



September 2023

Hello Fellow Prop Riders,

Well summer is flying by and at the time of writing this letter we now have two races as the conducting club under our belts. Let me start by thanking all of the participating members for their help and hard work at Mott Lake. The fact that we literally had to make this race happen in 4 weeks is quite a miracle. To top it off, it was a huge success. The preliminary feedback from the racers as well as the organizers: all were happy with the fast water and exceptional viewing area. Again, from those who helped with buckets, buoys, set-up, fencing, announcing, to helping to make sure the volunteers were fed and hydrated: Thank you for all of your help because the race would not happen without you. Congrats to all who pulled it off and made it a success, it makes me very proud to be a Marine Prop Rider!

We learned a lot this last year. Are there things to improve on now that we have been through both races?...of course! And we can easily make those improvements and continue to grow the stature of not only the courses but the club. Exciting times are ahead!

While the season is winding down, it is not over. Congratulations to all racers on their seasons so far and whether you are in point races or just getting seat time, I hope you finish the season strong and good luck on the water!

*John*

**Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 02AU2023 – Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by VP Phil Goodell at 7:30 PM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pres. **John Grigg** has broken down on the road to MPR this evening, so VP Phil Goodell will have his “maiden” performance as the **DD** - designated “driver”!

**John Bridge** is selling 50-50 tickets, buy some!

**Royce Richards** is still in the hospital, doing good, being a wise guy! Kathy is doing good at home.

New member: **Alex Manga**, interested in 2.5L S Class and E class; looking to acquire one of either!

Rocky Fork race highlight: **Cassie Briggs** 1<sup>st</sup> in the E350 class; **Rich Falcinelli** ran well in A-55, culminated by victory in the Sunday A-final; **Chris Ritz** piloted his Orange Crate Y hull to victory, as well as a thrilling drive to 1<sup>st</sup> place in the GNH class, driving for **Joe and Greg Kreitzer**! A pair of **Anspach**’s ably managed the pits and crane; fine weather and water, great race weekend! Safe, too, only thing worth mentioning is the poor ‘burger consumed by **Dennis Scott** on the way to Rocky Fork Friday evening!

**Jim Wilson** is now a published author, per **Tina**, his book “**Lucky**” is available on Amazon (kid’s book by the looks of the cover?).

**Region 6 Inboard 2024 Race Schedule:** At least two additional inboard hydro races are expected in 2024; Decatur, Illinois returns after 20 years, early June (even though it’s Region 7, it’s one of ours); Evansville, Indiana has scheduled a race for 24-25 August.

**JUNE 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, **Vic Butvila**; second, **Nancy Spanich**; motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO:** **Mario Maraldo** submitted the treasurer’s report, noting expenses and receipts: Belleville race, memberships, postage, shirts, Mott Lake sanction and insurance, Mott Lake outer course markers, etc.; resultant balance is \$28,283.14. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report, **Rick Falcinelli**; second **Sam Anspach**; motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH:** **Nancy**’s monthly report in person: 72 primary, 22 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 113. Noted 32 new members for 2023! Three more tonight = 116!!

**PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON:** **Tina**: good issue, she sez “**I need content**”!! **Barry Pray** advises that the monthly member feature needs to return; members need to step up! **Tina** asks that articles be one page and submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (except December, Xmas, y’know).

**ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG:** None tonight; next month, Tom D’eath!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **NEW RACE SEARCH COMMITTEE:** **A. Belleville Lake – 24-25 June 2023:** **Phil Goodell** reported that Belleville’s budget numbers and performance have been reviewed, with favorable results. **Barry Pray** requested a copy of that budget (not performance) to help preparations for the Ford Lake race, which was delayed until 2024 due to lack of time to complete preparations (Mott Lake budget is also requested). **B. Mott Lake’s Crossroads Village (Flint area) – 12-13 AUGUST 2023,** **Dave Muczinski** and **Cassie Briggs**: on track, cranes, fire dep’t, security, ambulance, salvage (**K. Thomas** led) all confirmed; budget shows event in the black; community volunteers for parking Sat/Sun looks good per **Cassie**. Club volunteers are needed especially on Friday setup! Also, turn boats / tow boats; turn judges for weekend. **Phil Goodell** showed satellite view of site, explaining registration, pits, and race course location details. Course depth 6-8 feet, personal survey by **Dave M.**; lake has firm sandy bottom for holding boats in water, 3 foot depth at least; pit area mowed. **John Green Co.** has sponsored the 2.5L Stock class; more anticipated. TKDS will live stream this event. **C. Quake – Rebranded to Gateway Regatta:** **Ray Dong** and **Steve Read** – no discussion; **D. Equipment Trailer:** Leftover “stuff” from Belleville needs to find a way to **John Grigg** or **Dave Muczinski** to be added to designated trailer.
2. **Audit (actually a financial review of MPR records):** No report. Date tbd.
3. **MPR SWAG:** **Phil Goodell** reported that the shirt inventory finds 29 shirts available for sale. All medium or large. A quote for XXL and XXXL size shirts is in for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **By-Law Violation:** **Barry Pray** discussed the issue raised by **Sec. D. Whitney** noted in the 12JY23 BOD minutes regarding whether the MPR by-laws are being followed in the management of the recent races; **Barry** agreeing strongly with the assessment expressed by **Whitney** that the by-laws are not being followed in that votes of both the BOD and MPR club membership have not been taken before proceeding with sizeable commitments for the club. Long discussion proceeded, opposing positions stated by **VP P. Goodell** and member **Rick Falcinelli**. **Cassie Briggs** moved that the MPR club continue with MPR club efforts to manage the Mott Lake race; second **D. Muczinski**; motion carried. (Note: this motion is identical to that passed by the MPR BOD at the 12JY23 BOD meeting). Further discussion will continue.
2. **Race Sponsorship Process:** **Phil Goodell** presented a sponsorship package program that outlines what a potential race sponsor receives in return for the support. The benefits to the sponsor include recognition, ads and mentions in streaming programming, etc.; TKDS is a cooperating source to generate ads. These potential sponsorships when derived can range from class sponsors all the way to event and presenting sponsorships.
3. **More new race sites:** **Harsen’s Island** and **Bay City** were discussed in the 02AU23 BOD meeting earlier tonight. Some thoughts were expressed by members. It was noted that both **Pontiac Lake** and **Ford Lake** are still in the works for 2024.

**John Bridge won the 50-50 to the tune of \$70, which he graciously donated back to MPR!!**

**Next Meeting:** 06SEPTEMBER2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** **Sam Anspach**; second, **Vic Butvila**. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

# Board Meeting

## **Marine Prop Riders – BOD Meeting – 02AU2023 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by VP. Phil Goodell at 6:10 PM**

**Attend: 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.); Abs. (excused) John Grigg (Pres);**

**Additional attendee: Cassie Briggs (Mott Lake)**

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Race Committee planned equipment acquisitions:** No discussion this meeting.
- 2. Contract signing by-law in violation:** No discussion this meeting.
- 3. Mott Lake Race:** Dave Muczinski and Cassie Briggs reviewed the Mott Lake budget, explaining line items and noting the budget to date is in the black. Various needs for the race (fire, security, ambulance, cranes, etc.) are verified. Cassie noted volunteers for parking lot management for Sat/Sun will be coming through Flint community organizations, looks OK at this point; many club volunteers will be needed especially for Friday setup. Software to enable course survey with the Garmin device has been procured; per DM personal investigation, course depth is between 8 and 10 feet; pit area has been mowed and will be mowed again just before the weekend; the pit lake area has a firm sandy bottom for holding boats in the water; docks are a possibility, being determined later this week, but only if financially favorable. Cranes have been donated, however the operators will be paid in cash by MPR. The sanction fees and insurance is paid (per action last BOD meeting), waiting on insurance cert from office; Genesee County funds received offset this payment. Volunteer shirts are not planned due to timing limits, but all will be fed. Race boat attendance projections: 34 have indicated attendance; vintage boats looks like 6 additional for a total of 40.

### **New Business:**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Volunteer shirts:** Ray Dong expressed some thoughts on volunteer shirts for the future.

**Next BOD meeting: TBD**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)



# Mott Lake Regatta

**It's been weeks now since the Marine Prop Riders conducted our second race this year the Mott Lake Regatta, War Of The Wake and wow, what an event it was.**

Once the financing was approved, we had about five weeks to pull it all together. Congratulations to Dave and Cassie and all the volunteers who stepped forward and helped providing food and water to preparing the food, building the stairs to get in and out of the lake, putting up and breaking down the snow fence on the beach, setting up the course, getting the boats in and out of the water, turn judges etc. etc. etc. I apologize if I miss anyone, but it was a total team effort.

Special thanks must go to the Genesee County Parks for providing a very nice park, Bluebell Beach for viewing.

Race boats were in the water. Judging staff was in place. Spectators and fans were setting up their spots on the lawn. The fire department arrived on time and took a tour of the pits but where was Medstar? Although they had the event on the calendar, oops, it got overlooked. Once the ambulance was in place, racing began.

Although we missed getting the E-Class out for their second heat of the day Saturday, they were the first heat on the water Sunday, and they didn't disappoint. Six different classes of boats attended along with five vintage boats.

The winner in each class is:

Y class = (1<sup>st</sup>) 52 Sean Bowsher, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 40 Scott Mellvic, (3<sup>rd</sup>) 2 Mark Webber

S class = (1<sup>st</sup>) 92 John Shaw, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 35 Kyle/Austin Hayes (3<sup>rd</sup>) 14 Grant Hearn

A class = (1<sup>st</sup>) 55 Rich Falcincelli, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 35 Kyle/Austin Hayes, (3<sup>rd</sup>) 42 Cassie Briggs

E class = (1<sup>st</sup>) 52 Paul Barber, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 55 Rob Betke, (3<sup>rd</sup>) 5 Gary (Flyboy)

NM class = (1<sup>st</sup>) 23 Domnic Pono, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 100 Tony Black/ Scott Anderson

GNH class = (1<sup>st</sup>) 67 John Shaw, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 64 Kevin Kreitzer

Thank you to all our participants, you made this event a success.

A footnote to all our campers and racers was how clean the area was. Monday morning, two park rangers came by and remarked, for having a first-time event and first time in the history of the park having trailers and motorhomes they expected to have a big clean up on their hands. Thanks to all of you, they would like to have you back again.

Phil



# “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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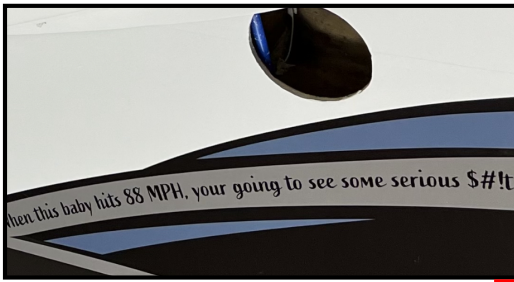
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# Flint Michigan

## “Mott Lake Regatta”

### August 12-13 2023



**S 20 Mustang Sally**



**Jeff Dobis and Austin Hayes  
S 49**



**Eli Whitney helping Jeff  
Sankuer with E 17**



**The Sankuer's  
enjoying the**



**The Handy team  
getting for a heat  
S S 333**



**Lori Weber on the ra-**



**Tony Kallio and Brian  
Reed  
Standing at attention...**



**Dennis Scott looking  
on at Cassie driving  
A42**

**Beautiful weekend and Beautiful course.....**



# Mott Lake Continued....



**OH, OH  
That's a \$150 bucks**



**S 92 John Shaw &  
S 20 Brandon Zemach .**



**S 49- S 20 & S 64 battling  
it out.**



**Rich Falcinalli  
1st place E 55**



**Kyle & Austin Hayes  
2nd place S 35 and A 35**



**Uncle Aaron taking  
Aidan Wilson  
A heat.**



**Kevin Kreitzer  
2nd Place GNH**



**September 16-17, 2023**

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# MARINE PROP RIDERS

## 2023 Membership Application



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

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### **RACE AFFILIATION:** (Check All That Apply)

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### **BOAT AFFILIATION:**

Class/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Class/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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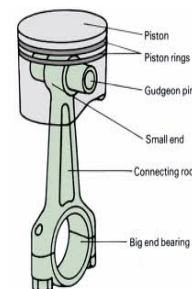
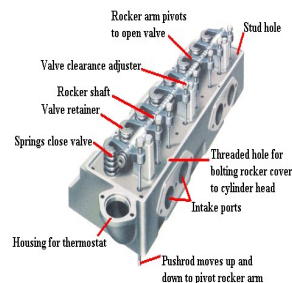
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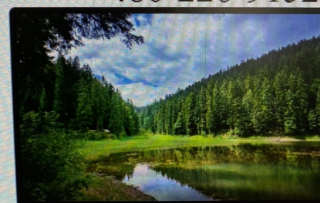
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