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AOMCI GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

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A Message from the Helm

Greetings Great Lakes Chapter members! Summer is in full swing, and I hope all of you have had time to get out and play with your outboard projects. For me, it's been a Johnson TD20 that belongs to a friend. The powerhead was shot and it was missing many parts. However, thanks to a couple donor motors (Thank you Mark Carney and Al Lockhart!), it's now complete and runs like a champ.

The National AOMCI Executive Council recently held its first quarterly chapter presidents meeting. Going forward, this will serve to update us on national club issues, and get feedback and ideas from chapters on initiatives going forward. This was something that I wanted to happen and I'm glad that the National club is working to improve communication. There were three points covered that I'd like to share with the GLC membership:

- Mailing costs- As we've seen on a chapter level, postage is one of the biggest yearly expenditures. The club has worked to reduce this, and to further the effort it is looking into a bulk or non-profit mailing status. From the initial research done, the club appears to meet the criteria. If this is successful, club chapters may also get a break on mailing as well.
- Chapter websites- Another annual expenditure on both national and chapter levels is hosting their respective websites. There are ideas for ways to have the chapter sites connected to the national website. This way there is one hosting fee and it can be spread out. This is just a rough idea for now and many details would need to be worked through before it could happen. I mention this as it was an item discussed in last year's GLC board meeting.
- National membership renewals- As you may have seen in a previous edition of the Antique Outboarder, the club is working to get its financials back into balance. The current projection indicates that the cost saving measures implemented by the club will make for a balanced budget. **However** – this projection relies on the expectation that memberships up for renewal this year will be carried out. As of now, there are approximately 600 members that have not renewed their national membership this year. Are you one of them? If so, I urge you to send in your renewal as soon as you can.

If you have any thoughts on these or any other club issues, please feel free to discuss them with me and I can bring them up at the next quarterly meeting.

Lastly, don't forget to mail in your AOMCI National ballot regarding the proposed changes to the club by-laws. Ballots are due at the end of the month. The ballot is located inside the front cover or the most recent issue of the Outboarder magazine.

From Dan Jones, GLC President

○ ○ ○ *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

Date / Time	Event
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	Scott Weaver's Spring Meet — Swap and Show – Dry Meet Contact: Dan Jones (248-584-3764) 1962 Mill Pond Drive, Oxford MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM May 25	Algonac Maritime Museum Show, Outboards and Boats – St Clair Contact: Joe Brincat (249-478-0808) 1117 St Clair River Drive, Algonac MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM June 8	Big Fish Lake - 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	Motor Muster — Greenfield Village, Dearborn Contact Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) Curated display, by invitation of The Early Engine Club. <i>Set-up day is Friday June 14.</i>
Thu – Sun 8AM – 7PM July 11 thru 14	Constantine Super Meet – Michiana Outboard Boating Chapter – Swap & Sell / Show / Wet Meet Am. Legion Post # 223, 65079 US-131 BUS, Constantine, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM July 20	Dossin Museum — Belle Isle, Detroit — Dry Meet, Show Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) "Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required
Saturday 9AM - 4PM July 27	Shear Pins Portage Lake Chain Display & Cruise – Wet/Dry Event 9280 McGregor Rd, Pinckney, MI Contact: Frank Mathison 810-599-1399
Tuesday – Saturday July 30 thru August 3	Tomahawk Nationals – Northwoods Chapter Event – Wet, Dry, Swap, Display Sara Park, 900 W Somo Avenue, Tomahawk, WI
Sunday 9AM - 2PM August 4	Belle River Marine – Display and BIG Swap and Sell – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685) Marine City/Algonac, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM September 7	Big Fish Lake - 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 10:00AM September 21	Roger DeBiasi Memorial Cruise – 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
Sunday 9AM - 2PM October 6 <i>Tentative</i>	Belle River Marine Display and BIG Swap and Sell – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685) Marine City/Algonac, MI
November	Open
December	Open
Saturday 9AM - 2PM January 25, 2025	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

◆ Upcoming Event ◆

◆ The 2024 Roger DeBiasi Memorial River Cruise ◆

Saturday September 21, 2024

Lasts year's cruise was a big success so we will be doing it again this September. We have made a small change to the program. Rather than do the long cruise all the way up the Clinton River to the Octopus Beer Garden Restaurant for lunch, this year we will launch at 10 AM, cruise up the river for about an hour, turn around and come back to the launch. Boats will be trailered and we drive up to the restaurant for a nice casual lunch. For a fun day of boating and friendly fellowship, come on out and join us. Remember, it's "no wake" on the river, so your little "put – put" motors will do just fine.

Information

Launch: 10 AM from the DNR Harley Ensign ramp at the mouth of the Clinton River... 32995 South River Rd, Harrison Twp, MI

Lunch: The Octopus Beer Garden Restaurant, 152 North River Rd, Mt Clemens, MI 48043

Rain Day: In the event of foul weather, we will go for the following Saturday , September 28th

For more information contact Joe Brincat at fixerjo@sbcglobal.net or call (248) 478-0808

◆ Announcement ◆

◆ Great Lakes Chapter January Meeting ◆

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Eagle Hall, 24401 Five Mile Rd, Redford, MI

Our chapter will have our first meet of the new year at the Eagle Hall, in Redford. We were at this venue last year, and it worked out very well for us. There is a huge parking lot for swap and sell, nice indoor area for display motors. The hall will again cater a tasty lunch of broasted chicken with all the "fixins". This meet is the annual chapter business meeting, with review of the 2025 season's meet schedule and election of officers. It's also the best time to renew your chapter membership and pay your annual dues. Last year we were blessed with exceptionally good weather... clear, dry and mild. Let's hope for the same this year.

Close Encounters of The Best Kind



Some of my fondest teenage memories are of learning the art of canoeing on a small lake at a Pennsylvania Girl Scout camp. We had ho-hum aluminum canoes, but our instructor had brought her own gorgeous red canvas-covered wooden canoe. I loved that canoe! So when I saw this boat at the Constantine Meet, I had to stop and chat with this gentleman who had just come in off the water. During our brief conversation, I learned that his name is Lincoln Davis and that he's a member of the Maine AOMCI Pine Tree Chapter. It's not a canoe, of course, but rather a square stern boat driven by a "Coughing Sarah" motor. It sure brought back some great memories!

By Lois Deptulski

The 28th Annual Constantine Super Meet – July 11- 14, 2024

The Constantine meet this year was really special... and a historic event. Each year the organizers designate a “featured motor or class of motors.” This year the featured motors were the very old “Detachable Row Boat Motors”. This “RBM” classification spans the time from the very beginning of detachable boat engines in about 1897 to the late 1920’s. By the 1920’s the newer designed light weight aluminum motors (like the Johnson “Water Bug” and ELTO Rudder Twins) began to displace the old, heavy cast iron and brass motors.

A side note... raising the question of “is a 1921 ELTO really an RBM” will inevitably start a heated discussion among old motor fans.

In recognition of the Row Boat Motor theme several exclusive RBM “on the water” events were held, RBM Anti-Race (how slow can you go), a RBM Tug-of-war, RBM parade and especially the annual Constantine Cup “fishing motor” event was run exclusively with RBM’s. This on the water event features the smaller motors in a multi-stage event the is designed to replicate the expected performance of a good running outboard motor during a typical day’s fishing trip. Stages include: a cold start, a high-speed run, a hot re-start and a slow troll. The winner of the event gets to take home for one year a big beautiful trophy upon which his name is engraved. This year the Constantine Cup stayed in Michigan, having been won by the team of Dan Soderstrum of Climax and Nick DuShane of Adrian.

The 2024 Super Meet was, by all measures, a great success; participation was up considerably from last year. We had folks from literally the four corners of the country: Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Kentucky, Florida, Arizona, California, Iowa, Wisconsin and our neighbors in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and of course our friends from south of the border, Canada.

– Your trusty “on-site” reporter ... Joe Brincat –



Nick DuShane accepting the Constantine Cup on behalf of Dan Soderstrum from former AOMCI president Jay Walls. Meet organizer Steve Roskowski stands nearby.
– Photo by Marcel Kahn –

Joe Brincat at the tiller of his 1915 Caille Sweet. Joe won second place as “the oldest outboard motor running on a boat.”



– Photo by Marcel Kahn –



Display of early Evinrudes owned by Craig Gomersall, a Florida chapter member.

– Photo by Lois Deptulski –

Restored AristoCraft boat with a Mercury Mark 55 Thunderbolt Four motor (painted to match the tinted windshield).



– Photo by Lois Deptulski –

Bill Rose’s Belle River Marina Meet

Sunday, August 4, 2024

We were back again for the third year at Bill Rose’s Belle River Marina in Marine City, Michigan. Bill graciously hosts this big event at his boat yard and storage buildings. The meet is billed as a classic boat and outboard motor show along with a swap and sell, all open to the public. Since the meet date corresponds with the annual Marine City “Maritime Days” festival, we had a lot of visitors that came by to admire the beautifully restored outboards and boats. The marina yard and huge storage buildings could accommodate a major swap meet, and to this end, we advertised this year’s meet on local public media as well the AOMCI “Events” page in hope of building participation. Turnout for the swap and sell this first year was pretty light, however. Expectation is that attendance will build as news of the meet gets out... it will be bigger and better in 2025. Several motors and a couple of boats did change hands. One really nice late 1950’s vintage Hal Kelly hydro was purchased by a local couple: Don and Betty Fryer of nearby Saint Clair, Michigan.

Normally our meets are held on Saturdays, but we elected to have the Belle River event on a Sunday to correspond with the Maritime Days festival event program. Sunday is the big finale, with a car show and parade. The Sunday date was also appreciated by members that work weekends and can’t often attend Saturday meets. All in all, it was a good meet, lots of visitors, beautiful display of motors and classic boats. In addition to the boats and motors, we were visited by several cool cars: muscle cars, hot rods and a couple of antiques that had participated in the festival parade. One remarkable old “car” was a 1908 Sears Motor Buggy owned by Marine City resident Jim Cottrell. The “car” was of particular interest to us old motor lovers in that it was powered by an air cooled two cylinder opposed piston engine, an arrangement reminiscent of an Aero-Thrust outboard... except that this was a four cycle.



A part of the motor display & vintage marine signs for sale



The 1908 Sears Motor Buggy. Dave DeLong at the starting crank, (L to R) Buggy owner Jim Cottrell, our host Bill Rose and Brian Wilcox



Matt Woods (L) & Dave Reynolds with Chris Craft “kit boats”



A line-up of vintage wooden boats, two Chris Craft kit boats and Lyman runabouts in the back ground

continued... **Bill Rose's Belle River Marina Meet** ... continued

Not to miss an opportunity to make "blue smoke" chapter members lead by John Ball kept the test tank churning throughout the day.

Lunch of freshly grilled "dogs" and burgers was provided by our host Bill Rose. Doing the cooking was master chef Tom Gorgoze. When asked how he "pulled" that duty on such a hot day, he just smiled and said I'm just an FOB ... "Friend of Bill." Judging from the visitor turnout and friendly repartee it was apparent that he was not the only FOB visiting that day.

We are invited back for next year. Keep an eye on the Great Lakes Chapter meet schedule for 2025. The Belle River swap and sell meet will be back bigger and better.

— Story and Photos By Joe Brincat —



At the test tank, (L to R) James Hulett, John Ball, Travis Kerbrat, Dave DeLong

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE *for the*
Indiana Engine Show

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

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The Best Bilge Pump of All Is a Bucket in the Hands of a Frightened Man



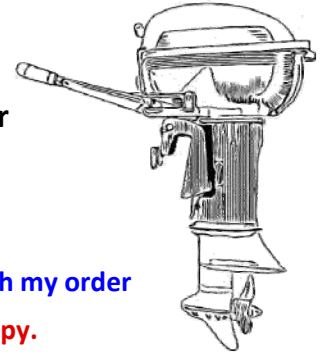
Model Engineering Expo — Oct. 12 & 13, 2024

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.

— Joe Brincat —

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER (GLC) OF AOMCI

Membership Application Form for 2025 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:

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.

* 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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