

Liquid Assets

AOMCI GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

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Dreaming of Outboards



Here is a collection of beautifully restored outboards to admire while you wait for an opportunity to display or use your own.



To receive your newsletter in color, contact Joe Brincat at fixerjo@sbcglobal.net to let him know you would like to receive the electronic version instead of a paper copy.



A Message from Travis Kerbrat, President

To say the least, Spring has come upon us with great health uncertainty due to the COVID-19 virus throughout the country which has affected all greatly. As of late March, Michigan is under a Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive order with all non-essential businesses shut down. Yes, times are currently different, but everyone needs to keep their heads up high with good attitudes and we will get thru this.

As everyone now knows, I took over the Great Lakes Chapter Presidency from Joseph Brincat, who has done an outstanding job over the last many years of serving. I'm looking forward to serving the GLC in all that I can do to preserve, inform & grow this fine club into the future. With the current team, we will be as active as we can with the current membership and looking to bring on new members, young and wise to build up this group. We're always looking for new ideas in promoting the club, whether it's thru meets, magazine articles or hosting different types of events throughout the year. If anyone has ideas for any of these, just let me know so we can discuss and plan.



St Clair Flats Front & Rear Range Lights

Just a little about myself: I grew up in Algonac, MI and went to school there until the 8th grade, when our family moved upriver to St. Clair, MI. Since I was a little fella, I've always had boats and motors and can say that my childhood growing up in the St. Clair Flats was flat out Awesome, no better place to be than out in a boat cruising around the river and bays, either just for fun or fishing.

I'm married to Jennifer, with two daughters: Kate, aged 25, and Sarah, aged 16. I also have a three year old Beagle named Max.

I'm a carpenter by trade and have been in the commercial industry for the last 28 years. My passion of antique/classic outboards came at a very young age so the GLC was a great fit for me when I joined in 2010. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at meets, and I'll do my best to get around to as many as I can to introduce myself.

I unfortunately missed the 1st meet of the year due to a nasty cold I had at that time. From what I hear it was a good turnout for the weather that day, ... SNOW. The second event of 2020 was an Open House & Motor Work Day. If you're into all the machinery that goes along with working on antique/classic outboards, you should make sure you make this one next year. Along with Tom Deptulski's shop & warehouse there are some very good baked goods & coffee which Tom's wife Lois prepares.



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We are currently at a roadblock with Michigan being shut down. For the first time, we are having to cancel meets due to the Michigan ordinance of Stay Home, Stay Safe, with this COVID-19 virus going around and taking over currently. We do not know how long this will last but will inform everyone through Mail Chimp and on our website: www.liquidassetsonline.org of any cancellations of upcoming meets. It's hard to say what will go on for the rest of the year, but we would like everyone to stay safe. When we do get back rolling the way it should be, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone enjoy the meets. In closing, make sure if you have anything to share for our quarterly news letters to get your info to either Joe Brincat or me so we can get it into the next edition.

by Mark Carney



From the desk of Louis Doering, Correspondent Extraordinaire

Musings of an Outboard Enthusiast During a Pandemic

Time once again to tap on the keyboard to fill up the blank space. With the present situation, there is no lack of time, but obviously, no inspiration to be found at a club swap meet. I have a project waiting for me, but again, it is out of reach in a trusted friend's garage on the other side of the state. Closer to hand are a couple of 1940 Mercury K2 singles, so I have been looking into restarting long-dormant projects. Like many of my low end acquisitions, they have difficult issues. In this case, I have carburetors with a couple of pieces missing or mangled.

Tillotson MS series carburetors were a sort of one size fits all carburetor used on a wide range of engines from the early 1920's to early 1950's. Tillotson has a web site with some information relating to MS series, including an application list with a repair kit part number for some. Unfortunately, parts and kits are not offered. My understanding is that Tillotson went off-shore some time ago. Even so, I found the Tillotson site very interesting. There is a part of me that thrills at taking on new and near hopeless mechanical puzzles and another part of me that cringes at the thought of the actual work involved in solving them.



Curiously, the MS 113A was used by Kiekhaefer on Mercury K2 single and K4 and K5 twins (also some clone Wizard models). The K4 and K5 twins used a Rube Goldberg arrangement involving an additional adjustment needle to feed additional fuel into the manifold. Although a workable system, it asked a lot of the operator. Carburetors used with twins had an additional outlet in the bottom of the float bowl, with fittings and fuel line to feed the extra fuel. Mercury also used MS 115A on the 1940 Mercury K3 single.

Trying to piece together a pile of junk with missing and damaged parts is a far different part of the hobby than finding the rare original-condition running motor. I would not know what to do with a perfect example. No fun for me in that. At a swap meet you will find me digging down to the bottom of the bucket of greasy, dirty parts or sorting thru a bin of old props or looking under the tailgate for items not worth prime retail space. My logic is, if you know what you are looking for, look everywhere, it has to be somewhere. It also pays to have an open mind, as things you like will show up when you are looking for something entirely different.

When we again have club shows and swap meets I suspect they will be different from past events. Will we shake hands, have small groups in discussion (outboard related, of course) at indoor gatherings? Maybe not right away, maybe a bit later. I guess we will have to adapt to a new normal.

Get in on ...
JOHNSON MOTORS
 Nationwide
OLD MOTOR SEARCH
SEA-HORSE
TRACKDOWN

October 15th thru March 15th

HOW ABOUT IT? DO YOU
 HAVE ONE OF THESE
 "MILESTONE" MOTORS ???



Model A
 Model P30 (or PB30, PL30, PBL30)
 Model T40 (or TR40, TL40)
 Model S45 (or SL45)
 Model K50 (or KL50)
 Model VE50 (or VLE50)
 Model 300
 Model QD (or QDL)
 Model CD (or CDL)
 Model V4-10 (or V4L-10, V4S-10,
 V4SL-10)

THEN TAKE IT TO YOUR
 JOHNSON SEA-HORSE
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 motors ever built" in 25 words or less,
 and you may win a complete boating
 outfit . . . An 18-foot Lone Star Voyager
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 er . . . PLUS the latest boating accessories!
 But that's not all . . .

You'll also be eligible to win one of
10 Electramatic V-75 JOHNSONS

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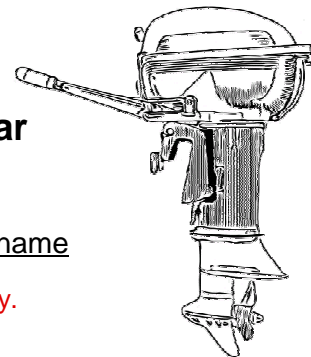
A 1962 flyer from Johnson Outboards, "rounding up" classic Johnson motors and a chance to win a new boat and motor featuring the new Electramatic shift V-75 Johnson.

The flyer courtesy of our friends at Northwestern Boat Co. Yes, they still have a good stock of NOS parts, call George or John at 248-356-2477

Submitted by Joe Brincat

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GREAT LAKES CHAPTER OF AOMCI

Membership Application 2020 Calendar Year

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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

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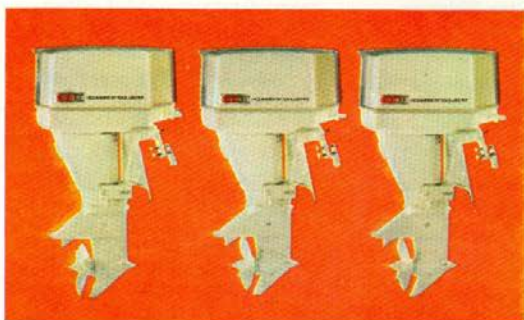
People's Choice Awards are given at designated Great Lakes Chapter Meets. Please bring your motors to these meets for display and to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a fun competition. The winners are determined by votes cast by meet attendees.



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omy, new power. New thinking makes all 27 Chrysler outboards—from the 3.5 to the 105—more fun to be with.

Things like the unmatched range of power offered by Chrysler inboards and I/O's. There are nine I/O's, from the popular 80 and new 120 models to the 290, including a brand-new 175. Inboards start at 125, go all the way up to 335. New this year: V-Drives for V-8 inboards.

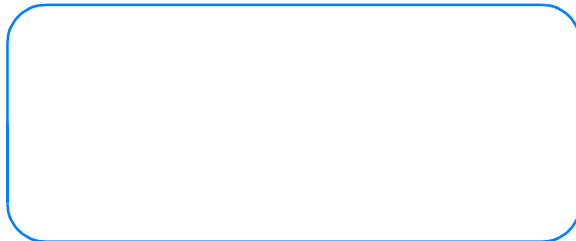
Get in on the fun. See the Chrysler Crew—the men who sell and service Chrysler marine products.



Chrysler Outboards for 1966



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For Members Who Need Another (Small) Project

Here's a nice little kit boat to build.

It's absolutely perfect for those who have all of their big projects done or who lack space for anything other than a small project.

Here, you get a boat with outboard, an oar for emergencies, an anchor, fishing rod, a net, and a guaranteed catch of three fish.

You can find it on Etsy.com and elsewhere on the Internet by querying for "Fishing Boat Model Kit by Houha Designs" using your favorite search engine.

