

Region 10



SEATTLE OUTBOARD ASSOCIATION
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Go Head Over Heels for SOA's Birthday !



That's Right! Seattle Outboard Association is another year older and it's time again for a party to recall our history and welcome back all the members and racers from the club's past to help celebrate SOA at the club's February membership meeting.

Come to the Kirkland Eagles to help make the evening one to remember by bringing yourself and every old-timer you can find to the meeting. Be sure to bring along all your best sea stories. Dig out all those great old photographs! Bring scrapbooks, News clippings, trophies from your glory days, racing gizzies and memorabilia...whatever you think's interesting or tells something about SOA's long racing history.

We hope to see you there.

Meeting Minutes

25 January, 2004

Activity Reports:

Stock:

Dave Anderson spoke on issues to be resolved at the national meeting, noting potential Yamato changes and possible adoption of the Tohatsu D-motor. Jeff Kelly noted a prop height matter stemming from a DQ following a crash and finish by J. Michael.

Mod:

reported that there will be discussion on the Tohatsu, mandatory race stoppage for low water temperature accidents, and collapsible sponson tips.

PRO:

Jeff Kelly said there will be a K-PRO age change proposal to make the class consistent with other categories.

Old Business:

Club Party:

Lauri Gleason spoke on the upcoming Commodore's Ball, detailing the events and reminding members to sign up. Dwight Malhiot reminded class reps to provide drawing prizes.

Race Directors' meeting:

Craig Fjarlie told members that the Race Directors' meeting will be held 5 February at the Permans' home.

Class Reps:

Craig Fjarlie noted that Kyle Lewis will be class rep for ASXH in place of Ryan Johnson.

Kaiser Fund:

Debi Perman reported on the current status of the Kaiser Fund.

New Business:

Craig Blackstock:

Howard Shaw reported on the Pioneer Square gallery show of work by Craig Blackstock. The show starts on 3 February and runs throughout the month.

Novice School:

Craig Fjarlie announced that SOA's novice school will be held on Saturday, 26 March at Kirkland Eagles. Craig also said that we'll attempt to hold mini novice schools at early races.

Bridgeport:

Dick Rautenberg reported that he's in process of securing the site and date, aiming for the weekend of 30 April/1 May, with the previous weekend as the alternate to help OPC scheduling. Dick has 5 OPC classes set for the event. Craig added that Bridgeport offers a chance to test before the inboard Lawrence race.

Kitsap Lake:

Dwight Malhiot says that he and John Erickson have been to a number of meetings and that John's been working with the Chamber of Commerce to

get some of the city costs lowered. Dwight added that they're looking for Armed Forces Day parade participants.

Silver Lake, Everett:

Howard Shaw said that there are current negotiations underway for cost items that have been covered in the past through our being part of a civic festival that no longer exists. We currently have to assume costs for Fire and Police and other expenses covered in the past.

Old Timers meeting:

Craig Fjarlie noted that the February meeting would be our get-together meeting where we hope to see and celebrate members and racers from SOA's history. Craig asked members to pass the word and help to make this an annual event.

Nationals:

Craig Fjarlie told members that discussions were under way with the City of Moses Lake to run Stock Nationals in Cascade Park on Moses Lake. Craig said he hopes to have an answer from the city within a few days.

Other:

Memberships:

Debi Perman noted that a number of people joining or renewing

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memberships have made checks out to Debi asked that new and renewal members please make checks out to SOA.

Capitol Lake:
 Jan Shaw told members that Marathon Park may be available to us. park department workers are planning to remove the propeller-eating boulders from the shoreline there about 1 May. Also the park has been reworked in a way that might allow trailers to be moved to the Marathon Park shoreline. Park Director Larry Kessel thinks we might have to relocate the clock, and finally access to the park may be difficult due to a planned car show that will close Deschutes parkway.

Raffle:

Funnel: J.W. Myers
Shop towels: Kyle Lewis
Tarp: Jan Shaw
Hand cleaner: Dave Anderson

Pass the Pot:

Casey Anderson, Craig Murden, John Erickson, Dave Penz, Jon Peterson, Keith Alloway

Dick Rautenberg - Winner

COMMODORE'S BALL



Time's running out to get your ticket to the SOA Commodore's Ball. Members need to contact Laurie Gleason soon so that she can ensure preparations are complete to make the event a success.

The flyer attached to the front of this issue of Pit Previews gives details of the party schedule, and offers incentive in price reductions for kids 12 and under and for those who get their reservations in to Lauri by the 10th of February. This issue of Previews is being sent out a little early just to make sure that members still have that opportunity.

Lauri's reserved a block of time starting at noon for golfers (and the way the weather's been recently golfers should take advantage of it). For those of you who are hot to chase a ball around, swatting at it with a stick please call the club at 425-775-2412 and ask for the pro golf shop. Tell them that you are part of the SOA party and give them the names of your golf group to reserve your space.

Let's help Laurie make the club party a success.

New Internet Boat Racing Forum

For those who follow or participate in internet forums, Ron Hill has started up a new one just full of history and stories and interesting discussion that can be found at this URL:

<http://www.boatracingfacts.com/>

KAISER FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Tentative 2005 SCHEDULE

Contributors:

Bill Diamond, Steve Bartlett, Moby Grape Racing, Drew Thompson, Carl Lewis, Dylan Lewis, Kyle Lewis, Kathy Myers, meeting pass-the-pot, Sheri & Steve Greaves, John Paramore, John Weis, Ryan Johnson, Dave Losvar, Laurie Gleason, Drew Thompson, Cragin brothers, Dave Losvar, meeting pass-the-pot, Howard & Jan Shaw, Craig Murden, Hopp Racing, George Thornhill, Mike Johnson, Johnson Racing, David Cossette, Jonathan, Jamie, & Jim Nilsen, J.W. Myers, meeting pass-the-pot, Troy Holmberg, Dean Wilson, Denny Paola

Total raised to date: \$1,069.87. \$100 was given directly to Ken as cash by contributors. SOA wrote a check on 12/11/04 to Ken for \$451.73. There is currently \$518.14 in the Fund.

Kaiser Raffle Prize Donations:

- Sorensen Woodcraft - A/J Hydro kit. A \$345 or higher donation wins it outright, otherwise in stays in the prize pool.
- CMP/Portage Bay Systems - Steering wheel & base; Side-mount throttle
- Woodshed Embroidery - NASCAR leather jacket
- Drew Thompson - set of earring sleeves
- SRP Racing Products - it's a surprise, and it's really cool!
- Pete Wells - gift certificate for a Sidor propellor

Donations can be made in two ways:

1. At the February SOA General Membership Meeting.
2. At the SOA Commodore's Ball, prior to the drawing.

From the Commodore

I am pleased to announce that Seattle Outboard Association has been awarded the 2007 Stock Outboard Summer Nationals, to be held at Cascade Park, on Moses Lake. We may be able to add the Mod Nationals, that question is still being debated.

The 2007 Nationals project is going to require a great deal of effort by everyone, as we seek sponsorships, organize the race committee, and work with local authorities to ensure a successful event. I urge you to attend the February general meeting

to hear first-hand reports from our members who attended the APBA Convention. My thanks to Jim Nilsen and Dave Anderson who did the hard work of securing approval for our bid.

Speaking of the February SOA meeting, we are again having an "old timers" night. Bring magazines, photographs, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia, as we share our history with current and retired members. February 22 should be another memorable evening.

Craig Fjarlie

Commodore

A tentative schedule of 2005 Region 10 outboard events. Possible changes are noted.

April 30/May 1

Columbia River, Bridgeport, WA

May 14-15

Possible inboard date for Lawrence Lake - Alternate in Sept.

May 21/22

Kitsap Lake, Bremerton, WA
May 22nd is also the Inboard Spanaway date

May 28/29

Willamette River, Newberg, OR

June 11

Silver Lake, Everett, WA

June 25/26

Cullaby Lake, Astoria, OR
PRO Western Divisionals

July 9/10

Scooteney Reservoir, Connell, WA
May move to alternate date

July 16/17

Capitol Lake, Olympia, WA

August 20/21

Scooteney Reservoir, Connell, WA
Alternate date

August 27/28

Silver Lake, Eatonville, WA
May move to later date

September 4/5

Sutherlin, OR

September 16/17/18

Lawrence Lake, Yelm, WA

October 1-2

Moses Lake, Moses Lake WA

October 15

D-Lake Kilos Lincoln City, OR

LATE NEWS

◆ CORA / Cullaby was awarded the 2005 Western PRO Divisional Championships.

◆ At the APBA national meeting, SOA was awarded presentation of Stock Outboard Nationals for 2007 racing season.

The City of Moses Lake had granted SOA permission to use Cascade Park for Stock Nationals just prior to the APBA award.

SOA is currently investigating the possibility of expanding the event to include Mod Nationals.

◆ The Tohatsu D-motor has been approved for Mod, and approved provisionally for Stock conditionally that it be tested and Dynamometer checked.

◆ A proposal allowing K-PRO drivers who reach age 18 during a racing season to finish out the season was not adopted.

◆ Changes in course layout and prop height were made for 500cc Sprint Hydro.

Course layout now calls for a three quarter mile course with straightaways no longer than one quarter mile in length. This allows the use of most courses by simply setting turn buoys in at distances appropriate to the

required straightaway dimension.

Prop height minimums have been discontinued.

◆ 0175 World Championships will be a feature event at the 2005 PRO Nationals in DePue IL. RB Hydro has faded into history to be replaced by 175cc hydro and the U.I.M. championship is intended as an aid to kick-start the class in North America.

◆ Attention Referees --- The new 2005 Referee Test and Answer Sheet is now on the APBA web site. The Test will not be mailed, as it is available for download on the web site in the downloads section:

<http://www.apba-racing.com/Downloads.html>

If you require a copy, please

notify APBA to have it mailed to you.

ANY RACE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15TH OR LATER MUST HAVE A 2005 APPROVED REFEREE LISTED BEFORE SANCTION CAN BE APPROVED REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS SENT IN.

(Example: A sanction mailed to APBA February 1 for race dated April 16th must have a 2005 approved Referee.) Please take your test early and avoid any delays in the sanction process.

As a reminder, when you join APBA as a Referee, your membership card will not be sent until you have taken the test.

Thanks to Referees for your cooperation with these testing procedures.



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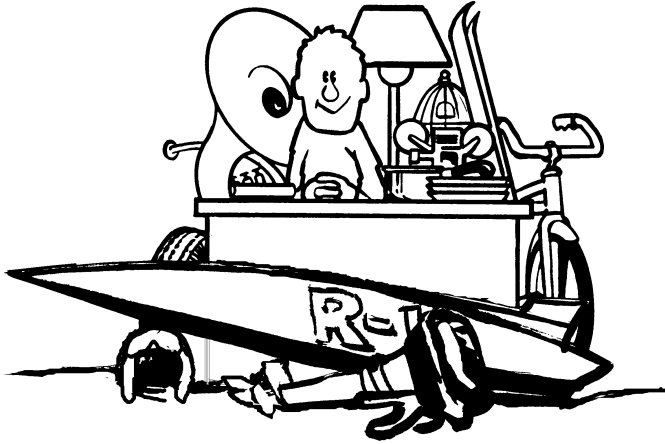
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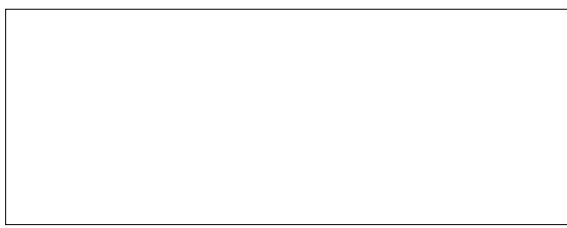
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*The Next General Meeting is at 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 22nd at the Kirkland Eagles
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