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THE CHRYSLER JEEP SUPERSTORES APBA GOLD CUP - JULY 10-12, 2009

***** VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY - SEPTEMBER 20TH**

The DRRA Board is anxious to thank all of our hardworking volunteers for a job well done!

We held a vote as to whether you wanted to have the Volunteer Appreciation Party at Stony Creek or at another park venue. You expressed a preference for us to investigate other park venues and we have done that but were unable to find any sites available that seemed especially attractive.

The Board has a strong desire to support the Stony Creek Race so we decided that we will hold the Appreciation Party at Stony Creek after all. We know many of you will be there anyway, and so we hope you will come and partake in the barbeque prepared by Chef Lori & Chef Doug and have some beer and enjoy the Race from our special "view on the point."

We'll provide lunch, soda, water and beer until it runs out! We will have tables and chairs, bring your lawn blankets and chairs if you wish. Feel free to enjoy the race at the tent Sunday too, it will be 'bring your own' day. So we may plan for enough food, please RSVP by September 15th to moreinfo@gold-cup.com or 586 774-0980.

Park at Eastwood Beach and looking at the lake, to your left will be a point with a gazebo ... our tent will be next to that.

When: September 20th, 11am to 5:30pm (lunch at noon)
Where: Stony Creek Metro Park (26 Mile, West of Van Dyke)
Parking: \$4 per vehicle (or annual MetroPark pass)

***** STREAK ON THE CREEK - STONY CREEK - SEPTEMBER 20TH AND 21ST**

Streak on the Creek is a limited inboard hydroplane event held at Stony Creek Metro Park in Shelby Twp MI. This is an excellent racing venue with a large area for spectators.

The race is FREE to see - \$4 Park Admission or Annual Pass required per vehicle. Donations are appreciated ... net proceeds benefit the charities of the Rochester Elks and Rochester Eagles... 501c(8) entities. If you would like to see the boats up close, Cold Pit access will be available for about \$10.

September 20 & 21 at Stony Creek Metro Park -- 11:30am to 5:30pm

For more info visit their web site:

<http://www.streakonthecreek.com>

*** SAN DIEGO UNLIMITED RACE - SEPTEMBER 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST

The final race of the Unlimited Hydroplane season will be held in San Diego the weekend of September 19 to 21, with 11 Unlimiteds expected to attend. For more information:

<http://www.sandiegobayfair.org>

<http://www.hydroinsider.com>

*** SOME SAD NEWS - KIM GREGORY PASSED AWAY

The sport of hydroplane racing and those who knew Kim Gregory have lost a very special friend. Kim Gregory passed away Tuesday evening, September 2, of renal failure after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in early August. Gregory was admitted to The Ronald Regan Medical Center at UCLA on August 21. Kim Gregory was 58 years old.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to the entire Gregory family.

Post your thoughts and memories of Kim Gregory at the ABRA web site:

<http://abrahamhydroplanes.com/>

*** MARK WEBER TRIES ON A CHAMPBOAT

Mark was at the Algonac ChampBoat event helping set the course, etc, and was invited by the #45 F1 ChampBoat team, sponsored by the Navy, to be their driver for the weekend.

After about 9 practice laps, his first time in an F1 ChampBoat, he qualified in fourth. In the first 10-lap semi-final heat race Mark hit a roller and flipped or rolled the boat completely over at the end of the race, but finished the heat.

After sitting out heat 2 so the team could work on the boat, Mark started in 13th and ran to an 8th place finish in the 30-lap final.

"It was an absolute blast!" he said afterwards.

Congrats Mark!

*** 100TH RUNNING - COLLECTIBLE WATCHES

We are down to the last 3 (of 100) Men's Nautica watches left, and I expect them to go fast after this announcement. Our online store now lists this as sold out - these 3 will go to the first 3 people to reserve them via moreinfo@gold-cup.com or 586 774-0980.

The Time and Sport America watches are also selling well, we're down to 10 left in the ladies style.

*** EVANSVILLE FREEDOM FESTIVAL BOARD RESIGNS

The Evansville Freedom Festival Board of Directors has sent a short press release, relinquishing the organization's responsibilities for the riverfront event including the Thunder on the Ohio unlimited hydroplane race.

For those of you that have attended the Evansville race, please fill out the poll on the Evansville web site:

<http://www.downtownevansville.org>

*** JON STAUDACHER SETS ALL-TIME LAP RECORD AT WATERFORD HILLS

Jon Staudacher, known in part due to his and his father's work on inboard hydroplanes recently set the all-time fastest lap at the Waterford Hills Road Racing track in a car he built himself.

Below is a forum post by the previous record holder, Jon C Horgas, which I thought was pretty cool:

From: Jon C Horgas (at <http://www.waterfordhills.com> forum)
Re: Jon Staudacher

Congrats Jon on an absolutely smoking lap.

I thought it would be appropriate to be the one to congratulate you, and start this post. Having been fortunate enough to have held it for so many years, only a couple of people can truly appreciate what it took for you to turn the time you did. Jason Byers gave it a serious shot last year in his Zetec F2000, and took the FA record (1:04.017) in the process. Jimmy Vassar (1:03.9..) and I (1:03.670) are the other 2 to have been in the 1:03's. My old friend, and teacher of vehicle dynamics, David Hall, always said that DSR was the class of classes when it came to the all important HP/Lb ratio, and the fact you designed and built the car is very impressive (along with that gorgeous trailer).

Congratulations.

Many photos of Jon's aircraft, automotive, and hydroplane projects can be found here in the "Staudacher Gallery":
<http://www.acrodesigns.com>

*** GOLD CUP PHOTO GALLERY

I have now posted my photos to the Gold Cup gallery, along with Dave Mabry and Kathy Wyrwas (perhaps more to come from other photogs).

We're still working on integrating the gallery into the overall page layout, in the meantime you might find viewing a little easier by using this link:

<http://www.gold-cup.com/gallery/>

*** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STREAK ON THE CREEK

Streak On The Creek is looking for a few good volunteers to help at their event September 20th and 21st. They could especially use a couple young & strong types to help put up the clock in the morning and take it down at the end of the day, as well as a few for the easier jobs of keeping an eye on the fence line around the pit area and etc.

Contacts are Andy: blwtrdvr (at) msn.com and Ken via: carolyn.brode (at) yahoo.com

*** PDF GOLD CUP NEWSLETTERS?

We are considering switching the DRRA Regatta Review newsletter to a PDF format email attachment to make it more attractive and allow us to include photos.

The PDF format has become quite popular and free PDF readers are available for most computing platforms.

We would like your feedback, especially if you think you would be adversely affected by a switch to PDF.

*** TO SOME OF OUR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Let us offer our apologies to those of you that signed up for the newsletter using our web site subscription form this summer, because we didn't add you to the list until now.

If you think a friend signed you up and you'd prefer not to receive the newsletter, please email us at news@gold-cup.com and we will remove you from the list.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer

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