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racing club



## Chairman's Chatter: A mid-point check in

Well, we are now a little more than half way through our tenth anniversary season and what a season it has been so far.

The racing has been outstanding, the driving overall very good, the collisions down from last year and the sportsmanship and camaraderie has exceeded my expectations.

With all that said, let me thank all of you for helping to make all this possible by your participation. Another plus is that we are attracting new members so welcome to our all

our new members.

For me one of the highlights of this season is a personal one for me, my second trip to the NAMBA FE Nationals. What I saw there was a number of boats that began life with ERCU or CT in the 1/10-scale classes. Clearly, the Pacific Northwest has led, and is still leading, in these two FE classes and we (ERCU) can take great pride in having collaborated with Classic Thunder and Puget Sound Fast Electric Model Boat Club to produce a set of rules

for NAMBA that works and is slowly garnering greater interest in the FE community.

What will keep our edge is competition. Striving to beat the best and the fastest will make each of us and our boats better.

Let's keep up the good work and "go get-em" at the upcoming Bernie Little Memorial at Twin Lakes in Marysville.

Happy Roostertails to you all,  
— Ron Daum  
Contest Board Chairman

**upNEXT:** bernie little memorial [august 11 @marysville] ... roger newton memorial [august 19 @cherokee bay]

**statGEEK tidBit:** robbie roberts has moved past roger newton in the vintage driver career standings ... by just one point

**insideTEASE:** oregon emerald cup & columbia cup recaps ... big boat news ... news & notes ... rumor mill ... updated stats

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Dave Reiser's brand new 1982 Miss Island Security Systems was the winner of the vintage final at the sixth annual Oregon Emerald Cup in Tualatin. He and Craig Bradshaw were first-time winners, each posting a victory at the last two races.

## First-time winners at Emerald, Columbia

### bigBoatSTUFF

With just two races of the HI Unlimited Air National Guard Series finished, we've pretty much learned not a lot has changed: **1, Spirit of Qatar** — Still out front, winning in Madison and Detroit.

**5, Graham Trucking** — Rookie Jimmy Shane has really impressed driving T-6.

**6, Oberto/Madison** — Still just the tiniest bit off the 1's pace.

**9, Jones Racing** — Had a really great weekend at Detroit and stands fourth in points.

**11, Miss Peters & May** — Second of three blowovers in Detroit. Should make it back for Tri-Cities.

**13, Spirit of Detroit** — Who knows what's up with this team? **17, Miss Red Dot** — 2012's start isn't as impressive as 2011's.

**18, Tempo** — Still expected to show up in Tri-Cities. We think.

**21, Albert Lee** — Did not head east. Ready for TC and Seattle.

**22, Matrix Systems** — Done for the season after Detroit flip.

**37, Beacon Plumbing** — Ran better in Detroit than Madison.

**88, DegreeMen** — Repairs began on July 19 at Tukwila shop.

**100, Leland Unlimited** — Sporting "Fred shirts" as team uniforms.

Since we last checked in with you, Dave Reiser and Craig Bradshaw have both won for the first time on the Red Dot Championship Series presented by Peters & May.

Reiser drove his brand new 1982 Miss Island Security Systems brilliantly on Saturday, June 30 at the Lake of Tualatin Commons and in doing so, he won the Hobbies Unlimited Oregon Emerald Cup vintage final.

When race favorites Hawaii Ka'i III, Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger (both of them) and Miss Burién all had troubles of one type or another, Reiser took advantage and led wire-to-wire, and he might have won anyway, after the near-perfect start he had.

Reiser came into the final with a heat win and two seconds, so he was feeling pretty good about the way his boat was performing. Robbie Roberts, also with a heat win and two seconds with the 1960 Miss Burién, took second in the vintage final, followed in third by Ron Daum and his 1958 Wildroot Charlie. Steve Dumanis, who had a perfect day going into the final was



fourth.

Nelson Holmberg, piloting Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III didn't start, after losing a rudder in the mill, while Mick Shutt's 1975 Oh Boy! Oberto and Ron Cole's 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak did not finish.

Holmberg ended a perfect day for his 2010 Formula Boats by winning the modern final.

### Bradshaw wins Columbia Cup

Two weeks later, when the series hit Longview's Lake Sacajawea Park for the first time ever, Bradshaw posted his first ERCU win ever.

Bradshaw drove his 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto to a first place finish in that final, he scored just enough points to pull off the race victory in ERCU's only points race of the season.

Bradshaw took second place in each of the three preliminary heats and en-

tered the final with 900 points. When all was said and done, he outscored Holmberg's 2010 Formula Boats 1,300-1,269 to win the race.

With the format being a race that's decided on total cumulated points at the end of the day, the finals still mattered after all was said and done. Bradshaw won the final, followed by Daum's 2003 Lumar Window Film, Nels Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift's 7 1/4% Special, Holmberg's Formula Boats, and Shutt's 1976 Miss Vernor's. Cole's 1971 Pay 'n Pak was disqualified after hitting Bill Smiley's 1977 Charlie's Girl, which was a called dead boat. Smiley was the trailer in the final after winning the modern connie.

In another close finish, Smiley won the vintage race, when a tie (1,100 points) with Cole was broken by season points (which is the tiebreaker prescribed by the rulebook). Smiley also won the vintage final with his 1971 Hallmark Homes.

Smiley led Cole in season points 1,991-1,950 going into the race.



Ron Cole, driving the Outrigger (right), is one of two new members who have joined the club since June 14. To date, ERCU has seen membership growth of a half dozen new members and has seen the return of a couple of members who sat out 2011.

## News & Notes: The club is seeing growth

Already this year, ERCU has six new members, and a handful of other potential new members showing more-than-tire-kicker-level interest in joining the club.

And that's just through the first eight races.

Since March, when Craig Bradshaw started his all-out recruiting and promotional efforts, the club has seen Jim Dotson, Mike Schultz and Ron Forister join our membership. Since then, additional newcomers Robert Roberts (Robbie's son), Ron Cole and Bill Amick have also joined in on the fun.

This adds up to a total of 12 new boats on the roster of registered hulls.

It also means there's a heck of a race for the Rookie of the Year Award in the modern class, where as many as three drivers — Forister, Schultz and Roberts have a chance at the award.

### NW H1 Unlimited races "interrupt" Red Dot Championship Series

We've entered into that mid-summer stoppage in the Red Dot Championship Series presented by Peters & May: The one we annually go into every year in order to allow our membership to enjoy the Tri-Cities and Seattle big boat races.

This break typically lasts

for about a month, and not only provides a couple of "off weekends" so modelers can go watch the big boats while they're here in the Pacific Northwest.

That month also allows for repairs to boats that may have had a few dings, or need work to improve performance, without missing any race time.

The next race on the 2012 schedule is the ninth event — the Bernie Little Memorial, Saturday, Aug. 11 at Twin Lakes Park in Marysville.

### NAMBA Regional set for August

The second leg of the 2012 NAMBA Regional Triple Crown for 1/10-scale unlimiteds is scheduled for August 26, 2012 at Cottage Lake in Woodinville.

ERCU is hosting the event.

The first leg of the Triple Crown was run on March 18 at Twin Lakes in Marysville. ERCU's Nelson Holmberg won the modern class, while Robbie Roberts finished second in vintage.

The driver with the highest number of total points earned in the three races combined, when the Triple Crown series is over will be named the NAMBA Regional Triple Crown champion.

These races use the

NAMBA 1/10-scale unlimited rules, and are open to any member of the 1/10-scale fast electric unlimited clubs in NAMBA Region 8.

The third race of the Triple Crown is scheduled for October 14 at Twin Lakes Park in Marysville. Classic Thunder is hosting the third event.

### Sponsors step up to provide financial support

We've had an unusually large number of local companies support many of our races this year, and that's much appreciated.

Without the sponsor money, it would've been difficult for the club to pay for rental fees at a lot of the places we race at. For example, Woodland's park rental fee is \$250, so sponsors such as Refuge Custom Paint, Fibre Federal Credit Union, Loves Street Playhouse, Minuteman Press, and LewisRiver.com covered that cost for us.

In Longview, AllRisk Auto Insurance, Fibre Federal and Cascade Title helped us cover a \$150 bill for park rental.

Thanks to these companies (you can find links to their websites on the event pages on our site), we can run these races at some very nice parks with great courses being made available to us.

### theMILL

**Bill Amick** made a return from his scale hydro racing hiatus by joining ERCU at the Tualatin race. He'd been a long time member of RCU years ago ...

**Alex Daum** is about to become a papa again. He and Kristine announced on Facebook a couple of weeks ago that they're expecting their second child soon. Congrats you two! ...

**Kellie & Scott Fetterly** missed the AllRisk Insurance Columbia Cup to celebrate Kellie's birthday (29, Kellie?) ... **Ryan Opler & Howard Price** have finished construction of their 2011 Miss Peters & May. Look for it on the race course soon.

### onTheWEB

**ERCU on SmugMug**

[ercuracing.smugmug.com](http://ercuracing.smugmug.com)  
[choralenterprises.smugmug.com](http://choralenterprises.smugmug.com)

**ERCU on Social Media**

[www.facebook.com/ercuracing](http://www.facebook.com/ercuracing)  
[www.twitter.com/ercuracing](http://www.twitter.com/ercuracing)  
[www.youtube.com/ercuracing](http://www.youtube.com/ercuracing)

### 2012 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

(through eight races)

#	Boat	High Points
1.	2010 Formula Boats	10,363
2.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	6,992
3.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	6,161
4.	2003 Llummar Window Film	5,616
5.	1999 Miss Madison	3,663
6.	1979 Miss Budweiser	3,623
7.	1977 Charlie's Girl	3,485
8.	2000 Znetix	3,101
9.	1976 Miss Vernor's	2,883
10.	1974 Miss Cott Beverages	2,500

### 2012 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

(through eight races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	10,363
2.	Craig Bradshaw	6,992
3.	Nels Enquist	6,161
2.	Ron Daum	5,616
5.	Ron Forister (R)	3,663
6.	Mike Schultz (R)	3,623
7.	Bill Smiley	3,485
8.	Robert Roberts (R)	3,101
9.	Mick Shutt	2,883
10.	Gary Hansen	2,500

### CAREER STANDINGS VINTAGE

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	84,175
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	70,990
4.	Bill Smiley	61,332
5.	Ron Daum	53,461
6.	David Newton	50,223
7.	Rick Lentz	47,193
8.	Gerry Bordon	42,597
9.	Craig Bradshaw	40,075
10.	Gary Hansen	38,144
11.	Craig Mullen	34,814
12.	Nelson Holmberg	34,045
13.	Ryan Opfer	32,262
14.	Robbie Roberts	31,414
15.	Roger Newton	31,413

### CAREER STANDINGS MODERN

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	110,381
2.	Mike Gossler	77,109
3.	Nelson Holmberg	60,765
4.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
5.	Rick Lentz	40,762
6.	Gary Hansen	40,596
7.	Craig Bradshaw	33,419
8.	Bill Smiley	31,314
9.	Steve Twardus	27,766
10.	Henry Marvin	25,125
11.	Mark Hansen	24,763
12.	Craig Mullen	23,641
13.	Ron Daum	21,759
14.	Jerry Johnston	21,349
15.	Mick Shutt	19,897

### 2012 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

(through eight races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	8,819
2.	1969 Pay 'n Pak Outrigger*	7,809
3.	1960 Miss Burien	6,546
4.	1959 Maverick	6,324
5.	1957 Miss Wahoo	4,213
6.	1971 Miss Madison	3,725
7.	1962 Gale V	3,708
8.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	3,450
9.	1958 Wildroot Charlie	3,095
10.	1971 Hallmark Homes	3,091

\* — Steve Dumanis' boat

### 2012 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

(through eight races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	8,819
2.	Steve Dumanis	7,809
3.	Robbie Roberts	6,546
4.	Nels Enquist	6,324
5.	Ron Forister (R)	3,725
6.	John Earnest	3,708
7.	Ron Daum	3,701
8.	Gerry Bordon	3,450
9.	Craig Bradshaw	3,413
10.	Bill Smiley	3,091

### CAREER RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Jeff Campbell	34
2.	David Newton	18
3.	Mike Campbell	15
4.	Bill Smiley	7
5.	Jesse Robertson	5
6.	Roger Newton	4
8.	Gerry Bordon	4
	Bob Vanden Akker	4
	Steve Dumanis	3
	Gary Hansen	3
	Mark Hansen	3
	Jason Hartley	3
	Nelson Holmberg	3
	Craig Mullen	3
	Nigel Steere	3

### CAREER RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Mike Campbell	51
2.	Jeff Campbell	19
3.	Mike Gossler	10
4.	Nelson Holmberg	8
5.	David Newton	7
6.	Bill Smiley	6
7.	Gary Hansen	4
8.	John Williams	3
9.	Rick Lentz	2
10.	11 drivers tied	1

### APRIL

- 14 **Champion Spark Plug Regatta**  
Centralia, Fort Borst Park  
CD: Nelson Holmberg
- 28 **Apple Cup**  
Lakewood, Waughop Lake  
CD: Ben Keller

### MAY

- 5 **Atomic Cup**  
Elma, Vance Creek Park  
CD: Ron Daum

### JUNE

- 2 **Seafair Trophy Race**  
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park  
CD: Nels Enquist, Scott Fetterly
- 10 **Maple Valley Days/President's Cup**  
Maple Valley, Lake Wilderness  
CD: Scott Fetterly
- 16 **Hydroglobe**  
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake  
CD: Nelson Holmberg
- 30 **Oregon Emerald Cup**  
Tualatin, Lake of Tualatin Commons  
CD: Nelson Holmberg

### JULY

- 14 **Columbia Cup**  
Longview, Lake Sacajawea Park  
CD: Mick Shutt

### AUGUST

- 11 **Bernie Little Memorial**  
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park  
CD: ERCU Contest Board
- 19 **Roger Newton Memorial**  
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club  
CD: David Newton

### SEPTEMBER

- 15 **Stan Sayres Memorial**  
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park  
CD: Monte Steere
- 16 **Gold Cup**  
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park  
CD: ERCU Contest Board

- 22 **Governor's Cup**  
Adna, Silverado Ski Pond  
CD: Craig Bradshaw

### OCTOBER

- 6 **Oryx Cup**  
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake Park  
CD: Nelson Holmberg

### TRIPLE CROWN SERIES

- March 18 — Hosted by Classic Thunder  
Twin Lakes Park, Marysville
- August 26 — Hosted by ERCU  
Cottage Lake, Woodinville
- Oct. 14 — Hosted by Classic Thunder  
Twin Lakes Park, Marysville