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New Members

You can get a listing and full contact details on the TORC website.

Frank Mohl— Frank, from Ajax, ON, is back in the TORC fold again after a couple year absence... A dedicated collector and race fan, you'll see him at several events.

Peter Clarke—Peter is from Newcastle, ON and been has also been a member in the past. Joining up again to get his fix of info. Peter says "I last raced OPC SJ in 1977. In the 1960's I was one of John Webster's whippin, boys in BSH" haha.

The Brewster Family— Jeff, Christine, Justin, Ryan, Abigail, and Austin Brewster from Ravenna, Ohio are regulars at the Waterford event and joined up with TORC this year. Jeff is one of the top 25SSH racers in North America and reigning APBA Champ.

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First race of the year! Waterford, May 30-31

It's here again! A month earlier this year though so take note! May 30-31. CBF and APBA sanction for Junior-Stock-Modified-OSY400-Stock Classic categories/classes. Remember it's on \$50 for a CBF Classic Racing Membership!!

Friday the water is open, but use of the water is at your risk... not part of the event, not insured and no safety on site.

Jim Misener and John Webster have been talking with the park and have been informed that even though the park is not normally open this early all facilities will be ready for us. Only thing in question is the food stand, and they are working on that, keep your eyes on the forums for updates.

Saturday night a band has been hired again for a good time! It's the same group as last year!

Pushboat races will be held weather permitting on Saturday after regular races... Trophies have been donated by the VanValkenburgs for 1-2-3 in the pushing contest and 1st in the judging contest. Kids can use a home build or store bought boat. We have a couple boats kids can borrow if needed. If you're willing to make a couple extra in an afternoon, please do.

The new CBF/UIM classes T750 and T850 will be on hand for an on shore display on Friday and Saturday. Class promoters will be there Saturday to answer questions and let you sit in the boats.

New this year is the Tom Heighington Memorial Award. This was donated by his wife and kids and will be handed annually at Waterford to the highest scoring Rookie on Saturday. Under CBF a Rookie is anyone who has 10 or fewer days of racing. If you fall into this group, please let registration know. (In CBF you MUST have the white stripes on your helmet for 10 races! This is for yours and other drivers safety.)

At last count it looks like we'll have eliminations in several classes. So please help everyone out... be ready the heat before yours... be in the water at the end of the heat before yours... be prompt to inspection and to turn boat duties. And remember, everyone is a volunteer, they are doing their best at their jobs so YOU can race. Remember this if there is a delay you don't see a need for... maybe an official is at the washroom!

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Report—Swap Meet/Party May 9

Another huge turn out of people at the annual Boat Racing Swap Meet and BBQ Party! There must have been 50-60 total there to find deals, sell stuff and kick off the race season. Many faces I'd not seen before and several people I didn't get a chance to say Hi to or introduce myself to. I hope all found what they were looking for.

Rain come off and on with sunny breaks, wind and then calm, it was a mixed up day. During the dry spells I saw several outfits transferring hands... an ASR, 25SSH and 20SSH is what I saw. Others were for sale too.

On the water were an ASR, CSR, 20SSH, CSH and the new CBF Rescue Boat being put through its paces. The new rescue boat worked great! Thanks to all who have contributed and a big thanks to Michael Rorke who jumped in the frigid waters to be a test victim in his diving drysuit. No one else wanted to get wet, of course, and with two guys staying in the boat they could easily pull Michael on a stretcher/basket. During a race someone would jump in the water with life jacket on and guide the basket under the driver in the water. There is still an balance owing on the rescue boat, so donations are still being accepted. I think the balance owing now is about \$2000, we've paid down over 3/4's the way to our goal! Just awesome people!!

A raffle was held to help raise some money for the rescue boat and Susan Knox (pictured on the right) won the 50-50 of \$75! Also Bruce Bain donated some prizes to be raffled off and some of the winners were Scott Toole (BBQ tools and stop watch) and Jim Misener (Regates de Valleyfield hat), there was a couple others too I think.

Jim Misener then gave a little report on the Waterford race and how things were coming along. All sounded good and it is shaping up to be a great event with eliminations in several classes. Be ready to go because I'm sure they will have to make the heats go quickly!

Throughout the day Bruce Bain manned the BBQ serving up hamburgers, chicken burgers and hot dogs! All agreed a great cook!!

Pot Luck dinner was served up later on to the 20 or so people who stayed after the



by Andrew Fralick





swap. Lots of goodies filled the plates with enough for seconds and thirds.

Then the tunes came on and the party continued on until about 12am! Several stayed over both Friday and Saturday nights. It was a great time.

Thanks greatly to Rick and Christine Fralick of FralickBoats.com who opened their home to the mob! :)

See you there next year!

Boat Pics by Andrew Fralick

- 77CE Mike Lock flying his 20SSH
- 44CE Graham Fralick carving in his ASR

People Pics by Chris Fralick

- Susan Knox collecting the cash!
- Bruce Bain flipping burgers

- Bruce Bain checking the skies for the BIG Flip!

- Some of the gang.. Left to Right: Ross Webster, Dave Dalton, Dave Scott, Brian Rossman, Cam Newlands, Dave Gibson, John Webster, and Rick Mason



Web Pick This months internet pick is www.uhlhydroplanes.com Take the controls of a virtual unlimited hydroplane and join the season long racing league against other racers. Quite amazing effort has gone into this with

many custom team boats and simulations. Would make a good training ground for new real racers to practicing starting and such. Check it out!



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Team Report Orchard Racing

Port Neches, Texas, USA, May 2009

During the winter we totally rebuilt two engines with the support of Holloway Automotive in Stratford. With a one week early start to the season, combined with very cold Ontario weather, we were unable to final break-in engines at Wildwood. With water temperature at 47 degrees F (8 C) the engine block would contract too much causing internal scuffing when the pistons expand to running temperatures?

We drove to Texas in a day and half to try and find time to break-in an engine and test new stainless steel propellers. The Texas air temperature was 86 F (30 C) and water 73 F (23 C). Our elevation was basically at sea level compared to 981 ft. in Stratford ON.

Our competition hailed from Michigan, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, Missouri, New Jersey and R.J. West, the reining APBA champion made the 25 hour trip from California. We qualified 5th out of a 13 boat field. On the first 10 lap heat race Dan finished 3rd. The order of finish is reversed for the next heat race so we were 9th off the start dock, finishing 5th. Since we were a bit off the pace we decided to set-up the boat and engine as aggressive and loose as possible.

While the F3 boats were in the water and lining up for the start, three huge barges entered the river and received permission to go through. During this 15 to 20 minute wait the air temperature dropped at least 10 C, the winds became very stiff

Racecraft's Pops Trolian Passes Away

May 11, 2009 - Edgewood, Kentucky

Robert "Ponch" or "Pop" Trolian, Sr., passed away from complications following a stroke at the age of 64. He was an innovator in boat racing and all round great guy. He will be sadly missed by both his family and friends and hundreds he's

umn from when he was inducted into the APBA Honour Squadron this winter and a few pictures of boats he's made.

He is survived by his wife Linda and children Robert Jr. Paul, Sharon (Kerr), Teniell & Brian. His family quickly gathered to his side in

Kentucky following his illness and all were present at his passing.



touched in the racing community. On the right is the col-

and rain began to

fall! It absolutely poured for ten minutes before settling into a light steady rain with the wind continuing.

The conditions were quite horrible with limited visibility and choppy water. All drivers and teams performed flawlessly complet-

ing the event without any incidents or accidents. For the Crabby Joe's / Holloway entry the boat was a real handful. Dan drove a good race staving out of trouble while bringing it home as fifth runner-up.

The next race is Bay City, Michigan which is a double points, North American Championship, an event we won last year. We will break-in another fresh engine and lighten the race boat by eight to nine pounds. We will continue testing new and tweaked propellers, comparing off the dock starts, top speeds and lap times for a course which matches Bay City.

> R obert "Ponch" or "Pops" Trolian of Alexandria, Kentucky started racing outboards in 1964 and built his first boat in 1966 from plans in Popular Mechanics mogazine. What mode Trolian's boats distinctive was his choice of materials: plastic!

> He learned design and manufacturing while working for a plastics company. In the 1970s he worked for Genmar's Wellcraft Division and the Glastron Division. He began making very competitive, lightweight fiberglass runabouts and hydroplanes. Trolian also pioneered carbon fiber hulls from open molds. He has built over 500 racing hulls, which have won dozens of championships and set records.

All this time. Trolian had raced Stock Outboard: but his hydro plus the new OMC engine earned him championships, records and induction into the APBA Hall of Champions.

However, all this success in designing, building and racing pales in comparison to Bob Trolian's generosity. He has been known to deliver a new boat to a racer with a "pay-me-when-you-can" bill of sale. He helps any young racer who needs some racing part, boat repair or edvice. Recently, he donated a new runabout to the APBA Junior Classes.

Four of his five children have raced, and his sons Paul and Brian continue Ratecraft Racing Hulls. Team Rocecraft is often the largest contingent at an APBA outboard event.

After retiring from competition in the 1990s, Trolian became a Race Director and one of our most respected race officials. He ran nearly 100 APSA races, including many championships. In the last five years, he has directed three Stock Outboard National Championships. He can pull together a diverse group of officials and give all competitors a well-run, fair event,

Robert Trolian, Sr. contributes to the APBA not only with state-of-the-art hulls, but with talent, time and treasure.

-Edward W. Hearn



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Tunnel Talk

With all the anticipation during the winter months the first race of the F1 ChampBoat series finally arrived May 2-3, 2009 in lovely Port Neches TX. The weather was nice and sunny on the Friday and Saturday but became overcast Sunday and the SST 45 final had the worst rain storm I've seen anyone have to driver through but it did clear up shortly after there race finished. For most of the drivers it was their first race of the season and they were excited, the weekend was filled with gremlins in ChampBoat with Randy Rinker having fuel problems which set him back during Saturday's heat race, Jose Mendana Jr. had an electrical fire in his brand new Grand Prix hull but luckily he got it out before any serious damage was done. Our thoughts and prayers go out to David Brabham who blew over at the end of the second heat race and was air lifted to Houston hospital we hope he is OK and recovers quickly.

In Texas Tri-Hulls Jerry Rinker dominated the heat races all weekend but a poor prop choice allowed Dustin Terry to win the final followed by Hunter Barber and Whitney Terry. In SST 45 Canadian Dan Orchard was working in a new engine and props all weekend and qualified fifth for the final with fellow Canadian Butch Ott beside him in the sixth position. After delays because of large freight boats they finally started the race as a torrential downpour began, Dan pushed his Pugh boat hard but managed 6th place overall. The final results for the weekend included RJ West dominating all weekend in first followed by Mark Schmerbaugh and Bud Nollman.

In SST 120's the weekend included a few blow overs from Rob Dinicolantonio, Tracy Hawkins and Don Lick but all were OK and Texas' own Glyn Mathews dominated all weekend followed by Jimmie Merleau and John Fleming. The rain held up for the final for the ChampBoats with an exciting final race for the first seventeen laps Tim Seebold lead the race followed by Shaun Torrente and Terry Rinker then just before turn one there was a big bang and Tim's motor blew up and his boat was on fire, Tim was OK but it forced a restart with Canadian Brian Venton now in third place. At the restart that's how it remained with Michael Shubert and Chris Fairchild both trying to overtake Brian Venton. It was a crazy 32 laps from then on with only about 3 laps that Chris Fairchild wasn't pushing due to a missed buoy but in the end Brian held on and took third place. Canadian Ted Gryguc's team with Shaun Torrente taking first, followed by Terry Rinker and Brian Venton.

We had a great time in Texas the people are great and are very hospitable, while I was there I had the pleasure of meeting Canadian Champion Mark Rotharmel, I've read lots of his articles and watched many times on Powerboat Television and we talked about boat racing

past. Port Neches was one of the best races I've been to and would like to thank Forest Barber, Wayne Barber and Jerry Rinker for putting on the race and helping us, and of course Brian Venton for driving that boat like it was a rental and Tim Toole, Don Jenkinson and Carrie Gordon for an amazing weekend. Here are the top 6 results:

Champ

- 1 Shaun Torrente #42
- 2 Terry Rinker #10
- 3 Brian Venton #17
- 4 Chris Fairchild #62
- 5 Lynn Simburger #72
- 6 Randy Rinker #41

SST-120

- 1 Glyn Mathews #36 2 Jimmie Merleau #69
- 3 John Fleming #9
- 4 Tim Fry #64
- 5 Don Lick #11
- 6 Mark Welch #95

SST-45

1 RJ West #93 2 Mark Schmerbaugh #35 3 Bud Nollman #6 4 Butch Ott #78 5 Robert Rinker #1 6 **Dan Orchard #97**

Tri-Hull

1 Dustin Terry #6 2 Hunter Barber #00 3 Whitney Terry #9 4 Jerry Rinker #10 5 Chris Rinker #21 6 Devin Corbit #85

by Scott Toole



Photos by Mark Rotharmel

Top: Champ winners, C: Torrente, R: Rinker, L: Venton

Middle: The Ted Gryguc owned #42 Torrente heading out.

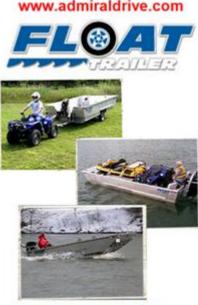
Bottom: Brian Venton #17 diving into the turn.





Scott Toole





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As the prop turns...

The APBA racing school mentioned in the last issue of TORC Talk sold out in no time and to this point is a great success! More events will be planned after the group putting on the event learns some things while holding the first school.

At the Swap Meet from the deck of the house there appeared to be a giant rubber ducky on display near the waters edge... as you got closer you realized it was a mean and lean all yellow composite CSR! The mystery driver listed in the forums and newsletters was about to be unmasked! Sadly he came out with helmet on and jumped in and off he went! Reports are he/she can not wait to get to Waterford!

Heather Knox has been touring Scotland for the past month. Sounds like she had a great trip! She just returned home and will return to Driver Profile duties for the next issue.

The ranks are still building for 2009... sounds like a few new serious prospects will be at Waterford or Carleton Place checking out the Yamato and DSH classes closely. Pass this newsletter to all your friends. Offer them a ride in your outfit. Leave a copy in your dentists waiting room... haha. Talk to you local marina about leaving a few copies there or displaying your boat in the parking lot for an afternoon. Volunteers are really needed too, not just racers! Contact the club to offer your time for a day at an event. Volunteering is also a great way to check the sport out up close and personal without buying any equipment yet.

At Waterford perspective T750 and T850 class drivers (production V hulls with stock production engines in the 50-60hp range) will be checking out some hulls on display on Saturday. Manufacturers are coming also to talk with future drivers and show their goods. A great opportunity for future racing here. They are also arranging a little Swap Meet at the event for gear used in the classes to help out perspective drivers. I see this as well thought out and great steps towards a class launch in 2010. For more information contact Don Whittington at dwhittington@datagroup.ca

Carleton Place, Ontario. Sorry I never received any

by Andrew Fralick

info on this event. It's June 6 and 7. The sanction is online at the www.cbfnc.ca website. Entry fee is 1st class \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20, J class \$15. 3 days in 2 racing. 3rd day is half price and one heat. OSY400, Junior and all Stock,



Modified and Classic classes are listed. This is a great piece of water to race on! See you there!

With a dry spell for races in the middle of this summer people are talking about having an insured one day testing day somewhere. Entry would be about \$30 a head and you could test all you wanted with safety on site. It's a great idea I think and should be pumped to get new interested drivers out for a try too. Maybe even combine with a vintage on water day. If this interests you, contact Jim Misener at hydroracer53@live.ca or post it on the CBF Forum.

There has been some talk about joint sanctioning the Kingston NH race this fall. This event is the hometown race of club member Steve Noury. A great little spot that would add to the CBF points race this year. It's not a bad drive for the 613 crew, but 905 is a long haul. We might go if CBF sanctioned and treat it like a little holiday and spend some time along the coast before or after. Everyone from the SSOA club hosting the event I've met are great people and I'm sure the event would be a great time. If this race interests you contact Eric Armstrong at (613) 831-3003 or email earmstrong@armstrongandrichardson.com

New club member Danny Potts has picked up a 20SSH to go with his Yamato. He and his father are very excited about this season and will be at Carleton Place for sure. They hope to make Waterford also. They bought the O'Conner hull that Joe Pemberton was selling. This is sure to help out their racing program. Congrats on the new hull guys! The Yamato classes are loaded now and will for sure be great to run in and watch with racing all over he course I'm sure.

Apologies people... this newsletter was a rush to get out in time for Waterford and is a little short... hope you still enjoy it. Andrew



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ABRA and APBA Re-Unite Press Release

(Detroit) After a five year separation, the American Boat Racing Association and the American Power Boat Association have reached an agreement that will once again make Unlimited hydroplane racing a part of the APBA.

"Personally, I am really pleased that we have been able to reach this agreement," said ABRA Race Chairman Sam Cole. "It positions us for the future growth of this sport and aligns us for potential global opportunities with UIM through the APBA. With the new events in British Columbia, Canada and Doha, Qatar-- being able to work with national sanctioning organizations through APBA is very important."

It also restores a missing tradition for Unlimited Hydroplane Racing. This will give the sport the return of the Martini-Rossi National Championship Trophy; opportunity to nominate and induct drivers, owners and others for the APBA Hall of Champions; and world-wide recognition for the race and speed records.

"This is a golden day for the sport of powerboat racing as a whole," said Mark Weber, APBA President. "This is a win-win situation that will also allow the APBA to help the Unlimited hydroplanes with better opportunities to bring in support classes for different races and help on other fronts with sanctions and insurance.'

A valued asset in the agreement for the ABRA is the return of trademarks, logo and marketing licenses, which will allow the sport to better brand Unlimited hydroplane Racing as the premier category of racing boats worldwide. The Unlimited teams will now have the APBA logo on their uniforms, boats and all transport trucks. Even though the two groups parted ways five years ago, the ABRA teams have been supportive of APBA, joining to compete for the APBA Gold Cup and the UIM World Championship races in Madison and San Diego; and many of the drivers have continued to compete in a variety of APBA categories.

"I want to thank Sam Cole and the ABRA Board of Directors for helping make this a reality," said Weber. "As Event Director for the Detroit Chrysler Jeep APBA Gold Cup and a former Unlimited hydroplane race driver myself, I am excited about the benefits we each can bring to one another.'

And Cole feels the same way.

"I want to personally thank our Board of Directors for supporting this agreement and working to move the sport forward in these tough economic times," added Cole. "And I would be remiss without acknowledging Mark Weber and Charlie Strang for their commitment and resolve

in getting this job done." "We have a bright future and share the common vision of promoting powerboat racing throughout the world," said Cole. "More importantly, it is a link that solidifies our past and recognizes achievement in the present and future."

In a photo from ABRA, Steve David in the Oh Boy! Oberto unlimited hydroplane drives the boat around a turn during qualifications for the Chrysler -Jeep APBA Gold Cup on the Detroit River on Friday, July 11, 2008, in Detroit.

The Swamp

2000 Keylard DSH/DCH hull (or CMH). Dave Scott & Jim Sweeney's old hull. Very fast & turns great (ask Dave). 36" bot, 82" afterplane, balsa core bottom, balsa coamings with Kevlar, 17" cockpit, 3.5" lift with "S" bottom. Comes with all hardware (mostly new). New Carbon Fibre turn fin. New fuel tank. Could use some paint to make it look pretty again. Boat is clean & very solid. Comes with collapsible Charlie Miller boat cart. \$1,500 CDN FIRM. Would be nice to keep this in Canada. Randy, 289-396-3465 randy rap@cogeco.ca

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May 23-24	Franklin PA
May 30-31	Waterford ON (+ Classic and T Class display)
June 6-7	Carleton Place ON (3 days in 2)
June 13-14	Augusta MI, Hubbarton VT
July 4-5	Pittsburgh PA (OPC)
July 11	ACBS Gravenhurst Summer Boat Show (Classics)
July 11-12	Akron OH, Valleyfield QC (INB), Marietta OH (OPC)
July 15-19	Zanesville OH, Mod Natls, Trenton MI (OB OPC)
July 25-Aug1	Grass Lake MI, Stock Nationals
Aug 1-2	St. Louis, MO (OPC)
Aug 8-9	Marathon Natls, Indian River MI, Algonac MI (OPC INB)
Aug 15-16	Rideau Ferry ON (Classic Inboard and Outboard)
Aug 22-23	Haverhill MA (+ Marathon)
Aug 29-30	Eastern Ontario TBD
Sept 5-6	Kankakee IL (OPC Nationals)
Sept 12-13	Taunton MA
Sept 19-20	Crystal Lake NY
Sept 26-27	Kingston NH (3 days in 2)
Nov 14	TORC Meeting @ THSC Club House - Guests Welcome



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