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MEDIA NOTES: Madison the Second Stop for the U-2.25

MADISON, Ind. — Hydroplane history abounds in this small southern Indiana town, and Madison residents have every right to be extremely proud of their legend in the sport.

For the 15th straight year, Superior Racing Team is proud to be a part of building on the lore of hydroplane racing in Madison, Ind. Last summer, it was "Tinsel Town" that released a movie (starring **Jim Caviezel**, **Jake Lloyd**, **Mary McCormack**, and **Bruce Dern**) about the 1971 Gold Cup-winning season of the Miss Madison team and the hard times this Ohio River town had gone through.

David Williams was a part of that movie, handling a majority of the stunt driving — including handling the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum's restored Miss Madison — throughout the shooting.

Last weekend in Evansville, Ind., Williams — executive director of the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum in Kent, Wash. — qualified as an unlimited hydroplane driver in competitive status, and drove his first heat of race action. While he's not expected to drive the boat in Madison this weekend, he is going to live out a dream by driving the U-2.25 in one heat at the Gold Cup in Detroit later this summer.

In Madison this weekend, it will be **Dr. Ken Muscatel** doing all of the driving duties as Superior Racing Team will be part of what's expected to be a 10-boat field.

It's Muscatel's 15th trip to Madison in the unlimiteds, and he's a big fan of the town.

"I've been coming here to race for a long time, and there's no place on the hydroplane racing circuit that has the hydroplane racing history that Madison has," said Muscatel, who was one of the advisors and stunt drivers for the movie "Madison", which was released on DVD last summer. "It is a special place and the fans here love boat racing. We're very happy to be a part of it and to have a legacy of so many consecutive years racing here."

Of the 10 teams expected to race this weekend in Madison, only the Miss Madison, Cooper Motorsports, and Leland Racing have been on the tour longer than Superior Racing Team.

A REGULAR VISITOR

Since 1992, the Seattle-based Superior Racing Team has been a fixture in Madison, one of the longest continuous streaks in unlimited hydroplane racing. Madison's rich tradition in the sport of unlimited hydroplane racing is something that Muscatel, and the team, is proud to be a part of.

BOAT IS RACE-READY FOR MADISON

Unlike a year ago in Madison, Superior Racing Team hasn't had to spend long hours in a Posey County field outside the Cooper Motorsports boat shop rebuilding a sponson. This season, the team is working on a few things to improve the boat's ride and performance, including work to the canard and the computer systems, not to mention general maintenance that needs to happen between every race. In comparison to last year, that's a relief for crew chief **Jay Leckrone** and the rest of the team.

VOLUNTEER CREW BURNS MIDNIGHT OIL

For a team that was essentially retired until roughly May 11, 2006, there's been a lot of work done by the all-volunteer crew at the Jim Harvey Motorsports shop in Seattle before leaving for Evansville 10 days ago. Crew chief **Jay Leckrone** and chief engineer **Kevin Stoltz**, along with crew members **Jerry Bowers**, **Chris Brensfield**, **Howard Price**, **Mark Remington**, **Gary Scott**, **Kevin Stoltz**, and **John Williams**, have been working long hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the South Seattle boat shop, as well as Saturdays to prepare the hull for the season. **Chip VanAntwerp** of Detroit joins the team on its eastern swing.

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CHIEF ENGINEER REJOINS TEAM THIS WEEKEND

Kevin Stoltz, Superior Racing Team's chief engineer, was unable to travel to Evansville last weekend, due to family commitments, but he rejoins the team this weekend in Madison. Among other duties, Stoltz handles the team's computer systems, the canard systems and all of the computer monitoring and analysis.

U-2.25 WILL RUN AS SUPERIOR RACING IN MADISON

Without a title sponsor for the Indiana Governor's Cup this weekend, the U-2.25 unlimited hydroplane will run as "Superior Racing".

TRI-CITIES HOTEL, SUPERIOR RACING REACH SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Clover Island Inn and Superior Racing Team have announced that the hotel has agreed to become the Official Tri-Cities Home of Superior Racing Team during the 2006 Atomic Cup. The hotel, located in Kennewick, is a sponsor and will host the team and provide it with all of the amenities afforded other guests of the hotel. Clover Island Inn is the only hotel in Kennewick located right on the Columbia River, and has its very own island. All of the Inn's 153 rooms overlook the yacht club and marina, or the Columbia River and the award-winning Cable Bridge. For more information about Clover Island Inn, see its website at www.cloverislandinn.com, or call toll free (866) 586-0542.

GRAHAM TRUCKING, OTHER SPONSORS RENEW AGREEMENTS

Superior Racing Team has been joined by one of the U-2's past sponsors, the team recently announced. Graham Trucking, Inc., which was the title sponsor of Jim Harvey Motorsports' boat last season, has joined Superior Racing Team this year as the team's title sponsor at the Atomic Cup in Kennewick, Wash. (July 28-30), and at the Chevrolet Cup at Seafair in Seattle (August 4-6). "Our sincere thanks go out to Graham Trucking for their continuing involvement with this particular equipment and boat, even though we're a different team running it all," said Superior Racing Team driver and team manager **Dr. Ken Muscatel**. "We're excited about putting on a good show for Graham Trucking this season."

Yoke's Fresh Market (West Richland, Wash.) and Noslen Communication (Vancouver, Wash.) have also renewed their associate sponsorships of the U-2.25 for the 2006 season. For the third straight season, Yoke's Fresh Market is the official food, beverage and ice supplier of Superior Racing Team during the Tri-Cities race, this year known as the Atomic Cup. Thanks to Yokes, Superior Racing Team will have the freshest lunch, snacks and beverages in the pits each day of the event. Noslen Communication has renewed its own sponsorship of the team, for the fourth consecutive year. Noslen Communication is the exclusive provider of media and public relations services, and is helping Superior Racing Team with sponsorships.

This season, working with Bullthead Design, a new sponsor of the team, Noslen Communication also coordinated the team's new website, which can be found at www.noslencommunication.com/srt.

FLUID SYSTEMS ENGINEERING RENEWS SUPPORT OF SRT

For the eighth consecutive year, Fluid Systems Engineering (Clinton Township, Mich.) is back as one of Superior Racing Team's associate sponsors. Since 1999, **Joe Baker** and the crew at Fluid Systems Engineering have been sponsors and big fans of **Dr. Ken Muscatel** and his team. Fluid Systems Engineering is very proud of its relationship with Superior Racing Team, which includes sponsorship of the team during the world record run during 2000. "Knowing that Fluid Systems Engineering is continuing its long relationship with us is really big news," Muscatel said. "I honestly can't think of many other associate sponsors that have supported the same team for as long as Fluid Systems Engineering has with us. It is special to me that we have such a great friendship that they want to keep being a part of our team." Fluid Systems Engineering (online at www.fluidsystemseng.com) is a world-class supplier of hydraulic components, pneumatic products, filtration products, protective covers, and other related products. They manufacture power units and also fabricate tube assemblies. Fluid Systems provides a full line of Parker fluid connectors, pneumatic products, and hydraulic filters. It's also a single-stop outlet for Earl's fittings. With the Fluid Systems online store, performance parts are just a few clicks away. Fluid Systems also supplies Northman Hydraulics, A&A covers, Hydrocraft clamps, Miller and Yates cylinders, Thermal Flex Hose, ND Sealants, and Purolator filters.

MADISON REDUX

After substantial sponson repairs were made to the U-25 Superior Racing Team boat during the week between Evansville and Madison last season, **Dr. Ken Muscatel** qualified the boat — with a left sponson still in need of paint — sixth at 134.114 for the Indiana Governor's Cup. In the first heat, Muscatel nailed the start from the inside lane as the rest of the field jumped the gun, then outlasted the rest of the boats to take the heat victory. Muscatel finished fourth in a later heat, but gremlins caused a DNF in a subsequent heat, and cost the team a spot in the winner-take-all final, which was won by **J.W. Myers** in the Miss Elam.

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WILLIAMS, HANAUER TO RECREATE 1982 GOLD CUP CLASSIC

Superior Racing Team driver **David Williams**, along with 11-time Gold Cup winner **Chip Hanauer**, will already be in Detroit Gold Cup week to re-enact Chip's legendary 1982 Gold Cup victory. Williams will drive the restored 1980 Miss Budweiser and Hanauer will drive the restored 1982 Atlas, both now beautiful museum pieces in the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum.

MICHIGAN MORTGAGE CONSULTANTS SPONSOR U-2.25

Michigan Mortgage Consultants' **Tom Farrell** is really excited about leaping into big time boat racing with both feet, and is a part of **Dr. Ken Muscatel's** Superior Racing Team for two races in 2006. Farrell's company, Michigan Mortgage Consultants will sponsor the orange, blue and white boat at the season opener in Evansville, Ind., June 24-25 as well as the Detroit Gold Cup July 14-16. Michigan Mortgage Consultants, Inc. is a residential mortgage broker located in Mt. Clemens, Mich. The company provides residential mortgage to realtors, builders, home buyers, and investors, as well as home equity loans and lines of credit. The company specializes in mortgages to self-employed borrowers and was founded in 1992. Farrell has 30 years of experience in the mortgage industry and has been a hydroplane fan since childhood. He has worked as a volunteer at the Detroit Hydroplane Museum and his company has been an active supporter and sponsor of the vintage hydroplanes of the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum in Seattle. He is currently a member at-large in Unlimiteds Detroit and co-chairman of the fan services division of the Detroit River Regatta Association. Last June, he promoted the movie "Madison" in Mt. Clemens and the film was attended by 650 guests. "Sponsoring and working with an unlimited team is a great way to promote your business and a dream come true." Farrell said. "I have been truly blessed."

MUSEUM DIRECTOR WILLIAMS TO DRIVE U-2.25 IN GOLD CUP

Veteran vintage unlimited driver **David Williams**, executive director of the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum (located in Kent, Wash.) will be qualified as an unlimited driver in the U-2.25 last weekend in Evansville. He also ran the boat in heat 1A, and got in some more laps on Sunday morning before turning the seat back to **Dr. Ken Muscatel**. Williams has been driving vintage unlimiteds since 1992 and was the primary stunt driver for the hydro movie "Madison." "I want to very clear about my goals here," Williams said. "I'm not looking to become a competitive driver, but over the last 12 years, I've driven literally thousands of exhibition laps in Gold Cup winning boats - everything from the Slo-mo to the Griffon Bud. After all that time on the water, I just want to make one legal start (in the Gold Cup)." Muscatel will drive in Madison, Valleyfield and most of the Gold Cup, as well as the races out West. Williams is a published author whose fourth book "Hydroplane Racing in Seattle" (Arcadia Press) hits books stores this month. No doubt his experiences behind the wheel of U-2.25 will play a big part in and his fifth book, "Turbine Racing" which is due out from Arcadia next spring.

LECKRONE NAMED SUPERIOR RACING CREW CHIEF

Veteran hydroplane crew member **Jay Leckrone** has been named the crew chief for the U-2.25 Superior Racing Team unlimited hydroplane. Formerly the crew chief of the two-boat Miss Exide team owned by **Mike** and **Lori Jones**, Leckrone is widely regarded as one of the brightest hydroplane racing minds. He's been a valuable member of Muscatel's team for several years and spent most of his time in the winter of 2004-05 working hard to make sure Muscatel had a good race boat to run for the inaugural season of the ABRA. "Jay is one of the brilliant minds in unlimited hydroplane racing crews," said **Dr. Ken Muscatel**, team manager of Superior Racing Team. "We've had really good crew chiefs and crew members all along, but we consider ourselves lucky to have Jay on our side."

SUPERIOR RACING TEAM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Superior Racing Team is proud to announce the launching of its new website, in time for the 2006 ABRA hydroplane racing season. **Scott Stanton** of Bullthead Design designed and built the site. For the time being, the site can be found at www.noslencommunication.com/srt (it will eventually be changed over to the domain, www.superior-racing.com). There are several photos on the site (thanks to **Craig Barney** and **Jim Clark**. High resolution copies of these photos for media use only can be obtained by contacting **Nelson Holmberg** (nelson@noslencommunication.com)), in addition to a lot of information about the team, the boat, etc. Please feel free to visit our new website and comment on our blog, which you can link to from the website. As a resource to media, all team news releases will be posted on the team's website throughout the season in the "Media Room" section. All releases will be left online all season long.

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2006 SUPERIOR RACING TEAM STATS

Race	Qualifying	Starts	Finishes	1st	2nd	Places				Finals	DNS	DQ	Total Points
	Speed					3rd	4th	5th	6th				
Evansville	137.865 (9/10)	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	382
Madison													
Valleyfield													
Detroit (Gold Cup)													
Tri-Cities													
Seattle													
Nashville													
<u>San Diego</u>													
Total/Best	137.865	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	382

Note: Parentheses in qualifying speed column are qualifying position/number of boats

2005 SUPERIOR RACING TEAM STATS

Race	Qualifying	Starts	Finishes	1st	2nd	Places				Finals	DNS	DQ	Total Points
	Speed					3rd	4th	5th	6th				
Evansville	0*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	134.114 (6/8)	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	609
Detroit (Gold Cup)	144.627 (5/9)	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	388
Tri-Cities	151.627 (5/10)	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	275
Seattle	144.659 (4/11)	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	6th	0	0	924
Nashville	151.044 (7/9)	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	900
<u>San Diego</u>	<u>143.424 (7/9)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>818</u>
Total/Best	151.627	4	4	3	2	5	4	0	0	4th	3	2	3,914

* — did not race at Evansville after accident in testing

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