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The Erin & Josh Wedding Spectacular

Most of SOA has known Tom O'Neill's daughter Erin since she was knee high to a grass hopper, now Erin's all grown up and getting married!!

Erin and her dad went to DePue, Illinois for the Pro Nationals in 2005, where she met DePue native Josh Kimble. Josh had been helping crew for Howard and Penny Anderson at nationals since Penny and Josh's mom Bev struck up a friendship. Erin was born and raised in the Seattle area, and had been racing since she was 10 in JSH, ASH, and OSY 400. Shortly after Josh and Erin met, Erin moved to Tupelo MS to be with Josh. The first thing they did as a couple was buy Josh his first racing ride, a 350cc Hydro. Currently the couple is in the process of relocating to Indianapolis for Josh's new job. Since boat racers are scarce in Mississippi, both Josh and Erin are excited at the prospect of being re-connected to boat racing.

They became engaged in March of 2006 while on a ski trip to Lake Tahoe, and began their wedding plans. After much thought and consideration, the couple decided to wed on the bank of Lake DePue, close to the very spot they met. What place could be more fitting for two people that love boatracing, than to marry at a famous race site??

Bill and Vicki Diamond, who introduced the couple years before, will be officiating the great event. There has even been talk of towing the bride to the isle in a race boat, but we'll see if that happens! The



Josh and Erin model the latest in Kevlar wedding attire...It matches Plaid nicely.

wedding will take place April 21st 2007 and all of the racing community is invited to attend!! For those interested in sending cards or well-wishes, the couple has a wedding web site, "<http://oneillandkimble.weddings.com>" We wish Josh and Erin a happy marriage, through good times and bad, first place or last!

Oh, and rumor has it, Josh owes SOA a fine, because he never officially asked the club permission to marry Erin, so next time you see him, be sure to collect your money!!

Meeting Minutes

27 February, 2007

The Spectator, 2006

Dwight Malhiot opened the meeting with a show of Mike and Denise Johnson's "The Spectator, 2006", a yearbook of region 10 racing photos and stories. (you can see and read details in this newsletter issue.

Bridgeport:

Dick Rautenberg reported on the current progress for our 2007 opener. Included in the plan, pending approval, was a three heat format on Saturday for any class presenting six or more entries. Sunday will be a Babcock race.

Inboard Lawrence Lake:

An inboard representative told members that the race will be run on a 1-2/3 mile records course. (Note: at the SOA Board meeting, the following classes were selected for Lawrence Lake - D-Stock Hydro, C-Stock Hydro, 20ss Hydro, A-Stock Hydro and J-Stock Hydro)

Kitsap Lake:

Dwight offered members a brief outline of the status and encouraged members to bring a boat for the Armed Forces Day Parade.

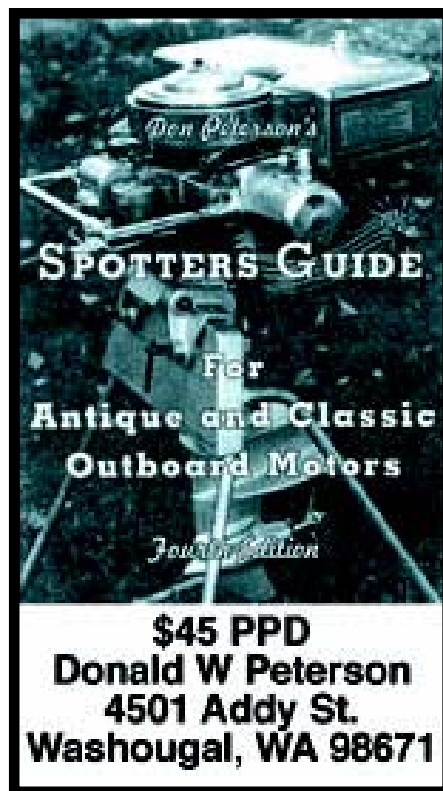
Awards:

Dwight presented a number of items to members who were unable to receive them at the

SOA Commodore's Ball. Troy Holmberg received his well-deserved Sportsmanship Trophy, Russ Bircher, who's style points at Capitol Lake was a tie-breaker for the "Dump-Trophy, Commendation awards to Dave Tonge, Sam Houtaling and Rick Sandstrom for their work as officials, to David Williams for his work and support of the Museum's J-Hydro Program. Dwight also awarded J-Hydro drivers' Novice certificates and presented Rick Herman his SOA Life Membership Gold Card.

Pass the pot:

Joann Hegemann wins on the first draw



SOA WANTS YOU!

Class Reps Needed For '07

We need racers who'll step up motivate other racers to turn out for events like inboard Lawrence, where your help could result in a great racing show and records on a rare course. You can help to keep races like Bridgeport on the schedule, and show what your class can do at spectator courses like Everett and Olympia, and this year can help tip the odds at Stock Nationals. Support your club by contacting any Officer or Board member listed on Page 7 to become a class rep, or bring your list of nominees to the next meeting.

2007 SOA Novice School

SOA's 2007 Novice School will be held at the hydroplane and Antique Raceboat Museum, at noon, Saturday, March 14th

SOA Work Party - April 7th

SOA's annual work party will take place Saturday, April 7th at Howard and Jan Shaws - (425) 742-3718 13530 Cascadian Way Everett, WA. Go East off I-5 from exit 186. Turn south onto Meridian, East onto 134th, then South on Cascadian for two blocks.



2007 SCHEDULE

April 28/29
Columbia River, Bridgeport, WA

May 12/13
Inboard Lawrence Lk., Yelm, WA

May 19/20
Kitsap Lake, Bremerton, WA

May 26/27
Willamette River, Newberg, OR

June 2
Silver Lake, Everett, WA

June 23/24
Cullaby Lake, Astoria, OR

July 7/8
Warden Lake, Warden, WA

July 13/14/15 (Friday Testing)
Capitol Lake, Olympia, WA

August 6 thru 12
Stock Nationals, Moses Lake, WA

August 18/19
Silver Lake, Eatonville, WA

September 1/2
Lake Lytle, Rockaway Beach, OR

September 7/8/9
Lawrence Lake, Yelm, WA

September 29/30
Moses Lake, Moses Lake WA

October 6 (7 Blowoff)
D-Lake Kilos Lincoln City, OR



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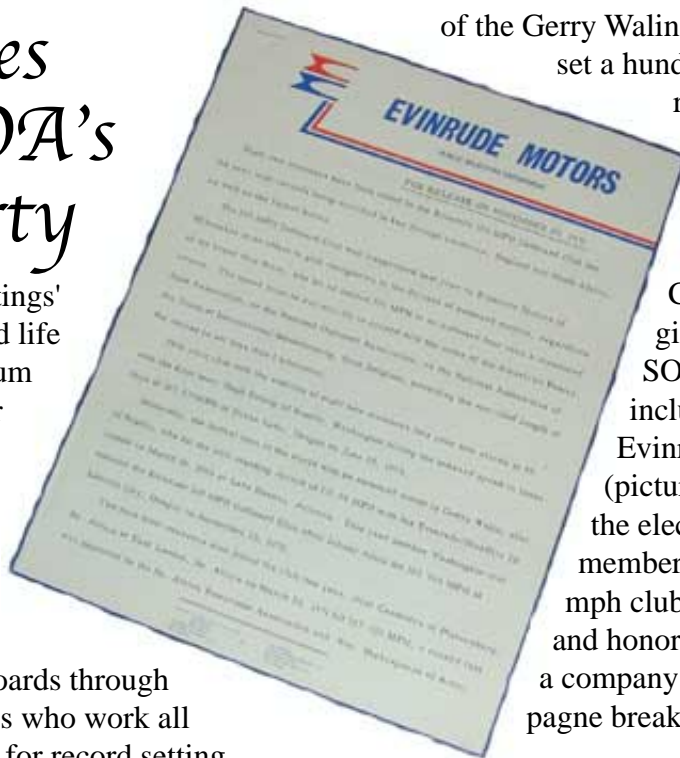
History Lives Again at SOA's Alumni Party

SOA's 78th birthday party/meetings' interesting turnout of regular and life members represented the spectrum of powerboat racing from Junior through Unlimited. They included a pair of Unlimited drivers (three if you count Donnie Benson who sometimes sub for his dad in Testing) and an owner, a master builder of everything from outboards through Unlimitees, referees and officials who work all categories and the record holder for record setting.

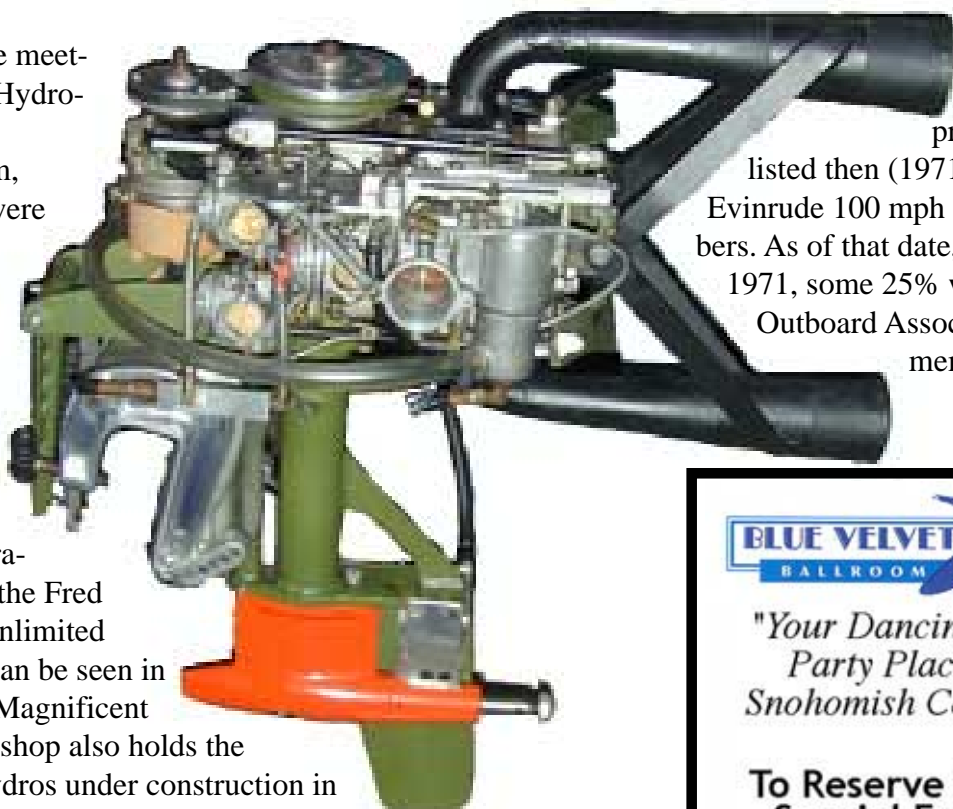
The setting for the meeting was Seattle's Hydroplane & Antique Raceboat Museum, where members were surrounded by restored historic Unlimitees and racing memorabilia and workshops where Engines and boats restored.

The current restoration Candidate is the Fred Wickens 1940s Unlimited Hurricane IV (it can be seen in the 1954 movie "Magnificent Obsession"). The shop also holds the current crop of hydros under construction in the H.A.R.M. J-Project where families and kids spend the winter build their own J-hydros to drive as new racers the following summer.

Among the interesting things shown at the meeting And pictured here were Jim Hallum's presentation



of the Gerry Walin Anzani 350 that set a hundred plus mph record on D-Lake in 1971, and looks just a roping away from doing it again. And Clyde Ambacher's gift to the club of SOA memorabilia that included the 1971 Evinrude Press release (pictured) which notes the election of eight new members to Evinrude's 100 mph club, and details gifts and honors to be presented at a company sponsored champagne breakfast.



The final page of Evinrude's press release listed then (1971) nineteen Evinrude 100 mph Club members. As of that date, 20 Nov., 1971, some 25% were Seattle Outboard Association members.



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JACK LEEK

Seattle Outboard Association Life Member and APBA Honor squadron member Jack Leek passed away March 8 of a heart attack. Jack's racing career began in 1941 in outboards and extended, from the cast-iron era through Formula-1 as well as work in other categories up to Unlimited. Jack's technical skills brought him success in several alky classes, using motors Jack modified in his shop and led to involvement in the development of super high performance outboard motors. Jack played a vital part in founding Northwest racing organizations, and Jack additionally served as an APBA representative to UIM, as well as

on numerous technical committees and racing commissions. Memorial Service will be Sunday, March 25, 2007 - 2:00 p.m. Browns Point Club, Browns Point, WA

Website: www.brownspoint.org

In lieu of flowers donations requested to:

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Smile at Miracles is a charitable organization founded by Jack's Granddaughter. 100% of contributions go towards the payment of medical expenses for children with leukemia.

Read Craig Fjarlie's 4-Part interview with Jack at:

<http://www.boatracingfacts.com/forums/showthread.php?p=31198>

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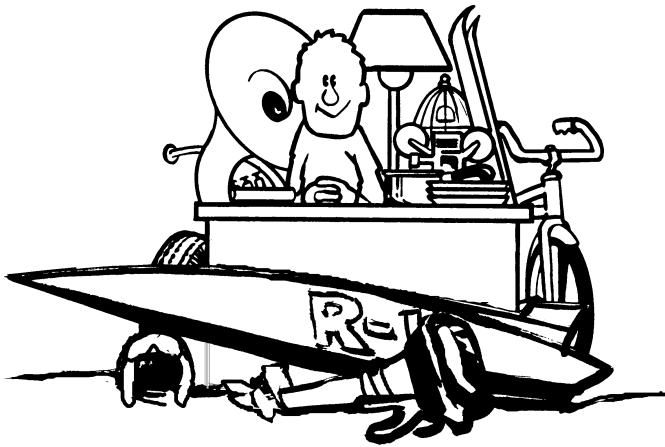
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The SOA Board meets at the same address, same time on the second 2nd Tuesday of each month



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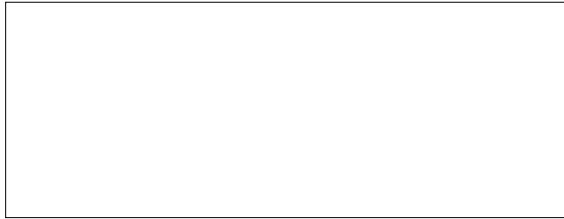


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SOA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 27th AT 7:30 PM KIRKLAND EAGLES 258 CENTRAL WAY, KIRKLAND, WA

*The Next General Meeting is at 7:30 p.m.
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