

CCWBRA ENGINE COMMITTEE

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

August 27, 2014

Executive Officers:

As planned during the evaluations last Spring, the Engine Committee has reviewed the race results from Urbanna, Kent Island and Nationals. Although we did not have sufficient information to suggest further class division in May, Kim pointed out that these results clearly show that that 1976 -1979 motors have enough advantage over the earlier motors that it is rare that a 1975 or earlier motor has been competitive. There are more 1976-1979 motors competing and fewer early motors, but it is Kim's suggestion and the Committee agrees that more will be out if the early motors run against only other pre-1976 motors. The Engine Committee therefore recommends that the Classic division be divided into Early Classic, 1975 and earlier and Late Classic, 1976 through 1979.

There should be a footnote that a motor with early power head but 1976 or later lower unit will run in the late class. There are a few of those around, and we may ultimately want to encourage going back to the original lower unit if it is available, but for now, the deciding characteristic of the late motors is the lower unit. There should also be a footnote that the Early Classic Class be restricted to 2-blade propellers.

We leave to the Executive Committee to decide on appropriate names for the Classes/Divisions. We recommend the change be made as soon as practicable, however, to try to get the old motor racers who haven't been competitive back on the race course. Although there will be a few more races for the Race Committee to deal with, there are a number of old-motor competitors who will move from the current class to the new one, so will not cause an increase in heat races, just an additional final in each category. It will, however, give an additional division for competition by those people who already have altogether too many motors

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