

## **2011 Ohio Governor's Cup Results, Celina Ohio**

**The 2011 Ohio Governor's Cup had extra incentive this year with the U.I.M World Championships conducted Saturday, August 27, 2011 and a separate points race on Sunday, August 28, 2011 on Grand Lake St. Mary's in Celina, Ohio. The one mile course on Grand Lake St. Mary's looked in fine fashion after this event was cancelled in 2010 due to the conditions of the water as the communities around the lake stepped up to clean the water and have done an excellent job getting back on track.**

**The Ohio Governor's Cup is awarded to the team in their class with the best performance during race weekend. Three teams and driver's were eligible this year. Cal Phipps in GNH, Bobby Kennedy in 2.5 Litre Stock, and Dan Kanfoush in 1 Litre as all three driver's were perfect with four race wins.**

**The tie breaker is determined by who comes closest too or exceeds a competition record in their class. It was a nail biter again this year!!! Phipps was out of the tie breaker by speed as it came down to Kennedy and Kanfoush. 2.767 MPH to 2.956 MPH were the figures to go by in the end to see who was closest to a record speed in their class. CLOSE!!! In a historic win, Dan Kanfoush becomes the first, three time winner of the Ohio Governor's Cup driving Jim & Jewel Sechler's Y-1 Fast Eddie Too with local sponsor YMCA. Kanfoush was the winner in 2006 and 2009 driving for the Sechler's. Kanfoush was surprised he won in 2011 and wiped away a tear when he came up to accept the Ohio Governor's Cup with assistance from current Miss Ohio, Ellen Bryan a Celina, Ohio resident who will compete in January 2012 for Miss America. Ellen helped in handing out the awards and the sport appreciates her being in attendance for the 2011 race. Ellen is a fabulous young lady and you can learn more about her accomplishments in life at [www.missohio.org](http://www.missohio.org)**

**The Jim Cunningham Vintage Memorial event took place too in Celina under the direction of Ron Snyder and Joe Johnson. The Cunningham family was in attendance with one of Jim's former pilot's as well in Mr. Ken Wright. Jim Cunningham competed in the 280 C.I. class now named the Five Litre class and Ken Wright said Mr. Cunningham's Chevrolet engines could sing a wonderful tune during their racing days!!!**

**Celina's traditional Hydro Hot Laps were contested Saturday and Sunday morning and one brand new course record was set in 2.5 Litre Modified in Sunday's session. Joe Sovie in Debbie Welte's A-23 pushed the mark to 95.770 MPH!!! breaking the team's own record set by Mike Monohan in the A-23 in 2009 at 93.191 MPH. Congratulations!!! and I'm sure Jack is tickled looking above.**

**Three young men made their debut on the water in 5 Litre at Celina. Kyle Rowkowski drove Scott Blackwell's E-617 and this kid has the stuff to drive!!! Will Hardings finished two heats in Mike & Chreyl Bruns' E-6. Will is from Celina and was neat to see him race on home waters. Also, in the E-6 from Celina too in testing only saw Jericho "Aquaholic" Steinke take to the water. Jericho has the name and look of a hydroplane driver!!! Good luck to all three in their future driving.**

**Winners listed from Sunday's final heats only.**

#### **1 Litre**

**1st, Dan Kanfoush / YMCA / Y-1**

**2nd, Joe Sovie / Val Pak / Y-44 Sean Bowsher / Kemmler Orthopedic / Y-52**

**3rd, Sean Bowsher / Kemmler Orthopedic / Y-52**

#### **2.5 Litre Stock**

**1st, Bobby Kennedy / Piqua Steel / CS-79**

**2nd, Dutch Squires / Purdy, Lammers, & Schiavone / S-83**

**3rd, Keith Anderson / Celina Wine Store / S-17**

#### **2.5 Litre Modified**

**1st, Tom Thompson / CAPT / A-52**

**2nd, Andrew Tate / C&G Distributors / A-25**

**3rd, Steve Kuhr, II / Celina Eagles / A-41**

#### **5 Litre**

**1st, Brandon Kennedy / Reliable Rentals / E-30**

**2nd, Dave Kidd / America's Best Value Inn / CE-67**

**3rd, Jeff Sankuer / Celina Wine Store / E-17**

**Brandon Kennedy was laying the pedal down in the final heat coming just short of a record as he was off by a little over one MPH.**

#### **National Modified**

**1st, Tom Thompson / Freedom Marine / NM-81**  
**2nd, Scott Blackwell / Grand Lake State Parks / NM-93**

**Just two starters in the final heat.**

**Grand National Hydroplane**

**1st, Cal Phipps / Time Warner / GNH-8**  
**2nd, Steve Kuhr / Moose Lodge / GNH-317**  
**3rd, Patrick Sankuer / Michel Tire Plus / GNH-6**

What a great team Celina, Ohio has assembled for their event and again they hit the winning shot. Excellent work by their committee as they plan for their 2012 race very soon. Allen Baskett, Myron Buxton, Mike & Chreyl Bruns, Tom Saddler, Scott Anderson, and my apologies to others involved who's names escape me but the sport and APBA appreciate your dedication.