

# POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE *gazette*

## CARTERSVILLE Edition Vol. 25 - #7 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Everyone is invited to join **Powerboat Superleague** for the annual end-of-the-year gathering at the Holiday Inn – Cartersville, Georgia. It will be a special time for all of us as we acknowledge our new champions, award the 2011 winners of the Best Dressed teams (Betty May Awards) the 2011 Larry Bowden Crew Person of the Year, the Superleague Staff Member presentation and the 2011 Ken Winkle Sportsman of the Year. We'll take a look back – the year in review - remember past achievements, those moments of driving passion that it took to bring out the best in each and every Powerboat Super-league member as well as those moments that remind us that sometimes, in spite of our best, the worst can happen.

We have reserved the hotel's meeting room for all of our Saturday activities, including catered lunch (included with your registration) as well as the review of 2011 and preview of the 2012 Superleague season. The awards dinner is scheduled to start at 6 PM with beverages and appetizers. Registration amounts are structured to allow you to choose your activities and the full registration includes lunch.

We are inviting all of our past champions to join us as we introduce the Powerboat Superleague Honor Roll – 25 years of racing excellence from F2/SST 120 and F3/SST 60 drivers that read like the “who's who” of tunnel boat racing. Each will receive a special certificate of accomplishment and the Honor Roll will have a permanent home on our web site.

**What's new this year?** A new hotel, the **Cartersville Holiday Inn** with a full service restaurant and lounge and an excellent location – just off of I-75. **CAPSULE TRAINING (ADDITIONAL \$25) WILL BE OFFERED LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON – AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP CURRENT WITH APBA SAFETY RULES.** We will start at noon on Saturday, giving everyone an opportunity to arrive a bit later, sleep in or see a bit of the Cartersville area. A special thank you to Louisa at the Cartersville-Bartow County CVB. She found some great deals and because of her efforts we can keep the cost reasonable with a better hotel.

## ***Site Logistics***

**DATE:** **October 1, 2011** Saturday meetings will start at noon with a complimentary/sponsored lunch and the banquet is scheduled to begin at 6 PM.

**LOCATION:** Conveniently located just off of I-75, Cartersville, Georgia is approximately 45 minutes north of Atlanta, near Red Top Mountain State Park.

## ***Registration***

**REGISTRATION:**

- FULL REGISTRATION for 2011 SUPERLEAGUE DRIVERS AND THEIR TEAMS and FAMILIES - includes Saturday meetings, lunch and dinner..... \$45
- Saturday Lunch and Meetings only..... \$35
- Saturday Dinner only..... \$40
- Children under 5 are free

**SEND REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO:** APR EVENTS GROUP,  
P. O. BOX 539, NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV 26155. Or fax to: 304.455.0027 or E-mail to:  
[samwiner3@gmail.com](mailto:samwiner3@gmail.com) or [sherron@aprsuperleague.com](mailto:sherron@aprsuperleague.com).

Be sure to include the number of people in your group and their names. Reserve your rooms directly with the Cartersville Holiday Inn (see *Accommodations* – below or our web site under hotels for room and rate information). We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible the weekend of October 1.



## ***Accommodations***

**Headquarters** Hotel for the Awards Banquet and Saturday Seminars is the Holiday Inn Cartersville. The hotel has given us an excellent group rate of \$65 (plus tax) and they ask that rooms be reserved by Thursday, September 29. The host hotel has a full-service restaurant and lounge, outdoor pool, Wi-Fi access in all guest rooms, a business center, a fitness center and free hot breakfast in A.J.'s Café. To book your room, please call or fax the hotel directly and be sure to mention "Superleague Group" to receive the discounted rate. Phone: 770 386 0830 and fax: 770 386 0867.

### **NEED TO CALL, FAX, OR E-MAIL US ?**

Remember our office hours are **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Monday through Friday (eastern daylight savings time).

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# ***Schedule***

## **FRIDAY, September 30**

**7-9 pm** Welcome in the hotel lounge

## **SATURDAY, October 1**

**9 – noon** morning is free for teams to explore Cartersville and the surrounding area – don't miss Etowah, the ancient Native American village and mounds or visit the Tellus Museum with an outstanding collection of fossils and minerals

**noon - 5** catered lunch and the business meeting followed by capsule training and a special presentation of the Pittsburgh TV show

**6 pm** pre-dinner hospitality – appetizers, beer and wine

**7-9 pm** dinner and awards presentations

## ***Superleague Site Salute***

For 25 years, cities, small towns and local committees, sites from the United States, Canada and Europe, have supported Powerboat Superleague by providing a place for us to race. Their belief in and their dedication to what we do and their commitment to their communities is unprecedented. Over the years, many of the organizers have become friends and all are a part of the extended Powerboat Superleague family. Our heartfelt thanks to the 2011 venues: Elgin, IL and McGrath Motorsports; Pittsburgh, PA and the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Management company ISMUSA; Marietta, Ohio and the Riverfront Roar Committee, Huntington, WV and Dan Ferguson, Bruce Sprouse, Dana Tomes; Aurora, IN and Aurora Riverfront Beautification – Charlotte Hastings; Kankakee, IL – Joe Walz and the Great Lakes Boat Club. We look forward to seeing all of them in 2012 and perhaps adding a few more "places to play."

## ***2011 Superleague Thank You***

**Remember to thank our circuit and event sponsors as well as the staff and all of the site organizers. Without all of them we cannot have fast fun – Superleague style.**

Powerboat Superleague gratefully acknowledges the support of the **2011 circuit sponsors**: Bald Spot Sports, Eco-First, Inc., Hooters' and Hooters' Magazine, Performance Propellers, Tiger Performance Products, and Raceboat International Magazine. Special acknowledgements to Jarred Romesburg and Romesburg Media for the exceptional television program covering the race in Pittsburgh and to OPC Committee for their support of our racing efforts, to Congressman Bill Johnson – sixth district/Ohio – for the unbelievable honor of a Congressional Proclamation and to Joe Walz for the invitation to Kankakee where his hospitality

was wonderful and the acknowledgement of our 25 years in racing was a complete surprise. When our peers say congratulations there is no higher honor. **To our staff** – David Black, Jim and Marie Bremer, Tim Calhoun, Trent Damron and the rescue unit: Cody, Jason, Lee and Toney, Tonya Damron, Doug Rea, Jarred Romesburg, Janie and Mike Tilton, Jeff and Sally Titus, and our chaplains from Legacy Ministry Jan, Laurie and Lauris Vidal and Ron Pegram. Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for allowing us the opportunity to celebrate an unparalleled event – 25 years in powerboat racing under the same management and ownership, making all of us a part of history and helping to set the benchmark higher. Your best efforts, experience and guidance have kept us moving forward, turning correctly and staying upright although not always dry. **To all of the teams** – your loyalty and participation, even when it was individually difficult, have made the last 25 years possible. We look forward to an equally amazing ride in 2012 as we continue to race into the future – Superleague style.

## ***A gentle reminder...***

Your vote counts – remember to send in your individual ballots (insert page of this Gazette). Team members may vote individually, but only one vote per person. Keep in mind that this is a wonderful way to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that was above and beyond the norm for crew person of the year; the extra efforts that it takes to present a professional image for best dressed, and sportsman (person) of the year should be the example that sets the standard – the image that all of us should project.



## **2011 Awards**

### **Ballot**

Our annual awards program – scheduled for October 1, 2011 - is always fun, informational and rewarding. Along with the tech talk, how-to sessions, future plans and the popular bench-racing, are the special awards presented to those individuals, members of the extended Superleague family, who have earned your recognition for the 2011 season. Below are the team choice categories; please vote for your favorites (**all team members are eligible to vote, not just the owner/driver**).

#### ***Betty May Best Dressed Team Awards***

Betty, in addition to being a great mom, was an ardent supporter and crew member for #71, Bill May. Betty never appeared at a race site unless every hair was in place and her purple and yellow uniform spotless and pressed. We're not sure how she did this but Betty certainly set the standard. This award is for the one Superleague team that exemplifies the standards that Betty set.

My choice for the Best-dressed Superleague team is:

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***Larry Bowden Crew Person of the Year Award***

Larry Bowden, uncle and crew person for Todd Bowden (former F3 and F2 driver) often reminded us of the "forgotten" members of Superleague – the hard-working crew. It was his suggestion that we honor one of these invaluable people. Larry passed away before we had an opportunity to recognize him, but the award, in his name, reminds all of us of the necessity of the crew. (note: does not need to be the crew chief)

Your vote for 2011 crew person  
is: \_\_\_\_\_

***Outstanding Site Award/Best NEW site Award***

We have great racing venues and each community works hard to make each Superleague event special for all of you, as well as exciting for their town. To honor the best site and the best new site for 2011, keep in mind the following: community support, effectiveness of the local committee, race facilities, media exposure and publicity, hospitality and spectator attendance.

2011 Best Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Best New Site: Elgin \_\_\_\_\_ Huntington

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***Staff Officer Award*** – The staff seldom receives the recognition that all of them so justly deserve. Many of you indicated that there were too many choices for the Sportsperson of the Year and asked that we also honor the staff person of the year. Jim Bremer, Chief Referee was your 2008 choice, followed by David Black in 2009 and Doug Rea in 2010; this year the winner is...

2011 Staff Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

***Ken Winkle Sportsmanship Award***

This award is presented to the individual that in some way exemplifies what Superleague racing should be; this person or group should demonstrate the standards for excellence and sportsmanship, levels that we all need to achieve. Named to honor Ken Winkle, the original voice of Superleague until his untimely death, this is the most prestigious of all of the Superleague awards. Anyone who has been a part of the 2011 Superleague effort is eligible for nomination – from team members and drivers/owners to officials, sponsors and local committee members. It is our way of saying that they are the best, not just for one year but always.

Ken Winkle Sportsmanship Award: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please sign your ballot and return to Superleague by fax 304-455-0027 or by e-mail [sherron@aprsuperleague.com](mailto:sherron@aprsuperleague.com). Deadline for voting is September 25, 2011.

**One ballot per person**, team members should vote individually.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team or connection to Superleague: \_\_\_\_\_

# Meeting/Banquet/Capsule Training Reservations

Count us in! Our registration information is below.

Full Registration includes Saturday lunch, meeting and banquet

#\_\_\_\_\_@\$45/person

Lunch and meeting only: #\_\_\_\_\_@\$35/person

Banquet only: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40/person Note: children under 5 free

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the number and names of the people attending from your team. Complete information should be faxed (304 455 0027) or emailed to [samwiner3@gmail.com](mailto:samwiner3@gmail.com) or [sherron@aprsuperleague.com](mailto:sherron@aprsuperleague.com).  
NOTE: You do not need to send registration money in advance of the weekend.

## CAPSULE TRAINING – SATURDAY, LATE AFTERNOON

AT THE HOST HOTEL.

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$25 PER PERSON

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE (BUT NO NEED TO SEND MONEY EARLY)

COST IS \$25/DRIVER

Yes, I need capsule training: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring your helmet and life jacket – training is open to everyone regardless of category/class but you must be a current APBA member.

APBA membership expires October 31, 2011

Keep in mind that capsule certification is required for all APBA capsule classes.

Your certification runs per calendar year and with agreement from APBA, training taken at this session will count for 2012 and 2013.

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