

# Liquid Assets

## AOMCI GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

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### *A Message from the Helm*

From Dan Jones, GLC President

Greetings, all! After talking to many GLC members during the recent meet at Carl's Boats, I think it is safe to say we all cannot wait for warmer weather! Mother nature decided to crash the meet with snow squalls and stiff winds just as the meet was getting underway. However, around 30 hardy outboarders were not to be deterred. Fortunately, the sun eventually came out and the rest of the day was much nicer. Thanks again to Gloria, Barb and Mike at Carl's for hosting us.

We had our first meet and annual chapter business meeting in January at the Redford VFW Hall (thank you Bill Holcomb!). Chapter officer elections were held to fill in vacancies. Thanks to all who stepped forward to serve as officers.

The new GLC board for 2024 is as follows:

- President – Dan Jones
- Vice President – Bob Lafayette
- Treasurer – Mark Carney
- Newsletter Editor – Lois Deptulski
- National Correspondents – Joe Brincat and Gary Hirschlieb
- Water Events Chairs – Gary Lauer and Orv Ferguson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee – Charlie Schmidt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee – John Ball

Once again, the GLC participated in the 2024 Outdoorama in Novi. Our booth had a lot of traffic, with many people stopping to chat or ask questions. We signed up a few new members as well. Thanks again to everyone who helped staff the booth and brought items to display. Special thanks to Joe Brincat and Charlie Schmidt for coordinating the booth.

Lastly, we had another successful meet at Lockeman's Hardware. We had over 50 members in attendance, and the weather was excellent for the meet. A big thanks to the Zammit family for hosting (and feeding) us.

The next meet on the schedule is at Scott Weaver's on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

○ ○ ○ *Calendar of Events* ○ ○ ○

Hello GLC members. Please note that some dates and events may be tentative. Updated meet information may be found on the AOMCI website, the GLC Facebook page, e-mail notices from our chapter president and in future issues of the newsletter.

**Unless otherwise noted below, meet times are generally 9:00AM to 2:00PM**

<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Saturday 9AM - 2PM January 27	Annual Meeting & Luncheon – Swap & Sell (large parking lot) Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) Motor City Eagles Hall #2265, 24401 Five Mi Rd. Redford MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM February 17	Carl's Boats and Motors – Dry Meet Contact: Jeff Bahr (586-863-8910) 24100 Harper Ave, St Clair Shores MI
Thursday thru Sunday February 22 - 25	Display at Outdoorama Contact: Joe Brincat (247-478-0808) or Charlie Schmidt (586-463-4456) Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM April 6	Lockeman's Hardware and Boats – Swap and Show – Dry Meet Contact: Mark Carney (313-538-0123) 7630 W Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM April 27	<b>Scott Weaver's Spring Meet — Swap and Show – Dry Meet</b> Contact: Dan Jones (248-584-3764) 1962 Mill Pond Drive, Oxford MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM May 25	<b>Algonac Maritime Museum Show, Outboards and Boats – St Clair</b> Contact: Joe Brincat (249-478-0808) 1117 St Clair River Drive, Algonac MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM June 8	<b>Big Fish Lake</b> - Ortonville - Wet Meet; Display - Hotdog Lunch Contact: Gary Hirschlieb 810-664-2422 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville MI "Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required.
Saturday & Sunday June 15-16	<b>Motor Muster</b> — Greenfield Village, Dearborn Contact Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) Curated display, by invitation of The Early Engine Club. Set-up day is Friday June 14.
Thu – Sun 8AM – 7PM July 11 thru 14	<b>Constantine Super Meet</b> – Michiana Outboard Boating Chapter – Swap & Sell / Show / Wet Meet Am. Legion Post # 223, 65079 US-131 BUS, Constantine, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM July 20	<b>Dossin Museum</b> — Belle Isle, Detroit — Dry Meet, Show Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) "Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required
Saturday 9AM - 4PM July 27	<b>Shear Pins Portage Lake Chain Display &amp; Cruise</b> – Wet/Dry Event 9280 McGregor Rd, Pinckney, MI Contact: Frank Mathison 810-599-1399
Tuesday – Saturday July 30 thru August 3	<b>Tomahawk Nationals – Northwoods Chapter Event</b> – Wet, Dry, Swap, Display Sara Park, 900 W Somo Avenue, Tomahawk, WI
<b>Sunday</b> 9AM - 2PM August 4	<b>Belle River Marine – Display and BIG Swap and Sell</b> – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685) Marine City/Algonac, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM September 7	<b>Big Fish Lake</b> - Ortonville - Wet Meet; Display - Hotdog Lunch Contact: Gary Hirschlieb (810-664-2422) 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville MI "Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required
Saturday 10:30AM September 21	<b>Roger DeBiasi Memorial Cruise</b> – Mt Clemens (Sat. Sept 28 rain day)Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) DNR Harley Ensign Boat Launch – East end of the SOUTH River Road, Exit #237 from I- 94
<b>Sunday</b> 9AM - 2PM October 6 <b>Tentative</b>	<b>Belle River Marine Display and BIG Swap and Sell</b> – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685) Marine City/Algonac, MI
November	Open
December	Open

## So, What Got You Into the Hobby?

*By Dan Jones*

As with any hobby or activity, there's an experience that brought someone into it. For me it was my great-grandfather's fishing motor, a 1947 Evinrude Sportsman 2HP. This was the first outboard motor I ever restored and it was what brought me into the AOMCI. My first memories of it weren't all that glamorous – It was an old, beat-up motor that languished away for decades in the dirt-floor basement of our family cottage in Brighton on Round Lake. When I was a kid I asked about it and my grandpa tried to start it, using a tipped-over picnic table in the yard as a "transom" to mount it on. It didn't even try to fire. Disappointed, I lugged it back inside and back to its long wait for revival. Years later we were clearing out the cottage in preparation for tearing it down and I retrieved it, hoping to finally put it back in running condition.



Many moons ago, there was a fellow named Bill Kelly who ran MasterTech Marine in Washington State. I was interested in getting parts for the Sportsman and as he advertised "parts for older motors" on his website, I sent him an inquiry. He replied that he didn't have parts going back that far but gave me some leads on potential sources. He also mentioned the AOMCI, so I checked it out. Not long afterward I became a member and started attending local meets. The networking in the club helped put me on the right track for making this a successful project.

My original intent was to get the motor running again. However, the scope of the project soon expanded beyond that. There's an old parable about replacing a rotted board in your front porch; you pull up the rotted board to replace it, only to find another underneath. You proceed to pull that one up and discover another. You keep going until you've eventually replaced the entire porch. That's about how this project ended up. I obtained a parts list and discovered there were missing bits. I gradually started tearing down the entire motor, going through it top-to-bottom. Then figuring since it's all apart, I'd strip and repaint it. It ended up turning into a full-scale restoration. Being handed down in the family since new, I guess I looked at it as investing in the future – if it passes to future generations, a full restoration would hopefully ensure that it would continue to operate for many years to come.

Little by little as time permitted between my college studies, I rounded up the needed parts and got the motor back together. New paint, decals and a tiller grip finished off the job.

I'll never forget setting up a trash can to use as a crude test tank in the garage and testing it. It took a while to figure out the carb setting (this was my first experience with a poppet-valve carburetor and I ended up flooding it). Once it got going, it was quite a thrill! All my life I had never heard it run until then. It was also rewarding to see my mother poking her head into the side door of the garage with a big smile on her face, as it brought back memories of her childhood on the lake. Not long after I was able to get it onto a boat and run it out on the water. The first true test run was successful and since then the motor has gotten plenty of use. It has run perfectly every time, with the only exception being the magneto coil going bad. Luckily this happened at Constantine and I quickly sourced a replacement in the swap area. My young son now has taken the controls on a few occasions. It's neat to see him running it, knowing he's now the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of our family to enjoy that motor. Hopefully he and future generations will continue to do so.



Adam with the Sportsman



### GLC at Outdoorama

A wooden boat, an excellent selection of motors, rolling videos of recent Constantine Meets, copies of *The Antique Outboarder* and various posters and other printed materials were featured in our display.

GLC members who staffed the display talked with people who stopped by about who we are, what we do and the benefits of membership. Those who expressed serious interest in our club were given a brochure, a membership application, a copy of our 2024 events calendar, and were invited to our Lockeman's Meet. Not only was this a great way to promote our club, it was also an enjoyable experience for the club members who participated in this four-day event.

The show management specifically commended our efforts in not only assembling a great display but also in how well we interacted with the many visitors who stopped by the booth.



Vice Pres Bob Lafayette at Outdoorama

### Carl's Boats and Motors

Some people say that February is the border between Winter and Spring but I don't think Michigan got the message because the weather gods decided to throw a very wintry day our way on February 17. Of course that coincided with the GLC Meet at Carl's Boats and Motors in St. Clair Shores. Pictured here are four of the intrepid souls who braved the cold and snow to attend the event.



L to R ... Mark Carney, Jeff Bahr, Jim Hulett and Chris Scratch

### Is There A New Club T-Shirt In Your Future?



A "sign up" sheet is being circulated at club events to assess members' interest in producing new Great Lakes Chapter t-shirts using the logo shown above.

At this time we have not confirmed a source. We are seeking high quality shirts at competitive prices. If you think that you will want one (or more) of these shirts, be sure to add your name and shirt size to the list that will be available at the next couple of

## Lockeman's Hardware and Boats Meet

Lockeman's is always a great meet and this year's event was especially great, as the weather, often suspect this time of the year cooperated... sunny and warm. Our hosts Dave and Doug Zammit and the shop crew always go out of their way to make us feel welcome. The swap and sell row was full, overflowing on to the two adjoining streets. Many a motor found a new home.



A bright sunny day on tailgate row



Left and right, Greg Gardner and Kelly Johnson with our host Doug Zammit of Lockeman's



L to R - Brad Duggan, Dave Kaszner and Toma River Mountain looking over an unusual motor

Thanks again Dave, Doug and the Lockeman's crew.

## Presentation by Kent Lund



"Skip" Built by Bob Graham circa 1937 with hand built OHV 4-cycle motor



Kent Lund



Built by Kent Lund

Club member Kent Lund presented two of his videos at the Dearborn Historical Museum on March 16. One concerned a history of antique hand-crafted tether boats, and Kent brought several examples from his collection to show. There were many clubs dedicated to this hobby both before and after World War II, including the Detroit Model Power Boat Club, and Kent has made it his mission to collect and preserve these historic boats. The second video related the story behind the Henry Ford family's speed boat and steam yacht.

If you missed the presentation, you may want to view some of Kent's videos on Youtube.com at these addresses:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buUft7w0wBQ>

A Collection of Tether & Model Boats

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlWkrV9r3rQ>

The Collectors Episode 1 with Greg Rice, Model Boats Evangeline and Thunderbird

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hn03laRfMcs>

The Collectors Episode 2 with Greg Rice, Model Boat of the Lockpat II and Pardon Me / Lockpat III

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qU\\_Mi\\_f-qM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qU_Mi_f-qM)

The Collectors Greg Rice Model Boats Episode 3



### ◆ Announcements ◆

#### ◆ Constantine Super Meet — July 11 - 14 ◆

The featured motors for Constantine 2024 will be "Row Boat Motors." Special display and "on the water" events are planned to showcase these oldest outboards. If you plan to participate in the annual Constantine Cup event, be aware that this year the event will be run exclusively with Row Boat Motors.

#### ◆ Belle River Marina Meet – Swap and Sell — Sunday August 4 ◆

Our meet on SUNDAY August 4th at Belle River Marina has the potential to be a HUGE swap and sell event. We will be spreading the word that both club members and the public are invited to bring any marine related items to sell or swap. If you have treasures to sell or you are looking to add to your collection be sure to come out to Belle River Marina... and spread the word to your boating friends.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE** *for the*  
**Indiana Engine Show**



The National Auto & Truck Museum  
 Auburn, IN | Oct 12 & 13th, 2024  
 More Information to follow!



[indianaengineshow.net](http://indianaengineshow.net)    [indianaengineshow@gmail.com](mailto:indianaengineshow@gmail.com)

**Model Engineering Expo — Oct. 12 & 13, 2024**

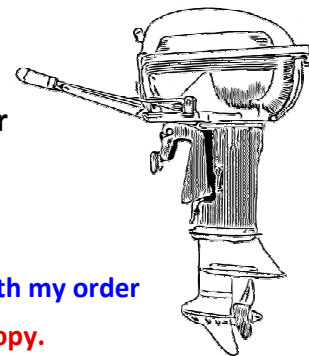
Many of us enjoyed the annual North American Model Engineering Expo (NAMES) that sadly fell victim to the pandemic and likely will never come back. I came across this announcement for The Indiana Engine Show – another model engine show that looks promising and its not too far away in Auburn Indiana. I'm marking my calendar. This could be a great opportunity for a "ride share" trip only 2½ hours from Detroit.



"Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment."  
 — Robert Benchley —

## GREAT LAKES CHAPTER (GLC) OF AOMCI

### Membership Application Form for 2024 Calendar Year



Renew my Membership      If **NO CHANGE** in address, just enter your name

**Yes! I want one or more GLC Name Badges and will provide Name(s) with my order**

**Please send me my newsletter by email *instead* of mailing me a paper copy.**

New Membership

**Yes! I want one or more GLC Name Badges and will provide Name(s) with my order**

**Please send me my newsletter by email *instead* of mailing me a paper copy.**

Your Name *(Please print clearly)* \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:      Area Code (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pertinent Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*You must be a member of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Incorporated (our national parent organization) to be eligible for GLC membership. Information on joining the AOMCI can be found at [www.aomci.org](http://www.aomci.org).*

\* I am a member in good standing of the AOMCI    Check one:    Yes       No

The (GLC) membership period is January 1 through December 31 each calendar year. The cost is not prorated for a partial year membership. GLC members receive periodic Chapter newsletters that include meet notices, Chapter news, and articles of interest submitted by members.

**Dues:**    \$15.00 for members receiving newsletters by US Mail  
          \$10.00 for members receiving newsletters by email

**Badges:** \$5.00 each Payable by Check or Money Order made to Mark Carney at the address below. Please specify how you want your name(s) to appear on the badge(s).

**Do Not Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to AOMCI !!!**  
Checks or money orders (no cash in the mail, please) must be made payable to Mark Carney.

Mail your filled-out Application Form with Payment to:

Mark Carney  
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Redford, MI 48240

People's Choice Awards are given at designated Great Lakes Chapter Meets. Please bring your motors to these meets for display and to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a fun competition. The winners are determined by votes cast by meet attendees.



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