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"MADISON" THE MOVIE NOW SHOWING IN NOVI!! - MAY 20TH-26TH

There is good news and bad news about the movie Madison coming to Detroit. It will be released on Friday in direct competition with the opening weekend of the Star Wars movie IN ONE THEATRE. It will open at the Emagine theatre in Novi. I spoke with Bill Bindley this evening and he feels that MGM is using this as a test. It's not good that there has been ZERO promotion here, but this could be our only chance. I urge all of the boat racing fans to try and get out there this weekend. May the force be with us. (Paul Scurlock, Detroit)

http://www.emagine-entertainment.com/showtimes_novi.html

(May 20th-26th... times subject to change):

Fri & Sat: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Sun: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 9:45

Mon & Tue: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Wed: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 9:45

Thu: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Like Paul says - let's all get out and support the commercial showing of this movie to support the sport we all love!! So far it's scheduled just for the one week at the Emagine in Novi.

For your own Madison movie poster view this PDF file:

<http://www.gold-cup.com/news/05/madisonposter.pdf>

ANOTHER SPECIAL LOCAL SHOWING OF "MADISON" - JUNE 14TH

This will be a special showing of Madison, and is still a *tentative* plan but we wanted to let you know about it now. More news as it develops.

When: Tuesday June 14th

Where: Emerald Theatre Complex, Mt. Clemens MI

Time: 6:30 - 10:30pm

What: A celebration of powerboat racing featuring the movie "Madison", legends of powerboat racing, static displays of race boats, cars, club and nautical displays, short program and post premiere party.

\$12.00 admission with a party as a benefit for the DRRRA, Marine Prop Riders, and Unlimiteds Detroit.

General schedule:

4:00 Static displays

6:30 Reception and possibly a select auction

7:30 Short presentation before the movie

8:00 The showing begins

9:30 Announcement of door prize winners, prize drawing, etc

10:00 Party @ Jonny G's with "Dream Street Rose" (next door)

PRE-RACE BENEFIT PARTY AT THE JEFFERSON YACHT CLUB - JUNE 11

This DRRA fund-raiser is still under development, be sure to mark the date on your calendar and we'll tell you more when it is finalized.

JIM MCCORMICK'S MISS TIMEX - 1971 - BY FRED FARLEY

Jim McCormick did indeed own the MISS TIMEX (U-8) that appeared at the 1971 Madison Gold Cup. This was the 1970 PARCO'S O-RING MISS, an Ed Karelson hull that Jim had bought from Laird Pierce a few days before the race. Yes, he was driving against his own boat when he piloted the MISS MADISON (U-6).

Here's the story:

At the start of the 1971 season, the Timex sponsorship belonged to a certain Gordon Deneau of Detroit who had been in and out of boat racing since the 1950s. Deneau and MISS TIMEX (U-75) finished third at the 1971 season-opener in Miami with rookie Tom Sheehy driving. The U-75 was a previously unraced hull that had been built in 1970 by Les Staudacher.

Despite the good showing at Miami, the U-75 team quickly went down hill in terms of performance. Once the Timex people got a good look at the workings of Deneau's operation, they pulled the sponsorship. The U-75, by the way, did show up at the 1971 Gold Cup with a new owner (Lou Nuta, Sr.) and a new name (MISS MIAMI) but was unable to qualify for the race.

Enter Jim McCormick.

Jim had for some time been toying with the idea of starting his own team. (In 1969, he had briefly co-owned a boat called MY CUPIEE.) When Gordon Deneau defaulted on the Timex sponsorship in mid-season 1971, Jim invited the Timex corporation to sponsor the U-8.

McCormick finished the season in the cockpit of MISS MADISON and won two races--the Gold Cup and the Tri-Cities Atomic Cup--while Ron Larsen piloted MISS TIMEX. After 1971, Jim left the MISS MADISON team and piloted his own craft--under the Timex sponsorship--in 1972.

U-8 HYDRO PRESS RELEASE

Jean Theoret, Montreal, Quebec Grand Prix champion, will drive the popular LLUMAR WINDOW FILM Unlimited Hydroplane on the 2005 ABRA Racing Tour.

The year 2005 will mark the first time in 15 years that a Canadian driver will pilot on the

Unlimited Hydroplane Racing Circuit. In 1989, Canadian driver Pierre Lavigne drove only one heat of racing at the Detroit race. Theoret will be the first full time foreign driver since the late Bob Hayward raced the Miss Supertest III in 1961.

Bill Wurster, owner of the LLumar Window Film Hydroplane stated that he selected Jean Theoret to drive the 2005 season because of his outstanding record for being the winningest Grand Prix Class Hydroplane driver in the history of the sport. Jean has 43 victories, 6 National Championships and won the Grand Prix World Championship in year 2000. "I believe we will have one of the most competitive boats on the ABRA circuit this year. I want to put the most talented driver I can find in the cockpit to win the 2005 National Highpoint Championship and of course the coveted Detroit "Gold Cup" for LLumar Window Film.

Jean was born into a family with a long history of hydroplane racing. He was Grand Prix "Rookie Driver of the Year" in 1983 at only 22 years of age.

A great champion, Born into a family with a long history in hydroracing, Jean got his start in 1983, winning recognition as "Rookie of the year" in the 2.5 litre class. The following year he moved up into the Grand Prix class and was once again named "Rookie of the year". During the years that followed, Jean made his mark in the sport as a fierce competitor, winning several championships and recording numerous speed records. He was born on January 29th of 1962 from Gerald Theoret and Mariette Gauthier. Jean is married to Danielle Joannette, father of Pierre and Samuel. They live in Maple Grove, Quebec.

LLumar Window Film of Martinsville, Virginia has been the title sponsor for the U-8 Racing Team for nine consecutive years.

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- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer