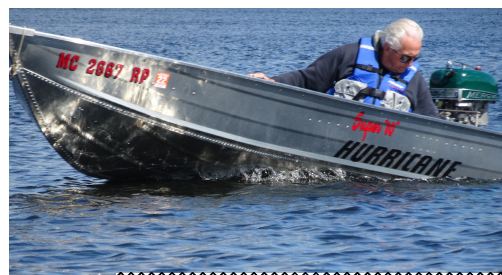


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September 2019 Big Fish Lake Meet in Pictures



Clockwise from Upper Left:

John Gavasso with Elgin

Orv Ferguson in "Hurricane"

John Brice's Martin 66

John Brice & Joe Brincat with Joe's Caille RBM on John's Handcrafted Skiff

Tom Deptulski and Roger DiBiasi in Roger's camouflage-painted boat

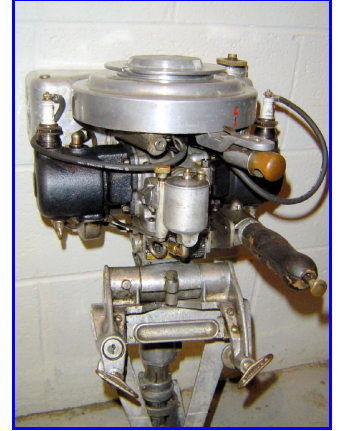
John Ball's Feathercraft





A Note from the President, December 2019

Hello fellow “Outboarders” and Great Lakes Chapter Members. We are wrapping up another great year of blue smoke and water fun. I’m sure that most of us have tucked away the boats for a long winter’s nap and moved our winter project motors into the warmth of the workshop or basement. Despite the initial very wintry blast that befell us in mid-November, mother nature has been pretty kind for the last couple of weeks. The temperature today is 48° F (9° C for our Canadian friends). Not too bad, matter of fact I heard that our friends John and George at Northwestern Boat were heading out to Whitmore Lake today to do a final test run and tune on an outboard they had been working on. For me, I have this Evinrude Model N that I have been fussing with for way too long. If you were at Mark Suter’s meet you may have seen it running in the test tank... and I must say the only motor that ran that day. When I put it together, I knew the lower unit needed more work, that’s where I’m at now, new bearings and gear alignment needed.



Your board of directors met on November 2, 2019 to begin planning the meets and events for 2020. The Great Lakes Chapter board members are...

President, Joe Brincat

Secretary/ Treasurer, Mark Carney

Water Event / Safety, Roger Debiasi/ Gary Lauer

First Trustee, Gary Hirschlieb

Vice President, Dan Jones

News Letter Editor, Louis Doering

National Mag Correspondent, John Brice

Second Trustee, John Gavasso

In addition to planning events for the upcoming year, other issues discussed were...

- The January meeting is our annual business meeting, elections will be held for all board positions except the carry over 2nd Trustee position. Nominations from the membership are to be **STRONGLY** encouraged. **THINK IT OVER!** It’s your club, help make it great.
- Chapter dues to remain at \$10 however food at the several meets will be charged at cost to the participants or by donation, this due to anticipated reduction in income.
- Discussed were options for a mid-summer large swap meet.
- Discussed were options for added “water events” including a major cruise type event.
- Topics in way of increasing membership and general participation...
 - More aggressive advertising of meets
 - Facebook presence for our chapter
 - New member – a one-on-one “mentorship” program
 - More frequent communication to members ... “post card” event reminders
 - E-Mail option for our newsletter – reduce costs and increase content
 - People’s Choice Awards – perhaps too many?

As GLC chapter members you are encouraged to discuss these topics and issues with the leadership, give us your ideas and opinions as to how to improve the chapter, make “out-boarding” more fun. Better yet, become a leader, throw your hat in the ring, put your name in nomination for one of the Board of Directors’ positions at the January meeting. WE NEED YOU!

The year 2020 will bring some significant changes for our chapter. For sure, you will have a new president...yah’ I know that you have heard that line before, but this year it’s for sure! Another big change will involve our chapter’s relationship with the Constantine Meet. As you may know, from its inception some 23 years ago, this meet has been co-sponsored by our chapter and the Michiania Outboard Boating Chapter (MOB); the two chapters alternating annual leadership. In recent years this governance arrangement has become strained. Opinions were voiced that the work load was not fairly shared and that the MOB was doing the majority of the work. In fairness, I will say that the MOB does contribute a large portion of the effort each year, noting that among other things, the safety boat and equipment trailer are always provided and maintained by them. Nevertheless, your Great Lakes Chapter has always fulfilled its responsibilities in hosting the meet when our turn came around. A significant part of this governance agreement was that the two chapters shared the proceeds from the meet 50 / 50. At the conclusion of the meet this year (2019) this agreement was challenged by the MOB. The feeling expressed was that our chapter had not done its fair share of the work and therefore, we were not to receive our half of the meet profits. To make a long story short, we ultimately did receive our 50% share, but we have now severed our relationship with the MOB for governance for the Constantine Meet. Our chapter will no longer participate in hosting this meet. My understanding is that the Constantine Meet will continue to be held as a MOB sponsored event. As individual AOMCI members, we can participate as we would at any other sanctioned meet, however as a chapter, the Great Lakes Chapter will no longer receive financial proceeds from this event.

Looking forward to 2020, it should be another great year for show, swap and water events. I hope to see many of you out making “blue smoke”, making new friends and having fun.

Included in this newsletter is a listing of the early 2020 meets that have been confirmed to date. Stay tuned for further information on meets for the balance of the year.

Don’t forget to RENEW your chapter membership. A renewal form is included in this newsletter. Please take notice of the question about delivery preference... electronic (e-mail) or hard copy (snail mail). In an effort to reduce our single largest expenditure, we are preparing for a future e-mail delivery option. The e-mail option will be of benefit to you with more content, better graphics and color photos. Regardless of which delivery option you ultimately choose BE SURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS listed on your 2020 registration form!

A BIG thanks to Lois Deptulski for editing and compiling this issue. The photos are in full color, you won't see that in the paper copy but you will if you elect to receive the newsletter by e-mail in the future.

Best Regards,
KEEP ON “OUTBOARDING”
See ya’ at the January meeting
Joe Brincat



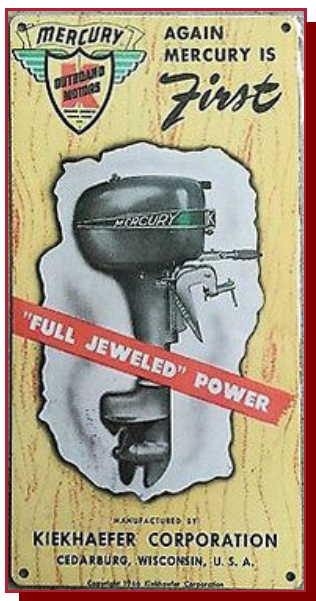


From the desk of the Editor, Winter 2020

Out of curiosity, at a used book sale, I picked up a book entitled "Latin for the Illiterate." I flipped it open, and "fessa aetas" caught my eye..."old age". No getting around it, I have arrived at that stage of life. So expect to see some tailgate bargains at future swap meets. Not that I would pass on a beat, battered and forlorn Early K Model Kiekhaefer project with my name on it.

Like many members in the hobby, I have several other interests, one of which is a Model A Ford. This summer I attempted to resolve several of its many issues. Much was attempted and most got done. Several things remain to be finished. One thing I can say about old cars is...for everything you fix you will find two other things that also need fixing. Old cars and old outboards each have corrosion crud and prior work by unskilled hands, working on old outboards prepare one for working on old cars in that respect.

The arrival of cold weather ended work in the garage. Not to worry, there are several outboards in the basement awaiting completion.



Looking ahead to Great Lakes Chapter meets in 2020, I hope to attend the majority and meet and greet some new members as well as say hi to all the usual suspects. Perhaps, even bring a few tailgate treasures in the form of parts and projects. I will try to resist temptation but if an old Kiekhaefer calls out for help it would be hard to turn a deaf ear.

I have my 2019 AOMCI calendar hanging on wall with the 2020 ready to go...one of the better benefits of belonging to AOMCI in my opinion. Much better than the ones bank and insurance agents hand out. (not quite as interesting as the ones featuring attractive young ladies though)

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Louis Doering, editor Liquid Assets
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Lou's Winter Project



Event Calendar

January Swap Meet & Annual Membership Meeting

When	Saturday • January 18, 2020 • 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Where	K&D Marine, 228 North Gratiot Ave, Mt Clemens, MI
What	The “kick off” meet of the New Year and our annual chapter business meeting. Our host Keith Domijan is opening his shop and marine store for our meet. K&D is a long-established marine shop servicing all makes of outboard motors and boats. Keith maintains a good stock of new and old stock parts so bring your “needs list”. Gates open at 9:00 AM. Bring a motor to display and “stuff” to swap. Indoor motor display with “People’s Choice” awards. Lunch will be available for a donation. This is the best time to renew your GLC Chapter membership. Treasurer, Mark Carney will be there to collect your 2020 dues. Large on- site parking lots for swap and sell, so fill up your trunk or pick up.
Get There	From Northbound I-94, exit westbound Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). After about 1 Mile, go north on Gratiot through downtown Mt. Clemens to K&D Marine. From Southbound I-94 , exit westbound M-59 (Hall Rd.) then south on Gratiot. You will be on South Gratiot & will have to jog over 1 block East on Jones St. to get to Northbound Gratiot and K&D Marine.
More Info	Jeff Bahr 313-884-7836 jeffr3b@aol.com Joe Brincat 248-478-0808, fixerjo@sbcglobal.net



Open House and Motor Work Day

When	Saturday • February 8, 2020 • 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Where	Tom Deptulski’s Shop, 18610 Fitzpatrick STREET, Detroit, MI
What	Tom has again offered us an opportunity to visit his shop and do some work on our motor projects. There is a full range of shop equipment available including machine tools, however for this initial orientation visit it is suggested that we keep things simple...projects like sand blasting, soda blasting, cleaning and de-greasing. Come out and meet Tom and familiarize yourself with the tools and resources he is offering for our use. Chairs will be provided. Coffee and pastries will be available.
Get There	Tom’s shop is just West of the Southfield Expressway and South of Plymouth Road. From Plymouth Road, turn south onto Warwick St. (Detroit Police 6 th Precinct station on the corner) then a quick left onto Fitzpatrick STREET.
More Info	Tom Deptulski 313-835-6803

Swap Meet and Open House

When	Saturday • February 22, 2020 • Gate opens at 9:00 AM
Where	Carl's Boats and Motors, 24100 Harper Rd, St. Clair Shores, MI
What	Bring a motor to display and some goodies to swap. Carl's has a good stock of NOS and used vintage OMC outboard parts, if you are in need bring your "wanted" list. Lunch will be available for a \$5.00 donation. You can pay your Great Lakes dues at this time if you missed the January meet.
Get There	From I-94 exit at Nine Mile Rd. Head East to Harper. Turn left (north) onto Harper. Carl's is approx a half mile up the road, on the right.
More Info	Jeff Bahr 313-884-7836 jeffr3b@aol.com

Swap Meet and Open House

When	Saturday • March 28, 2020 • Doors opens at 9:00 AM
Where	Lockeman's Hardware Boats & Motors, 7630 W. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI
What	Our Hosts, Dave and Doug Zammitt – Phone 313- 842-0268 Swap/ Sell, bring a motor to display – people' choice awards. A chance to use Dave's indoor test tank. If you have never been to Lockeman's you are missing a real treat. Host Dave Zammitt operates what is likely the oldest hardware store in Detroit. The store has been a Johnson Outboard dealer since the 1920's. Dave and his family still sell and service boats and motors to the fisherman and boaters on the Detroit River. An old time hardware store loaded with old boating artifacts and memorabilia.
Get There	From Northbound I-75 - use exit #44 for Dearborn Ave.-make a right onto Dearborn, then a Left onto Jefferson Ave. From Southbound I-75 – Use exit #45 for Fort St. / Springwells Ave. – Turn left onto Springwells, Springwells will change to Westend St. Follow it to Jefferson, turn left on Jefferson.
More Info	Mark Carney 313-538-0123

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[2020 AOMCI National Executive Board Election Results](#)

President

Jay Walls 287
Ed Elliott 165

1st Vice President

Rick Eichrodt 314
Travis Kerbrat 135

Vice President – Communications

Eric Truntz 233
Chris Eichrodt 211

Vice President of Tech Services

Fred Truntz 441

Vice President – Publications

Jim Purcell 435

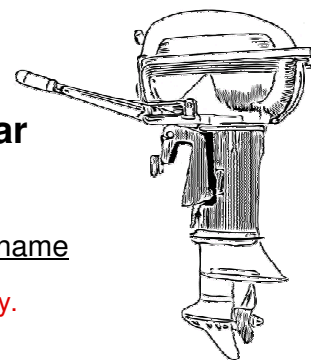
Treasurer

George Emmanuel 438

Secretary

Jerry Aherns 82

Join the
GREAT LAKES CHAPTER OF AOMCI
Membership Application 2020 Calendar Year

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

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

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New Membership

☐ 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: _____

* 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:

Yes

☐

No

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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:

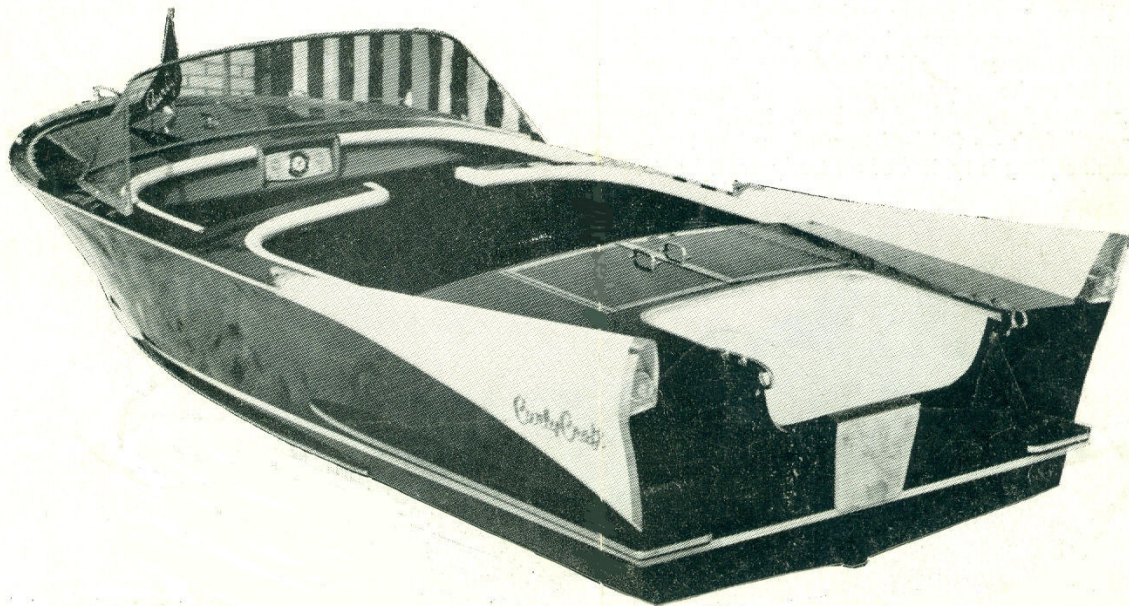
Mark Carney
19792 Indian
Redford, MI 48240

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.

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BOLD

BEAUTIFUL



Curly Craft for '58

Curly Craft Boats were built by Northwestern Boat and Manufacturing
19740 Ten Mile Road
Detroit 41, Michigan

Spring “KICK–OFF” Meet

When	Saturday • May 2, 2020 • Gate opens at 9:00 AM
Where	Scott Weaver's home, 1962 Mill Pond Drive, Oxford MI 48371
What	Scott and his family will again host this meet at their home. Great opportunity to “ring in” the 2020 outboarding season. 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 available for a donation.
Get There	From Lapeer Rd (M- 24), just north of the village of Lake Orion, head WEST on Indianwood Rd. Turn North onto Newman Rd. to Mill Pond Dr. , turn east and proceed to the end of the road.
More Info	Scott Weaver 313-477-3394 , saweavlo@aol.com

Yacht Club Invitational

When	Friday thru Sunday • May 15 – 17, 2020
Where	Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI
What	We are again invited to display motors and boats at the Yacht Club in conjunction with their Spring Boating Festival. Limited space available, so contact Joe or Jeff if you plan to display motors or boats.
Get There	Lakeshore Road skirts the shore of Lake St. Clair. Enter the Yacht Club JUST south of Vernier Road.
More Info	Joe Brincat – 248-478-0808 fixerjo@sbcglobal.net Jeff Bahr – 313-884-7836 jeffr3b@aol.com

Big Fish Lake Wet Meet

When	Saturday • June 6, 2020
Where	Big Fish Lake, Ortonville State Recreation Area, 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville, MI
What	Come on out, bring your boat and run the winter cobwebs out of that motor. 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. No open swap and sell at this meet. Nice picnic area nearby, complete with shelter & restrooms. Hot dog lunch available for a donation, or bring your picnic basket.
Get There	From I-75, take Baldwin Road (exit 84) north to Oakwood Rd (approx. 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

Announcing...

A NEW EVENT FOR 2020

We have an opportunity to display outboard motors at the 2020 Outdoorama show this year. This is a great opportunity to show “our stuff” to the public. The best chance to recruit new members and make new friends. Charlie Schmidt is coordinating our participation in the show. Because there is limited display space, please contact Charlie if you plan on participating. We would like to see a good display of all vintage motors. Let Charlie know what you plan to bring so we can avoid duplicates. Free passes will be provided for those that pre-register with Charlie. Although you don’t have to be there for the entire four days of the show, your motors do, so plan ahead for drop-off and pick-up times.



Contact Charlie at 586-463-4456



Suburban Collection Showplace

Show Location

Michigan Outdoorama 2020
Suburban Collection Show Place
46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI

Show Dates and Times

Thursday, February 27 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Friday, February 28 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Saturday, February 29 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Sunday, March 1 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

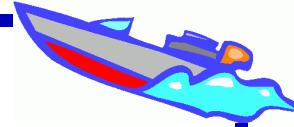
Admission

Adults: \$12.00
Children 6-14: \$5.00 5 and under: Free

The show is huge and covers a broad range of outdoor activities, including boating, fishing, hunting, camping...you get the picture... Numerous seminars and displays, including Terry McBurney, award winning Woods-n-Water News writer, exhibiting some of his “Made in Michigan” antique and classic fishing tackle collection. There will be a dining area featuring a Sportsmen’s Hog Roast.

It's All About Being Good Neighbors

Concern about excessively noisy outboards is not a new issue, as indicated by this vintage article from, Quincy Welding Works, a renowned manufacturer of outboard racing equipment.



QUIET PLEASE!

By O.F. Christner

WITH THE TREMENDOUS INCREASE in light high speed outboard motors in the past few years, many serious problems have arisen, one of which is the indiscriminate use of open exhaust.

We, as manufacturers of such devices, wish to warn outboard users that the use of open exhaust, except in bona fide races, is certainly detrimental to their own sport as it will inevitably bring about laws that may prohibit even the use of outboards altogether in certain areas.

Of course, we realize that for strictly racing, open exhaust has been and probably always will be used as even the spectators get a terrific thrill out of the roar of a full field going across the starting line. However, let's suppose you have a cabin on a lake or along a river where you go on weekends for fishing and relaxation and others blast *your* eardrums with the continual roar of *their* open exhaust.

The use of open exhaust on pleasure boats is of no value whatsoever, as it will not add to the speed in any amount that we can measure after many, many miles of testing. Let's face it fellas! It's swell where it belongs, but it doesn't belong where it disturbs other people. You can put on your cover if you have open exhaust and test your motor and wheels as much as you want. Take advantage of the excellent exhaust system your manufacturer built into your outboard motor and everybody will have more fun without running the risk of restrictive legislation.

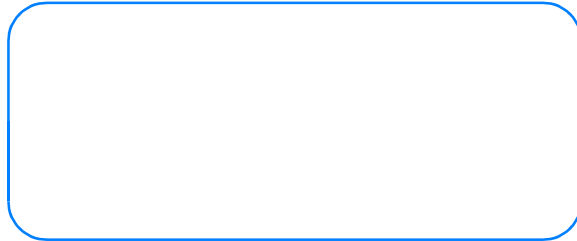
Quincy Welding Works, Quincy, Ill.

Reprinted from a 1950's *Boat Sport* magazine

Submitted by Roger Dykehouse



Joe Brincat
29300 Eldon Avenue
Farmington Hills, MI 48336



September 2019 Big Fish Lake Meet

A perfect day for boating and picnicking – good friends, lovely weather, beautiful setting!

