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THE DATES FOR THE 2007 GOLD CUP

Mark your calendars, the dates for the 2007 Gold Cup have been announced! The race will be held July 13-15, 2007.

FOX SPORTS AND THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Fox Sports and the Discovery Channel were both at the Gold Cup taping the event. Fox Sports will be broadcasting the Detroit, Tri-Cities, Seattle and San Diego races in a couple months as the official coverage of those events. The Discovery Channel was on hand gathering footage for a program to be shown during their Fall's Speedweek on a program called HyperSpeed. Dates and times to be announced.

BENEFIT GOLF OUTING FOR JENNIFER WILLETTE

The family of Jennifer Willette, one of the most seriously injured at Madison, is organizing a benefit golf outing on September 9th. I'm not a golfer but I hope that others of you out there are interested in participating. There is a limit of 32 foursomes, and hole sponsorships are available. Donations are also welcome.

Please see the full flyer:

<http://www.gold-cup.com/news/06/JenniferWilletteBenefitOuting.pdf>

R/C HYDROPLANE RACE AT THE GM TECH CENTER

This Sunday, August 13th, the Transom Twisters Model Boat Club will be having an R/C hydroplane race at the GM Tech Center in Warren. If you haven't seen the 1/8 scale and Sport 40 boats race before, it's a lot of fun with the same thrills and spills of the big boats! Racing starts about 9am and goes well into the afternoon.

Enter off of 12 Mile, at the entrance nearest to Mound Road. There is no charge to enter or watch the racing. Bring a folding chair and/or cooler if you like.

More information about R/C racing can be found on the International Model Power Boat Association's web site at <http://www.impba.net> or the local Oakland Wolverines Model Boat Club web site at <http://www.owmbc.org>.

HANAUER'S BLOG CONTINUES WITH "BACK FROM DETROIT"

"I have to say that my week in Detroit truly has to go down as one of 'Chip's most excellent adventures'." For more... <http://abrahydroplanes.com/index.cfm?page=Hanauer-Blog-4>

TRI-CITIES & SEATTLE

Congratulations to the Tri-Cities winner Dave Villwock in the Miss Elam, as well as Jean Theoret who is the Seattle Seafair champion for the second year in a row!

At the Tri-Cities race, J. Michael Kelly in the U-13 blew over in the second turn, literally flying over Steve David in the U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto, missing the majority of the U-6 then clipping the tail uprights and wing. The amazing in-cockpit footage from the U-6 can be found on the KNDU web site:

<http://kndu.com/Global/category.asp?C=78290>

Look for this story: Maybe the scariest hydroplane video we've seen. U-6 Driver Steve David: "I was literally 10 feet from being dead".

At the Seattle race, the U-21 Miss Sympatico caught fire and driver Kevin Aylesworth was able to get out quickly and into the water. Video of this is available on the same KNDU page. The DRRA hopes that the damage wasn't too bad and that they will be back in the water for the San Diego Race.

2006 GOLD CUP MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Remaining Gold Cup merchandise will soon be available, hopefully within a week. Watch our web site for a "Merchandise" link in the menu, and this will take you to our merchandisers web site where you may see what's available and place your order.

LOCAL GRAND PRIX RACER MARIO MARALDO FEATURED IN NEWSPAPER FROM THE MACOMB DAILY

Mario Maraldo has built boats and raced boats. He has seen competitors dwindle and watched as fuel prices soared.

He has flipped at 135 mph, and he has won championships at high speeds.

Through the ups and downs of racing hydroplanes off and on since 1959, Maraldo's passion for the sport remains strong.

"I just really still enjoy it," said Maraldo ...

For the full story: http://macombdaily.com/stories/071306/spo_maraldo001.shtml

DON'T FORGET MRS. SCHUMACHER BY JOHN BRIDGE

When I went down to get Jean after his heat win on Sunday for the convertible ride through the grandstands, I asked Mr. Schumacher if he would also like to ride in the car and he said no. I was surprised with his answer as he could tell. He then told me to ask his wife since she was the real owner. I did and she said sure. I then explained that that Mr. Schumacher

declined and asked if she thought she could get him to come along. She said he was shy but thought she could talk him into it.

As it turned out she told me that she wanted Jean's Wife and little boy to ride in the car instead. That was a very nice thing for her to do. I ended up giving a Matchbox Hydroplane toy to Jean's son along with the checkered Flag. You should have seen him waving that Flag to the fans, or maybe you did. If anybody deserved them it was Jean's little boy.

When we got them all back to the Pit area the first thing Jean's son did was walk over to Mr. Schumacher and handed him the checkered Flag. Mr. Schumacher got a huge smile on his face and thanked him for his gift. That was so cool to see. Moments like that last a lifetime.

Another nice moment happened when John Bridge was taking Steve David through after one of his heat wins. A girl came up to the car and asked Steve to sign a hat, adding that it was 'for her dad'. Steve asked 'where is your dad?' and she said 'over there, in the wheelchair'. Next, Steve hopped out of the car and went over to him to say hello, and thanked him for coming to the race.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer