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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4 Leo Vandenberg
Challenge
Lake Pleasant

June 10-11 . . President's Cup
Lake Wilderness

July 16 Bernie Little
Memorial
Bellevue Pond

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!



A serious blast from the past as the Miss Pepsi and the Skip A Long duel it out at the Stan Sayres Memorial on Bellevue Pond.

FEATURED WEBSITES

LiPo battery information

www.mysite.verizon.net/kevinkel/index.html

www.fancyfoam.com/liposafe.asp

www.fmadirect.com/tech_data/index.htm

(Thanks goes to Jim Clark for these links)

Marvin, Robertson become first-time winners



Henry Marvin won his first race ever, driving his '77 Squire at the Bill Brow Memorial, run May 13 at Twin Lakes Park in Marysville. Jesse Robertson won the vintage class final, driving Kerry Kjos' Miss Thriftway.

The bar for record attendance was raised at the south pond of Twin Lakes in Marysville, as 24 vintage boats and 12 modern hulls arrived at the site to be met with sunny skies (which was good) and gusty breezes (which was not so good).

To help the swelling attendance, eight boats hit the water for the first time this season, with three of those (**Rick Lentz's** '58 Miss Bardahl and U95 and **Craig Bradshaw's** '67 Atlas Van Lines) in the water

for the first race ever.

The veterans returning to the water wars were **Bill Smiley** and the '55 Miss Thriftway, **Gary Levander** with the '64 Tahoe Miss, **John Williams** with the '80 Miss Budweiser and the "71 Miss Madison, and **David Gardner** with his '74 Red Man.

Special guests in attendance were the Brow family — **Doug, Lisa** and son **Tyler** — who stayed for most of the day and greatly enjoyed the competition and the good times shown by the racers. Race sponsor **Steve Baker** of Seattle Service and his son **Bryce** also enjoyed the day. **Larry Hanson** of the U-6 Oberto crew (and the U-9 Jones Racing Team) made a special trip up from Auburn to watch the proceedings.

Due to the gusty conditions only seven of the 36 boats completed all of their heats, but competition was not lacking throughout the day. In spite of three heats losing all but one boat before the checkered flag flew, racing was fast and furious when the boats were right-side-up

In the Vintage second connie, Miss Exide, piloted by **Henry Marvin** was the only finisher, as Lil Buzzard, '58 Bardahl, Pay n Save,

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Campbell Racing sweeps Sayers Memorial

This event was originally scheduled to be run at South Lake Union but adverse wind and water conditions forced a last minute change of venue to Bellevue Pond.

At Bellevue a sunny warm spring day greeted 21 Vintage boats and 10 Modern hulls.

Making their Vintage Class season debuts were sponsor **Monte Steere** with his 1956 Slo-Mo-Shun IV, **Steve Twardus'** Miss Pay 'n' Save, **Jason Hartley's** Timex II,



Mike Campbell's Notre Dame.

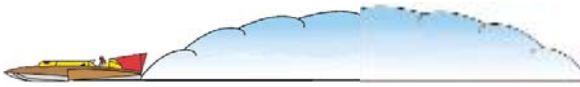
Jerry Johnston with his Miss Timex (Clock) and **Ron Daum** with Miss Pepsi. Debuting in the Modern Class was **Craig Bradshaw** with his new Winston Eagle and veterans **Jerry Johnston** with the Natural Light and **Steve Twardus**

with his 1971 Country Boy. **Kerry Kjos** with his 1960 Miss Thriftway and **John Earnest** with the 1951 Slo-Mo-Shun IV made the trip north from Portland.

Racing proceeded at a rapid pace through the day with intensity of the competition increasing in the later heats as did the number of penalties and blowovers.

The Second consolation Heat for the Vintage Class featured **Mark Hansen** and the Miss Van's PX winning, rookie **Patrick Gleason** with the Parco's O-Ring Miss second, **Mike Gossler** driving

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NEWSBRIEFS

Documentaion project may help R/C hydro enthusiasts

This just in from hydroplane archivist **Ned Crimmin** (crimminarchives@yahoo.com):

"For all you R/C enthusiasts and model builders of the 50's thru the late 70's hydros, check out this project, for documentation material. Not only are there a lot of photos of the hydros of that era, but I have also been able to zoom in to specific areas and for a minimal fee sending the material on regular paper for detailing of your R/C. You can also get a very nice photo of your hydro for you documentation book if available. Going a little more in detail, is the information on your hydro, it's different drivers and builder from all the newspaper articles of the time saved in this database. Just give me an e-mail of your hydro or information you are interested in and I will let you know if it is available."

New DVDs for sale at Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum

The museum has recently released two new DVDs, the first of which is the 1982 season, narrated by **Chip Hanauer**. This unique DVD features lap-by-lap description of the fabulous duel with **Dean Chenoweth** in the final heat of the Gold Cup and an amazing look at the restoration of the 1982 Atlas Van Lines. The second new DVD is the 1974 Gold Cup from Sand Point in Seattle. It's the Bud vs. the Pay 'n Pak at its best. The DVDs are \$30 each, and you can get yours by calling (206) 764-9453 or send a check, including \$4 for shipping (Washington residents should add 8.8 percent sales tax (\$2.64)), to: Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum, 5917 S. 196th Street, Kent, WA 98032.

Jim Clark photos available for sale

Pictures are now up from the Bill Brow Memorial, in addition to this season's other races. You can see them at www.jimclark.smugmug.com/gallery/1456397

As always if you would like to purchase any prints of the pictures they are available. Just give **Jim Clark** the file name (such as CRW_3144.jpg) and what size print you would like. Costs are: 4X6 are \$2 each; 5X7's are \$3.50 each; 8X10 or 8X12 is \$6 each; and 12X18 is \$12 each.

A season opening special to anyone who buys five pictures Jim will offer a free one of the same size you purchased.

News & Rumors

Loads of boats are being built right now, so the active fleet will be growing in the very near future. Included among the boats currently under construction are: Modern class — 1985 Miller American; 1985 Miss Budweiser (Bubble Bud); 1987 Miss Budweiser; 1994 Miss Budweiser (T-4); 1976 Miss U.S.; 1993 T-Plus; 1988 Miss Madison; 1993 Kellogg's Frosted Flakes; 2003 Lumar; 1994 Smokin' Joes; 1982 Gilmore Special; 1979 Circus Circus; 1974 Weisfields; and the VS-21 Solo. Vintage class — 1964 Miss U.S. 5; 1970 Miss U.S.; 1961 Miss Madison; 1967 Miss Wickman; 1968 Miss Budweiser; 1970 Miss Budweiser II; 1966 Wayfarers Club Lady; 1967 Atlas Van Lines; 1956 Miss Seattle; 1961 Miss Seattle Too; 1960 Thriftway Too (cut down tail); 1957 Breathless Too . . . Eight new boats made their debut at the Bill Brow Memorial, and ultimately, others will also come out this year.

Big Boat News

Billy Schumacher Racing and Sikkens/Akzo Nobel charge into 2006. Sikkens Car Refinishes and the U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing Unlimited Hydroplane have joined forces for the upcoming 2006 American Boat Racing Association season. This continues a partnership with Sikkens/Akzo Nobel started by former team owner **Bill Wurster** six years ago. The U-37 team utilizes Sikkens/Akzo Nobel products because of their outstanding durability, ease of application, and the best color selection available. Owner **Billy Schumacher** says "Our continued partnership with Sikkens not only allowed us to come up with a spectacular new paint scheme for 2006, but it also will display their outstanding products on our neon yellow and red boat — on the water, in the pits, and on the highway."

Allen Named U-7 Driver

Thirty-nine-year-old New Orleans native **Mike Allen** has been hired as the driver of the U-7 Unlimited Hydro and will join Weber and Porter in their quest to create a new racing dynasty. This will be Allen's rookie year in the Unlimited Hydro class but as a three-time inductee into the American Power Boat Association's Hall of Champions, this man has brought home a lot of championship hardware to Louisiana in the past 18 years. Mike Allen may not be a well-known name in Unlimited Hydroplane racing circles but his name is very familiar within the Inboard racing ranks across North America. Allen and his racing family have battled their way to national and international championships in K Racing Runabout, Super Stock and more recently, the 5 Litre racing classes.

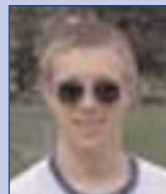
With a New Look, Superior Racing Team is Back for 2006

Superior Racing Team is back, complete with new equipment and a new number. Dr. **Ken Muscatel** recently announced that he has finalized an agreement with **Jim Harvey** to lease the Harvey Motorsports team equipment, including the boat, engines, transport, trailer and all that's necessary to run on the American Boat Racing

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A Moment With . . .

DAVID NEWTON



Name: David James Newton
Family: Dad (CZAR) and sis (Debbie)
City he calls home: Renton
Job (when not boating): Lot Attendent at Roberts Jeep
College Football Loyalty: GO HUSKIES!!!
Favorite Current Unlimited Hydro: U-13 Spirit of Detroit
Favorite Unlimited Hydro of the past: Bubble Bud
Boats he races in ERCU: Oh man, that would take to long to list all the boats I have driven...
What was your first car? 1998 Ford Ranger
What was your first job? Lot attendant at Roberts Jeep
When and how did you get involved in scale racing? Since day one. I was born on RCU Gold Cup Sunday.
Actually starting racing 1/10th scales in 1994 with the formation of CT... and starting racing nitro boats in 1996.
Have you ever had a manicure/pedicure?: Nah, I think the grease from the boats on the hands are a good enough touch.
Coke or Pepsi? DIET Pepsi.

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Wind provides huge challenges for vintage fleet at Bill Brow Memorial

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Hurricane VI and Such Crust III all turned belly up from the wind, and the Madison did not finish. **Mike Gossler** with **Kirk Pagel's** Hurricane VI provided a little entertainment after it flipped and started to sink. It settled transom-first into the brine until only about four inches of bow was visible. Rather than motor out to pick it up, Mike tried the throttle, and to everyone's amazement, the boat popped out of the water and resumed running. It made a few more laps until the extra weight of the water it was carrying took its toll.

The modern connie was taken by **Jerry Johnston** and the '77 Natural Light, running in front of the Winston Eagle and the U95. Mike Gossler's '78 Squire Shop, the '71 Country Boy of **Steve Twardus** and **Nelson Holmberg** and the '73 Red Man were not able to finish.

The wind gusts took their toll on the Vintage connie, with DNFs recorded by **Jim Clark's** '67 Miss Bardahl, **Mike Campbell** and the '69 Notre Dame, **Jerry Johnston** with the Timex (with clock) and Ron Daum's Such Crust III. The heat was won by **Jason Hartley** and the Timex II, with second place going to rookie **Dawna Gross** and the Such Crust IV.

The modern final was a fast-paced event, with the Circus Circus of **Mike Gossler** catching a gust right in front of the connie winner Natural Lite, putting both boats out of commission for the heat. **Jeff Campbell** and the Pay n Pak and **Mike Campbell's** '73 Country Boy were also not able to finish, making the final order of finish the '80 Miss Budweiser in third, the '74 Red Man in second, and winning his first race ever, **Henry Marvin** and the '77 Squire.

In time for the Vintage final the winds died down to a somewhat workable level, as only two boats, connie winner Timex II and Hallmark Homes, driven by **Mike Campbell** caught the gusts. In a well-run final, **Jesse Robertson** won his first race ever with **Kerry Kjos's** '60 Miss Thriftway by edging out Evergreen Roofing driven by **Jeff Campbell** and the '68 Miss Bardahl with **David Newton**. In fourth place was the '55 Miss Thriftway piloted by **Bill Smiley** and the '63 Notre Dame with **Bob VandenAkker** steering.

One special event was initiated for this race by Contest Director **Henry Marvin**. Called "Hydropalooza", it featured boats trying to make the most spectacular flip (on purpose this time, not like the racing day when many must have been practicing). Four entrants gave it their all, with judging done by applause from all those watching from shore. **Henry Marvin** and the Miss Exide, **Mike Campbell** and the '69 Notre Dame and **Jason Hartley** with the Timex II all made credible attempts, but the overall winner was **Jeff Campbell** and the Lil Buzzard, who made a wild end-over-end upside-down and backwards splash on his first run, ending up right-side up, so he restarted and did it again.

Also racing during the day was **Robbie Roberts** and the Shanty I, **Ron Hornung** with the racing tennis shoe Hurricane IV, **Ron Daum's** Miss Pepsi, **Bob VandenAkker's** '66 Notre Dame and **Mike Gossler's** '78 Squire Shop.

Rough water moves Sayres Memorial to Bellevue

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Kirk Pagel's Hurricane VI was third and **Ron Hornung** driving the "Whale" Hurricane IV in fourth position with DNFs for Miss Pay 'n' Save, Miss Pepsi and Timex Clock.

The Modern first consolation was a four boat affair. Taking the win was **Mark Hansen** driving his 1972 Notre Dame with **Steve Twardus's** 1971 Country Boy second, **Craig Bradshaw** with Winston Eagle third and **Jerry Johnston** driving Natural Light not finishing.

The Vintage first consolation was a wild affair with the lead changing many times. After leading for two laps **Monte Steere's** Slo-Mo went dead and then **Jeff Campbell** driving **Henry Marvin's** (Red) Hallmark went silver side up after leading briefly. When the spray settled, **Gary Hansen** and Muvalong won, earning the trailer spot for the final. **Henry Marvin** with Miss Exide, **John Earnest** and Slo-Mo IV and **Jason Hartley** with Timex II finished second through fourth, respectively.

Both the Modern and Vintage finals had seven boats start and seven boats finish. This speaks well to the preparation of the boats and skill of their respective drivers to keep their charges upright

and out of trouble in the confines of Bellevue Pond. These two heats truly showcased the best of the best this day.

The Modern Final was a barn burner. Between penalties and lead changes, the officials had their hands full sorting out the overall order of finish. No question about it though, **Jeff Campbell** driving his Pride of Pay 'n' Pak was first with **Mike Gossler** driving his Circus Circus a close second and **Henry Marvin** driving the 1977 white Squire taking third. Fourth through seventh were **Gary Hansen's** Miss Cott's Beverages, **Mark Hansen** and the 1972 Notre Dame, the 1978 red Squire Shop and **Mike Campbell** driving his 1973 Country Boy.

The Vintage final resembled the Campbell fleet on parade and was no less exciting. **Mike Campbell** driving his 1969 (Karelson) Notre Dame took first with his brother **Jeff** right behind with his Pay 'n' Pak's Lil Buzzard. Third went to consolation winner **Mark Hansen** and Muvalong. Fourth and fifth went to **Jeff Campbell's** Hallmark Homes driven by **Mark Hansen** and Evergreen Roofing driven by **Henry Marvin**. **Bob VandenAkker** driving his 1966 Notre Dame finished sixth and **Jessie Robertson** driving **Kerry Kjos's** Miss Thriftway was seventh.

2006 ERCU SCHEDULE

MARCH

Date	Event	Location
19	Test Day	Lake Union

APRIL

Date	Event	Location
15	Champion Spark Plug Regatta	Centralia
23	Stan Sayres Memorial	Lake Union

MAY

Date	Event	Location
13	Bill Brow Memorial	Twin Lakes
21	Silver Cup	Puyallup

JUNE

Date	Event	Location
4	Leo Vandenberg Challenge	Lake Pleasant
10-11	President's Cup	Lake Wilderness

JULY

Date	Event	Location
16	Bernie Little Memorial	Bellevue Pond
23	Seafair Trophy	Lake Union

AUGUST

Date	Event	Location
20	TBD	Coulon Park
27	Diamond Cup	Lake Union

SEPTEMBER

Date	Event	Location
9-10	Gold Cup	Lake Wilderness
16	Exhibition	Port Ludlow
24	Dean Chenoweth Memorial	Long Lake
30	Apple Cup exhibition	Chelan

OCTOBER

Date	Event	Location
1	Apple Cup exhibition	Chelan
8	Brewers Cup	Shady Lake

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



Statistics — 2006 Season (through three races)

Vintage Driver Points

Place	Boat	Driver	Total
1.	Notre Dame (63)	Bob VandenAkker	3,141
2.	Notre Dame (69)	Mike Campbell	2,952
3.	Lil Buzzard	Jeff Campbell	2,600
4.	Miss Thriftway	Jesse Robertson	2,398
5.	Miss Exide	Henry Marvin	1,710
6.	Muvalong	Gary Hansen	1,538
7.	Vans PX	Mark Hansen	1,500
8.	Timex II (72)	Jason Hartley	1,485
9.	Slo-Mo-Shun IV (51)	John Earnest	1,400
10.	Miss Bardahl (68)	David Newton	1,325

Vintage Boat Points

Place	Year	Boat	Owner	Total
1.	1960	Miss Thriftway	Kerry Kjos	3,667
2.	1963	Notre Dame	Bob VandenAkker	3,141
3.	1969	Notre Dame	Mike Campbell	2,952
4.	1979	Evergreen Roofing	Jeff Campbell	2,827
5.	1970	Lil' Buzzard	Jeff Campbell	2,600
6.	1972	Hallmark Homes	Jeff Campbell	2,294
7.	1966	Notre Dame	Bob VandenAkker	2,063
8.	1964	Miss Exide	Henry Marvin	1,710
9.	1948	Hurricane IV	Ron Hornung	1,643
10.	1954	Muvalong	Gary Hansen	1,538

Modern Driver Points

Place	Boat	Driver	Total
1.	Pay n' Pak	Jeff Campbell	3,925
2.	Circus Circus (78)	Mike Gossler	3,550
3.	Squire (77)	Henry Marvin	2,669
4.	Country Boy (73)	Mike Campbell	2,496
5.	Miss Cott Beverage	Gary Hansen	1,692
6.	Country Boy (71)	Steve Twardus	1,421
7.	Red Man (74)	David Gardner	1,400
8.	Natural Light	Jerry Johnston	1,384
9.	Notre Dame (72)	Mark Hansen	1,290
10.	Red Man (73)	Nelson Holmberg	1,159

Modern Boat Points

Place	Year	Boat	Owner	Total
1.	1970	Pay n' Pak	Jeff Campbell	3,925
2.	1978	Circus Circus	Mike Gossler	3,550
3.	1977	Squire	Henry Marvin	2,669
4.	1973	Country Boy	Mike Campbell	2,496
5.	1978	Squire Shop	Mike Gossler	2,455
6.	19??	Miss Cott Beverage	Gary Hansen	1,692
7.	1971	Country Boy	Steve Twardus	1,421
8.	1974	Red Man	David Gardner	1,400
9.	1977	Natural Light	Jerry Johnston	1,384
10.	1972	Notre Dame	Mark Hansen	1,290

Next Race: Leo Vanderberg Challenge

Bring a boat and get free food.

That's the message that Leo Vanderberg contest director **Bob VandenAkker** is sending out in promoting his race.

The Leo Vanderberg Challenge is scheduled for June 4 at Lake Pleasant in Bothell.

Lake Pleasant is a private lake, so there are a few key things to remember, most importantly how vital it is for everyone to wear the lifejacket in the chase boat if they have to go after a dead boat or a missing cowling or dummy motor.

Anyway, back to the food. The Leo Vanderberg Challenge this year includes



Jeff Campbell won the Vanderberg modern race last season with the Pay 'N Pak

a potluck style picnic, with hot dogs and steaks (there are 30 steaks, and it's first-come-first-served) being provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Sponsors for the race include: Clearwater Nursery, the Knights of Columbus, and the Lake Pleasant RV Park.

The drivers meeting

is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., and racing is due to begin at 11 a.m.

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Association tour. In 2006, Superior Racing Team will run as the U-2. Since 2000, the team has run under the number U-25. Muscatel said the driver is still to be named, but added, "It might, and probably will, be me for some races." Muscatel also added that the team will run all of the events in 2006, beginning June 23-25 in Evansville, Ind. "We're going to use the U-2 and Jim Harvey is still the owner," Muscatel said. "But Superior Racing will operate the program." It was Superior Racing Team that sold its racing assets to Kevin Aylesworth and Jeffery Johnson of San Diego in September of 2006. That boat will race this season as the U-21 under the Freedom Racing Team banner.

Madison Regatta Announces 2006 Sponsors

A general board meeting for Madison Regatta Incorporated was held at the American Legion Post in Madison on May 4, 2006. **Tony Steinhardt**, Madison Regatta board member, announced that an agreement has been reached for Budweiser to return this year as an associate sponsor and official beer provider of the Madison Regatta. Additional unlimited heat sponsors have also signed up for this year's 56th anniversary of unlimited hydroplane racing in Madison. Heat sponsors for the unlimited hydroplane class will be Bender Lumber, Clifty Engineering & Tool Company, Morgan Foods, and Ponderosa Steakhouse.

Former Free-I hull sold

Ray Forsman has purchased the former Free-I hull from **Dr. Ken Muscatel**, and intends to run it in Seattle & Tri-Cities this year with stock Allison power. Clearwater Casino is helping finance the powerplant.

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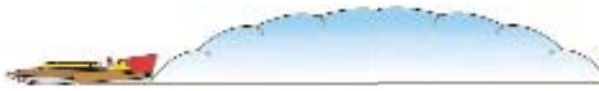


photo by Jim Clark



Mike Campbell's Miss U.S. I, which finished third in vintage high points in 2005.

June 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 National Dance Like a Chicken Day	2	3
4 Leo Vanderberg Challenge Lake Pleasant Bothell	5	6 Pack Rat Day	7	8 My Bucket's Got a Hole in it Day	9	10 President's Cup testing at Maple Valley Days Lake Wilderness
11 President's Cup racing at Maple Valley Days Lake Wilderness	12	13	14 Ugly Truck Contest Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Old Rock Day	29	30	