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WAKE UP! WINTER'S OVER AND RACING BECKONS JUST OVER THE HILL AT SUNNY BRIDGEPORT



OK racers, Heeeeeere's racing season. It's time to ease out of hibernation and root around in the garage to find the bits of boat that have been eating bench space all winter, and the motor that crapped out in your last lap around Lawrence and stick it all back together for another summer of fun and madness.

And you don't have a lot of time either because Bridgeport's less than two weeks away at the end of April. Dick's been busting his keester getting the site set up, and we need to support this site if we want to keep it.

Bridgeport weather's always been good and the site offers plenty of testing options for you to take advantage of to hone your boat and get ahead of the pack.

By this time everybody should have gotten APBA circulars in the mail. If so read them, fill them out, and get 'em into the mail...Or even better, register on-line at the website noted at the bottom of the page. You'll save time for the nice folks who have to shuffle paper at registration, and lessen your time in line as well.

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Meeting Minutes

28 March, 2006

Activity Reports:

Stock:

Dave Anderson noted that there was one Commission meeting scheduled and possibly a second. One regards Tohatsu parity, the possible second stems from a situation at Winternationals.

Mod:

Ryan Johnson reported that there's a ballot tech item for Mod racers to ponder.

PRO:

Steve Greaves told members that the PRO commission reworked specifications to match performance of the Yamato 202 and 302 in OSY. Steve also noted that the Commission made an adjustment to the new K-PRO rule that lowers upper age limits so that the rule will take effect in phased stages. Drivers will be able to complete the season during which they attain the age limit, which will drop to 17 next year and to 16 the following year.

Steve noted that the APBA board

voted to pull the PRO ballot item than would have allowed racers to decide the standard for race starts.

Steve said that there's an effort under way to gain TV coverage of PRO Nationals as we've had in the past, and asked members to keep an eye open for potential sponsors. And he noted that the initial U.S. Title series race coming up at Inverness Florida promises to present a full field of capsule hydros.

Old Business:

Club Party:

Debi Perman described the fun and madness of the Commodore's Ball, naming and thanking the people who helped make it all work. She noted that despite a lower turnout than the past couple parties, the club came out ahead financially.

Novice School:

Ryan Johnson started by telling members that when he attended Novice School he was the only student, but could happily report that this years school had nine new racers to teach racing basics to. He thanked Norm Coote for bringing in two new drivers (A-stock and AXS) and noted there were several new J racers and a new 20ssH driver, and asked for members help in bringing these new racers along.

club needs your help here.

Work Party:

Dwight Malhiot spoke on the status of club equipment, noting completed work on the Jon boats and the rescue boat, and listing things that need cleaning and repair or checkout before our racing season begins, and noted the date and time of the club work party at Shaw's.

New Business:

Permisson Request:

Dwight Malhiot read an e-mail request from Erin O'Neill, asking the club's permission to marry Josh Kimble. There was an immediate hue and cry that approval had to be conditional on the wedding being held in the Seattle area rather than at their current Mississippi home. Father Tom said he told Erin he was OK with the marriage but they had to come west, and opined that he wasn't sure that idea was going anywhere. Someone in the crowd suggested that since Tom was the "dad", therefore payee here, He should fly all of us to Elvisland if the players couldn't come here. In the end, a vote taken favored the marriage. The wedding is scheduled for April of next year...Just the right timing for an extended honeymoon at Moses Lake Stock Nationals. A note of caution to Josh and Erin...you folks have to come home sometime, and the "Plaid Preacher" will be ready and waiting when you do.

Bridgeport:

Dick Rautenberg reported on the status of the Bridgeport regatta. Dick said that initial paperwork is done and submitted, letters to various governing bodies are out. He's securing divers re-

Class Reps:

Again, class representatives were called out for. Check the Class rep chart on page 3. All those question marks indicate open slots. Your racing

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quired for the capsule classes and setting up trophies.

Kitsap Lake:

Dwight Malhiot told members that he has forms available for racers who wish to take their boats through the Bremerton Armed Forces Day parade.

Propellers:

SOA has a selection of propellers to offer, and it's been decided that starting with the April meeting three props will be up on silent auction with a \$25 minimum bid, and two per month will be offered on Ebay.

Christopher Cragin:

Todd Cragin told members about a stroke suffered by his 17 year old son Christopher a week earlier. Todd said that Christopher was at high school in track practice when he felt light headed, and was sent home. Symptoms worsened, and a trip to the emergency room showed him regaining balance and returning to normal. The next Day Todd Left for Winternationals in Louisiana, but checking home from an Atlanta stopover Todd learned that Christopher had taken a bad turn and Todd needed to get back to Seattle. When Todd arrived back in Seattle he was told that doctors had diagnosed the problem as a stroke. At that point Christopher had paralysis of his right arm and leg and the right side of his face. At the time of the meeting he was walking and talking well, with 50% use of his right arm and leg, but no use of right hand or foot, and he's expected to spend time in rehabilitation. Doctors say his youth and excellent physical condition will pull him through.



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Winternationals:

Dave Anderson reported that He and members Todd Cragin, Howard Shaw, Russ Bircher and J. Michael Kelly went to Pineville Louisiana for APBA Stock/Mod Winternationals.

Dave noted that the race was unique as a joint event combining APBA, AOF and NBRA, which Dave thought appeared seamless. Dave said he thought the site was excellent with more than ample pit space. He noted 160 entries. Mike Kelly won ASR and records were set in D-Stock and OSY racing a separate Sunday event by Mike after he broke a rib in a nasty C-Run-about blowover on Friday.

On the unfortunate side, though there were several D-Stock Hydros at the site when the SOA contingent, including a Tohatsu powered D-Stock, arrived, at the Drivers' meeting it was noted that several D-Stock racers had

scratched, to reduce the field enough to eliminate the class. The appearance was that the scratches may have been in protest of the acceptance by the Stock Commission of the new Tohatsu D-Motor. The result was that a number of racers traveled a very long distance only to watch everybody else race.

Sunday's race was a post winternationals event on a 3/4 mile records course, and to make a legal field, Todd Cragin was called for permission to run his boat. Todd said yes and the boat was quickly set up for Mike Kelly, and another entry put together and driven by a friend of one of the protesters to make a legal field. Mike nailed the start in Todd's boat and ran off from everybody for a record.

Despite the problem given by those protesting Dave said the event was still excellent, and seeing some very fast Southern

Mod boats in performance added to the worth of the trip. Dave was especially impressed with a FE Runabout from New York that was blindingly fast.

Howard Shaw described items provided by different organizations, and liked the AOF provided hanging scale which appeared to make weighing faster and easier. The scale set-up was somewhat hampered by low water level, but still worked well and was faster than the scales we're used to seeing. These can lift a boat and driver directly from the water, and were manned by a dedicated AOF weighing crew.

Howard also thanked the Birchers for their long drive to and from the site to tow racer's boats to the Louisiana and home again.

Wooden Boat Festival:

Steve Greaves told members that the Wooden Boat Festival is scheduled over four days from July 1st through the 4th at the Center for Wooden Boats on Lake Union. Steve's looking for racers with pretty toys to bring them out for the show, and for volunteers to man the display and help build new racers. Ryan Johnson asked if there were plans to give boat demonstrations, Steve said that though they're talking about that, nothing has been worked out at this time.

Attention Racers:

Dwight Malhiot cautioned members to be a little less "Dwight-like", and actually read race entry sheets to spot things like entry deadlines, late-fees, park regulations and other changes before mailing them off. And asked members not to

challenge the deadline Gods.

Race Schedules:

A summary of the season schedule was given by Dwight Malhiot. Among notable highlights were the following:

Inboard Lawrence Lake: Carol Dodge notes a 1/2/3 mile records course and that registration will be Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. and Saturday morning from 6:30 to 8. Registration closes at 8 a.m. and there will be no late registration. On-line registration is acceptable. Classes are A-Stock Hydro , C-Stock Hydro , D-stock Hydro , 20ss Hydro , D-Mod Hydro , and Formula-E Hydro.

Newberg: Sheri Greaves told members that last year's hotel room shortage due to a same weekend alternative event will be the same this year for the same reason. She has managed to put a hold on several rooms at Best Western and Travelodge for Saturday night and members can contact Sheri via E-mail (sgreaves@WHI.org) to secure a room.

Scooteney...oops!: Jim Nilsen has decided to relocate this July 8/9 regatta to Warden Lake due to safety and liability considerations at Scooteney Reservoir. We've had past problems controlling swimmers and bass boats at Scooteney, and the situation has now become untenable, so Jim's decided to relocate the event to Warden Lake, located between Othello and Moses Lake. Warden Lake is privately owned and offers better control of the water. The lake can be seen by turning South off I-90 to Hwy 17 at Moses Lake, then, 10 miles South turning West onto Potholes State Park Road for

about 2 miles. Warden Lake will be on your left. Jim would appreciate racer feedback from anyone who can arrange time to visit the site. You can reach him at (253) 840-6846 or E-mail: jnilsen529@cs.com

Other:

Labor Day racing:

Ryan Johnson reports that CORA is looking into the possibility of a Labor Day Weekend race at Rockaway Beach.

Nationals:

Dave Anderson noted that it's been decided to forgo running Nationals on Capitol Lake, and we're now committed to Moses Lake. He also announced a planning meeting at the Eagles for the following Tuesday.

Kilos:

Howard Shaw told members that AOF is looking into holding Kilos at Sprague Lake the weekend prior to our 2007 Stock-Mod nationals, as a means of attracting boats in. It should be open to APBA as well as AOF racers.

Raffle:

Zip-Ties: Neal Baum

Carabiners: Dick Rautenberg

Multimeter: Lauri Ruhl

Drill Set: Zach Hegemann

Brother Don Bucks: Zach Hegemann, Joel Cragin

Bug Zapper: Joel Cragin

Wingdome Card: Jim Nilsen

Lotto Ticket: Neal Baum

Pass the Pot:

Dwight Malhiot wins on 1st draw



NEWBERG MEMORIAL WEEKEND BOAT RACE

Newberg Boat Club and Columbia Outboard Racing Association welcomes all racers and family/friends to join us in celebrating the 58th year of boat racing on the Willamette River in Newberg, Oregon on May 27 & 28, 2006.

We are looking forward to wonderful weather and a great turnout of racers, crew and families along with (hopefully) lots of spectators. With the excessive snow we are expecting high water and are working on placing plenty of trash collection boats up river to catch the driftwood.

We are also working really hard to start the race by 11:00. So we can finish by 6:00 and not risk losing our volunteer help, PLUS, we can start the fire sooner. So closing registration on time will be much stricter. Please help us out with this and be on time and be prepared!

The Newberg Club will have that wonderful Snack Stand with all their wonderful food as usual. Breakfast will be served in the morning hours with biscuits & gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes and the works. Late morning the hamburgers will start sizzling on the bar-b-ques and will be accompanied with all the normal fixings. So bring your appetites!

There are a few items and changes that we would like to draw to your attention:

1. Since this race is spectator oriented we wish to save the good viewing areas along the riverbank for the spectators. In order to keep the sidewalks open for pedestrian traffic we are not allowing camping, lawn chairs or dogs on leashes on the sidewalk along the riverbank.

2. There will be a \$5.00 late fee for the 1st class if registering at the race site. Please pre-register by mail or online. Read the circular for info.

3. Refueling over the water will be an automatic disqualification.

4. No drivers or crew under the age of 16 are allowed unattended in the launch area.

5. No one under the age of 16 in the launch area that is not a driver or crewmember.

*6. Please keep in mind that the insurance bans people under the age of 17 to ride motorized scooters and such. We are asking that no one other than sponsoring club members in the line of duty, to please refrain riding them also. With racing blood in all of us, the tendency is to ride them too fast. At a site such as this with so much going on it is really dangerous especially for kids to be darting between cars on their bicycles, skateboards, and etc.

We are sorry for all these rules and changes and wish they were not necessary but in order to achieve a safe, enjoyable and (hopefully) organized time for everyone, they have become necessary.

See you at Newberg!



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WHAT'S THE ORDER?

Classes selected to run
Inboard Lawrence Lake
13/14 May:

A-Stock Hydro
C-Stock Hydro
20ss Hydro
D-Stock Hydro
D-Mod Hydro
Formula-E Hydro

Accommodations

Overnight Camping at resort:
\$20 PER VEHICLE parking
space for the weekend. No
power hook up. Generators off
no later than 10 PM. Quiet time
enforced. Motels in North
Olympia or South Tacoma.

Course size

1-2/3 mile course both days if
water condition allow. Otherwise
1-1/4 or 1 mile course.

Registration

Friday, May 12 - At resort - 7:00
PM to 8:00 PM Saturday, May
13 - At resort - 6:30 AM to 8:00
a.m. Sunday, May 14 - At resort
- 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 No registra-
tion after the 8 a.m. closing.

Drivers Meeting

Sat., May 13/Sun., May 14
at SIRA Truck - 9:00 AM

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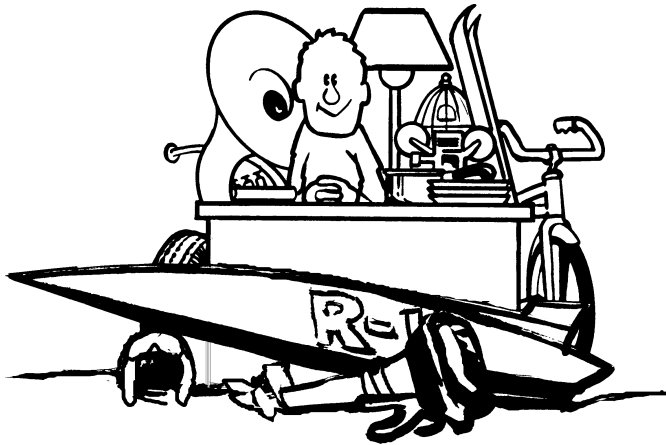
At this point, the hulls are all turned rightside-up, and are getting prepped for decks to go on. This means lots of epoxy sealer for the insides and outsides of the bottoms, deck supports, sanding and fairing.

Some of the support equipment is coming along nicely too. Benny Betch has been welding boat dollies for the new boats, and they look great.

We're now at that point where many boat builders experience the phenomenon that the closer they get to finishing, the slower things seem to go. With Region 10's racing season start April 29-30, in Bridgeport WA, many of the teams are adjusting their expectations for completions and shooting for our Kitsap Lake race in mid-May. Not so with the team of Doug and Jared Martin: Doug says, "we're going to make Bridgeport if it KILLS me!"



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SOA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25th AT THE KIRKLAND EAGLES, 258 CENTRAL WAY, KIRKLAND, WA

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