

A monthly newsletter from the world's largest
1/10-scale fast electric unlimited hydroplane
racing club



Awards Banquet is just around the corner

Just a reminder that this year's End of Season Banquet is set for Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Southcenter Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila.

While we continue our work to line up a guest speaker, it's time to start RSVPing for the event. You can do so by downloading the RSVP form on the club's website (www.e-rcu.com/2012/10/15/send-in-your-banquet-rsvp-now/), and sending it along with a check or money order in the amount of \$20 (payable to ERCU) to Scott Fetterly at the address on the

form.

Social time will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the program to begin at 7 p.m.

The club's annual awards will also be presented during the End of Season Banquet.

The planned menu is as follows:

- Appetizer of garlic cheese toast
- Salad with ranch dressing
- Soft drink and/or coffee, hot tea, iced tea or milk
- One of the following entrees: Chicken Marsala; Meat Lovers Treat, or the Managers Favorite

(spaghetti with Mizithra Cheese and Meat Sauce)

- Ice cream for dessert

Cocktails, beer and wine will be available from the bar at attendee's expense.

Jon Zimmerman, driver of the U-9 Jones Racing hydro and 2010 H1 Unlimiteds Rookie of the Year, will be our special guest.

Zimmerman, in his first full season ride, is currently fourth in driver and boat points, with the trip to Doha for the World Championship still ahead.

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bigBoatSTUFF

As the unlimiteds prep for their overseas voyage to Qatar — the teams take the boats to Savannah, Ga., to meet Peters & May personnel at the end of October — the Oh Boy! Oberto's appeal of the decision at San Diego is still underway. Data from RacePak has been returned to HI Unlimiteds and the appeals committee is expected to hear a presentation from the Oberto team anytime now ... Meanwhile, Leland Unlimited has made a driver change, with **Ryan Mallow** taking over as the team's primary driver beginning with the Oryx Cup in Doham replacing long-time driver **Greg Hopp** ... Speaking of Doha, there will be two races in Qatar's biggest city this winter, with the 2013 season opener scheduled to take place in early-February ... That, combined with the new race in Sacramento, and the presumed return of all existing U.S. race sites, means a seven-race HI Unlimited season in 2013. Still no word on whether the race in China will materialize ... 5 Graham Trucking driver **Jimmy Shane** has pretty much cemented himself as the HI Rookie of the Year, and is expected to turn in another solid performance in Doha.

More than 20 boats were put on display for the Best of Show contest at the Refuge Custom Painting Oryx Cup in Woodland. Robert Roberts' 2000 Znetix and John Earnest's 1962 Gale V were the contest winners.

Madison, Hawaii Ka'i survive wind

WOODLAND, Wash. — The owners of 18 boats braved the 1/10-scale hurricane that hit Horseshoe Lake here, in order to (almost) complete the final race of the season.

It was the inaugural Refuge Custom Paint Oryx Cup, which barely reached a finish.

The day started out calm, quiet and beautiful, and while the perfectly sunny skies and temperatures persisted throughout the day, a relentless wind came up about 12:30 and never really let up.

It got so bad that after a delay of about 30 minutes between the modern final and the vintage final, waiting for the wind to die down and approaching 5 p.m., drivers voted to cancel the final heat and decide the vintage Oryx Cup on points.

It wasn't the first wind delay of the day. After the conclusion of the Best of Show voting, was when the wind kicked up and attempting to run modern heat 2A was impossible, and officials called the boats off the course and the first wind delay followed.

Successive heats were run, most of which were in really rough water — some

delayed — and the attrition rate continued to climb before we got to a point where even the modern final had started, then was called due to the rough water and restarted about 30 minutes later. Even then, the rough water claimed one boat, and made it tough to race in the winner-take-all final.

Ron Forister won the rough-and-tumble modern final with his 1999 Miss Madison. It was his third win in the last four races. Second in the modern final went to Mike Schultz's 1983 Miss Houston, followed by Mick Shutt's 1976 Miss Vernor's. Fourth place, after a couple of penalties, was Craig Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto. Nelson Holmberg's 2010 Formula Boats did not finish after blowing over in the west turn.

Due to attrition, there were no connies for the first time all year, so Gentleman Jim Latimer's 1962 \$ Bill moved into the final as the trailer, without having to earn it in a connie, and despite two blowovers in the three preliminary heats.

After the nightmare that was the modern final, came the final delay and the decision to scrub the vintage final. With ties

broken by season points, the final results of the vintage class were: 1. 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III (Owner: Ben Keller, Driver: Holmberg), 1,200 points, 2. 1971 Miss Madison (Owner/Driver: Forister), 1,200 points; 3. 1959 Maverick (Owner/Driver: Nels Enquist), 825 points; 4. 1971 Atlas Van Lines (Owner: Kirk Pagel, Driver: Bradshaw), 700 points; 5. 1958 Miss Thriftway (Owner/Driver: Schultz), 700 points; 6. 1963 Tahoe Miss (Owner/Driver: Rollie Fisher), 694 points, 7. 1962 \$ Bill (Owner/Driver: Latimer), 300 points.

Winners of the Best of Show Contest were Robert Roberts' 2000 Znetix and John Earnest's 1962 Gale V. Thanks again to John "JJ" Burke who sponsored the gas card prizes for that event. A good time was had by all of the spectators and club members who participated in the vote and display of the boats.

Special thanks are also due to Roberts, Steve Dumanis and Latimer who helped out with chief referee duties, and to Bradshaw who served as drivers rep at the race.



NOTEBOOK: Champs, Board named

The final standings from the 2012 Red Dot Championship Series presented by Peters & May have been posted and the champions are now official.

Nelson Holmberg swept the modern and vintage driver crowns, as well as the modern boat championship, and Ben Keller won the vintage boat championship with his 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III for the second year in a row, capitalizing on points earned Holmberg as his driver. Second place in the vintage class drivers standings went to Steve Dumanis (just 67 points behind), followed by Nels Enquist

in third, Robbie Roberts in fourth and Ron Forister in fifth.

The vintage class second five were: Ron Daum in sixth, followed by Bill Smiley, Gerry Bordon, Craig Bradshaw and Ryan Opfer.

Holmberg won six races in the modern class with his 2010 Formula Boats, including the Peters & May Gold Cup. He was followed in the driver points standings by Bradshaw. Daum was third in the driver points, followed by Enquist and Forister to round out the top five.

Sixth place in the modern class went to Robert Roberts,

followed by Mick Shutt, Mike Schultz, Smiley and Scott Fetterly.

Complete standings are available on the club's website at the Statistics page.

Contest Board positions announced

The recently-elected 2012-13 ERCU Contest Board has decided on position assignments for the coming year.

Entering into the second year of their current terms, Nels Enquist will move to the registrar/treasurer position, and Craig Bradshaw will move into the secretary position

while Gerry Bordon remains the technical inspector.

Newly-elected Kirk Pagel will serve as the scale inspector. Beginning another term, Ben Keller will remain as statistician, Ron Daum will move to race coordinator, and Nelson Holmberg will move to chairman.

The new board members will officially begin their term on November 1. Holmberg will announce the date and place of the first of this year's offseason member meetings at the End of Season Banquet on November 10.

Racesite feedback sought through survey

The ERCU Contest Board is hoping to gain some insight from members regarding our current race sites, so we're asking each of you to take just a few minutes and answer a brief survey, providing us information as we begin to plan the 2013 racing season.

The survey can be found on the club's website at: www.ercu.com/2012/10/03/racesite-survey/

The survey will close on October 31, and results will be posted on the website shortly thereafter.

Model Hydro Show planning underway

It's time for planning and scheduling the fifth Annual Roger Newton Memorial R/C Model Hydro Show.

Unlimiteds Unanimous again has committed to rent the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum in Kent, and sponsor the show. Modelers who participate are asked to donate \$5 each and bring their own tables.

The date is tentatively set for Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2013. Setup time will be 10 a.m. The show will be advertised to the public as being from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. Stay tuned.

theMILL

JOHN TOUSLEY recently purchased NELSON HOLMBERG's 1957 Miss Wahoo ...

MICK SHUTT is converting his 1975 Oh Boy! Oberto into the 1968 Eagle Electric and the 1976 Miss Vernor's into the 1978 Miss Budweiser this winter ... SCOTT FETTERLY has registered the 2012 88 Degree

Men for an offseason build (Master Hull Roster #8901)

... CRAIG BRADSHAW's www.westcoastcustomboats.com

will be redesigned this winter ... KIRK PAGEL announced that the 1964 Miss Smirnoff is "going home to Detroit", where

RAY CARPENTIER in Gross Pointe Shores, Mich., will be running it in Central Michigan

Fast Electrics ... MITCH DILLARD has launched

Hydroscale Creations, to provide cowlings, wing sets, canopies, drivers and other accessories for 1/10-scale unlimited hydroplanes. Dillard's effort includes a website, www.hydroscalecreations.com.



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