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#### 2011 TORC AGM—October 29

Hi TORC Members!

I hope you've had a great and fun race season! Through my eyes it has been one of the most suc-

cessful in decades years. This did not happen overnight, it is all in part to the building over the last several years and came to fruition this season with the work put in by past and present club level executive, the CBF Outboard Racing Executive, CBF Board of Di-

rectors, and a few other key people in the wings like Richard Brown, Don Whittington and Todd Billinger. There are others too, but the list would take pages, haha. Thanks to all!

Now might seem like it is the down time for racing, but this could not be further from the truth. This is the key time to plan and proceed with the growth/refinement for next year and beyond. The TORC Club Annual General Meeting is on October 29, 9am-1pm. Be there sharp if you are coming, or let someone know you will be late. Many things are happening, new race site topics/choices, race official talk, race safety talk, some positions are open in both the club and CBF and we HAVE to find replacements for we are dead in the water. Many tasks are simple and don't take much time, others are more involved and you would work closely with others who have great passion for this sport.

At this meeting is a list of topics to be covered, plus elections for all TORC positions. If you like the way 2011 went, be there to support the people involved. If you saw areas for improvement, come speak your mind and support people who stand with you.

Likely there will not be a newsletter out in time (one of the areas we need help!) so this is your notification.

The official agenda information thread is on the CBF forum.

http://cbf.hyperboards.com/action/view\_topic/topic\_id/1546

Post there or email any topics to Heather Knox <a href="heathereknox@gmail.com">heathereknox@gmail.com</a> so they can be added. If your topic is not on the list it will not be covered until the floor is open to new items (all topics on the list are covered first). Also if there is not time to cover a topic on the list, it will have been noted and not forgotten and covered at a future meeting.



by Andrew Fralick

If there are too many topics, they will prioritize the list, so don't be shy to bring your ideas and input forward.

Up for election are official positions of:

President Vice-President Treasurer Secretary Membership Director

Positions that also need election/filling are:

Points Statistician Curator of Awards Category Reps – Drag – ThunderCat Newsletter writers Newsletter publisher Webmaster

And others I'm sure

If you have an interest in any of these, please contact any member of the executive for more info if you like.

The meeting will be held at the Beaches area of Toronto at the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club clubhouse.

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The gate to enter gets automatically locked. SO be on time, or if you can't get in, call the phone number on the gate. No one will answer, but it will cause us to look at the gate. There is small amounts of parking in the club house. Just past the clubhouse gate is lots of additional parking.

I hope to see you there!

Andrew Fralick

#### On the Cover

Dunnville, Ontario pictures by Hydroplane Quebec's Joan Turcotte.

Top: 25SSH—It was a battle of the 5's as #5 Ed Tokarski of Waterdown gave Brian Rossman #5N of Lewiston NY a good run for his money.

Middle: Outboard Drag —#178 Michael Cory from Coldwater and #31 John Archer from Bracebridge battle it out in a heat of F1 drag racing.

Bottom: CSR—Darcy Sault of Welland learning the ropes at his first race!



#### ThunderCat—Year in Review

Historically, ThunderCat racing has existed around the globe for decades. As a new class in Canada there has been a lot of promotional activity both in Canada and the USA. As the 2011 racing season wraps up, let us recap was has transpired thus far,

for ThunderCat Racing Canada.

The 1st event was the 2011 Toronto boat show. **High Command Distributing** 

had a great display with action videos of ThunderCat racing in the ocean surf as well as an all white boat that looked very sharp. We are very please to have a

local distributor of these fine Aquarius Inflatable boats. Http://www.aquariusinflatablesna.com

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event was the Walled Lake Thunder race in Walled Lake Michigan. A ThunderCat race boat was on display in the beer tent at this Inboard racing event. Many thanks to team #77, Mark Hoderek for arranging this for us. A possible new team shown in the picture?

The 3rd event was a display at the Gravenhurst Ontario Race. This was an awesome event sponsored by Tim Hortons. High Command Distributing had a great display and provided a corner turn judging boat and demonstration rides for all interested parties.



Racing this year was the 4th event and began as usual with the Bay City River Roar in Michigan. The US-1 team John and Steve Heuninck showed up with their brand new Aquarius hull. Their rebuilt engine was delivered to the race site from Wienandt Performance Technologies. After resolving some tuning issues from Saturday, the Heuninck team went on to take the lead on Sunday. Overall results

by Steve Heuninck

for the weekend were as follows: 1st place was awarded to team #77 of Mark Hoderek and Gary Kowalski, 2nd place was taken by rookie

> team #8 of Jeff Keller and copilot Ken. with 3<sup>rd</sup> place going to the

US-1 team. The Bay City River Roar sponsored by Dow Chemical is always an

spectacular event.



The 5th event of the 2011 season was a Thunder-Cat demonstration at Beacon Cove Marine on Lake St.Clair in Harrison Township, MI. The Beacon Cove Marine event went very well and arrangements are already being made to repeat the event next year. Team 77 brought both of their ThunderCat rigs to offer one up for a some local enthusiast to take it for a spin. Hopefully we will have a new team for next year. A big thanks is in order for Mark Hoderek to arrange this event.



The 6th event was another ThunderCat demonstration at the Belle River Ontario Sunsplash on lake St. Clair. This was the second year that Belle River has hosted the Canadian Watercross Nationals for IJSBA. A big thanks to R&D Powersports for allowing us to setup display in the pit area. After the racing completed, the river was open to the public and Team US-1 went for a spin off the pier in front of the Beer tent for some high flying wheelies. The view was great and you could hear all the woo-oohing from all the boats at the swim hole. Tri-County Marine showed interest in the ThunderCat Race boats.

The 7th event was a display at the Quake on the Lake Inboard Race in Waterford, Michigan. A spe-

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### **TORC is Turning 60!**

In 2012 TORC is 60 years old! Can you believe it? As an aside... John Webster has been a member every year!! AMAZING!

We'd like to plan a couple events to celebrate...

Bring some ideas to the meetings or email them in. Whether they be at race ideas, social gathering ideas, or whatever... maybe old t-shirt contests, special displays at races or meetings of TORC heritage items or boats. Maybe you have old newsletters that people would get a kick out of seeing at the Awards Party? Throw your ideas out.

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It would also be great to dig out some of the old time racers and get them to the Awards Party or Spring Swap Meet/BBQ. Sort of a reunion. Spread the word and contact your old friends from racing. I've made 60th anniversary decals and they will be handed out to members as they join instead of the current club logo. They are very similar to the one displayed, but not the same (could not locate the artwork in time for newsletter, haha). They will also

be for sale if you want extra ones or are not a member. I hope to have them in time for the AGM meeting on Oct 29, but we will see.

They are 6" wide x 5.5" tall, so too large to mail in a standard envelope/stamp with your membership cards, so must be picked up in person from the club Membership Director, unless you make other arrangements. Best thing to do is come to a meeting or event and get them. I will post on the CBF internet forum as soon as they are complete and ready for delivery.

I am also looking at getting a Then and Now, 1952-2012 T-shirt made.

What are your ideas the club can do?

#### ThunderCat—Year in Review

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cial thanks to the APBA race committee for allowing us space to display in the hot pit area. There were quite a few inboard hydroplane racers and spectator that showed interest in the ThunderCat race boat.

The **8**<sup>th</sup> **event** was the Trenton Michigan Roar on the River race. A US Army solder in an inflatable costume jumped at the helm of the US-1 boat for a photo. This was taken in front of the Lockman's Marine hospitality tent. Lockman's Marine has always been a great supported of ThunderCat Racing. Team #8 took the win, with the US-1 team taking second place and team #77 taking third place.

The **9**<sup>th</sup> **event** was a tour on Lake Simcoe in Perfelaw Ontario hosted by High Command Distributing. It was a fun day, we took many people for a demonstration ride. High Command Distributing was very hospital with great food and accommodations.



The 10<sup>th</sup> event was the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual OPA Offshore Race in Sarnia Ontario / Port Huron Michigan. The ThunderCat boats were contracted to put on a demonstration on both sides of the St. Clair River. With six boats, we performed two 10 lap runs on Saturday at Sarnia Bay Marina and 2 more sets of 5 lap runs on Sunday as well as a run across the river for a 3 lap run in front of race headquarters in Port Huron, Michigan. This event went so well that a five year contract is in the works.



The 11<sup>th</sup> event was the Thunder on the Grand in Dunnville Ontario. This was the first sanctioned race in Canada for ThunderCat race boats. There were three boats with racing on Saturday and a demonstration on Sunday. Riverside Marina showed interest in these fine multi-purpose inflatable boats. Hopefully, we will see more Thunder-Cats next year. (Poor turnout due to conflict with USA Nationals same weekend.)

Two more events were held in Grass Lake, Michigan and Big Rapids Michigan in September. All and all it has been a busy season and a great deal of fun.

To keep up with the action, check out our site <a href="http://www.ThunderCatRacing.ca">http://www.ThunderCatRacing.ca</a> for up to date info on events, race team status and items for sale.

All the Best, Steve

#### Web Pick

www.BoatStars.com

BoatStars.com is pumping out the powerboat racing word like crazy.
On Facebook, Twitter, website and soon a magazine it sounds like. Created by local TORC Member Chris Boyd, we should do what we can to support the effort. Check it out!

#### The Sherriff's Blotter

For those who raced at an OPC event in the 90's, the voice of Bryan Agar was a familiar and welcome sound over the banks of the Grand River in Dunnville. Agar is not only known for announcing tunnel boat and v-bottom races, he's done stock outboard in Hamilton in 1997, and Offshore races at Ontario Place and in Mississauga, and numerous other events including drag races.

Carolyn Chymko of the Dunnville Chamber of Commerce was again instrumental in making this event happen in 2011. Dunnville resident and racer Mike Werner, with great assistance from Jordan Elliott finessed things to help make the race successful.

Certainly, success does not come without racers, crews, race officials, and volunteers. We are grateful for the efforts of the local volunteers, and the TORC group who was present on Friday and early Saturday to get the site ready, save for a few hiccups with the clock. Racing started pretty much on-time, thanks to all those who scrambled a bit to get things going.

This was the first race without Jim Misener as risk manager, and his absence was noticed, but people came together to ensure racing could begin. Racing was fairly smooth with just a few breakdowns, and fortunately, way fewer crashes than in Erinsville.

Saturday's crowd was quite strong, and news is the fans were quite pleased, as was the Town of Dunnville. RK Audio provided a great audio system, that stretched through the spectator and pit areas. We are endeavouring to have a good system at events that can support that, which should at least include Dunnville and Gravenhurst.

Drag boats put on a show Saturday after the stock outboard racing, and they were afforded ample time to perform their full-racing schedule, plus hold 'grudge' matches for more but unofficial races.

The drag boats began Sunday's racing, under overcast skies. The threat of rain seemed to scare the spectators away, even though there was a classic car display on the main street, though the threat of rain kept those numbers down to under 10. Boats don't mind a bit of rain, but classic cars really shy away from it.

I am hoping you enjoyed the race commentary! Bryan Agar knows how to make it exciting, fill time when required, and mention sponsors and other happenings whenever he was asked. I was the colour commentator, and as a rookie, I hope you enjoyed the banter of what some called, the "Bryan and Brian" show. What made it very good was your willingness to be interviewed. I do hope this was entertaining for the spectators, and truly gave them more insight and a bit of interest with the live interviews. Everyone who was interviewed answered the questions well, and appreciated that this was all about entertaining the spectators. Other people also provided us announcers with information about 'jumpers', reason for a breakdowns, and whatever else. Thanks to John Knox who helped on a few occasions, and everyone else who provided information.

At times, it became difficult to identify the boats on the backstraight. This was a problem due to the spray from the turn fin, numerous boats being identical unpainted wood, and lack of boat number on the left side of the boat. Often, the small bit of colour is enough to identify the boat. Think about that for next season.

Perhaps the best interview of the weekend was when Chad Webster was asked what he thought about his grandfather, John Webster, being inducted into the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame. His reply, "Well, I don't have his autograph yet", had many smiling and laughing.

The clock seems to be a bit of a sticky point. Or is it just

#### by Brian Sherriff

that it is sticking? Particularly in the last few seconds of the countdown, it seems to be creating havoc on the apparent early starters. I believe this is a priority item on the "wish list" of items required for operating a fair and successful event. The clock is such an important part of these events. It is important for TORC



to provide fair events, and everything that can be done to create a better experience for racers and families will help create an inviting atmosphere to entice Americans to come to a TORC event. This may be an important discussion at

the AGM, next week.

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A successful season? If you had fun, didn't get injured or at least have recovered from injuries, that is all good. The off-season is long, for those who need to repair boats, and for those who won a race or championship, that can be enjoyed all winter.

There were a lot of successes in other ways too. The T-class boats raced at every event, and the drag boats became more integrated into the

club. There are items that need to be tended to in order to make the operation of the drag boat races better, and we need to ensure they get to race every race day, weather conditions permitting.

Thundercats were added at Dunnville, and this may prove to be a good growth opportunity. The Fralick brothers have purchased a new boat, and there are rumours of others being quite interested. It adds another dimension to the race day, and makes a TORC event bigger and better. Thanks to Todd Billinger for promoting this class and to John Heuninck for the wild 'airing the boat out' in front of the crowd in Dunnville.

Remember to attend the Annual General Meeting on October 29th. This is your best opportunity to have your say and participate in the club. This invitation includes all members, which includes the drag boat racers. Integrating all racers is important for the sustainability of the club. Every racer contributed to making this a financially successful season, and it is a good opportunity for you to present your ideas on how the club moves forward in 2012.

The AGM is also when voting occurs for the Executive. Each position is up for grabs each year, which means any member can nominate another member for a position, then voting takes place immediately. The executive hopes you enjoyed the year, and I believe they did a lot this year, especially Jordan Elliot as president, and Andrew Fralick who does much more than his title of "Newsletter Publisher".

The executive has a good core of people, and the veteran insights of the Fralick's coupled with the strength of Elliott and Erik Luksep make for a good group to join to become involved. We are grateful for the fantastic efforts of Jim Misener, opening a position for Risk Manager at the events, and leading up to the events, and for Jayne Howard's registration and accounting work that is continuing at least until the AGM.

Is the newsletter necessary? Do new media types such as the TORC Facebook page, Twitter, blogs, YouTube and FastboatsCanada.com make the newsletter obsolete? For it to continue, we may need someone to take over the editing from Andrew Fralick. It is a volunteer position, so he can always give it up at any time. Or can you be the one to provide some news, write an article, or is it truly time for this media to end?

See you at the AGM if you are able to attend, but we realise there are many of you who are a bit too far to attend. Thanks to Brian Rossman and Steve Heunick for making trips to Canada to attend TORC races. See you soon!



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#### As the prop turns by Andrew Fralick

Classes are continuing to grow! Sounds like T750/850 boats are more similar to rabbits than boats... the numbers keep multiplying! How many make it too events is yet to be seen, but about 30 boats will be ready to run next year says Don Whittington. They showed great numbers at Dunnville and Gravenhurst this past summer.

Harold Fennel has been in touch with the club looking for a 302 to run... other names from the past are gathering equipment too. The Miss Supertest event and that hype helped many reconnect with the racing fraternity.

Another new person with a 302 is Tom Schnull of Toronto. Not sure who he is yet, but he's got most his gear and hopes to be at the AGM to meet people and check the club out.

In the small classes Eric Abel has also been shopping for some equipment to step up from his renting program. Looking at both ASH and ASR, he would be a welcome full time addition.

Also the Hunter family is looking for people who are interested in running the Hot Rod 15SSH/BSH class. They'd like to revive this class, well known as being one of best performing/handling classes Stock Outboard has to offer.

And not only are classes growing, but race site interest is growing. There has been a revived interest in events being

held in Wallaceburg and Woodstock, Ontario. People from these towns and others are talking to the club. The club is looking for local people who would be interested in helping with preliminary work in Southern Ontario. Woodstock in particular is one of the best race sites Ontario had to offer and has not been used since the 80's. (I won my first race there in 1981! Haha)

Early info says there will be quite a few race boats at the Toronto International Boat Show with at least 3-4 booth displaying race boats. We'll see what actually unfolds, but looks like it could be an exciting show!

Lastly... I lost a black hat and sunglasses at Erinsville... if any-

one found them, please bring let me know or bring to a meeting. Also we have a new phone number

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#### 1000 mile Run!

From the United Kingdom comes a story just days old about a man named John Lindsay. His father gave him the motivation and inspiration to run a ThunderCat around all of the UK and coast of France to raise money for cancer research. John's father was diagnosed with Melanoma and is not expected to survive.

The journey took him about 4 weeks. That's 50 miles per day through the ocean! I know my butt is feeling it after 20 minutes in a choppy lake! Haha. So I think that is incredible.

It's not said how much he raised, but whatever he got, I think it should have been more!

Best thoughts to the family and anyone effect by cancer.

### A new promotion source for boat racers

A new high performance power boating online magazine and community was introduced in January 2011, www.BoatStars.com They have been focused on bringing about a higher standard in the high performance power boat publishing sector. They have been continuing to grow this season and moving things forward in phases taking small steps at a time in a professional manner.

Their goal is to deliver fans, organizations and advertisers alike: market-leading value, innovative promotional campaigns and high impact content. In addition to working on publishing 11 magazines per year (Starting Summer 2012) Featuring top events and races they will be including featured news from social news feeds and connecting next through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages. Boat-Stars.Com is currently working on securing event & team promotional packages for high traffic races and high performance events.

Their event staff and media crew will be at over 50 races and events across North America and around the world with booth presence and plan to continue to partner with successful ventures moving forward.

On the internet, BoatStars.com has a growing online community for all enthusiasts with daily updates, web exclusives and more. The BoatStars.com social pages place the power of the media in the hands of our audience where organizations, racers and fans can log in and upload their coverage of events delivering an engaged and qualified audience for our participating organizations. The online event locater allows fans

to find local events from race organizations around the world.

BoatStars Entertainment continues to expand in each respective enthusiast market to encompass the passion of high performance power boating as a whole. They are aiming for their publications to successfully merge together the two worlds of power boat racing and recreational

high performance boating to create the total enthusiast pack-

age. Driven by a relationship first philosophy, they are a full service media outlet offering tailored print & media, online and event campaigns specifically targeted to the power boating demographic. BoatStars.com has help related teams, organizations, and brands gain exposure through their advertising platform that spans to fans and racers from over 20 top organizations worldwide.

They've built the site to offer you a best-in-class members content distribution platform and would like for you to join them in their quest to provide power boat racing fans and enthusiast with the highest quality news, information, media and entertainment in the industry news, information, media and entertainment

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	Jan 8	TORC Meeting, THSC 9am-12pm - Turn Judging School
	Jan 25-29	APBA A.G.M., Detroit MI
	Feb 5	TORC Meeting @ THSC 9am-12pm
	Feb 26	TORC Awards Party/Luncheon @ THSC 12pm-5pm
	Mar 25-27	London Speed Show, London (TORC Booth)
	Apr 2	TORC Meeting @ THSC 9am-12pm
	Apr 16-17	APBA Race - S.E. Divisionals, Jesup GA
	May 14	TORC Swap Meet & BBQ @ Fralick Boats, Picton, 10am-2pm
	May 14	TORC Test & Tune @ Fralick Boats, Picton, 10am-5pm
	May 14	TORC Pot Luck Party @ Fralick Boats, Picton, 5pm-??
	May 21-23	(Victoria Day) - APBA Race - Standish ME - SSOA
	May 28-29	APBA Race, Franklin PA - TRORA
POWERBOAT	June 11-12	CBF/APBA Race - Waterford ON
	June 18-19	Muskoka Seaflea Meet, 6 Mile Lake Park
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POWERBOAT	June 25-26	CBF Race, Gravenhurst ON
	July 9	ACBS Vintage Show, Gravenhurst ON
	July 9-10	APBA Race, Grass Lake MI - MHRA (Inbs - Valleyfield)
POWERBOAT	July 16-17	CBF Race, Erinsville ON + Outboard Drag Demo
		PWC Race / ThunderCat Demo, Belle River ON
	July 30-Aug	7 APBA Nationals, Wakefield MI
0000-	Aug 6-7	Offshore Race / ThunderCat Race, Sarnia ON
POWERBOAT	Aug 13-14	CBF/APBA Closed Course and Drag Race, Dunnville ON
	Aug 27-28	APBA Race - Haverhill, MA
		APBA Race - Dayton Record Runs, OH
	Sept 3-4-5	(Labour Day) - APBA/CBF Race - Lock Haven, PA
	Sept 10-11	APBA Race - Taunton, MA
		APBA Race - Grass Lake, MI
	Sept 17-18	APBA/CBF Race - Redwood NY - FLRC
		APBA Race - Berwick PA
		APBA Race - Big Rapids MI
	Sept 24-25	APBA Race - Kingston NH - 2nd Annual All Star Clash - SSOA
	Oct 8-9	APBA Race - Millville NJ
	Oct 29	TORC A.G.M



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