

## *Pateros Weekend Follow-up*

**Holy cow!!!! Great weather, Great racing, Great friends and if I don't say so myself one heck of a potluck Saturday night!!!**

**I would like to thank everyone for coming and making the Terry Troxell Memorial Regatta a total success. Tim, Julie, Sue, Doug, Debbie, Kip, Jeff Schneider, Karl and the rest of the TIRA club members and all of the other volunteers you are what made this race special. Seeing the '09 Pateros shirts, the pins that Karl made on everyone's hats and shirts, all the green shirts, and U-13 gear makes you realize again how many people that Terry touched.**

**I want to make this a happy time so let's talk about some racing! The vintage crew came in full force; we had to break them up into two different classes on Saturday, conventional and cabovers. With Brad Luce on the microphone talking about watching racing at Green Lake sure brought back some great memories, seeing Don Kelson drive Steve and Jodi Kramer's Sun Up which Steve and the Kelson's did a remarkable job restoring. What about John Leach finding the throttle pedal in the Buccaneer, that boat has some serious "Getty Up" and John showed them that he still remembers how to drive. After a not so good start in Moses this year Team Bolam had the Bolam Express looking good and going home in one piece, I hope like heck that Bob and Kathy change their mind and come out at least one more time this year. JC and Company had the Agitator vintage boat rolling as well, what a beautiful piece of work that is. Doug Whitley and his whole group deserves some great hi fives as every boat there this weekend was top notch. The inboarders as a whole should be very proud of themselves, the 1 litre mods put on a show all weekend, Ms. Bononcini showed that she is very ready to compete with the rest of the field as she is getting very comfortable in the new ride. Robby and Russ seem to have their boats dialed in has they had three great races. Jeff Bernard and the Liquid Lizard Race Team had the S-12 smoking this weekend and had everyone covered, if not for a broken water pick up that cost the team a motor in the last heat they would have had a clean sweep. I must say "Good Job" to Brian Perkins for not only getting Paul and Austin's boat back together in time for the race but for also getting it to the race and driving it Saturday and in one heat on Sunday so that Austin and Paul could attend a wedding. But, Brian did manage to lose some parts prior to giving the wheel back to Austin for the final heat. The Mack's Out team again did their job giving Jeff a super ride, the team went three for four with one heat going to Chris Bertram in the "Hey Jude". Those two battled all weekend with one of the heats being the heat of the season!! Great job to both drivers. Kip and Jeff also rolled in the five litre class, well they won the weekend! Justin, Travis and their team also showed that they are not going anywhere, Travis got a couple of wins this weekend but Saturday lost a motor while battling with Kip in the second heat. The team worked very hard Saturday night and Sunday to get the new motor in and ready to go, the only thing I noticed was that it was Orange not Maroon. For me one highlight of the weekend was having the opportunity to do the radio for Wally Johnston as he made his final laps in the Agitator, Wally has sold the boat and it will be headed back east somewhere. That boat has been very good to the Johnston team and I wish the new owners the best of luck. I am sure we will see Wally again, hopefully soon. The 2.5 mods where definitely there and once again Gerry Jarvis and his team kept her together for four heats and won the weekend. Poodle made the day for her team on Saturday with a win in the second heat, she made a great start and drove four quality laps to her first ever APBA heat win!! Congrats to Poodle and ALL of Team Toothpick Racing. Poodle was also treated to a cooling off swim after the heat by her buddy Jeff Bernard who had given the team their first win at Tastin' N Racin' earlier in the year. The Sidewinder also won a heat on Sunday but Saturday a broken throttle pedal left Chris dead in the corner.**

**I must finish with the THANK YOU to our trophy sponsor; if you did not see them they were beautiful. To Brad Luce, you are a 1000% total professional and TIRA would love to have you back whenever possible, you made the racing come to life and everyone enjoyed it more than you will ever know. To my friend Jeff Bernard, what a year!!!! Nobody deserves to be the first person to receive the Terry Troxell trophy more than you; you are class act and first rate driver. The "Ice Man" is what should be inscribed next to your name; honor the trophy as we know you will!!!**

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