Little!

**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 18 shirts available for sale, including XXXL in limited numbers.
3. **By-Law Violation:** Discussion continued from the August 2023 meeting, Pres. John Grigg reiterating his position that no bylaw violation occurred regarding the recent races. Barry Pray asked if any changes to the bylaws have been made; no changes have been proposed. The BOD discussions earlier tonight were reviewed, positions expressed earlier by BOD members have not changed.
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: Race was successful; positive reviews from park personnel, citing good attendance and exceptional grounds cleanup; park personnel want to schedule a race in 2024. C. Quake – Re-branded to Gateway Regatta: Ray Dong and Steve Read – no discussion; D. Equipment Trailer: no discussion. E. Budget request: Barry Pray requested a copy of both Belleville's and Mott Lake's budget (not performance) to help preparations for the Ford Lake race, which was delayed until 2024 due to lack of time to complete preparations. Both Pres. John Grigg and VP Phil Goodell had expressed in the BOD meeting to deny passing on that information, citing confidentiality needs of each race. Barry Pray responded that he is looking for line item proposed costs, not actual performance, nor is he interested in stealing sponsors from either of the aforementioned races. These three agreed to meet to share the information requested. F. 2024 APBA Inboard racing year: Looking ahead to 2024, discussions in the BOD meeting regarding the ability to continue developments of races occurred, with a motion approved to allow such activities by the race committee for up to four races. A motion was made by Dave Muszinski and seconded by Steve Linn which reiterates that approved by the BOD: *The MPR race committee is authorized to conduct agreements with up to four race sites for the 2024 APBA racing season.* The motion carried following discussion. Following this vote, discussion continued regarding the four races, with two of these being Belleville and Mott Lake. Contentious debate followed regarding the remaining two, with Pres. John Grigg and VP Phil Goodell contending that the recently proposed Harsen's Island and Bay City requests have precedence; others including D. Whitney, Ray Dong and Barry Pray, questioned where that leads Ford Lake and Pontiac Lake (Gateway Regatta), both of which are known premier inboard hydro racing sites as opposed to questionable sites Harsen's Island and Bay City. The discussion was ended by a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mario Maraldo; second, Sam Anspach. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

**Next Meeting:** 04OCTOBER2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

**ELECTIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS!**

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

# Board Meeting

Marine Prop Riders – BOD Meeting – 06SE2023 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 6:08 PM

Attend: John Grigg (Pres.); Phil Goodell (Vice Pres); Mario Maraldo (Treas.); Eli Whitney (Sec.); Nancy Spanich (Membr.); Dillon Goodell, Dave Muczinski (Membrs at large); Tina Wilson (Pub.); Ray Dong (Ent. – arrival at 5:56PM); Abs. (excused) Dillon Goodell.

## Old Business:

1. Race Committee planned equipment acquisitions: Equipment obtained to enable racing is locked up in trailer on loan from John Grigg; inventory of contents exists. Two buoys (outer course marker) are damaged (rope eyes damaged but hold air), repair kits can be obtained. Purchase of a trailer discussed: budget of \$4K initially has not been drained completely. Size of trailer needs determination (concrete filled buckets for course marker alone weigh 1100 plus pounds), single axle desirable for maneuvering but overall size will dictate; cost can be high; where to store is another issue. Dave Muczinski mentioned possible equipment rentals; Mott Lake receipts indicate \$2,000 rental of the durable equipment. More discussion in future by next year's club BOD will continue, including discussion for an Equipment Manager function.

2. Contract signing by-law in violation: Pres. John Grigg reiterated his position on the issue as no violation exists, that the club approval (not unanimous) of formation of a "race committee" empowers the committee to contract races. E. Whitney disagreed, citing lack of approval by both BOD and club for the Belleville race and comparing to the Mott Lake race, which did finally receive club approval by motion and vote in meeting just prior to the race date, however Whitney noted that contractual obligations had been signed prior to that time frame, making this a violation of the bylaws. Mario Maraldo suggested that if someone feels the need to change the bylaws, then write up a proposal so that can be discussed specifically rather than be mired in debating generalities; Dave Muczinski indicated he may do so; Pres. J. Grigg indicated that the next BOD should be the group to do so, not this BOD due to the lateness in the racing year (elections coming up in October).

3. Mott Lake Race: Dave Muczinski announced that the Mott Lake race had been financially successful to the tune of plus \$4433.45, however not all invoices have been received. Mario indicated that invoices up to this meeting date are paid, he is able to pay those still coming in; these further expenses are minor in nature. Dave also reported positive reviews from park personnel, citing good attendance and exceptional grounds cleanup; park personnel want to schedule a race in 2024.

4. New race site considerations: Two possible locales (Harsen's Island, Bay City, Mich.) have expressed a desire to have MPR put on races. The merits of the locations were discussed. VP Phil Goodell feels that each deserves a full examination of the proposed site and to discuss the pros and cons with same. D. Whitney pointed out that logistics of dealing with a Harsen's Island location are rather large, and racing limited hydroplanes on the St. Clair River channels is not really feasible (current, rough water) and has been proven such in the past. Bay City is rough and narrow with concrete sea walls lining the site used in the past especially by OPC tunnel boats; an inboard hydro race held years ago was completely unsuccessful. D. Whitney also pointed out that the club already has taken on this year two new races, a third in the wings is the renewal of Pontiac Lake, and several additional new sites would overextend the resources of the club. Ray Dong opined that the Pontiac Lake renewal should be a focus point before looking at additional sites that are not in the MPR immediate geographical area. Discussion will continue.

5. Volunteer shirts: Ray Dong expressed some thoughts on volunteer shirts for the future.

## New Business:

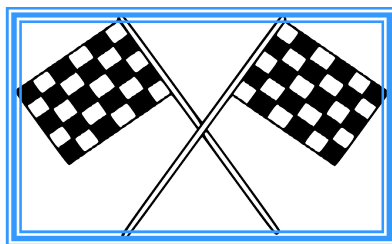
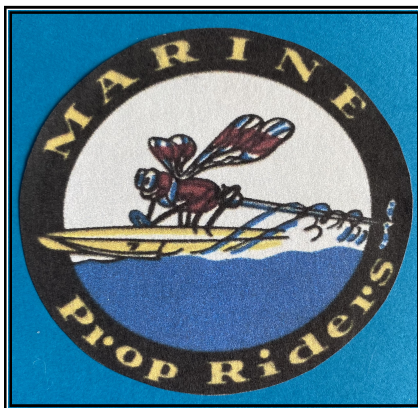
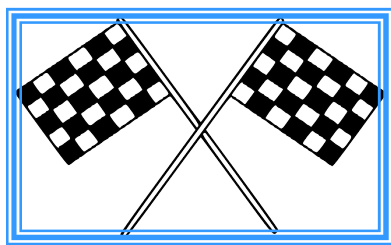
1. 2024 Racing Efforts: With both Belleville and Mott Lake race event personnel expressing desires to have races in 2024 (based on the success of the 2023 events), discussion revolved around how to proceed given the disagreements expressed in regards to following the club bylaws (see above). Both Dave Muczinski and Phil Goodell expressed the need to make certain commitments soon to enable planning to proceed in a timely and organized manner without having to wait for MPR meetings for debate and permission. To provide a basis for the race committee to act, E. Whitney made a motion, seconded by Mario Maraldo: *The MPR race committee is authorized to conduct agreements with up to four race sites for the 2024 APBA racing season.* Following some discussion without resolution regarding what race sites are to be involved, the motion carried by unanimous vote of the BOD.

2. Race budgets: A request by Barry Pray at the 02AU2023 MPR monthly meeting to be sent the budgets for both Belleville and Mott Lake races in order to better prepare a budget for a Ford Lake race proposal was discussed. Phil Goodell has refused to deliver the Belleville document, citing confidentiality concerns for the Belleville organizers, and feeling that the Mott Lake document should also not be shared. Pres. John Grigg agreed with that position strongly, advising that the documents would not be shared.

Motion to adjourn: Phil Goodell, seconded by Ray Dong

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)



## ***“2023” MPR Awards Banquet***

***Saturday November 11, 2023***

***6:00 PM until Midnight– Dinner at 7:00 PM***

***“Evening Attire”***

### ***Villa Penna***

***43985 Hayes Road-Sterling Heights, Mi 48313***

***<https://www.VillaPenna.com>***

***\$35.00 per person: Family style dinner, cash bar***

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Mostaccioli Meat Sauce,***

***Top Round Beef (GF/DF), Chicken Piccante, Roasted Potatoes (GF/DF), Green  
Beans (GF) Pop, Coffee, Tea, Water, Juice; Spumoni dessert***

***RSVP to Mario & Kathy Maraldo***

***Mario Maraldo [MMaraldo25999@gmail.com](mailto:MMaraldo25999@gmail.com)***

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***Cell 586-804-8028***

***Bring a gift basket and receive multiple tickets toward the raffle***



# “2023” Race Schedule



EAST	DAYTON TEST & TUNE,Waynesville, OH	April 29 & 30	
EAST	Edgewood, MD( NEW )	May 13 & 14	
EAST	Bellville, MI ( T NEW )	June 24 & 25	Classes TBA
EAST	Guntersville, AL	June 23,24,& 25	GP & E350
EAST	Madison, IN	June 30, July 1, & 2	GP & E350
EAST	Cambridge, MD	July 22 & 23	
EAST	Hillsboro, Oh	July 29 & 30	
EAST	Genesee, MI Mott Lake (T NEW)	Aug. 11, 12, & 13	
EAST	Mays Landing, NJ	SEPT 9 & 10	
EAST	Lake Hopatcong, NJ	Sept 16 & 17	
EAST	Hampton, VA	Sept. 23 & 24	SUMMER NATIONALS
EAST	Caesars Creek, OH	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	
EAST	Lakeland, FL	Oct. 21 & 22	EASTERN DIVISIONALS
WEST	Buckeye, AZ	March 11 & 12	CB
WEST	Oroville, CA	April 15 & 16	CB
WEST	Yelm, WA	April 29 & 30	
WEST	Lake Chelan	May 6 & 7	
WEST	Copperopolis, CA	May	CB
WEST	Nicolaus, CA (Lake Minden)	June 3 & 4	CB
WEST	Soap Lake, WA	June 17 & 18	
WEST	Richland, WA	TBD	
WEST	Olympia, WA(Black Lake)	July 8 & 9	WESTERN DIVISIONALS/(CRACKER NATIONALS Day 2)
	TriCities, WA	July 28,29,& 30	GP, 2.5 Stock, E350
WEST	Pateros, WA	Aug. 19 & 20	
WEST	Brewster, WA	Sept. 2 & 3	
WEST	San Diego, CA	Sept. 15, 16, & 17	CB, GP, & 1 LTR
WEST	Oak Harbor, WA	Sept. 23 & 24	
WEST	Lake Chelan	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	
WEST	Copperopolis, CA	Oct. 7 & 8	CB
WEST	Nicolaus, CA (Lake Minden)	Oct. 14 & 15	CB
WEST	Buckeye, AZ	Oct. 21 & 22	CB



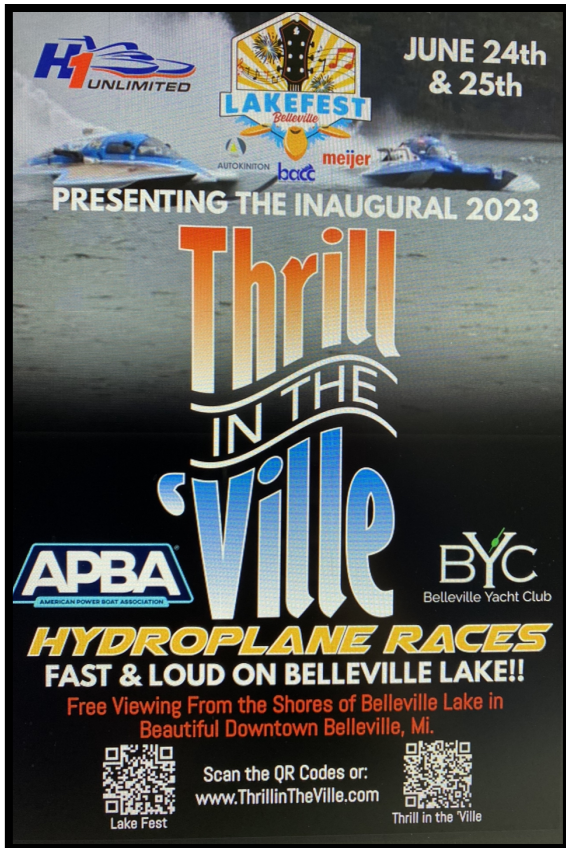
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# Highlight of “2023”



It is with great pride and joy that the Marine Prop Riders have become a racing club. This year the club put on two successful races. Belleville Lake in Belleville and Mott Lake in Flint both in our great state of Michigan. The club pulled together and with all the hard work from members it looks like the races will be repeated next year.

Also, a big thank you for all the teams that came out to race, we had racers from Delaware, Virginia, Maine and surrounding states as well.

**APBA REGION 6 FALL 2023 MEETING  
OCTOBER 21/22, 2023**

**PLACE: HOLIDAY INN  
27355 CARRONADE DRIVE  
PERRYSBURG, OHIO 43551**

**PHONE: 1-(567) 331-8900**

**RATES: \$139 plus tax**

**DIRECTIONS:** Exit 193 I-75; east on US 20; hotel on the right across from the old HIFQ.

**NOTES:**

1. Please inform the Reservation Desk that you are attending the APBA Region 6 Meeting. There are 20 rooms being held for Friday night; 20 rooms for Saturday night. The hotel will hold our rooms until **October 8, 2023**.
2. The Region 6 Inboard Safety Team (Box 21) will have the “Test Cell” at poolside each morning for anyone wishing to complete driver capsule training requirements. **A donation is greatly appreciated! A signup sheet will be posted in the lobby on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and each day. You must sign up for the time you would like to have. The Covid safety procedure will be strictly enforced.**
3. Elections for Region 6 Committee Chairman, Director, and Alternate Directors will be held to fill the APBA Region 6 Board of Directors. **Your vote counts!**

**AGENDA – SATURDAY, October 21, 2023**

7:00 a.m.	SAFETY CELL (until 9:00 a.m.)	POOLSIDE
11:00 a.m.	VINTAGE & HISTORIC MEETING	CARRONADE ROOM 2
1:00 p.m.	OFFICIATING, SAFETY, & RESCUE MEETING	CARRONADE ROOM 2
2:300 p.m.	CLUB MEETING	CARRONADE ROOM 2

**AGENDA – SUNDAY, October 22, 2023**

7:00 a.m.	SAFETY CELL (until 9:00 a.m.)	POOLSIDE
8:30 a.m.	INBOARD MEETING	CARRONADE ROOM 2
8:30 a.m.	OPC MEETING	BOARD ROOM
9:00 a.m.	MODIFIED OUTBOARD MEETING	BOARD ROOM
10:00 a.m.	STOCK OUTBOARD MEETING	BOARD ROOM
10:45 a.m.	ALL MEETINGS ADJOURN	
11:00 a.m.	GENERAL MEETING	CARRONADE ROOM 2

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# MARINE PROP RIDERS

## 2024 Membership Application



- ☐ **Primary Membership: Electronic newsletter (color) - \$20.00**
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- ☐ **Family Membership: \$30.00 - Check box for paper newsletter ☐**

Primary Member Name: (Required for drivers and MPR board members)		
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Is the boat part of the vintage category?      Yes / No

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Is the boat part of the vintage category?      Yes / No

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

**Checks should be payable to: Marine Prop Riders**  
**Mail application & payment to: 25999 Ballard, Harrison Twp, MI 48045**

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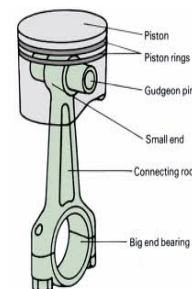
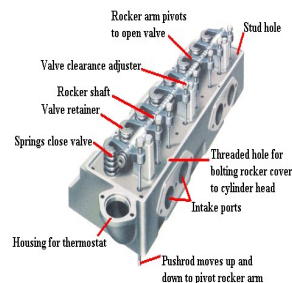
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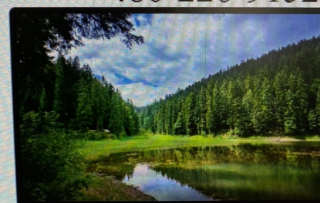
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