

Liquid Assets

AOMCI GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

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A Message from the Helm



Hello GLC Members and Happy New Year! I hope all of you are well and had a nice holiday season. It's hard to believe we are in the grip of Winter as just a few months ago we were enjoying nice Fall weather on the water.

I have a few important updates to share with the chapter:

- The annual chapter business meeting is January 25th at the Eagles Hall, the same venue as last year. Details are noted in the 2025 Meet schedule. Please plan to attend. There is lots of space for swap and sell outside and display motors inside. As before, we'll have a catered luncheon, with a donation of \$10 requested to help offset the cost.
- The chapter dues are \$20/year with a printed newsletter, or \$15/year with an electronic version.
- Chapter membership dues are due by the end of March. We have three meets between now and then at which you can pay dues in person or mail them in to Mark Carney.
- The term for chapter Second Trustee is up this year. John Ball (incumbent) will not be seeking re-election, so this seat is open.
- Also, Lois Deptulski will be stepping down as our newsletter editor. I'd like to thank Lois for all the time and effort she has put into our newsletter. Please consider volunteering for this position, as it is a vital method for keeping the chapter membership updated.
- We're adding a new display motor class this year, called "Misfit Motor". The stranger, more jury-rigged or Frankensteined, the better. This should be a fun one!
- Lastly, as an incentive to enter display motors, a \$25 gift card will be given to the People's Choice category winner.
- The meet schedule for 2025 is coming together. We have an opening for April-May as there will not be a meet this year at Scott Weaver's. Many thanks go to Scott for all the years he has hosted this meet, both at his shop and home. Also, due to low attendance, we will not be returning to the Algonac Museum for 2025. We have the last few months of the year open as well. If you have any ideas for a dry meet in either of these time frames, please contact Bob Lafayette or myself.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 25th!

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.

Date / Time	Event
Saturday 9AM	Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808)
January 25	Eagle Hall, 24401 Five Mile Rd, Redford, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM	Carl's Boats and Motors – Dry Meet Contact: Jeff Bahr (586-863-8910)
February 15	24100 Harper Ave, St Clair Shores MI
Friday thru Sunday	Display at Outdoorama Contact: Joe Brincat (247-478-0808) or Charlie Schmidt (586-463-4456)
February 21 - 23	Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi MI Note: set-up day is Thursday, Feb 20th
Saturday 9AM - 2PM	Lockeman's Hardware and Boats – Swap and Show – Dry Meet
March 29	7630 W Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI Contact: Mark Carney (313-538-0123)
April – Open	looking for suggestions - contact Dan Jones or Bob Lafayette
May – Open	looking for suggestions - contact Dan Jones or Bob Lafayette
Saturday 9AM - 2PM	Big Fish Lake - Ortonville – Wet Meet – Display – Hotdog Lunch Contact: Gary Hirschlieb (810-664-2422)
June 7	5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville MI "Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required
Saturday & Sunday	Motor Muster — Greenfield Village, Dearborn Contact Joe Brincat (248-478-0808)
June 14-15	Curated display, by invitation of The Early Engine Club. Note: Set-up day is Friday June 13th
Thu – Sun 8AM – 7PM	Constantine Super Meet – Michiana Outboard Boating Chapter – Swap & Sell / Show / Wet Meet
July 10 thru 13	American Legion Post # 223, 65079 US-131 BUS, Constantine, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM	Dossin Museum — Belle Isle, Detroit — Dry Meet, Show Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808)
July 19 Tentative	"Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required
Saturday 9AM - 4PM	Shear Pins Portage Lake Chain Display & Cruise – Wet/Dry Event
July 26	9280 McGregor Rd, Pinckney, MI Contact: Frank Mathison 810-599-1399
Tuesday – Saturday	Tomahawk Nationals – Northwoods Chapter Event – Wet, Dry, Swap, Display
July 29 thru August 2	Sara Park, 900 W Somo Avenue, Tomahawk, WI
SUNDAY 9AM - 2PM	Belle River Marine – Display and BIG Swap and Sell – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685)
August 3	Marine City/Algonac, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM	Big Fish Lake - Ortonville – Wet Meet – Display – Hotdog Lunch Contact: Gary Hirschlieb (810-664-2422)
September 6	5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville MI "Recreation Passport" or day-use fee required
Saturday 10:00AM	Roger DeBiasi Memorial Cruise – Mt Clemens (Sat. Sept 27 rain day) Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808)
September 20	DNR Harley Ensign Boat Launch – East end of the SOUTH River Road, Exit #237 from I- 94
October – Open	looking for suggestions - contact Dan Jones or Bob Lafayette
November – Open	looking for suggestions - contact Dan Jones or Bob Lafayette
December – Open	looking for suggestions - contact Dan Jones or Bob Lafayette
Saturday	Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808)
January 24, 2026	<i>location to be announced</i>

◆ Announcement ◆

◆ Great Lakes Chapter January Meeting ◆

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Arrival Time for Display, Swap, and Sell – 9:00 AM

Lunch will be available around 11:00 AM

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.

The following is an excerpt from the January 1966 edition of the AOMCI Outboarder magazine.

Motor Operation and Repair

by John C Harrison

In this section, we hope to solve problems that you might have with your motor. If you have a tough one, send it in, I'd like to take a crack at it.

Question: The flywheel nut on my 1928 Eldo Quad keeps coming loose, no matter how tight I get it. Is there any way to prevent this?

Answer: The fly wheel nut problem is indeed sometimes a maddening one to conquer, but it can be done by doing three things. The first is lapping the fly wheel to the crank shaft so that it is a perfect fit. This is done with valve grinding compound with a coarse grade to start with if the fit is very bad and ending up with fine. Usually the fine is all that is necessary to true the two surfaces.

The second is making a key which fits tightly in the fly wheel and the shaft. This usually requires a step key one way or the other as usually one or the other of the receiving parts, that is the fly wheel or the shaft, is "wallowed out." The opening should be trued up and a step key made to fit tightly. One must be careful that the key does not "bottom" in the fly wheel. This keeps the fly wheel from seating properly.

The third thing to do is to make a nut which fits the threads on the crank shaft tightly. This is usually a lathe job as the threads on the crank shaft are probably undersize by now. A thread fit in which the nut can barely be turned finger tight or possibly by a light wrench job is necessary in these tough cases. I guarantee you that doing these three items will solve the problem.

The Maxim Silencer



Submitted by Hans Jacobsson

Excerpted from

<https://forums.aaca.org/topic/421198-maxim-silencer-for-rowboats/>

Here's an interesting item I found today. It's a muffler for a very early Evinrude boat motor, but it's the name that caught my eye. The Maxim Silencer was originally designed for firearms by Hiram Percy Maxim (his father invented the automatic machine gun). In the 1890s Percy was hired by Colonel Pope and built the earliest Pope cars. Apparently he carried the silencer idea over to automobile and boat motors. This item is probably 1915 - 1920.

Maxim's book "Horseless Carriage Days" is a really interesting insight into those earliest days in the auto industry.

Maxim Silencers makes large mufflers and catalytic converters for industrial engine noise abatement and emissions control. They are widely installed on natural gas fired stationary engines which drive large natural gas compressor packages used to compress and ship natural gas through pipelines. I have several large Maxim silencers in my equipment yard. I never knew about the firearm / boat / automotive history of Maxim.

Note from Joe Brincat: The exhaust tube and Maxim muffler are from a 1920's vintage Evinrude Row Boat motor.



Almost time to put the boat in the water!





EVINRUDE

Those who own an "Evinrude" Detachable Rowboat Motor enjoy an endless vacation for they carry their "Evinrude" with them wherever they wish to go. It clamps to the stern of any rowboat, yours or a rented one, and makes it an eight-mile-an-hour motorboat. Note these exclusive features:

Built-In Reversible Magneto

The Evinrude Magneto is built within the fly-wheel and in that manner is protected from all injury. It has no brushes, bearings or commutators to wear out and is not affected by rain, waves or even complete submersion. It saves carrying 15 or 20 pounds of batteries.

Maxim Silencer

We can now supply special Maxim Silencers for 1913 and 1914 "Evinrudes". The Silencer eliminates practically all noises. No similar motor can use the Maxim Silencer as it is an exclusive "Evinrude" feature.

Compensating Steering Device

The tiller is controlled by a shock-absorbing, Compensating Device which allows the tiller free range in either direction and permits steering without the exertion or strength which is necessary with a rudder.

The Roosevelt Expedition, the Stefansson Expedition and other important parties of explorers are using the "Evinrude". It is on sale at Sporting Goods and Hardware Dealers everywhere. Have you seen it? **Evinrude Magneto Motor, 2 H.P., \$80. Evinrude Battery Motor, 2 H.P., \$70.**

Illustrated Catalog free upon request

EVINRUDE MOTOR COMPANY, 237 M St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Mfrs. Rowboat and Canoe Motors

BRANCHES:

- San Francisco, . . . 423 Market St.
- Jacksonville, Fla., . . . Main St.
- New York, . . . 69 Cortlandt St.
- Portland, Ore., . . . 106 Fourth St.
- Boston, 218 State St.
- Savannah, Ga., . . . Stiles Ave.
and W. Gaston St.



Circa 1917 Evinrude with optional Maxim Silencer



Prices for Evinrudes with Silencers

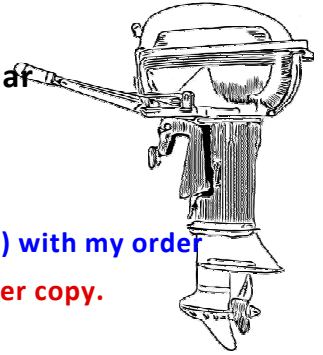
H. P.	Design	Immediate Deliveries on all Motors Listed	Price Each
EVINRUDE DETACHABLE ROWBOAT MOTORS			
2 H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Standard, with Magneto, Evinrude Silencer and Automatic Reverse (Complete)	\$110.00
2 H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Standard, with Magneto and Evinrude Silencer (Complete)	110.00
3½ H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Standard, with Magneto, Evinrude Silencer and Automatic Reverse (Complete)	176.00
3½ H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Standard, with Magneto and Evinrude Silencer (Complete)	165.00
EVINRUDE DETACHABLE CANOE MOTORS			
2 H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Standard with Magneto, Evinrude Silencer and Automatic Reverse (Complete)	110.00
2 H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Standard, with Magneto and Evinrude Silencer (Complete)	110.00
EVINRUDE INBOARD MOTORS			
2 H.P.	One Cylinder 2 Cycle	Complete Inboard Motor Indicate below Special Equipment Required—State whether for Fresh or Salt Water.	82.50



Just waiting for the right motor...

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

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: \$20.00 for members receiving newsletters by US Mail

\$15.00 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 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.

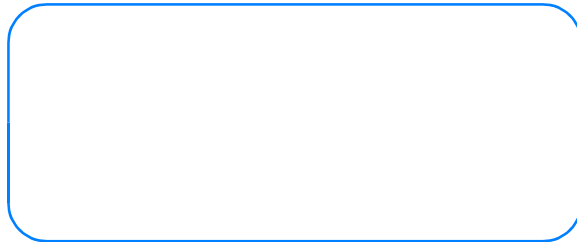
Mail your filled-out Application Form with Payment to:

Mark Carney
19792 Indian
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.



Joe Brincat
29300 Eldon Avenue
Farmington Hills, MI 48336



I'm Not Your Uncle Sam, however...
Your Great lakes Chapter
WANTS YOU!

As we roll into a new year of fun outboard activities, your Great lakes Chapter wants you to stay connected. The chapter dues that you pay help fund our activities, website, newsletter and on occasion, a pretty nice lunch or two. As with past issues of the GLC *Liquid Assets* newsletter, your chapter membership renewal / application form is included. The start of the new year is the best time to renew your membership by completing and returning the renewal form with your check (no cash, please).

If in doubt as to your current membership status, look at the mail label on this newsletter. The number following your name indicates the year that you are current.

Renew now – stay connected – We don't want to lose you!