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THE CHRYSLER JEEP SUPERSTORES APBA GOLD CUP - JULY 9-11, 2010

*** HELLO HYDROPLANE FANS!

It's been a while since our last newsletter, and we have lots of news for you now...

*** THE 2009 DRRA AWARD WINNERS

First up, our congratulations to all the 2009 DRRA Award Winners:

Chairman's Choice Awards:

- Tim Lankin (many aspects of site setup)
- Carole Simons (volunteer tent)
- Bruce Cowen & Steve Mallard (pit tours)

President's Cup:

- Rich Evans (boat inspector)

Jack Love Award:

- Tom Levitt (pit setup and operation)
- The award was accepted by Amanda Levitt, Tom's daughter

*** NEW VIDEO LINKS ON OUR HOME PAGE

We now have a YouTube channel set up to display a number of related videos right from our home page. From a fan's video of the 2009 final heat and a nice F/A-18 flyover shot to vintage playbacks of the 1968 and 1986 Gold Cup races, you'll like them all.

*** THE CRITICAL JOB SURVEYORS DO FOR THE GOLD CUP EVENT

The survey team is an important part of the Gold Cup event and their responsibilities include layout of the race course and making sure that all the bouys stay in position throughout the weekend. There is a great article "The Need For Speed" about this in a recent surveyors trade magazine, Point Of Beginning, that is well worth checking out:
<http://tinyurl.com/ye7a2g2>

*** MADISON - THE MOVIE

Madison - The Movie is a movie loosely based on the 1971 Gold Cup race and if you haven't seen it yet you should check it out.

"A father-son action/drama based on the inspiring true story of the tiny river town of Madison, Indiana and its legendary efforts during the hydroplane racing season of 1971."

It's ready to see at:

<http://www.hulu.com/watch/95975/madison>

*** MARINE PROP RIDERS

The Marine Prop Riders are a local inboard hydroplane club founded in 1951, and many of their members are DRRA members as well. These are the grass-roots racers running in limited classes around the region including 2 or 3 in the Detroit Metro area in 2010. Virtually all of today's unlimited drivers began their career in the limited classes, and they can be equally exciting to watch. Some drivers, like Jeff Bernard, still run in the limited classes.

Anyone can join the club, like the DRRA they need volunteers as well as planners, judges and observers. Feel free to drop by a meeting, the first Wednesday of each month at Crash Landing in Madison Heights.

Also, this Saturday is the MPR Awards Banquet in Clinton Township and there might be room to squeeze in a few more if you're interested. See the invite at <http://marinepropriders.com> and call Mario at the number listed if you would like to attend.

*** THE ABRA SEASON CONCLUDES IN DOHA, QATAR

The final stop on the 2009 ABRA Unlimited Hydroplane tour has all the top spots up for grabs including the season champion driver and team. All the boats and equipment have arrived in Doha and are making display appearances around the city.

Listen to interviews with all the drivers as they prepare for Doha and find much more info as the race approaches by visiting the ABRA site at:

<http://abrahydroplanes.com>
(click on the Oryx Cup menu button)

The racing begins November 19th and will be webcast through the ABRA site. Testing begins at 1:30am (Eastern) and qualifying at 5am. The

final heat is scheduled for 8:00am (Eastern) on Saturday the 21st.
We have heard that the broadcasts may be replayed later at better
times for US viewers.

Keep your eyes on the ABRA site as well as <http://HydroInsider.com>
for continuing information!

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer

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