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**COMING HOME AT A GOOD TIME
BUD LIGHT TEAM NEEDS REVIVAL AT 37th BUD LIGHT ST. LOUIS GRAND PRIX**

ST. LOUIS, MO. (July 21) -- "This has been a very bad start. After you win a championship, it seems like you always have bad luck the following year," said Bill Seebold, owner of the Bud Light Racing Team. "We hope we are ready to regroup and put up a win in our home town."

The 37th annual Bud Light St. Louis Grand Prix will be held on Creve Coeur Lake on Aug. 2-3. The race is sponsored by the Concord Village Lions Club and Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri, Local 2655, as a fund-raiser for charities they support.

Bill's son, Tim, was the 2007 champion of the F1 ChampBoat Series. After three races in the 2008 season, he is fifth in the series points standings.

Tim came within a fraction of a second of claiming the pole starting position for race three in Pittsburgh and finished second. That promising run followed mechanical problems that dropped him to finishes of seventh in Pickwick, Tenn., and twelfth in Bay City, Mich.

"When you have been doing this as long as we have, you are going to have stuff that happens," said Tim. "So far it's been a bit of a rocky start for us. We broke a propeller in Pickwick and had a bolt break and go through the motor in Bay City. Things like that are really just bad luck. You like to think these things can't happen, but they can. The show of character comes in what you do as a result, in how the team responds to get back on track. I think that is where the Bud Light team comes through."

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“In Bay City we had mechanical problems from the time we unloaded the boats until Tim stopped dead in the water,” Bill said. “We went through three of our four engines in two days. We did a little better in Pittsburgh.”

“Pittsburgh was a big step forward for us,” Tim agreed. “We were able to finish the race and get some points, and we ran up front, which we knew we could do. Now we have some momentum building and we are coming to our hometown race in St. Louis.”

Seebold is a three-time winner of the Bud Light St. Louis Grand Prix, one of the longest-running and most prestigious outboard powerboat races in the world. Only two drivers have more victories in the Formula One/Champ class. Tim’s father and team owner, Bill Seebold, won the race seven times before retiring from race driving in 1997. Tim’s brother, Mike, won the top class at St. Louis six times. Mike is now based in Florida and drives for the offshore Bud Light Racing Team.

Tim Seebold is tied for third on the all-time St. Louis victory list with Scott Gillman, a native of Basalt, Colo., who later moved to Europe and raced on the UIM international Formula One circuit. Gillman became a world champion in that series before retiring from driving last year.

Tim Seebold won the Champ class at St. Louis three of the past four seasons, in 2004, 2005 and 2007. His streak was broken in 2006 by Terry Rinker, who also won that year’s ChampBoat Series overall title.

Before moving up to the Formula One/Champ class, Tim Seebold won three St. Louis trophies in SST-140 in 1987, 1991 and 1994.

Mike Seebold leads all drivers with total Bud Light Grand Prix victories – two top finishes in the SST-120 class in 1978 and 1979 give him a total of eight wins.

Winning a race in St. Louis may be tougher than scratching out a win anywhere else, Tim said. Many teams bring out new stuff and do extra testing to prepare for the Bud Light Grand Prix.

“You ask any driver, in the United States or Europe or wherever, if there is any race they would rather win more than any other, and they would say ‘St. Louis,’” he said. “The heritage, the prestige, it all adds up. This is where everybody wants to come and win.”

The Bud Light Racing Team is one of those that will work on new bits and pieces for the St. Louis race. “We’re going to do some prop work before St. Louis and do some testing. We are going to try some new things on the boat and see how they work. Development is continuous,” Seebold said.

Winning in St. Louis is a major accomplishment by itself, he said. Moving into an unmatched third on the event’s career victory list would be a bonus. “It would be fantastic to do that,” he said. “It would definitely be a feather in your cap.”

“This is the crown jewel of tunnel-boat racing,” Bill said. “People give extra effort to setting up and preparing for St. Louis. The fact that this race is in our back yard means people want to come here and knock off the Seebolds. That makes it a good race.”

2008 FI ChampBoat Series Standings

1.	Shaun Torrente, Homestead, Fla.	1711
2.	Terry Rinker, Tampa, Fla.	1621
3.	Lynn Simburger, Elsau, Ill.	1574
4.	Jeff Shepherd, Nashville, Tenn.	1518
5.	Tim Seebold, Osage Beach, Mo.	1498
6.	Brian Venton, Toronto, Ontario	1440
7.	Randy Rinker, Tampa, Fla.	1393
8.	Matt Sadl, Pacific, Mo.	1316
9.	Nithat Khunjeng, Bangkok, Thailand	1270
10.	Todd Beckman, St. Louis, Mo.	910
11.	Chuck Unkle, Thomasville, Ga.	836
12.	Bill Joule, St. Petersburg, Fla.	472
13.	Chris Fairchild, Paw Paw, Ill.	467
14.	Jose Mendana Jr., Miami, Fla.	458
15.	Mark Johnson, Jaffrey, N.H.	400
16.	Dennis Klepadlo, Gaylord, Mich.	374
17.	Michael Schubert, Richmond, Tex.	367

2008 F1 ChampBoat Series Schedule and Winners

May 3-4	Pickwick Challenge, Pickwick, Tennessee	Shaun Torrente
June 21-22	Dow Bay City River Roar, Bay City, Michigan	Shaun Torrente
July 3-4	Three Rivers Regatta, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Shaun Torrente
August 2-3	Bud Light St. Louis Grand Prix, St. Louis, Missouri	
August 16-17	Grand Prix of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut	
September 20-21	Thunderboat Regatta, San Diego, California	
September 27-28	F1 ChampBoat of Tempe, Tempe, Arizona	
October 18-19	TBA	
November 1-2	F1 ChampBoat of Naples, Naples, Florida	

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