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Stat of the Month

= David Newton (a.k.a. the MiniCzar) has won more races in his ERCU career (25 combined in both classes) than any other driver.

ERCU Trivia

? Did you know: David Newton is the only driver to have won the vintage Bernie Little Memorial, and has done it with three different boats (68 Miss Bardahl in 2006, 60 Miss Thriftway in 2005, and the 57 Maverick in 2004).

ERCU Ushers in New Year with Fun Run at Shady Lake

The year 2007 was formally ushered in as 17 ERCU members once again braved the elements at Shady Lake for the annual New Years Day Fun Run.

The lake was like glass for those who brought their equipment out under cloudy skies and 40 degree temperatures. At least three pop-up tents appeared on the lawn with parkas and gloves as necessary accessories for the day.

First out was **John Williams** with his Oh Boy! Oberto, shortly after the noon hour. John has been working hard in the off season getting some 16 dummy motors ready for his E-R/CU clients.

Although suffering a nasty case of road rash from its (losing) battle with a truck in October, **Mike Campbell's** Notre Dame was arguably the fastest boat on the water, with **Jeff Campbell** a close second with his Lil' Buzzard. **Bob VandenAkker** tested his Notre Dame and Pride of Pay 'N Pak several times with the support of **Judy Fenton**, and **Craig**



John Burkey's smile shows that he's excited about completing the new Miss Wickman, while Bob VandenAkker looks as if he's not too excited about even more competition in the vintage class.

Bradshaw ran some laps with his \$ Bill. **Dawna Gross** got tests in on both her Such Crust III and

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R/C Hydro Show coming in February

It's boat show season, and while there's a huge show at Qwest Field Exhibition Center every year that might have one or two unlimited hydroplanes on display, there's a whole show of nothing but unlimited hydroplanes of all shapes and sizes at the R/C Hydro Show.

The third annual R/C Hydro Show will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at the Hydroplane and

Raceboat Museum in Kent, Wash., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and is open to the public.

This show, back-dropped by the museum's beautifully restored real hydroplanes of the past is unique because it features model hydroplanes – in 1/10 scale, 1/8 scale and 1/6 scale – from across



Big boats . . . Little boats . . . Boats galore! It's a hydroplane heaven of sorts.

the region.

Members of at least three clubs will proudly display their boats, conduct a swap meet and visit with attendees throughout the

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THE MILL

ERCU news briefs

ERCU supports UNJ
ERCU has purchased an ad in the January issue of Unlimited News Journal, and we're considering more advertising in the publication throughout 2007. Budgets are tight at UNJ, so if you're in a position as a business owner or manager who decides where advertising dollars are spent, be sure to contact UNJ Vice President (and ERCU's own) **Kirk Pagel** for more information. Also, don't hesitate to send in your subscription if you haven't already done so.

APBA membership is mandatory starting this year
Just a reminder that the ERCU board voted, on recommendation from the membership, to make full-year APBA memberships mandatory for those who will attend the majority of races this season. It should be clear that the club will still offer the \$10 daily memberships, but it is preferred that all who run more than four races have the full-season membership. To get membership, contact **Rick Lentz** or **Roger Newton** for the correct form, or go online to www.apba-racing.com, where you can buy a membership. Before February 28, the cost is \$45. As of March 1, and after, the cost goes up to \$50. Without an APBA membership, you won't be eligible to run in ERCU events.

ERCU, Rose Festival add Rose City Regatta to 2007 sked
Nelson Holmberg and **Kerry Kjos** have been working hard to develop race locations and opportunities in the Portland area to not only continue the growth of ERCU, but also to provide different opportunities for racing. As a result of that work, the Rose Festival Association in Portland will be making ERCU an official part of the Rose Festival, and will be the only Rose Festival event held in Southeast Portland (Westmoreland Park, for those familiar with Portland). So mark your calendars for Sunday, June 24 for a trip to Portland. The ERCU Columbia Division, Rose City Model Yacht Club and the Rose Festival Association will serve as hosts of the race, which will most likely be known as the Rose Festival RC Regatta. And the race site is easy to get to — only about 30 minutes further down the road than Woodland. We hope you'll all plan to come — and Robbie should plan to make it a weekend . . . there's a golf course just across the street from the race site!

ERCU Stats & History project is underway
ERCU's new statistician, **Nelson Holmberg**, has already been busy during the off-season. Not only has he been building a new career points standings list for the membership, but he has also overhauled the season stats (pages 6-7) lists, and provides the results for every racer at each event throughout the season. Nelson has also taken the time to research every race that has ever been run in ERCU's history, and put together a complete document that shows locations of each race, who won the final heats in each of them, who our career race winners are, and much more. Nelson reports, however, that there is a little bit of missing information, so if you think you might be able to help, please contact Nelson. The missing info is mostly race locations and award winners over the years. The document will be added to the website when it is complete, so help out if you can.

MIKE CAMPBELL

Family: wife Cindy, daughter Courtney
City he calls home: . . . Live in Auburn, Wash., grew up in Lake Oswego, Ore.
Job (when not boating): Lab technician for Red Dot Corporation
College Football Loyalty: University of Oregon Ducks
Favorite Current Unlimited Hydro: Cooper's U-3.
I also keep an eye on the former Bud hulls.
Favorite Unlimited Hydro of the past: The ill-fated Bardahl cabover.
As a kid it just looked fast!
Boats he races in ERCU: . . 57 Miss US, 69 Notre Dame, 73 Country Boy
What was your first car? 1971 Fiat 850 sports racer - I still have it
What was your first job? Dishwasher
When and how did you get involved in scale racing? . . . The first year of ERCU, and it is all Roger Newton's fault
Have you ever had a manicure/pedicure?: UHHH . . . NO
Coke or Pepsi? Coke. But I did go through a Pepsi phase



BIG BOAT news

■ The U-1 Formula Boats now appears on 2006 National Champion Formula Boats which raced as the U-7 last season, with rookie **Mike Allen** in the cockpit.

■ U-25: The Jim Harvey hull; Ken Muscatel says it's only a 50/50 chance he'll return with this hull in 2007. Ken spoke of the 2007 season, following the Holiday dinner at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum.

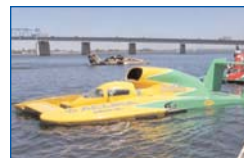


■ U-5 Formula Boats: has tested in Ohio, with **Jeff Bernard** driving, in the offseason.

■ U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison: More on the new hull for 2007; **Mike** and **Larry Hansen** will be stripping the 1988 hull, using many parts on the new boat. After the new hull is ready, they will complete the old hull for display or sale.

■ U-13 Spirit of Detroit: Work continues at the Auburn boat shop, where ERCU held its December meeting due to another function at the HARM.

Roger Newton reports that they are building extra parts and getting the hull ready for the upcoming racing season.



■ U-21 Freedom Racing Team: The team will test the new hull in the Tri-Cities prior to next June's season opener. **Brian Perkins** continues to commute between Seattle and San Diego to help with new project and get fitted for the canopy.

■ The U-37 Schumacher Racing Team will be sponsored for the entire circuit in 2007 by Beacon Plumbing. The sponsor is looking to expand services on the West Coast. The former "Miss Seattle" name and red trim are gone. The Beacon Plumbing will show off its new paint scheme at the

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a moment with



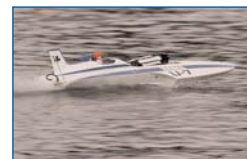
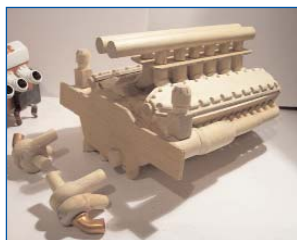
THE MILL

ERCU news & rumors

Rick Lentz is making hardware improvements on both the 58 Bardahl and the U-95... **Craig Bradshaw** is working on the Gilmore Special for **Dan Gilmore**, and tinkering with his own boats, trying to make them go faster... **Ron Hornung** reports that his boats are upside down in the shop... **Patrick Gleason** reported that he recently bought the 65 Bardahl from **John Williams**, and that **Jeff Campbell** is building the '81 Thousand Trails for him... **Mark Gran** reported that he's making progress on the Breathless II... **David Newton** is working on the 1979 Miss Circus Circus, which is coming along nicely... **Kerry Kjos** is selling his RCU 1/8-scale boat and all of the support gear (see www.rcunlimiteds.org, For Sale page if you're interested), and is getting ready to build a new 1/10-scale Miss Thriftway... **John Burkey** says his Miss Wickman is almost ready to hit the water, and that the Smokin' Joes is a "pain in the (rear)"... **Jim Clark** continues to work on the 1/24-scale project, and had positive news to report after his testing at Shady on New Year's Day... **Bill Smiley** said he's spent a lot of time looking at his new modern hull from Campbell Boat Works, and has decided it will be a U-4. Bill added that he's getting ready to plan for hardware placement and prep for painting



Nelson Holmberg said the 73 Red Man is going to Monte Steere's for strut repairs, and the 78 Madison project is coming along, as both cowlings have been built. He's now waiting for the weather to warm up so painting can begin... **Scott Fetterly** said that construction on the 94 Miss Exide continues in **Nigel Steere's** shop. Scott will paint the boat himself, and he reported he'll continue to run the 61 Miss Madison... **Mike Campbell** is working on race repairs and truck repairs - everything is ready for paint... **Jeff Campbell** said he's still working on everyone's boats, and will start making hardware (previously ordered only) in February or March... **Kirk Pagel** announced the hiring of Lt. Col. Nelson Holmberg, WSU as his driver for the under-construction 1956 Shanty I. He also announced the 71 Atlas (display only) would be on display at the upcoming R/C Model Boat Show, and that the Hurricane VI is ready to race... **John Williams** announced several projects, including some new dummy motors available. Still working on his 1/6-scale Miss Madison, and he's going through his other boats to work out glitches... **John Earnest** has a new Gale V in the works, and picked up parts for a carbon Slo-Mo-IV... **Steve Twardus** shared that he picked up plans for a Miss Seattle from Roger at the meeting... **Ron Daum** said he's working on plans for others, giving the Pepsi a hardware overhaul and is still "dithering" over the Lumar sponsors... And last, but not least, our good buddy **Jerry Courtway**, who's now racing the "bigger" boats in RCU, is keeping busy building a new Vacationville.com U-3. He's even building the dummy motor himself, and shared a picture (left) of his progress for us to see.



BIG BOAT news

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2007 Seattle Boat Show. Expect a yellow and black checkerboard scheme reminiscent of the '68-'69 Checkerboard Bardahl.

■ **U-99 Lakeridge Paving:** The former Leland hull known as "Lucky" was recently acquired by new owner

Greg O'Farrell, of Lakeridge Paving, Hydro Museum Director



David Williams' name has been mentioned as a possible driver for this boat at the two Northwest races.

■ **U-100 Leland Racing** has a 560 CI Mopar, big block mock-up motor, and blower assembly reminiscent of the **Keith Black** units used by the

Pay'n 'Pak team in 1969 in the shop for positioning in the auto power hull. Prior to the Holidays the big block Chrysler Corp., motors and custom pistons arrived at the Leland shop in Kirkland.



2007 BIG BOAT PREDICTIONS

■ 2007 will open with two to three new racing hulls. None of these new boats should be 100 percent in their first year of competition. That being said, I would look for all or most of them to be dialed in by season's end. Seattle and San



Diego could be the two best competitive races of the six race season.

■ **Erick Ellstrom** wants to be back in the winner's circle. If the **U-16** does not finish as season High Points champ, it'll be in the top-3.

■ The **U-37 Beacon Plumbing** is going all out. This boat could repeat as Gold Cup champion and will be in the top three points contenders.

■ The **U-1** (last year's **U-7**) and **U-5 Formula Boats** duo have done little to nothing to improve their lot during the offseason. Look for this pair to slip down to fifth and sixth place in the High Points with maybe one race win between the two.

■ This leaves the **U-6 Oberto**. Look for them to place ahead of the **U-10** and **U-3**. Possibly second or third in High Points, just simply because they will have podium finishes all season.

— Compiled by **Kirk Pagel** of **UNJ**
Pics courtesy of **ABRA**

2007 schedule

(subject to change)

MARCH

Date	Event	Location
25	Test Day	TBA

APRIL

Date	Event	Location
15	Champion Spark Plug	Centralia
22	Silver Cup	Puyallup

MAY

Date	Event	Location
27	Bill Brow Memorial	Twin Lakes

JUNE

Date	Event	Location
3	Leo Vandenberg	Lake Pleasant
9-10	President's Cup	Lake Wilderness
24	Rose Festival R/C Regatta	Portland

JULY

Date	Event	Location
15	Bernie Little Memorial	Bellevue Pond

AUGUST

Date	Event	Location
12	Diamond Cup	Pipe Lake
26	Seafair Trophy	Coulon Park

SEPTEMBER

Date	Event	Location
9	Stan Sayres Memorial	Cherokee Bay
22-23	Gold Cup	Lake Wilderness
29-30	Apple Cup exhibition	Chelan

OCTOBER

Date	Event	Location
7	Brewers Cup	Shady Lake
13	Cascade Cup / Nat'l Chmp.	Woodland

Season high points for boats and drivers will be based on the 10 best finishes for the year.

There is a good possibility, too, that there will be more Columbia Division races in the Portland area during the season. Those events will be announced on the club's website as they are confirmed throughout the spring and summer.





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Shady Lake hosts New Year's hydros

Candyman hulls before the U-5 threw a prop.

Roger Newton had his Hawaii Kai out briefly and **Bill Smiley** got in several test runs with his Miss

Thriftway. **Patrick Gleason** had both his Miss Spokane and Parco's O-Ring Miss on the Lake, testing batteries and propellers. The Miss Spokane was running better than we have seen it lately. Patrick has purchased **John Williams'** Miss Bardahl and plans for it to show up as the 1965 ver-



Patrick Gleason proudly displaying his Parco's O-Ring Miss and the Miss Spokane during the Fun Run.

sion. Patrick finally has a hydro to match his Mini Cooper!

Our "Ace" photographer **Jim Clark** ran his new

1/24th scale (unpainted) Notre Dame. It looked great in the calm water, and almost looked like it could compete with its bigger cousins.

On hand but not running, were **Ron Hornung's** Skip-A-Long and **Kirk Pagel's** Hurricane VI. **John Burkey** brought out the primered and

soon-to-be finished Miss Wickman for a test float and Show & Tell. **Dave Gardner** and family, and **Rick Lentz** were on hand to lend moral support.

Host **Rocky Peterson** had his pedal craft on hand for Coast Guard rescue duty. Several runs were made out onto the course to retrieve wounded boats. It proved to be a good way to warm up, except for the wet seat.

By 2:30 p.m. the fog started to roll in and with it the rains came in earnest. Testing

ended around 3 p.m., but word is served that there will be some good, fast boats ready by the time April rolls around.

— Story & pics by **Kirk Pagel**,
ERCU: The Newsletter
club reporter



2006 rookie of the year Dawna Gross and Kurt Tavenner with the Candyman and the reliable old Such Crust IV.

ERCU "stat geek" report

stat geek takes a peek into the crystal ball

Those who already know me well already know that I love stats.

My wife **Dawn** was in denial that I was a Stat Geek until I tracked various stats on our big snowbird trip to the Southwest last winter. 5,298

miles in the motor home, 8,385 miles in the car, 15 different RV parks, etc.

But now, I'm the statistician for ERCU, and I couldn't be happier about it.

I'm an official Stat Geek again.

I've already put together a pretty comprehensive package of statistics that include the first four years of club history. Some of the stats you've probably already gathered: **David Newton** has won a club-best combined 25 races (including 18 in the vintage class). **Jeff Campbell**, not surprisingly, is next with 21 (12 modern), and **Mike Campbell** follows with 18 (16 modern). But would you have guessed that it's not **Kerry Kjos'** 1960 Miss Thriftway that leads the way for vintage boat wins? Actually, Kerry's 10 wins are two fewer than the 12 posted by Newton's 1957 Maverick.

Does anyone remember that **John**



Williams is the proud owner of three wins? Or that the 1973 Red Man has claimed two race victories? In 2003, Williams won three races with the 1973 Pay 'n Pak. In 2005, **Rick Lentz** won the Ted Jones Memorial (the Gold Cup connie),

and **Monte Steere** drove Lentz's Red Man to a win in the Atomic Cup (which was the connie at the Puyallup Thunderfest Regatta).

The stat package will soon be available on the club's website before the end of the season, so keep an eye out for it.

My point is that stats are living (OK ... written) proof of the history we all know exists whether we choose to pay attention to it or not. Stats are also a perfect way to make sure that accomplishments of those not at the top of the list are never forgotten.

Based on the stats that I've compiled so far, here's a look into the Statistical Crystal Ball that the **Great Spamdini** lent me. If you don't know anything about Spamdini, make sure to read **Ron Daum's** Chairman's Chatter right away.

The Statistical Crystal Ball – **Dionne**

Warwick confirmed that it's working correctly, too (so blame her if these predictions don't pan out) – says:

- Either **Jeff Campbell** or **David Newton** will win the Gold Cup (vintage); **MiniCzar** will win the Bernie Little Memorial (vintage).
- **Jesse Robertson** will return to the scaffold, if not for **Kerry "Willard Rhodes" Kjos** then for another owner, and claim four race wins.
- The Portland/SW Washington area will host three (including Centralia) ERCU races this season – a first for number of races outside the Puget Sound region.
- **John Burkey** (vintage) and **Ron Hartley** (modern) will win Rookie of the Year honors.
- **Dawna Gross** will win at several heats, make at least one final, and will be the first ERCU member to repeat as Most Improved Driver.
- **Mark Gran** will finish the Breathless, and will press Burkey for vintage Rookie of the Year honors.
- **Rick Lentz** will have hired at least one new architect, and will have more time for boat racing, returning to the Top-10 in at least one class, if not both.

— Story by **Nelson Holmberg**
ERCU Statistician





ERCUC chairman's chatter

some 2007 predictions from "The Great Spamdini"

Happy New Year everyone!
A new season is upon us with lots of new stuff and a new rambling from yours truly.

- So here goes:
- A new logo, very cool.
 - A new schedule (still in the making).
 - A new Contest Board...ok just a couple new faces so sort of new.

■ New motors and members bent on toasting them and their speed controls in the search for more speed. Like I always say, I love the smell of burning insulation in the morning, it smells like victory!

Speaking of victory, what do the Vegas oddsmakers have to say about our sport — it is a sport is it not???

For predictions on our upcoming 2007 season, I consulted my old buddy **Nick Eutizzi** on the subject.

Although he is just another engineer I know with a name that sounds like he should have a 1-800 gambling number, he does bet the ponies occasionally and has been to Vegas once or twice, so he agreed that he was well qualified to set the odds at 10-1 favoring our having a good season.

Beyond that he was clueless.

Who next to consult on our future? Ah yes, the **Great Spamdini**. If I give him the answers, he can tell us the questions. Test yourself figuring out the questions to the answers

below and check the fine print on the last page to see if you are as good as the Great Spamdini:

Answers:

1. Ron Daum
2. That White Boat
3. Howard Price
4. Steve Twardus
5. Hot pink stretch pants
6. The boat in the lead
7. Short attention span theater
8. Miss Pepsi
9. Orange buoy grabber
10. The Campbells



find the great spamdini's questions, for these answers, on pg. 6 ▼

— Story by **Ron Daum**
ERCUC Chairman



news tidbits

Time to update the website's Boats Section . . . and more

The Contest Board has made it a priority to have the Boats Section of the website updated to include all of the current boats that will be running this year.

Soon a form will be sent out to all members asking for the pertinent data that will be used to highlight that

section and provide interesting reading for the website visitors.

This data will be given to the webmaster with the goal of having all boat information up-to-date by the time the first race of 2007 rolls around.

It's important that every-

one try to do this update.

Your 2007 ERCUC Contest Board Members

- Ron Daum** – Chairman (daumrh@comcast.net)
- Rick Lentz** – Secretary (RickL@mlarch.com)
- Henry Marvin** – Treasurer/Registrar (Henry22@earthlink.net)

Roger Newton – Race Coordinator (czarroger@comcast.net)

Mike Campbell – Technical Inspector (mdc109@aol.com)

Bob VandenAkker – Scale Inspector (jafour2000@yahoo.com)

Nelson Holmberg – Statistician/Publicist (n.holmberg@comcast.net).

▲ continued from pg. 1 Don't forget the R/C Hydro Show

day. There will undoubtedly be story-swapping and bench-racing for all to enjoy, as well.

All club members are encouraged to attend and bring as many boats as they can for a display. Please also bring your tables and any information you might have about your boats. At the same time, if you have used parts, batteries, motors, or even boats, that you'd like to put up for sale at the Swap Meet, admission will cost you \$5.

If you're just coming to display your boats and hang out with the gang, there's no admission fee for club members.

Organizers are inviting vendors – be they hobby stores, or hobby distributors, or anyone who has hydroplane

memorabilia to sell. Vendor tables are \$10 per vendor, and vendors should bring their own tables, chairs and display materials.

Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds (ERCUC) and its sister-club R/C Unlimiteds (RCU) are co-sponsors of the event.

A special thanks goes out to **Marc Connelly**, RCU secretary, who is donating all of the design for the promotional flyers and other printed materials.

ERCUC's **Roger Newton** is heading



Last year's show was a big success, with lots of models among the big boats in the museum. (photos by David Newton)

up the project, while receiving help from **Kirk Pagel**, and other ERCUC members. Thanks everyone!





ERCU secretary's report

minutes from the january 7, 2007 membership meeting

Chairman **Ron Daum** opened the meeting with 28 members present. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as submitted. All members are reminded that the deadline for renewing active boat registrations is January 31. Any boats not renewed by that date will be available for open registration on a first-come/first-served basis.

Our club will be hosting an RC Show for clubs, vendors and enthusiasts on Sunday February 11 at the Hydroplane Museum in Kent. Assistance will be needed from club members to help with the arrangements and on the day of the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring their boats for display. It will also be a venue to sell parts and memorabilia for those so inclined. Admission will be \$5 at the door, and free to members who are displaying boats only. Questions regarding the show should be directed to **Roger Newton**.

The racing schedule for 2007 is firming up, although there are still a few details to work out. Newton provided the updated schedule:

Date	Location	Race	Contest Director
4/15	Centralia	Champion Sparkplug	John Earnest
4/22	Puyallup	Silver Cup	Monte Steere
5/27	Marysville	Bill Brow Memorial	Henry Marvin
6/3	Lake Pleasant	Leo Vandenberg	Bob VandenAkker
6/9-10	Lake Wildermess	President's Cup	John Williams
6/24	Portland	Rose Festival Regatta	N. Holmberg
7/15	Bellevue Pond	Bernie Little Memorial	J. & M. Campbell
8/12	Pipe Lake	Diamond Cup	Rick Lentz
8/26	Coulon	Seafair Trophy	Ron Daum
9/9	Cherokee Bay	Sayres Memorial	M. Steere/D. Gilmore
9/22-3	Lake Wildermess	Gold Cup	ERCU Board
9/29-30	Chelan	Apple Cup Exhibition	Rick Lentz
10/7	Shady Lake	Brewer's Cup	Jim/Dave Lilly
10/14	Cascade Cup	Woodland	Nelson Holmberg

(Note: the Cascade Cup will again this year be the official National Championship race as recognized by APBA)

In addition the club will be hosting a test day on Sunday, March 25 at a location to be determined. On this day a course with buoys and scaffolding will be set, and the start clock will be available. All will be encouraged to test equipment, practice running on a set course, and even complete rookie qualifications. Set-up will be at 9 a.m. and the course will be open until 5 p.m., or as dictated by attendees.

Nelson Holmberg reported on the activities of the club's Columbia Division in the Portland area. There are now five members seeking to generate interest in the area by scheduling several exhibition races, with dates worked around the main ERCU schedule so that Puget Sound members would have the opportunity to try out the southern hospitality. Once the main schedule is finalized the exhibition race dates

will be confirmed. As per the Chelan exhibition race, these would be non-points events when listed as exhibitions, although they would be supported and endorsed by ERCU. Some of the events may be for points, which will count only in the Columbia River Division. Those events will be clearly designated, and separate standings will be kept in the Columbia River Division, for any points events.



Nelson also presented his initial efforts in marketing information for the club. Sponsorship packages are being prepared that can be used to draw interest in

the club. Board members will be contacting individuals and businesses to seek support for the club functions. A separate Race Sponsorship package will be available to all race Contest Directors if they wish to use them. An updated club brochure is being prepared for distribution at races and hobby shops. The club has placed an ad in the upcoming Unlimited Newjournal, so keep an eye open for that.

All boats need to pass inspection prior to their first race. Board Inspectors **Mike Campbell** (technical) and **Bob VandenAkker** (scale) will be updating the inspection sheet for records. Members are encouraged to bring their boats to the monthly meetings to have the inspection completed prior to race day. Picture(s) of the real boat need to be provided at the time of inspection to assure conformance with the appearance criteria in the rules.

The rules for the 2007 racing season are being reviewed and will be presented in draft form at the next meeting for review and comment by membership. The major change from last year will be the addition of the Himax brushless motor as an acceptable alternate to the AstroFlight 25-5 turn, and the modification of the battery limits up to 4200 mAh for sub-C cells. Also, lipo batteries with a voltage rating of up to 14.8 will be allowed. All members will be required to maintain active APBA membership, with card numbers verified prior to the first race. Other rule changes are being considered, but are mostly house-keeping issues that will tighten up loose ends in the existing rules, such as acknowledging the use of a one-minute start clock.

The club computer will be available at the next meeting. The program will be explained and interested persons can practice race day set-up and operation, so that alternates are available to help out on race day.

There being no further business, after News and Rumors the meeting was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 4, beginning at 2 p.m., at HARM.

— Story by **Rick Lentz**
ERCU Secretary



The questions are in from the Great Spamdini

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The Great Spamdini says the questions are:

1. Who snatches defeat from the jaws of victory?
2. Who jumped the gun?
3. Who has charged every battery he owns except the one in his hearing aid?

4. Who launches his boat by jumping in with it?
5. What do you see when Donna drives Hawaii Kai?
6. What is the only one still running?
7. What is posting the draw for the next heat like?
8. What makes its own water and makes everyone else run in it?
9. What is the U-95
10. Who are ERCU's version of the Flying Walendas?





Statistics ■ 2006 Season (Final)

Vintage Boat Points

No.	Boat	Owner	CSP	SSM	BBM	SC	LEO	PC	BLM	SEA	DIA	GOLD	GAR	BREW	CC/NC	Total	Drops	High Pts
1.	Miss Thriftway	Kerry Kjos	1,269	1,071	1,327	1,600	748	1,100	0	1,400	1,369	1,452	1,325	1,269	1,900	15,830	1,819	14,011
2.	Lil Buzzard	Jeff Campbell	1,100	1,100	400	1,400	800	1,100	1,025	925	1,425	1,825	1,369	800	1,369	14,638	2,000	12,638
3.	Notre Dame (63)	Bob VandenAkker	919	1,095	1,127	900	910	1,500	823	1,169	506	1,055	1,052	1,000	1,494	13,550	2,229	11,321
4.	Evergreen Roofing	Jeff Campbell	400	1,327	1,100	1,225	1,200	1,025	1,000	700	625	756	1,025	800	900	12,083	1,025	11,058
5.	Timex II (72)	Jason Hartley	0	785	700	800	1,000	1,020	1,500	800	1,169	1,100	1,500	850	0	11,224	700	10,524
6.	Hallmark (Black)	Jeff Campbell	300	969	1,025	969	1,425	950	0	682	800	1,338	1,100	969	813	11,340	982	10,358
7.	Notre Dame (69)	Mike Campbell	1,100	1,327	525	625	800	225	515	1,500	1,225	1,150	0	0	0	8,992	0	8,992
8.	Muvalong	Gary Hansen	638	900	0	0	825	300	0	0	750	1,625	1,195	1,225	1,175	8,633	0	8,633
9.	Notre Dame (66)	Bob VandenAkker	694	600	769	900	1,150	769	769	769	0	521	750	694	690	9,075	521	8,554
10.	Miss Bardahl (68)	Roger Newton	0	0	1,325	0	475	813	1,500	1,000	0	964	300	0	1,550	7,927	0	7,927
11.	Miss Exide	Henry Marvin	385	775	550	0	300	773	716	325	877	862	917	865	802	8,147	300	7,847
12.	Miss Bardahl (67)	Jim Clark	296	0	638	863	794	1,400	0	1,050	0	1,277	0	1,050	0	7,368	0	7,368
13.	Pay 'N Save	Steve Twardus	0	600	300	0	1,269	0	794	700	0	1,104	502	0	887	6,156	0	6,156
14.	Miss Wahoo	Bill Smiley	0	0	0	0	600	563	1,019	885	0	1,138	624	0	1,039	5,868	0	5,868
15.	Vans PX	Mark Hansen	1,100	400	0	0	850	0	863	0	0	795	1,000	470	0	5,478	0	5,478
16.	Such Crust IV	Dawna Gross ®	641	0	619	0	563	254	352	469	549	127	450	739	577	5,340	0	5,340
17.	Skip-A-Long	Ron Hornung	694	450	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	869	1,013	1,052	0	4,378	0	4,378
18.	Hurricane IV	Ron Hornung	694	549	400	96	0	1,094	469	469	569	0	0	0	0	4,340	0	4,340
19.	Miss Bardahl (58)	Rick Lentz	0	0	338	0	300	0	577	675	710	765	0	0	787	4,152	0	4,152
20.	Miss Timex (clock)	Jerry Johnston	0	169	700	0	750	525	549	0	0	225	0	506	661	4,085	0	4,085
21.	Miss Madison (61)	Scott Fetterly	0	0	0	592	725	737	127	0	0	507	0	1,269	0	3,957	0	3,957
22.	Hallmark (Red)	Henry Marvin	675	619	0	0	95	450	1,027	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	3,866	0	3,866
23.	\$ Bill	Craig Bradshaw	0	0	0	0	511	225	502	0	600	704	891	352	0	3,785	0	3,785
24.	Slo-Mo-Shun IV (51)	Monte Steere	537	863	0	450	0	0	709	0	0	0	0	0	1,205	3,764	0	3,764
25.	Such Crust III	Ron Daum	296	0	469	0	0	0	0	281	788	1,042	0	0	844	3,720	0	3,720
26.	Hurricane VI	Kirk Pagel	569	225	300	0	0	0	469	0	0	0	910	642	0	3,115	0	3,115
27.	Parcos O-Ring Miss	Patrick Gleason ®	225	600	0	0	563	338	0	0	0	0	0	338	1,004	3,068	0	3,068
28.	Miss Madison (71)	John Williams	0	0	450	0	0	469	0	775	0	596	0	669	0	2,959	0	2,959
29.	Slo-Mo-Shun IV (54)	John Earnest	0	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	918	0	0	1,205	2,823	0	2,823
30.	Miss Spokane (60)	Patrick Gleason ®	0	0	0	0	352	619	0	0	694	0	169	338	574	2,746	0	2,746
31.	Atlas Van Lines (67)	John Burkey ®	0	0	0	225	394	300	0	0	0	0	661	352	666	2,598	0	2,598
32.	Miss Thriftway (55)	Bill Smiley	0	0	969	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,869	0	1,869
33.	Thriftway Too	David Gardner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,800	0	1,800
34.	Slo-Mo-Shun V	Nigel Steere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	0	0	1,425	1,745	0	1,745
35.	Nitrogen Too	Craig Mullen ®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	863	831	0	0	0	0	1,694	0	1,694
36.	Shanty I	Robbie Roberts	1,052	0	225	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,677	0	1,677
37.	Miss Pepsi	Ron Daum	0	569	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	694	0	352	1,615	0	1,615
38.	Tahoe Miss	Gary Levander	0	0	0	0	708	469	254	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,431	0	1,431
39.	My Sin	Ron Hornung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	917	917	0	917
40.	Gale V	Ryan Opfer	0	0	0	338	0	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	563	0	563
41.	Nitrogen	Bob VandenAkker	0	0	0	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	450
42.	Breathless II	Dave Reiser	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	0	225
43.	Miss Bardahl (63)	John Williams	0	0	0	0	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	0	127
44.	Miss Vernors	Howard Price	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	0	0	0	127	0	127

Modern Boat Points

No.	Boat	Owner	CSP	SSM	BBM	SC	LEO	PC	BLM	SEA	DIA	GOLD	GAR	BREW	CC/NC	Total	Drops	High Pts
1.	Pay n' Pak (70)	Jeff Campbell	1,325	1,400	1,200	1,500	1,500	895	1,400	738	1,200	1,825	720	1,269	1,200	16,172	2,353	13,819
2.	Country Boy (73)	Mike Campbell	700	871	925	1,100	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,200	827	996	1,500	1,600	2,000	15,919	2,398	13,521
3.	Circus Circus (78)	Mike Gossler	1,250	1,300	1,000	1,150	1,025	775	704	1,300	696	721	381	0	1,019	11,321	1,077	10,244
4.	Squire (77)	Steve Twardus	619	900	1,150	0	714	994	750	300	1,050	1,090	732	921	225	9,445	525	8,920
5.	Miss Cott's Beverage (74)	Gary Hansen	696	996	0	0	779	0	0	1,400	1,569	1,027	971	1,369	8,807	0	8,807	
6.	Red Man (73)	Nelson Holmberg	634	0	525	994	769	225	0	300	676	864	994	919	1,013	7,913	225	7,688
7.	Squire Shop (78)	Doug Brow	796	965	694	300	563	0	952	442	844	788	0	0	0	6,344	0	6,344
8.	Olympia Beer (76)	Roger Newton	723	0	0	0	0	1,400	800	1,100	0	920	865	0	0	5,808	0	5,808
9.	Notre Dame (72)	Mark Hansen	994	296	0	0	1,169	0	0	0	0	1,352	1,021	975	0	5,807	0	5,807
10.	Natural Light (77)	Jerry Johnston	0	521	863	0	689	415	620	0	0	1,121	0	319	381	4,929	0	4,929
11.	U-95	Rick Lentz	0	0	851	0	821	0	788	394	521	0	127	0	1,069	4,571	0	4,571
12.	Country Boy (71)	Steve Twardus	0	727	694	0	0	0	0	844	0	877	890	0	0	4,032	0	4,032
13.	T-Plus	Nigel Steere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,669	0	0	1,669	3,338	0	3,338
14.	Winston Eagle	Craig Bradshaw	0	578	544	675	846	0	0	0	0	596	0	0	0	3,239	0	3,239
15.	Miss Budweiser (73)	Robbie Roberts	0	0	0	925	225	0	394	0	600	296	0	0	0	2,440	0	2,440
16.	Pay n' Pak (73)	John Williams	0	0	0	0	169	765	0	877	0	350	0	0	0	2,161	0	2,161
17.	Pay n' Pak (72)	Gale Whitestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	352	1,500	1,852	0	1,852
18.	Miss Vernors	Ron Hartley ®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	573	0	957	1,530	0	1,530
19.	Red Man (74)	David Gardner	0	0	1,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,400	0	1,400
20.	Miss Budweiser (80)	John Williams	0	0	963	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	963	0	963
21.	American Spirit	Craig Mullen ®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	502	0	0	0	502	0	502
22.	Frosted Flakes	Henry Marvin ®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Statistics ■ 2006 Season (Final)

Vintage Driver Points

No.	Boat	Driver	CSP	SSM	BBM	SC	LEO	PC	BLM	SEA	DIA	GOLD	GAR	BREW	CC/NC	Total	Drops	High Pts
1.	Lil Buzzard/Evergreen/Hallmark	Jeff Campbell	1,100	1,100	400	1,400	800	1,100	1,025	925	1,425	1,825	1,369	800	1,369	14,638	2,000	12,638
2.	Notre Dame (63)/Notre Dame (66)	Bob VandenAkker	919	1,095	1,127	900	910	1,500	823	1,169	506	1,055	1,052	1,000	1,494	13,550	2,229	11,321
3.	Miss Thriftway	Jesse Robertson	0	1,071	1,327	1,600	748	1,100	0	1,400	1,369	0	1,325	1,269	0	11,209	0	11,209
4.	Timex II (72)/Hallmark (Black)	Jason Hartley	0	785	700	800	1,000	1,020	1,500	800	1,169	1,100	1,500	850	813	12,037	1,485	10,552
5.	Notre Dame (69)	Mike Campbell	1,100	1,327	525	625	800	225	515	1,500	1,225	1,150	0	0	0	8,992	0	8,992
6.	Muvalong	Gary Hansen	638	900	0	0	825	300	0	0	750	1,625	1,195	1,225	1,175	8,633	0	8,633
7.	Thriftway (55)/Wahoo	Bill Smiley	0	0	969	900	600	563	1,019	885	0	1,138	624	0	1,039	7,737	0	7,737
8.	Miss Exide	Henry Marvin	385	775	550	0	0	773	716	325	877	862	917	865	802	7,847	325	7,522
9.	Skip-A-Long/Hurricane IV/My Sin	Ron Homung	694	450	400	96	300	1,094	0	469	569	869	1,013	1,052	917	7,923	496	7,427
10.	Miss Bardahl (67)	Jim Clark	296	0	638	863	794	1,400	0	1,050	0	1,277	0	1,050	0	7,368	0	7,368
11.	Vans PX	Mark Hansen	1,100	400	0	0	850	0	863	0	0	795	1,000	470	0	5,478	0	5,478
12.	Such Crust IV/Hawaii Kai III	Dawna Gross	641	0	619	0	563	254	352	469	549	127	450	739	577	5,340	127	5,213
13.	Such Crust III/Miss Pepsi	Ron Daum	296	569	469	0	0	0	0	281	788	1,042	694	0	844	4,983	0	4,983
14.	Pay 'N Save	Steve Twardus	0	600	300	0	0	0	794	700	0	1,104	502	0	887	4,887	0	4,887
15.	Miss Bardahl (68)/Kai/Thriftway	Roger Newton	0	0	1,325	694	475	0	0	1,000	0	869	300	0	0	4,663	0	4,663
16.	Miss Bardahl (68)/Thriftway (60)	David Newton	0	0	0	0	0	813	1500	0	0	0	0	0	1,900	4,213	0	4,213
17.	Miss Timex (clock)	Jerry Johnston	0	169	700	0	750	525	549	0	0	225	0	506	661	4,085	0	4,085
18.	\$ Bill/Atlas Van Lines (67)	Craig Bradshaw	0	0	0	225	394	300	502	0	600	704	891	427	0	4,043	0	4,043
19.	Miss Madison	Scott Fetterly	0	0	0	592	725	737	127	0	0	507	0	1,269	0	3,957	0	3,957
20.	Miss Bardahl (58)	Rick Lentz	0	0	338	0	300	0	577	675	710	0	0	0	787	3,387	0	3,387
21.	Miss Madison/Miss Bardahl (63)	John Williams	0	0	450	0	127	469	0	775	0	596	0	669	0	3,086	0	3,086
22.	Parcos O-Ring Miss	Patrick Gleason	225	600	0	0	563	338	0	0	0	0	0	338	1,004	3,068	0	3,068
23.	Slo-Mo-Shun IV (54)	Monte Steere	0	700	0	450	0	0	709	0	0	0	0	0	1,205	3,064	0	3,064
24.	Slo-Mo-Shun IV (54)	Nigel Steere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	918	0	0	1,425	2,343	0	2,343
25.	Nitrogen/Thriftway Too	David Gardner	0	0	0	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,800	2,250	0	2,250
26.	Slo-Mo-Shun IV (51)	John Earnest	537	863	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	521	1,921	0	1,921
27.	Atlas Van Lines (67)	John Burkey®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	661	352	666	1,679	0	1,679
28.	Shanty I	Robbie Roberts	1,052	0	225	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,677	0	1,677
29.	Tahoe Miss	Gary Levander	0	0	0	0	708	469	254	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,431	0	1,431
30.	Miss Bardahl (58)/Hurricane VI	Nelson Holmberg®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	765	0	642	0	1,407	0	1,407
31.	Nitrogen Too	Craig Mullen®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	831	0	0	0	831	0	831
32.	My Gypsy	Jim Lilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	779	0	779	0	779
33.	Gale V	Ryan Opfer	0	0	0	338	0	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	563	0	563
34.	Slo-Mo-Shun V	Grady Steere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	0	0	0	320	0	320
35.	Miss Vemors	Howard Price	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	0	0	169	296	0	296
36.	Breathless II	Dave Reiser	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	0	225
37.	Miss Everett	Howard Price	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	127	0	127
38.	Hallmark (Red)	Henry Marvin	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	95
39.	Hurricane VI	Mike Gossler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Modern Driver Points

No.	Boat	Driver	CSP	SSM	BBM	SC	LEO	PC	BLM	SEA	DIA	GOLD	GAR	BREW	CC/NC	Total	Drops	High Pts
1.	Pay n' Pak (70)	Jeff Campbell	1,325	1,400	1,200	1,500	1,500	895	1,400	738	1,200	1,825	720	1,100	1,200	16,003	2,353	13,650
2.	Country Boy (73)	Mike Campbell	700	871	925	1,100	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,200	827	996	1,500	1,600	2,000	15,919	2,398	13,521
3.	Circus Circus (78)	Mike Gossler	1,250	1,300	1,000	1,150	1,025	775	704	1,300	696	721	381	0	1,019	11,321	1,400	9,921
4.	Squire (77)/Frosted Flakes	Henry Marvin®	619	900	1,150	0	714	994	750	300	1,050	1,090	732	921	0	9,220	300	8,920
5.	Miss Cott's Beverage (74)	Gary Hansen	696	996	0	0	779	0	0	0	1,400	1,569	1,027	971	1,369	8,807	0	8,807
6.	Red Man (73)	Nelson Holmberg	634	0	525	994	769	225	0	300	676	864	994	919	1,013	7,913	225	7,688
7.	Notre Dame (72)	Mark Hansen	994	296	0	0	1,169	0	0	0	0	1,352	1,021	975	0	5,807	0	5,807
8.	Natural Light (77)	Jerry Johnston	0	521	863	0	689	415	620	0	0	1,121	0	319	381	4,929	0	4,929
9.	U-95	Rick Lentz	0	0	851	0	821	0	788	394	521	0	127	0	1,069	4,571	0	4,571
10.	Ctry. Boy (71)/Vemors/Squire	Steve Twardus	0	727	694	0	0	0	848	844	0	877	0	0	225	4,215	0	4,215
11.	Olympia Beer	Roger Newton	723	0	0	0	0	1,400	0	0	0	920	865	0	0	3,908	0	3,908
12.	Squire Shop (78)	Doug Brow®	0	0	0	0	563	0	952	442	844	788	0	0	0	3,589	0	3,589
13.	T-Plus	Nigel Steere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,669	0	0	1,669	3,338	0	3,338
14.	Winston Eagle	Craig Bradshaw	0	578	544	675	846	0	0	0	0	596	0	0	0	3,239	0	3,239
15.	Pay n' Pak (73)/Bud (80)	John Williams	0	0	963	0	169	765	0	877	0	350	0	0	0	3,124	0	3,124
16.	Miss Bud (73)/Oly	Jesse Robertson	0	0	0	925	225	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,950	0	1,950
17.	Miss Vemors	Ron Hartley®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	573	0	957	1,530	0	1,530
18.	Pay 'N Pak (72)	Gale Whitestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	352	1,500	1,852	0	1,852
19.	Red Man (74)	David Gardner	0	0	1,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,400	0	1,400
20.	Miss Budweiser (73)	Robbie Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	394	0	600	296	0	0	0	1,290	0	1,290
21.	Olympia Beer	David Newton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100	0	0	0	0	0	1,100	0	1,100
22.	American Spirit	Craig Mullen®	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	502	0	0	0	502	0	502



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With three different drivers throughout the 2006 season – but mostly Jesse Robertson – Kerry Kjos' 1960 Miss Thriftway was the season's high points boat champion. The boat also won six races this season.

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ERCU Board & Member Meetings					Middle Child's Day	
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R/C Model Boat Show, HARM			Valentine's Day			
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