

## Steve David A Hit at Banquet

Well it almost goes without saying that having Steve David as our keynote speaker for the 2008 RCU Awards Banquet was nothing short of “way cool”.

A big thanks goes out to the Lepinski's on pulling off yet another great evening of fun and fellowship, topping off another year in RCU racing.

Among other things Steve David reported that Oberto Racing is excited about its partnership with RCU and is again happy to be our primary sponsor in 2009.

Steve fielded an array of questions from enthusiastic listeners. “Whether you are model boater or part of an unlimited team, we are all racers and face many of the same challenges”, says David. When asked by his wife, “why

would you fly all the way across the USA on Saturday and turn around and fly home Sunday?” Steve answered “because a friend in RCU asked me to.”



**Steve David addresses an attentive RCU audience**

Steve and Oberto Racing provided an exciting finale to the annual RCU silent auction by having a live auction on a full sized beautiful prop that was

raced on the Oberto boat itself, I believe he said in 2007. After some hefty bidding from several camps, Chet Lepinski would not be without this treasure and successfully outbid all comers.

Surely RCU is lucky to have such friends. Thanks again Steve David and a big CONGRATULATIONS to you and Oberto Racing for becoming U-1 and World Champion.

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## New Board Named

Your new contest board for 2009 is;

Bill Brandt—Chairman

Randy Gosseen— Secretary

Brian Lepinski—Registrar

David Newton—Inspector

Harry Gatjens—Race Coordinator

Dave Brandt—Statistician

Jerry Courtway—Director

Outgoing Chair, Harry Gatjens informed the board that it was Jerry's decision not to continue on the board for the 2009 sea-

son. The new board accepted Jerry's resignation and appointed Chet Lepinski to finish out Courtway's term, ending in 2009. Chet will continue as Treasurer.

A big Thank You to the old and new board members.

## Next Board Meeting Date Set

The contest board plans to meet on Dec 6 at 2:00 pm in Ellensburg, WA. The location has not yet been determined.

is scheduled to end at 3:30.

The primary focus at the December meeting will address;

2009 race dates

Site selections

Race attendance

All club members are welcome to attend. The lunch meeting

## Newsletter Committee to be formed

I hope all can see that it is the intent of the new board to hit the ground running. With that in mind I am hoping to see two committees formed immediately. One committee will take on the responsibility of re-introducing the clubs newsletter. (IN HARD COPY) We have been a little lax on this for awhile and yet when you talk to any club member they

always agree that receiving that hard copy newsletter ever so often was always a highlight.. I know that we still look back on old ones with enjoyment. Harry Gatjens has agreed to mentor this project and with your help we can see success soon. It doesn't have to be real fancy. This attempt certainly isn't.. If you have some skill in this area you are very

needed. Please contact Harry at [ulbud@comcast.net](mailto:ulbud@comcast.net) or me at [rrc2@charter.net](mailto:rrc2@charter.net) right away. It is my goal to have this up and going bi-monthly, by January 2009. Remember, a web version is fine but for some reason, HARD COPY RULES!

## RCU Video Committee

How many times have you been at an RCU race and someone wants information on our club, the costs associated to get going or how fast do they go.

uploaded to U-Tube and put on DVDs to give away at our races. I know we have people that can produce this with minimal effort, (Marc, Don, Jeff, we need your help!!) Please, if you have capability in this area step up and be acknowledged. If we could have something in place before our

first 2009 race that would truly be exciting. Contact me, [rrc2@charter.net](mailto:rrc2@charter.net) and lets make it happen.

# Remembering Roger Newton

Both the old and new boards spent time on how to best remember and keep Roger a part of our club and it's heritage in perpetuity. Harry Gatjens shared the idea of naming the high boat points championship after Roger. Harry had been in previous discussions with others and certainly the idea was widely supported. Roger was "about the boats" and so it seems a fitting tribute. BUT, that is not enough for our founder. It was agreed by all that naming a race after Roger is, at least, also in order. The board

will continue the discussion at the Dec 6 meeting. If you have thoughts on this share it with a board member. Your opinion is valued

