

Liquid Assets

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

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Joe Brincat receiving the 2019 "Golden Prop" award from Mark Carney at the January business meeting.
The award in recognition of five years of service to the chapter as President.
The inscription reads "Character in Leadership"

Congratulations, Joe!



A Note from the President, March 2019

Welcome to SPRING! It's looking pretty nice out side for March. I think the ice fishing season is about over in these parts.



A very snowy day for the January Great Lakes Chapter business meeting

We have had two GLC meets and an “open house” at Tom’s Garage so far this year. The snowy January business meeting was well attended... we are a hardy bunch! Here is some of what transpired at the meeting.

Well despite my best efforts to resign from the presidency you all managed to “Shanghai” me into sticking around for a while longer. Although I was disappointed in the lack of response to numerous appeals for presidential candidates, I was happy to see that several members realized that help was needed in the “oval office”.

Roger DeBiasi volunteered to take on the weighty task of administering the “Peoples’ Choice Award” program. This is a big job and will significantly lessen the work load on your Ole’ Prez, whoever that may eventually be.

I had also been coordinating several of the chapter meets. Again, reducing the load on the President, Gary Hirschlieb has volunteered to manage the two Big Fish Lake Meets. This entails coordinating with the park management and setting dates. If you can help with these meets or have suggestions for events, talk to Gary.

John Gavasso was elected to fill the position of second Trustee. Our two Trustees are John and Gary Hirshlieb. Gary’s term will expire next January.

Our Chapter still does not have an official “National Publication Correspondent”, someone that will ensure that the Great Lakes Chapter is well represented with stories and meet reports in the Antique Outboarder magazine. Despite the lack of someone “officially” in this position, several of our members have been doing an excellent job of composing and submitting stories.

Dale Dehate, Bob Lafayette and myself have submitted several stories to the magazine in the past. We still needed someone to oversee and coordinate our submissions to the magazine. A two-man team volunteered to do this for us: Gary Hirschlieb and John Brice will coordinate submissions to the Antique Outboarder.

Anyone can write and submit an article to the national magazine. If you have a story to tell, write it up. Helpful submission guidelines from editor Scott Bogue appear in the magazine on a regular basis. If you are considering submitting a story about the Great Lakes Chapter, please first coordinate with Gary or John to avoid duplications.

Notice a new look to our chapter newsletter Liquid Assets with this edition, wow! We can thank Lois Deptulski who volunteered to be our publisher. Lois is very handy with the computer and does great artful composition work. If you have seen the new colorful flyers for the Dossin and Constantine meets, they look super... that is her work. With Lois's help the newsletter will now be composed in digital format rather than the old "cut and paste" process I formerly used. Eventually this will allow for e-mailing to those that so desire, significantly reducing chapter expenditures for printing and postage, not to mention a more professional look with color images. Thanks, Lois, for bringing us into the modern age.

Check out the meet schedule for the balance of 2019. All the dates published at the beginning of the year still hold. We now have a date for the Algonac Meet at the Algonac/Clay maritime museum, Saturday June 22nd.

Planning for Constantine (July 12,13,14) is well underway. The meet coordinator this year is MOB member Steve Roskowski. I am happy to report that GLC member Bob Layfayette has stepped up to shadow Steve and head up the meet in 2020. Registration forms for Constantine are now available. Register and make motel reservations early... don't be left out.

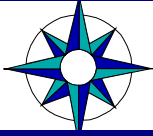
Be sure to read the other meet updates in this edition...

Best regards,

Joe Brincat
Still President (for a while)

Looking forward to the "soft water" season.





From the desk of the Editor, March 2019

A few late Winter/early Spring activities to reduce the piles of parts on shelf to at least assembled components has kept me out of more serious mischief. As the various bits and pieces come together I wonder where did all this stuff come from, and, more importantly, where is it all going? Probably not as far as I hope. There are always some items that are not on hand and probably not easily found. Parts motors may provide a desired item but will also yield items I have in excess of any need. Anyway, a few hours effort to reunite a couple power heads and a couple towers complete with clamp assembly and gear foot clear a little space on shelf and work bench. Visual progress if not actual progress.

Around here, this past Winter has been mostly a no-show non-event. A friend in the hobby at Council Bluffs, Iowa reports a very different Winter filled with blizzards, record-setting cold, ending with a heavy snowfall, followed by heavy rain and a rapid thaw. The resulting high water and flooding are also unwelcome record setting events. I have not heard how or whether he is affected. Directly or indirectly, a lot of people are impacted now and may be for years ahead.

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to look over a trove of 1940's thru 1960's outboard motors and parts. Evidently from an old marine repair shop that closed perhaps as far back as the 1970's. Stored in a dry basement and recently removed to present dry indoor storage. A brief look-over raised more questions than it answered... mainly, what was wrong with them and is it still wrong? Equally unanswered is what is in the boxes of NOS parts and power heads? From what I gathered, owner plans to go thru everything and set up to sell. I wish him good luck, but he could save himself a lot of time and effort to just auction them off.

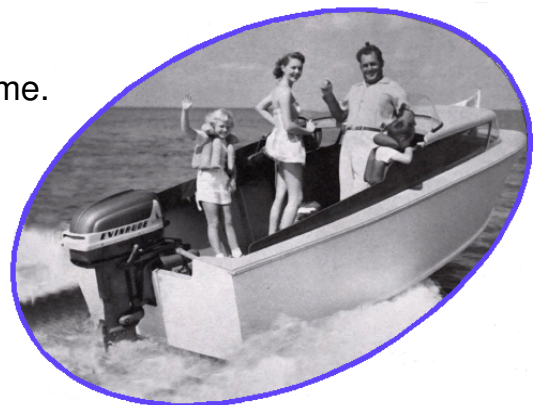
Identity and value of NOS parts and motors that may be more or less complete, with or without issues, is a big job. My experience has been that remainder stock of NOS parts includes much that has limited demand. Only one Kiekhaefer-made outboard (Wizard WG7A), so my interest level is low.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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Great Lakes Chapter AOMCI - 2019 Meet Schedule

For meet details and directions see "Upcoming Events" at the AOMCI web site or the Great Lakes Chapter web page.

January 19 – Southfield – VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. 9 Mile Rd. — **Contact:** Joe Brincat — (248 -478 -0808)
Dry meet, swap, display and people's choice awards, lunch provided. This is the "kick off" meet of the year and our annual Chapter Business Meeting

February 9 – Tom's Garage — An open house and motor work day at Tom Deptulski's shop, 18610 Fitzpatrick STREET, Detroit. Something new, something special. See all details in this issue

February 23 - Carl's Boats — St. Clair Shores — **Contact:** Jeff Bahr (313-884-7836)
Dry meet, swap, display and people's choice awards.

March 30 - Lockeman's Hardware — Detroit — **Contact:** Mark Carney (313-538-0123)
Dry meet, swap, display and people's choice awards.

April 27 – Scott Weaver's - Spring "kick off meet" — **Contact:** Scott Weaver (313-477-3394)
Dry meet, swap, informal display.

May 18 - 19 – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Invitational — Grosse Pointe Shores , MI — **Contact:** Joe Brincat (fixerjo@sbcglobal.net) or Jeff Bahr (313-884-7836)
Dry, informal Motor and Boat Display

June 8 – Big Fish Lake — Ortonville,MI — **Contact:** Gary Hirschlieb (810-664-2422)
Wet meet, informal display, fun on the water! Hot dog lunch.

Algonac – June 22 -- We are again meeting at the Algonac/Clay Maritime Museum — Downtown Algonac, MI — Lee Holland (810-794-2819) will be our contact person

July 12,13, 14 – Constantine Super Meet — This is the 23nd annual SUPER MEET co-hosted by the MOB and GLC Chapters. — **Contact:** Steve Roskowski (317-650-1087) or sroskowski@arcindy.com
Super Wet Meet, Giant Swap area, Formal display and Awards... Lotsa' FUN on the water.

July 27 – Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle Park , Detroit – Great Lakes Marine Engine and Boat Expo
On the grounds of the historic Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, Detroit, Michigan. All outboard and inboard marine motors, boats and marine artifacts welcome.
*Dry meet, swap, informal display. — **Contact:** Joe Brincat or Charlie Schmidt*

September 7 – Big Fish Lake — Ortonville, MI — **Contact:** Gary Hirschlieb (810-664-2422)
Wet meet, informal display, fun on the water and hot dog lunch.

September – Something special is in the works. Details to follow... "stay tuned"

October 12 – Byron Swap Meet — Byron, MI — Host and **Contact:** Mark Suter (989-634-8822)
Dry meet, BIG swap&sell, display and people's choice awards. One of the "must attend" meets of the year.



Event Calendar

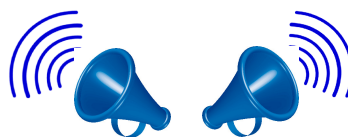
When	Saturday • April 27, 2019 • Gate opens at 9:00 AM
Where	Scott Weaver's Spring "KICK –OFF" Meet 1962 Mill Pond Dr, Oxford MI
What	Dry meet, swap and sell, with informal display (no awards) Scott and his family will be hosting this meet again at their home in Oxford, MI. This will be a great opportunity to "ring in" the 2019 outboarding season with a celebration of spring. Scott has a big pole barn for motor display and shelter just in case the Spring weather lets us down. Plenty of parking for tail gate swap and sell. Lunch will be available for a donation.
Get There	From Lapeer Rd (M- 24), just north of the village of Lake Orion, head West on Indianwood Road. Turn North onto Newman Road to Mill Pond Drive, then turn East and proceed to the end of the road.
More Info	Scott Weaver – (313) 477-3394 – saweavlo@aol.com

When	Saturday and Sunday • May 18 and 19, 2019
Where	Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Invitational 788 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI
What	Informal display of motors and/or boats (no awards) We are again invited to display motors and boats at the Yacht Club in conjunction with their Great Lakes Boating Festival. Because of the limited space available to us, please contact either Joe or Jeff if you plan on displaying motors or boats to ensure that there is sufficient room.
Get There	Lakeshore Road skirts the shore of Lake St. Clair. The entrance to the Yacht Club is JUST south of Vernier Road
More Info	Joe Brincat – fixerjo@sbcglobal.net or Jeff Bahr – (313) 884-7836

When	Saturday • June 8, 2019 • Show opens at 9:00 AM
Where	Big Fish Lake Meet 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville, MI
What	Wet Meet Come on out, bring your boat and run the winter cobwebs out of that motor. Big Fish Lake is in the Ortonville State Recreation Area. All vehicles must display a current Michigan "Recreation Passport" license plate sticker or pay a day-use fee to enter. No "open exhaust" or loud motors on this lake. There will be no open swap and sell at this meet. There is a nice picnic area nearby, complete with a shelter and rest rooms. Hot dog lunch available for a donation, or feel free to bring your picnic basket.
Get There	From I-75 ... Take Baldwin Road (exit 84) north to Oakwood Rd (aprox. 12 miles); turn left (west) on to Oakwood. Follow Oakwood to North Hadley Rd (4 ½ miles). Turn right (north), go about 2 miles. Big Fish Lake will be on your right.
More Info	Gary Hirschlieb – (810) 664-2422

When	Saturday • June 22, 2019 • Show opens at 9:00 AM
Where	Antique and Classic Outboard Motor and Boat Display Algonac – Clay Twp. Maritime Museum; 1117 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI
What	Dry Meet with Informal Display This meet is a great opportunity to show your collection to the general public, generate interest in our hobby and club... and perhaps gain some “barn find” motor leads. The folks at the museum have done a lot of work in expanding the displays in the last year or two. If it’s been a while since you attended, be sure to come and see all the new displays.
Get There	The location is on the southwest corner of M-29 (St. Clair Drive) And Fruit Street in downtown Algonac.
More Info	Lee Holland – (810) 794-2819

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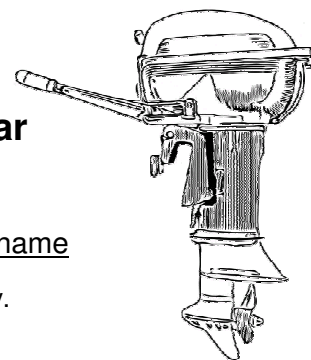
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When	Saturday • July 27, 2019 • 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Where	Great Lakes Marine Engine and Boat Expo Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle, Detroit, MI
What	Dry Meet — Sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of AOMCI <p>A gathering of antique and classic outboard and inboard marine propulsion units, boats and artifacts, the meet is open to interesting marine artifacts of all kinds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motors both outboard and inboard internal combustion, steam, electric and hand-powered. • Standalone motor displays as well as units installed on or in period correct boats are welcome. The intent is to display and demonstrate these early units, their history, and their more-than-a-century-old connection to Michigan. There will be great motor brands such as Caille, Waterman, Lockwood-Ash, Evinrude and Aerothrust on hand. • A test tank will be available, we will have running motors making smoke during the day. It may be possible that a rowboat motor service clinic will be part of the festivities, featuring service tips on such items as lower units, water pumps, timers and magnetos, and fuel systems/mixer valves. • Included in the display will be the oldest running motors in our club. Don’t miss this opportunity to see them up close and witness them in action. • There will be a Swap and Sell area separate from the motor display, and any maritime and marine motor items will be allowed regardless of vintage. <p>Come out to enjoy the surroundings and camaraderie, visit with the old iron, and take a tour of the wonderful Dossin Museum. We’re not offering a lunch, but food vendors are normally on duty, or bring your own and picnic alongside the picturesque Detroit River, and watch the boating action on the water. Hope to see you there!</p>
Get There	Entrance to Belle Isle is from East Jefferson Avenue at the foot of East Grand Blvd. Once on the island, stay to your right on Sunset Drive (name changes to “The Strand”) until you reach the Dossin Museum.
More Info	Charlie Schmidt cschmidt@aol.com

When	Friday, Saturday & Sunday • July 12, 13 & 14, 2019
Where	23rd Annual Constantine Super Meet American Legion Post # 223, Constantine, MI
What	<p>Super Wet Meet</p> <p>Sponsors: The Great Lakes Chapter and the Michiana Outboard Boating Chapter</p> <p>Featured: Rowboat Motors, Both On Land and On-the-Water Events <i>(ALL Motors and Boats Welcome)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Easy Access to Water with Many Activities Planned  Huge Swap and Sell Area with Lots of Shade  Big Auction Saturday "Under the Old Oak Tree"  Large Display Tent and Formal Judging  Awards Banquet with Steak Dinner  Free Hog Roast on Friday Night  Many Technical Seminars  Sunday River Cruise  Kid's Motor Quiz <p>Make this year at Constantine special: participate in the CONSTANTINE CUP FISHING MOTOR CHALLENGE. This year the designated motor is any pre 1951 stock outboard of 3 HP or less, direct drive (no gear shift or neutral clutch). Information for this exciting on-the-water event will be available at our meets or contact Mark Carney or Joe Brincat.</p> <p>Event opens at 8:00 AM (6:00AM for vendor setup) on Friday and ends at 5:00PM Sunday.</p> <p>Registration forms for the Constantine Meet are available at: https://aomci.org/event/mob-constantine-super-national-meet/</p>
Get There	The American Legion is located at 65079 US 131-BUS, just South of Millers Mill Road.
More Info	Steve Roskowski sroskowski@arcindy.com (317) 650-1087



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Other Pertinent Information: _____

* I am a member in good standing of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Incorporated
(AOMCI is the national parent organization of the Great Lakes Chapter)

Check One:

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Information on joining the AOMCI can be found at www.aomci.org

Great Lakes Chapter dues are \$10.00 US per each calendar year (January 1 thru December 31). The cost will not be prorated for a partial year membership. You must be a member of the AOMCI to be eligible for a Great Lakes Chapter membership. Chapter membership enables you to receive periodic Chapter newsletters that include meet notices, Chapter news, and articles of interest submitted by Chapter members.

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

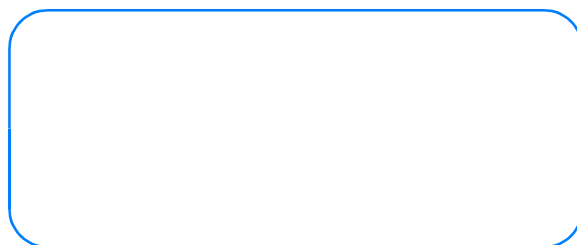
Mail your completed Application with Payment to:

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 BRINGAT
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FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336



Open house and
work day at Tom
Deptulski's shop.

Tom talking to
Bob Skinner, with
Bob Guenther
and John Carlson
standing by.