



A Message from the Helm

May 13, 2022

Greetings Great Lakes Chapter Members,

We are now into the good weather here in Michigan. We have a lot of activities for the Summer starting the end of May with a new venue in St. Clair Michigan at War Water Brewery. This is a new event and something we will look on building up year after year. This event has many opportunities for the antique/classic outboarder and anyone who likes the water. St. Clair River is right there, and if you're into big ships, freighters pass by daily.

Then onto June: that month is completely booked. I hope everyone is well and looking forward to getting out to some GLC meets this year. Make sure you check out our website www.liquidassetsonline.org to view all events coming up. We are talking with Lockeman's about a super swap meet in Detroit at Dave's place in early fall. We will keep everyone informed.

GLC is always looking for pictures from our events so if you have a phone, camera, etc. make sure you get quality photos over to us to get on our website and in the newsletter. With all the upcoming meets our National Coordinator John Brice will be busy so if anyone out there has time to give him a hand please do so. When the *AOMCI Outboarder* comes out it is good to see the GLC is well represented.

I would like all to take a moment of silence for Tom and Gil Nichols who recently passed.

Looking forward to seeing all our members and see what happens this year to build up The Great Lakes Chapter. That's all I have for now so see everyone at War Water!!

Travis Kerbrat
GLC President
glcpresidentaomci@gmail.com



Two for One

By Tom Miscovich

As a young man, I enjoyed the world of fishing but was limited to shoreland or just plain rowing to my favorite spots. One day, a neighbor understanding my plight, gave me an old outboard motor hanging in his garage. It was a two cylinder and it may have been a Caille. Well, it did not turn over. It was stuck or sort of frozen as one might say. Being inquisitive, I decided to discover the dilemma. One of the connecting rods was severely bent. I removed the rod and inverted the piston and placed it in the cylinder to prevent any further disturbance in the cylinder. I put the motor back together and was able to start the outboard. It was not as robust as originally intended but was able to advance to those fishing spots.



Those old clunkers still had lot of life and never die. I became a proud owner and future collector of antique outboard motors.

○ ○ ○ *Calendar of Upcoming Events* ○ ○ ○

Great Lakes Chapter Spring Meet

Saturday, May 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
War Water Brewery

Address: 201 N. Riverside Ave, St. Clair, MI
Phone: 810-289-3921
Website: <http://www.warwaterbrewery.com/>

94 East to either 26 Mile Road or 32 Mile Road;
32 East takes you to downtown St Clair.
26 East to King, then King North to 32 Mile Road.
Right turn on 32 Mile goes to downtown St Clair.

Meet Type: Dry; Swap; Display

Brewery has rest rooms & food for those who wish

Organizer: Brian Wilcox 810-794-7658

Outboards and Boat – Gordon Auction Sale

Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Address: 3371 Pleasant View Dr, Highland , MI

This one-day auction sale will liquidate the collection of our late great club member, Clark Gordon. The sale will be "Silent Auction" format. Tags will be attached to all sale items; bidders enter their name and bid amount. At 2 o'clock sharp, the bidding will close, and the highest recorded bid takes the item. This will be a

Cash Only sale; payment must be made on the day of the auction.

No preview and **No** early sales, **Please** don't ask! The barn doors open at 9 AM.

There are about 45 outboards, a couple of RBM's, most are 1930 – 40's, most in fair to good "as-found" condition.



Clark was pretty selective in what he picked-up. A mix of brands, **not** the usual bunch of 50's OMC that one often encounters.

Boat: One wood lapstrake 14 foot Sorg, with trailer and Mercury.

The plan is to liquidate all items the day of the auction.



Most items will **not** have a reserve.

Contact: Joe Brincat
by e-mail - [fixerjo @ sbcglobal.net](mailto:fixerjo@sbcglobal.net)

Located at the north end of White Lake, about 10 miles east of US23, north of M59. From M59, go North on Duck Lake Rd, then East on Giddings Blvd to Pleasant View Dr.

Big Fish Lake

Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Address: 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville, MI

Enjoy a beautiful lake with fellow AOMCI members. Operate your motor/boat or provide a display(no judging); no open swap meet. Concrete boat ramp and wood dock. *Lunch will be provided.* Both open pit and flush toilets are available.

Meet Type: Wet; Display

Contact: Gary Hirschlieb
810-664-2422 (cell: 810-441-6524)

From I-75....Take Baldwin Rd. (exit #84) North to Oakwood Rd (approx. 12 miles). Turn left (West) on to Oakwood Rd, follow Oakwood to North Hadley Rd. (just past WOJO's greenhouse), turn right (North) and go approx. 2 miles. Big Fish Lake entrance is on the right. Proceed to the boat ramp area (to the right).

Algonac Maritime Museum

Saturday, June 25 from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Address: 1117 St. Clair River Dr., Algonac, MI
Website: <https://www.achistory.com/ach1/>

In wonderful downtown Algonac, come check out the Antique/Classic Outboards of yesteryears. If you have something in your garage/barn that you need to find out more about, come on down. There will be many outboards and members to make this day enjoyable.

If you have not been to the Maritime Museum now's your chance. The ACBS Michigan Chapter is having there annual wooden boat show at the Algonac Marina on the same day.

Meet Type: Dry; Display

Organizer: Travis Kerbrat 734-536-7918

Great Lakes Marine Engine and Boat Expo

Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Dossin Great Lakes Museum
Belle Isle State Park, Detroit, MI

Meet Type: Dry; Swap; Display

Contacts: Joe Brincat 248-478-0808
Travis Kerbrat 734-536-7918

All outboard and inboard marine motors, boats and marine artifacts welcome.

A test tank will be available.

Come out to enjoy the surroundings and camaraderie, visit with the old iron, and take a tour of the wonderful Dossin Museum.

Food vendors may be available, or bring your own and picnic alongside the picturesque Detroit River, and watch the boating action on the water.

Rose Marine Meet

Saturday, August 20 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Address: 159 Chartier, Marine City, MI (This is actually the address of the Jet's Pizza next door.)

Portapotty on site. Pizza next door. Many fine restaurants in town.

Meet Type: Dry; Swap; Display

Contact: Brian Wilcox 810-794-7685

I -94 to 26 mile road head east till 26 ends at King turn right. King ends at Chartier. take Chartier until it ends, and turn right at South Bell River Ave. You are there. You will go by the Jets Pizza almost on the corner.

Big Fish Lake — Fall

Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

5779 Hadley Road, Lapeer, MI

Come out and enjoy a nice Fall day at the beautiful BFL with fellow AMOCI members. Operate your motor/boat or provide a display(no judging); no open swap meet. Concrete boat ramp and wood dock. *Lunch will be provided.*

Both open pit and flush toilets are available.

Meet Type: Wet; Display

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GREAT LAKES CHAPTER OF AOMCI



Membership Application Form for 2022 Calendar Year

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.

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

Great Lakes Chapter dues are \$15.00 US beginning in January, with membership expiring in December of each calendar year. 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.

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

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.

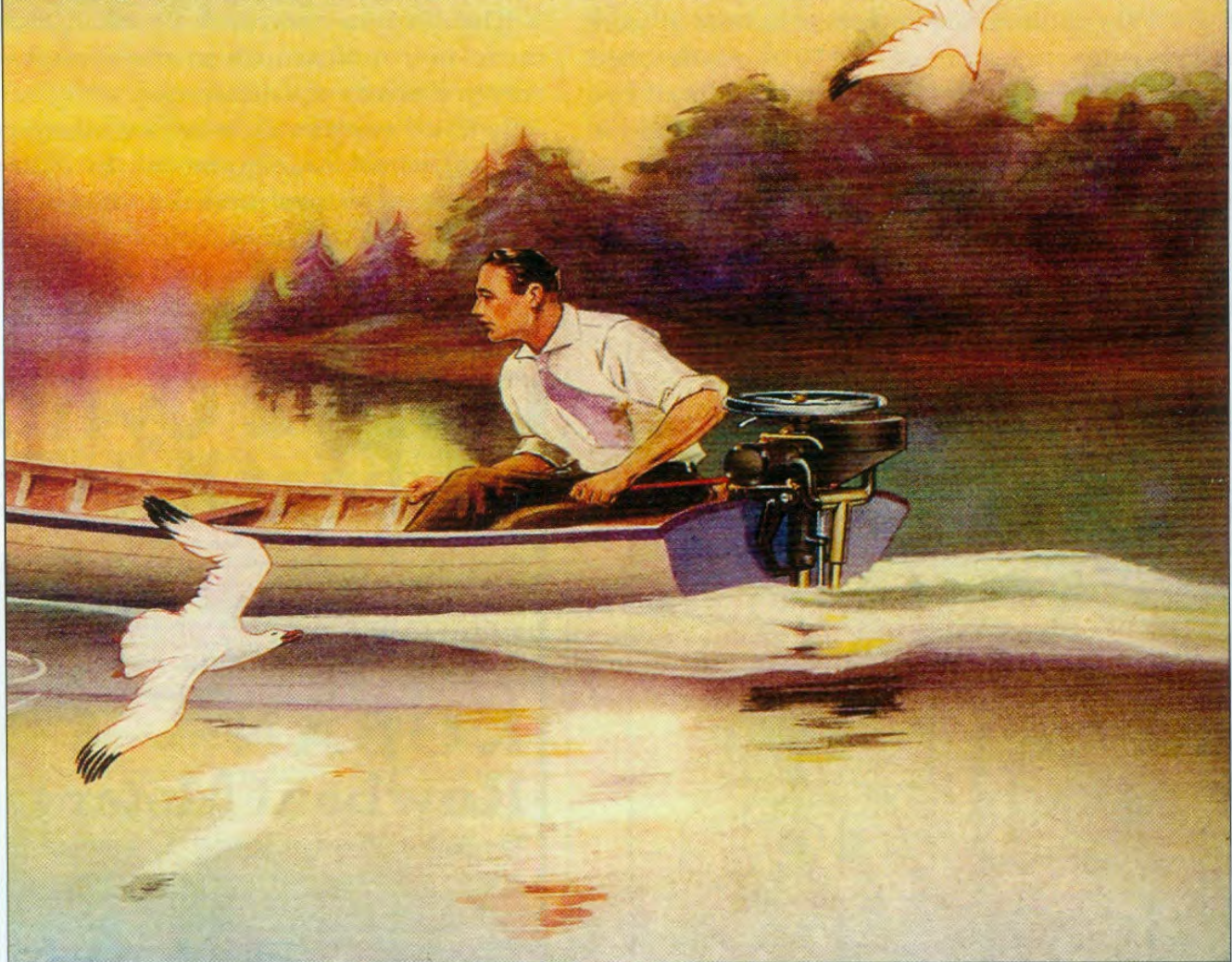
Mail your filled-out Application Form with Payment to:

**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.

KOBAN

THE PERFECT ROWBOAT MOTOR



Cover of the Koban Manufacturing Company's 1915 catalog.

Advantages over other rowboat motors:

It starts easily and runs smoothly
IT DOES NOT SHAKE THE BOAT
It is perfectly balanced
It is very powerful
It has two cylinders
It is absolutely weedless
It is attractive in appearance
It is perfectly water cooled
It is strong and durable

It has 50% greater speed
It has a float feed carburetor
It reverses easily while running
It can be slowed down to a crawl
It is economical on fuel
It is compact and easily portable
It can be steered when engine is shut off
It is adjustable to any kind of stern
It can be attached or detached in a jiffy

(From a 1915 Koban brochure)

In Remembrance...The Great Lakes Chapter of the “Nichols Navy”

By Louis Doering

Gilbert C. Nichols 5/11/1941 – 3/8/2022

Thomas J. Nichols 2/18/1944 – 2/8/2022

There are so many nice things I can say about Tom and Gil it is hard to know where to begin. One thing sure is I can find nothing bad to say about either brother. I believe all who knew them can say the same.

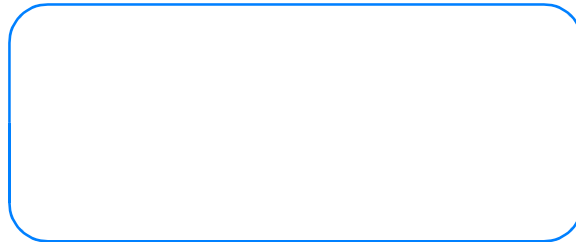
I first met Gil at a garage sale. I mentioned I had acquired a little Merc. Sensing a potential AOMCI / GLC recruit, he invited me to a Lee Holland meet. In the meantime, he suggested I bring my Merc KE3 to his basement workshop for a once-over. With a little magic, it had spark. Tom suggested I leave it for a little more work. Tom worked his magic on it and when next I saw it, it looked like it had just left the factory. Even better, Gil introduced me to his wife Bobbi. Gil married a beauty who could cook... what more can a man ask for? As Gil often said, every time I stopped by, Bobbi had fresh baked cookies, pie or cake. Yummy! Unfortunately, she passed away a year or so ago. With Bobbi gone, Gil got to know the local fast food options. I suggested he go thru Arby's...young blond with the prettiest blue eyes I have ever seen worked behind the counter.

Gil and Tom were talented craftsmen, modest, cheerful. With brother Gary and companion, the late Fred Fensik, they were the Nichols Brothers Navy. Never a harsh word. Always a helping hand.

Depart upon thy endless cruise, old Sailor.

Walt Whitman – Now Finale to the Shore

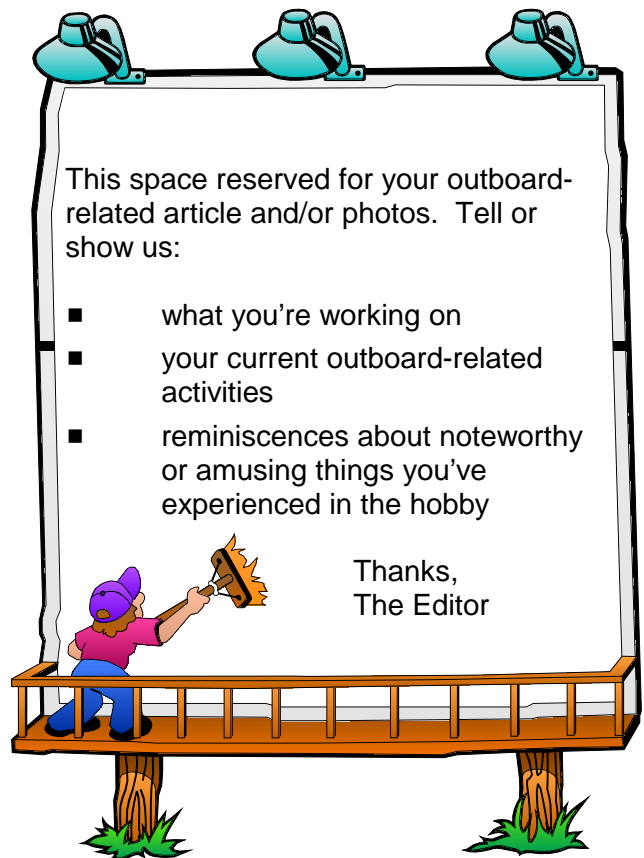
Joe Brincat
29300 Eldon Avenue
Farmington Hills, MI 48336



Motor and Boat Display at Greenfield Village

At a recent meeting of the Early Engine Club of Dearborn Michigan, members discussed the idea of having a display of period outboard motors and boats at the Motor Muster. The Motor Muster, which has been an annual event at Greenfield Village for many years, focuses on motor vehicles from the time period of 1933 to 1976. Arrangements were made with the Muster planners for a curated display of a limited number of motors and boats in keeping with the theme of “tailfins and two-tones”. This year’s Motor Muster will be held Father’s Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19. More information and a link to purchase tickets can be found online or they may be purchased at the Village entrance near 20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI (Tickets are required to enter Greenfield Village.)

<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/motor-muster>



This space reserved for your outboard-related article and/or photos. Tell or show us:

- what you’re working on
- your current outboard-related activities
- reminiscences about noteworthy or amusing things you’ve experienced in the hobby

Thanks,
The Editor