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***** VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF MEETING REMINDER - MAY 14TH!**

This is a reminder that the Spring volunteer kick-off meeting will be held this Friday, May 14th, starting at 6:30pm.

Our special guest speaker will be Steve David, driver of the Oh Boy! Oberto and 2009 H1 Hydroplanes National Champion. Broasted chicken with all the fixings as well as beer, wine, pop & water will be served.

The location is the same as recent years:

UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Enter off 13 Mile Road at Montpelier Drive, Montpelier runs South between John R. Road and I-75. Take that all the way down to the corner and the UFCW Hall is in front of you. Remember that I-75 doesn't have an exit at 13 Mile, use 12 or 14 then John R. or Stephenson to get to 13 Mile.

If you haven't RSVP'd there may still be time - 586.774.0980.

***** LEGENDARY CANADIAN RACER TO BE HONOURED ON POSTAL STAMPS**

Stamp to honour Miss Supertest, Bob Hayward

The Stamp Selection Committee of Canada Post has seen fit to honour [Canada's] most famous racing powerboat, Miss Supertest, with a commemorative stamp that will be issued in September, 2011.

For more information about Bob Hayward, Miss Supertest and the stamp visit <http://tinyurl.com/22pyg6s>

***** PERKINS & U-21 IMPRESS IN TRI-CITIES TEST SESSION**

***** From H1 Hydroplanes**

The GPS said 201 mph. The smiles on the faces of Greg and Brian O'Farrell, owners of the new U-21 Albert Lee Appliance Unlimited

Hydroplane and driver Brian Perkins said even more.

After Perkins completed his first series of laps on the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities area of South Central Washington on Friday, he commented that his new ride, "Goes fast, accelerates and turns. Everything you want a race boat to do."

Perkins second session on the short course laid out for testing was even more impressive. Perkins thrilled a large crowd of fans and photographers by coming by the docks in the Neal F. Lampson pits at full song and then arcing toward the Pasco side while coming within a few yards of the Kennewick-Pasco bridge several times.

It was obvious the young pilot was enjoying the handling and speed of his new state of the art race boat. Owner Greg O'Farrell said simply, "Wow...what a difference," referring to the older, heavier hulls his team has campaigned previously.

Later in the day, Dr. Ken Muscatel did a few laps in his U-25, which underwent a major rebuild during the 2009 season. Muscatel ran the boat without a cowling and rear wing and was planning to run again Saturday morning.

Tri-Cities Water Follies President Michael Denslow and Event Director Kathy Powell were on hand for the test session and were very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm shown by the fans and media on hand.

Powell commented, "Besides giving us a chance to spend some time with great people like Dr. Ken, the O'Farrells and Albert Lee III, the teams testing in the Tri-Cities gives our Water Follies rescue team an excellent chance to train and lets the community know that spring is here and the Lamb Weston Columbia Cup is not far off."

As the O'Farrell's Go Fast Turn Left Racing Team packed up for the trip back to Seattle and sponsor Albert Lee III packed up the big barbecue that had provided the race teams and media with a day-long feast, it was apparent they were in for a 2010 racing season that should see them joining the front runners among the world's fastest race boats.

[Dr Ken Muscatel's plan to run Saturday morning was scuttled by engine problems. The Saturday testing planned for the U-25 did not happen.]

For photos and an interview see <http://tinyurl.com/29fl8ur>

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