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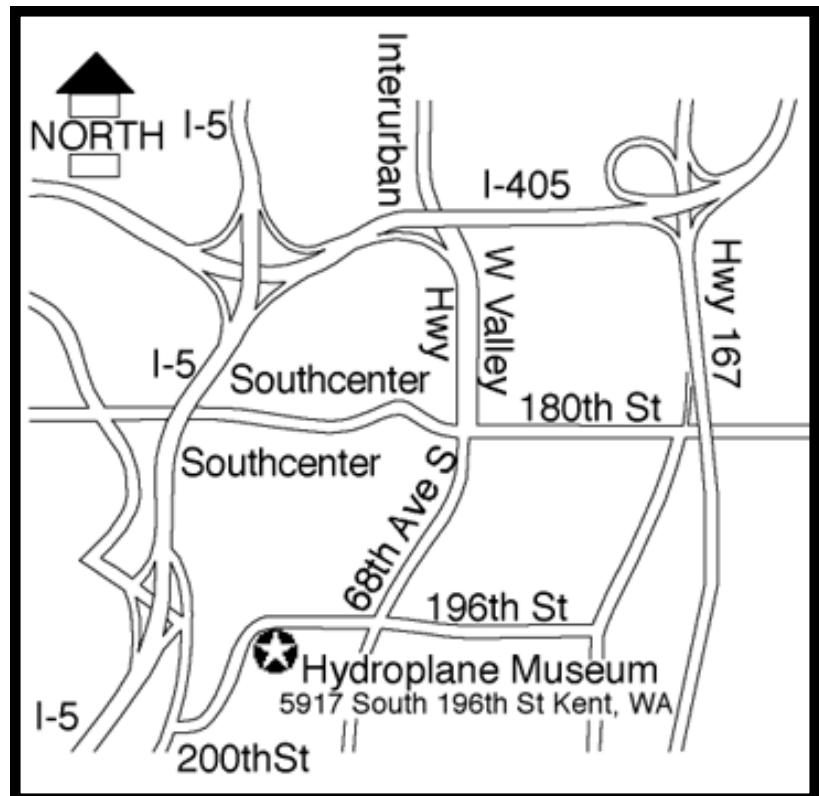
SOA'S MARCH MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE HYDROPLANE & ANTIQUE RACEBOAT MUSEUM

As a break from our long abnormal winter, and to set the stage for SOA's 2005 racing season the club's March 22nd general membership meeting will be held at the new home of the Hydroplane and Antique Raceboat Museum at 5917 South 196th Street in Kent.

This will be the first opportunity many members will have had to look over the new and more expansive Museum and see how it's grown.

It's an easy place to find, located just about two miles south of I-405:

Coming up I-5 from the South take exit 152 and drive South to 200th St then turn right onto 200th which will dogleg North then East again to become 196th st. The Museum will be located roughly at the turn to the East.



Coming down I-5 from the North turn onto I-405, then exit 405 onto West Valley Highway. Drive South to South 196th St and turn right. The museum should be about ten blocks West.

Coming down I-405 through Renton, take the West Valley Highway exit. Drive South to South 196th St and turn right. The museum should be about ten blocks West.

A donation can will be set up at the meeting to offset use cost to the club. We hope to see you there.

Meeting Minutes

22 February 2005

Activity reports:

General results from the APBA national meeting were presented to members.

Stock:

Dave Anderson noted a new A-Stock prop height rule brought in to counter extreme tuck-under set-ups. Pat Gleason explained the history that led to the rule and detailed the rule and application.

Dave told members that there are 3 D-motors now available. The Mk 58 on a Bass unit and the 44XS as produced by Dave Scott in Toronto, Plus the Bass-Tohatsu as a probationary pending dyno results.

Dave also told members that Hotrod has been bought out and motors will be produced for a variety of classes over the next couple years.

it was announced that Todd Cragin was named APBA stock/Mod Rookie of the year, and Mike Kelly made APBA Hall of Champions won the Menzies Award and was named Rookie of the Year in Unlimiteds.

Dave concluded with the announcement that SOA was awarded Stock Nationals for 2007.

Mod:

Ryan Johnson told members that Mod was fighting incorporation of the new A-Stock "Tuck" rule, and noted rejection of a C-Stock record due to lack of inspector.

PRO:

Steve Greaves said that PRO Nationals for 2005 would be the site for UIM 0175 Worlds championships, and added that next year RB hydro becomes 175cc Hydro. Steve offered a rough breakdown of rules revisions to 500cc Sprint Hydro that promises to make course set-up easier and eliminate height restrictions to increase participation, and said that the commission now recommends use of helmet restraints.

Steve announced Allen Thorsen's induction into all of Champions, and the award to Jamie Nilsen of the Colonel Green Round Hill trophy and the Townsend Medal, noting that starting next season the Townsend Medal would be awarded to the K-PRO high points winner.

New Business:

Bridgeport:

Dick Rautenberg told members that OPC would be unable to run at Bridgeport due to a conflicting date, and that news makes it very important that members turn out to support this event.

Dick noted two changes racers need to be aware of. There is no overnight camping allowed in the pits. Dick says there is ample space at the State Park. Dick also says that all people on the race site must wear wristbands.

Lawrence Lake:

Craig Fjarlie noted that there was a possibility that with no date conflict there may an opportunity to race with the inboards.

Kitsap Lake:

John Erickson says that the event is set as a part of Bremerton's Armed Forces festival, with sponsorship from Brothers Power Sports, Malibu Corp., Schucks plus others. There's a potential "Mayors Cup" plus a parade and other events, and a Navy TV crew from the Stennis plans to tape the event for presentation on Armed Forces Net.

Silver Lake, Everett:

Jan Shaw said that paperwork has been turned over to the city of Everett, and that city fees were reduced by \$900. Current efforts are aimed toward meeting ambulance and safety goals.

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Capitol Lake:
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GET READY NOW FOR



BRIDGEPORT

OK racers, now's the time to come out of hibernation and drag your boats out of the garage (or scrape off the leaves and moss). Bridgeport's coming at the end of April to open another season of SOA racing, and here's your chance to score points on the unprepared, and hone your toys for a summer of fast fun.

The town's ready and waiting for us, and, judging from the jump-start Spring's already gotten, the weather and water promises to be better than last year...And Sunday's a Babcock Race.

There's plenty of camping at local parks and lots of motels for all you softies, and by Golly the Cafe's still there waiting to pamper your pallet. Dick plans to have open testing sessions each day, so bring along all your toys and use the time to sort them all out.

Race days are April 30th and May 1st, so you have plenty of time to start filling your trailers and hoarding sunscreen.



Tentative **2005 SCHEDULE**

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
Scooteny Reservoir, Connell, WA
May move to alternate date

July 16/17
Capitol Lake, Olympia, WA

August 20/21
Scooteny 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

CHANGES PENDING FOR CULLABY

The following is word from CORA regarding possible changes for the Cullaby Lake regatta. One is a limitation on classes to stay within the time limitations determined by County officials, the other is aimed at limiting or reducing undue noise.

The Cullaby Lake race committee presented 2 pending issues to the general CORA membership for consideration. The first is "number of classes" and the second is "noise".

Regarding the number of classes, the race committee is faced with too many classes. In all previous years, we have invited all Stock, Mod, PRO and J classes. Normally, we have the option of combining classes if there are too many classes or not enough boats for a given class. Because this year's event is the PRO Divisionals, classes cannot be combined with a Divisionals class. Related to this issue of "number of classes" is noise.

The issue of noise on Cullaby

Lake has been an ongoing issue with the homeowners and Clatsop County. The county continues to pressure CORA to reduce noise. This is not a new issue at this lake or at others.

Confronted with these 2 issues, CORA has decided to put selected classes on this year's sanction. As it stands right now, the classes invited this year will be as follows:

All PRO classes (PRO Divisionals)
All J classes (JH/R, AXS/R)
Stock: ASH, ASR, 20SSH, CSH, CSR, DSH and possibly 25SSR.
Mod: CMH, FEH
This equates out to about 16 to 18 classes per day, which is a full schedule.

Along with this, we intend to add a note to the sanction stating "No megaphone exhaust systems allowed".

This is a tough decision, but a decision made in the long term interest of hosting future outboard regattas at Cullaby Lake.

I ask that you forward this to all class representatives. Specifically, those classes that utilize megaphone exhaust systems and 25SSR. Although we have tentatively included CMH, I would like to get a commitment from the CMH class rep (Gene Laes) and 25SSR class rep (Troy Holmberg) before a final decision is made.

I would ask SOA to share this with your membership. I welcome any feedback and discussion on this.

Sincerely,

Bill Blackwell & Mike Bartlett



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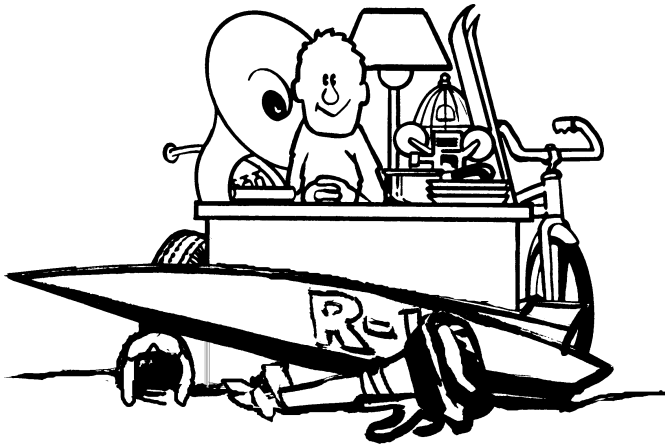
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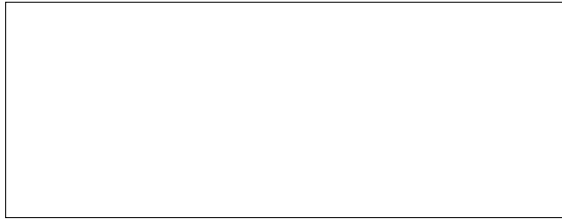
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