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racing club



Forister, Holmberg clean up at Banquet

TUKWILA, Wash. – As nearly 30 ERCU members and their guests enjoyed hearty dinners and good fellowship at the club's annual End of Season Banquet the evening of Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Old Spaghetti Factory-Southcenter, ERCU Chairman Ron Daum recognized the club's awards winners.

Those recognized included a number of first-time award winners and awards for a few veterans as well.

Jon Zimmerman, driver of the U-9

Jones Racing unlimited hydroplane, his wife JoAnne and their son Jack were the club's special guests, and Jon helped hand out awards and shared some stories about his career in boat racing, and gave some really good insight on the changes the team made to his hull during the winter of 2012, while the other teams had boats overseas for the Doha race.

Our sincere thanks go out to the Zimmerman family for being our special guests, and we wish them the best

luck in Doha later this month.

This season, we had a number of rookies in both modern and vintage, and as many as three stood out in the top 10 standings all season long. One of them brought out a brand new boat that continued to get better and better all season. His points placed him sixth in the season standings, despite attending just eight races. This year's modern class Rookie of the Year is Robert Roberts.

As was the case in the modern

upNEXT: member meeting [dec. 8, 10 a.m.-noon @king county library, burien branch]

statGEEK tidBit: Nelson Holmberg won both Gold Cups and both driver championships, becoming the first to do so in ERCU.

insideTEASE: awards banquet recap ... big boat news ... the mill ... updated stats

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The big boats — minus the Miss Peters & May [more on that later] are currently on the slow boat to Doha for a pair of races in Qatar, and while the shipment continues, there seems to still be a lot going on with HI Unlimiteds.

Shortly after the Oberto appeal of the San Diego race resulted in a reversal of the chief referee's decision after Bayfair, which awarded the race win to **JIMMY SHANE** and the 5 Graham Trucking team, **TED PORTER** announced he, too, would appeal that decision. At last word, the appeal of the appeal was still underway.

JW MEYERS, SCOTT "PYRO" RANEY, DAVE HOLLEY and the rest of the 11 Miss Peters & May team went to Coniston, United Kingdom earlier this month and proceeded to set a new world kilo record at 176 mph [and change]. The bright yellow boat is now in England for storage and work before heading to Doha. No word yet whether **DAVE VILLWOCK** will attempt to re-take the record — which he last set — with the Spirit of Qatar 96.

class, rookies were evident in their success during the season in the vintage class as well. This rookie attended 8 races and rolled up enough points to finish fifth place in the season standings. This year's vintage class Rookie of the Year is **Ron Forster**.

By tuning in one of the more impressive rookie seasons, in both classes, this year's most improved driver in the modern class gets to take home another award tonight. After completing a fifth-place finish in the modern standings, and winning three of the last four races, he's certainly proven his improvement over the season. This year's modern class Most Improved Driver is Forster.

Whenever a driver goes improves by more than 2,000 points over his previous season point total, eyes open in the direction of recognition for their improvement. That happened in the vintage class this season, and this member was the guy who did it. Driving three different boats for points, he returned to the vintage class Top 10 for the first time after a two-year absence. For that, Daum was this year's vintage class Most Improved Driver.

Every year, the club puts a high standard on sportsmanship from its members, and every year, several members stand out as great sportsmen,

who do the right thing, don't complain, help other members with their boats and their racing, and help the club with officiating, set up, break down, and overall promotion of the club. This year, as usual, there were many members who could have won this award, but Gentleman **Jim Latimer** stood out, so for that, he is this year's winner of the Sportsmanship Award.

Some guys simply have too much time on their hands, and this year's winner of the Contest Director of the Year award seems to be one of those guys. In 2012, he not only put on a total of four races, but also stepped up to be the chief referee of the Peters & May Gold Cup, filled in as CD of the Apple Cup when Ben had a work conflict and couldn't attend the race, and helped me as the CD of the Bernie Little Memorial in Marysville when no one else was able to be the CD. In thanks for all of his hard work putting on races, **Nelson Holmberg** is this year's Contest Director of the Year.

A new tradition in ERCU was born on the banquet night when Holmberg named **Mick Shutt** the 2012 Crew Chief of the Year. The award, which Holmberg surprised everyone with, is modeled after a similar award presented in RCU annually, where the points champion is allowed to name the club's

top crew chief. Holmberg said he and Shutt have been racing together since 2000 and that this was a recognition of all of the help Shutt has given him over all of those years as much as for 2012.

Without our sponsors, many of our races would be extremely difficult — if not impossible — to put on. The money that this year's sponsors provided to the club allowed us to have two races in Woodland — the first of which easily drew the largest crowd to ever watch an ERCU event — gave us our first opportunity to enjoy a pretty perfect race site at Silverado Lake, and supported not only our club in general, but allowed us to do a few extra special little things at the Gold Cup.

So, this year, we're recognizing three of our great sponsors.

Peters & May gets our first award. Big thanks go out to **David Holley**, CEO of Peters & May for living up to their claim that they support boat racing at every level, and for their partnership with ERCU. We look forward to a continued relationship with Holley and Peters & May going forward.

Next is **Dave Standal** at Refuge Custom Painting in Woodland. Dave's support of both the Woodland Hydroglobe and the Oryx Cup was terrific. He not only provided cash for to cover the expense of rent-



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ing Horseshoe Lake Park, he also provided support for the promotion of both races and was really excited and active at each of the events.

Last, but definitely not least, is SeaTac Self Storage. Thank you to Richard and Mary at SeaTac Self Storage for their financial support in making the Governor's Cup at Silverado Lake happen. Without them, we would not have had that opportunity and we look forward to an ongoing continued relationship with them.

These awards are an opportunity for the Contest Board to say thank you to a few members who go above and beyond to provide a great amount of leadership, hard work and their own time for the benefit of the club. This is often one of the most difficult awards to determine because so many members help out and it's never fun to leave someone out. That said, thank you to all of the members who help the club all season every season.

This year's Special Act/Service Awards go to:

Craig Bradshaw: Craig's work in promoting our club, attracting new members, building boats, creating new Governor's Cup trophies which he paid for (saving the club money), ordering our race awards, helping secure Silverado as a race site, working on sponsorship, and much, much more.

Robert & Robbie Roberts: As a duo, these guys were

always there in service of the club and their fellow members this year. They're boat builders, they step up to help out with anything the club needs at the race site, they assess new equipment such as speed controls, propellers and setups to help all of us continue to get better. Additionally, Robbie & Robert attended the Gold Cup without any intent on racing that day...they were only there to help out. Robbie stepped up as driver's rep – always a thankless job – and Robert stepped in as a substitute driver, but also helped officiate multiple heats, and helped with set up and break down. Their actions all season, but particularly at the Gold Cup were an example of what all members of the club should aspire to at all times, so for those efforts, we recognize the Roberts father-son team with a Special Act/Service Award. Thank you, guys, for the example you set for all of us.

The Hall of Champions was created by Mike Campbell and the 2007-08 ERCU Contest Board shortly after Roger Newton passed away. It is an award intended to recognize a member who makes exceptional contributions to the club and who also demonstrates excellence on the race course. Roger was recognized, posthumously in 2008, as one of the club's founders and prime developer in its early years by being given induction into the

club's Hall of Champions. In 2009 Jeff Campbell was given the award and in 2010 it went to Mike Campbell. Both of the Campbell brothers have been instrumental in research and development of boats, motors, props and batteries over the years. Last year, Holmberg was honored with this award, so he presented it along to this year's winner.

This year was easily the best season ever for the member we honor tonight. While it wasn't his best season in terms of points in the vintage class, he did get back into the Top 10 after missing it each of the last two years. He has successfully represented ERCU at two NAMBA FE Nationals with podium finishes in both classes each time. His contributions to ERCU as a whole are huge. Three times, he's served the club as Contest Board chairman, he's been instrumental in creating a rule book for 1/10-scale fast electric unlimited hydros for NAMBA, and in 2005, he basically threw away his 2005 season to prove the brushless motor and speed controls we now use and make it our motor of choice, which resulted in achieving the scale speeds we're hitting today.

Daum has spent a lot of time, effort, sweat and blood for the benefit of ERCU over the years and in thanks for that, he was presented with this year's Hall of Champions award.

DAVID NEWTON and Newton Marine are once again holding the annual Black Friday sale on Friday, Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving. Enjoy 30 percent off all merchandise at newtonmarine.com, including plan sets, coloring books, photo books and more. To receive this special offer, simply enter the code "Blkfriday12" in the promotional box during check-out. For any questions on the sale please email Newton at newtonmarine@gmail.com. This sale will only last 24 hours so don't miss out on the discounts

... **MICK SHUTT** is feverishly working out the paint on his new Eagle Electric, which is expected to debut in the 2013 season ... **RICK LENTZ** made an appearance at the End of Season Banquet. Many commented that it was great to see him again ... **NELS ENQUIST** and **ROBBIE ROBERTS** are both considering the purchase of a new modern hull ...

2012 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

(FINAL, including drops)

#	Boat	High Points
1.	2010 Formula Boats	14,263
2.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	11,290
3.	2003 Llummar Window Film	9,988
4.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	8,860
5.	1999 Miss Madison	8,715
6.	2000 Znetix	5,545
7.	1976 Miss Vernor's	4,985
8.	1979 Miss Budweiser	3,623
9.	1977 Charlie's Girl	3,485
10.	1993 Miss Circus Circus	2,790

2012 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

(FINAL, including drops)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	14,263
2.	Craig Bradshaw	11,290
3.	Ron Daum	9,988
4.	Nels Enquist	8,860
5.	Ron Forister (R)	8,715
6.	Robert Roberts (R)	5,545
7.	Mick Shutt	4,985
8.	Mike Schultz (R)	4,848
9.	Bill Smiley	3,485
10.	Scott Fetterly	2,790

CAREER STANDINGS

VINTAGE

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	84,175
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	72,259
4.	Bill Smiley	64,652
5.	Ron Daum	57,192
6.	David Newton	50,223
7.	Rick Lentz	47,193
8.	Gerry Bordon	45,522
9.	Craig Bradshaw	41,863
10.	Gary Hansen	38,144
11.	Nelson Holmberg	37,215
12.	Craig Mullen	34,814
13.	Ryan Opfer	34,432
14.	Robbie Roberts	34,114
15.	Roger Newton	31,413

CAREER STANDINGS

MODERN

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	110,381
2.	Mike Gossler	77,109
3.	Nelson Holmberg	64,665
4.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
5.	Rick Lentz	40,762
6.	Gary Hansen	40,596
7.	Craig Bradshaw	37,717
8.	Bill Smiley	31,314
9.	Steve Twardus	27,766
10.	Ron Daum	26,131
11.	Henry Marvin	25,125
12.	Mark Hansen	24,763
13.	Craig Mullen	23,641
14.	Mick Shutt	21,999
15.	Jerry Johnston	21,349

2012 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

(FINAL, including drops)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	11,989
2.	1969 Pak Outrigger*	11,922
3.	1959 Maverick	9,797
4.	1960 Miss Burién	9,246
5.	1971 Miss Madison	8,350
6.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	6,375
7.	1958 Wildroot Charlie	5,347
8.	1957 Miss Wahoo	4,663
9.	1968 Gale's Roostertail	4,314
10.	1962 Gale V	4,008

* — Steve Dumanis' boat

2012 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

(FINAL, including drops)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	11,989
2.	Steve Dumanis	11,922
3.	Nels Enquist	9,797
4.	Robbie Roberts	9,246
5.	Ron Forister (R)	8,350
6.	Ron Daum	7,432
7.	Bill Smiley	6,411
8.	Gerry Bordon	6,375
9.	Craig Bradshaw	5,201
10.	Ryan Opfer	4,608

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RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

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

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RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

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

APRIL

14 Champion Spark Plug Regatta
Centralia, Fort Borst Park
CD: Nelson Holmberg
Winners:
(M) Formula; (V) Parco's O-Ring

28 Apple Cup
Lakewood, Waughop Lake
CD: Ben Keller
(M) Cott's Beverage; (V) Muvalong

MAY

5 Atomic Cup
Elma, Vance Creek Park
CD: Ron Daum
(M) Formula; (V) Hawaii Ka'i

JUNE

2 Seafair Trophy Race
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park
CD: Nels Enquist, Scott Fetterly
(M) Formula; (C) Boat; (V) 'Rigger

10 Maple Valley Days/President's Cup
Maple Valley, Lake Wilderness
CD: Scott Fetterly
(M) Charlie's Girl; (V) Outrigger

16 Woodland Hydroglobe
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake
CD: Nelson Holmberg
(M) Formula; (V) Outrigger (Cole)

30 Oregon Emerald Cup
Tualatin, Lake of Tualatin Commons
CD: Nelson Holmberg
(M) Formula; (V) Island Security

JULY

14 Columbia Cup
Longview, Lake Sacajawea Park
CD: Mick Shutt
(M) Oberto; (V) Hallmark Homes

AUGUST

11 Bernie Little Memorial
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park
CD: ERCU Contest Board
(M) Oberto; (V) Miss Burién

19 Roger Newton Memorial
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club
CD: David Newton
(M) The Tide (Dillard); (V) Parco's

SEPTEMBER

15 Stan Sayres Memorial
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park
CD: Monte Steere
(M) Madison; (V) Hallmark Homes

16 Gold Cup
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park
CD: ERCU Contest Board
(M) Formula; (V) Hawaii Ka'i

22 Governor's Cup
Adna, Silverado Ski Pond
CD: Craig Bradshaw
(M) Miss Madison; (V) Miss Burién

OCTOBER

6 Oryx Cup
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake Park
CD: Nelson Holmberg
(M) Miss Madison; (V) Hawaii Ka'i