



# Liquid Assets

## AOMCI GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

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### *A Message from the Helm*

I hope this message finds you well. By the time this goes to print, we will be in the thick of the holiday season. I wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and restful holidays. As we put the wraps on 2023, I'm looking forward to the new year and the outboarding adventures it will bring. We will be kicking off the new year with some important upcoming items for the chapter.

The big thing in 2024 is chapter officer elections. All executive board positions except for 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee are up for election. We have vacancies that need to be filled for the positions of President and Water Events/Safety Coordinator. I want all of you to give serious thought to running for a board position or nominating someone you think would be a good candidate. The annual chapter business meeting and officer elections will be held at the January meet and I encourage as many members as possible to attend. This is your chapter and you can contribute to its success. Thank you in advance for your consideration. As the old saying goes, *Before you complain, have you volunteered yet?*

Also, this year the chapter is offering GLC name tags and T-shirts for purchase. At this time, the T-shirt details are still being finalized, so stay tuned for more information and ordering. Name badges will be available to order via your chapter membership renewal form. Please see the accompanying note from Joe Brincat below for details. A 2024 GLC membership renewal form is attached in this newsletter. You can submit your renewal in person to Mark Carney at an upcoming meet or mail it to him at the address provided. In addition, to retain membership in the GLC, you need to be a member of the national AOMCI. If your national membership has lapsed, please renew ASAP.

Lastly, the 2024 Meet Schedule is mostly finalized and the calendar is filling out nicely. Many of the popular meets are taking place again, offering plentiful opportunities to socialize, swap parts and run motors. The GLC will have a booth at the Novi Outdoorama again in 2024 and we are looking to use that as an opportunity to recruit new members. If you have any time available, I urge you to join us at the booth and help spread the word about our club and hobby.

See you at the January meet!

Dan Jones, Acting GLC President

### Great Lakes Chapter Name Tags

Do you have your official GLC name tag? When attending a chapter meet, ever wonder who some of these people are? Maybe you were reluctant to go and say "hi" to a familiar face because you just couldn't recall the fellow's name. Imagine how a new guy or first-time visitor must feel not knowing anyone? What an improvement NAME TAGS would make! Don't have one? Now is your chance to get your official GLC name tag at a special reduced price of only \$5.00. Just check the "name tag box" on the 2024 membership application form, **add \$5 to your dues** and we will include your request in a bulk order. Be sure to write your name as you want it to appear on the tag.

Already have a tag? How about a spare, or maybe one to use as a dash plaque on your boat or special motor display? Don't forget the wife, a good friend or the kids.

○ ○ ○ *Calendar of Events* ○ ○ ○

*Hello GLC members. Please note that some dates and events are 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. **Unless otherwise noted below, meet times are generally 9:00AM to 2:00PM***

<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Saturday 9AM - 2PM January 27	Annual Meeting & Luncheon – Swap & Sell (large parking lot) Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) Motor City Eagles Hall #2265, 24401 Five Mi Rd. Redford MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM February 17	Carl’s Boats and Motors – Dry Meet Contact: Jeff Bahr (586-863-8910) 24100 Harper Ave, St Clair Shores MI
Thursday thru Sunday February 22 - 25	Display at Outdoorama Contact: Joe Brincat (247-478-0808) or Charlie Schmidt (586-463-4456) Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi MI <b>See Page 3</b>
Saturday 9AM - 2PM April 6	Lockeman’s Hardware and Boats – Swap and Show – Dry Meet Contact: Mark Carney (313-538-0123) 7630 W Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM April ?? <b>Tentative</b>	Scott Weaver’s Spring Meet — Swap and Show – Dry Meet Contact: Dan Jones (248-584-3764) 1962 Mill Pond Drive, Oxford MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM May 11	Algonac Maritime Museum Show, Outboards and Boats— St Clair Contact: Joe Brincat (249-478-0808) 1117 St Clair River Drive, Algonac MI <b>date to be confirmed – to coincide with local car show</b>
Saturday 9AM - 2PM June 8	Big Fish Lake - Ortonville - Wet Meet; Display - Hotdog Lunch Contact: Gary Hirschlieb 810-664-2422 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville MI “Recreation Passport” or day-use fee required.
Saturday & Sunday June 15-16	Motor Muster — Greenfield Village, Dearborn Contact Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) Curated display, by invitation of The Early Engine Club. <b>See Page 3</b> <i>Set-up day is Friday June 14.</i>
Thu – Sun 8AM – 7PM July 11 thru 14	Constantine Super Meet – Michiana Outboard Boating Chapter – Swap & Sell / Show / Wet Meet Am. Legion Post # 223, 65079 US-131 BUS, Constantine, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM July 20 <b>Tentative</b>	Dossin Museum — Belle Isle, Detroit — Dry Meet, Show Contact: Joe Brincat (248-478-0808) “Recreation Passport” or day-use fee required
Saturday 9AM - 4PM July 27	Shear Pins Portage Lake Chain Display & Cruise – Wet/Dry Event 9280 McGregor Rd, Pinckney, MI Contact: Frank Mathison 810-599-1399
Tuesday – Saturday July 30 thru August 3	Tomahawk Nationals – Northwoods Chapter Event – Wet, Dry, Swap, Display Sara Park, 900 W Somo Avenue, Tomahawk, WI
<b>Sunday</b> 9AM - 2PM August 4	Belle River Marine – Display and BIG Swap and Sell – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685) Marine City/Algonac, MI
Saturday 9AM - 2PM September 7	Big Fish Lake - Ortonville - Wet Meet; Display - Hotdog Lunch Contact: Gary Hirschlieb 810-664-2422 5779 Hadley Rd, Ortonville MI “Recreation Passport” or day-use fee required
Saturday 10:30AM September 21	Roger DeBiasi Memorial Cruise – Mt Clemens (Saturday, Sept 28 rain day) Contact: Joe Brincat DNR Harley Ensign Boat Launch – East end of the SOUTH River Road, Exit #237 from I- 94
<b>Sunday</b> 9AM - 2PM October 6 <b>Tentative</b>	Belle River Marine Display and BIG Swap and Sell – Dry Meet Contact: Brian Wilcox (810-794-7685) Marine City/Algonac, MI
November	Open
December	Open

## Information and Thoughts on Two of Our Special Events

In the past few years, our chapter has been given the opportunity to participate and display motors and boats at some pretty special venues. By way of invitation, we have displayed at the Grosse Point Yacht Club, Suburban Collection Showplace “Outdoorama” and most recently at the Greenfield Village “Motor Muster.” In one way or another these were special events aside from the usual GLC meets and special in the sense that either space was limited or the display theme was prescribed by the host organization. The “Yacht Club” event came off of our schedule because of a change in their participant requirements.

This year (2024) we again have been invited to participate in two of these events: “Outdoorama” and “Motor Muster.” As the contact person for these two events, let me share some planning information.

**Outdoorama**- February 22- 25, with set-up on the 21st. At this show we are guests of an adjoining display. Our allotted space is limited, yet this show is likely the best opportunity that we have for exposure of our hobby to the outdoor/ sporting public. Literally thousands of people will come by our display during the four-day show. Because of the limited display space, we must know in advance what you intend to bring and most importantly WHEN YOU WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. It is absolutely necessary that at least one of us be “on the stand” at all times during show hours. To facilitate this, I will be setting-up a “duty roster” covering all show hours. If you are able to help, please contact me at 247-478-0808 or Charlie Schmidt at 586-463-4456 and let us know when you will be available. As in the past, we will be given free passes for the show for those participating.

**Motor Muster** – June 15-16, with set-up on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We have done this show at Greenfield Village for the past two years. It was a relaxed and enjoyable event both years. We have again been invited by the Dearborn Early Engine Club and Greenfield Village to display boats and motors. Each year, we have been asked to do a curated display themed to complement the stylish automobiles on display. For 2024 the automotive theme will be “All Things Chrysler” so we are looking for an assortment of Chrysler outboards and maybe even a Chrysler boat. If you can help, let me know. We will be free to display other nice original and restored motors and boats as well. If you will be available for this event let me know, and as I did last year, you may be hearing from me with requests for display items.

Best Regards, Joe Brincat

## Photo Roundup of Recent Events



Bob Lafayette gassing up his old Elto Ace

July 22, 2023



Photos by  
John Brice

More on this event  
in the January 2024  
*Outboarder* magazine



Anchor from the Edmond Fitzgerald, lost while anchored near Belle Isle in 1974





Bob Lafayette, Gary Hirschlieb, John Gavasso, John Ball helping John Brice get into his boat



Jeff Bahr with his Wolverine cedar strip

### Big Fish Lake Meet

Photos by  
John Brice



Bob Lafayette, Joe Brincat & Gary Hirschlieb enjoying a stand-up lunch



September 9, 2023



Bob Lackson & Mark Carney



John Ball





Em and Joe Brincat in their Lonestar boat



Dan Jones in his 1950 Chris Craft kit boat with 1956 Evinrude Fisherman

**The Roger DeBiasi Memorial  
Clinton River Cruise**

**September 23, 2023**

**Stills Captured from Video  
Taken by Amy Martin, Daughter of  
Dale and Nancy DeHate**

More on this event  
in the January 2024  
*Outboarder* magazine



The AOMCI Great Lakes Chapter Flotilla



Dale and Nancy DeHate in their Lonestar with 40HP Evinrude



A crew member and Skipper Charlie Schmidt (right) onboard the *Leroy Brown*



## BOATS

12FT THOMPSON TAKE ALONG

DN ICE BOAT

14FT SPEEDLINER MARATHON

12FT SPEEDLINER TORPEDO

NEAL B-D HYDRO

MAURICE RAVEAU A-B UTILITY

14FT SHELL LAKE SPIRIT DELUXE

12FT AERO CRAFT

14FT ALUMACRAFT WITH  
MERCURY 15HP

## ENGINES / MOTORS

CAILLE LIBERTY SINGLES AND TWINS

MOTORGO  
ENGINES

SEVERAL NOS OLD ENGINES

EVINRUDE ROWBOAT MOTORS

RUDDER TWINS

CHRIS CRAFT COMMANDERS

CHRIS CRAFT CHALLENGERS AND ONE NOS ENGINE

SEVERAL RACING ENGINES

CHAMPION HOT RODS 20H, KG9H, KG9'S, 40H

SEVERAL SMALL ENGINES

SEA KING

SAUSAGE ENGINES

SEVERAL EARLY ENGINES — JOHNSON MERCURY EVINRUDE

IN ADDITION THERE IS A LARGE GROUP OF PARTS AND INBOARD ENGINES

*for More Information, Call Charlie Schmidt (586) 463-4456*

### I WALK AROUND LIKE I'M DOING OKAY



**BUT DEEP DOWN INSIDE I  
WANT TO BUY ANOTHER BOAT**

*submitted by John Brice*

### Unusual Water Bodies in Michigan

**Lake Dubonnet** (also called Big Mud Lake), near Interlochen, has a one-acre floating island, complete with 40 foot trees and brush, that is blown across the surface by the wind.

The little **Oquecoc River** (Presque County) dives underground near Oquecoc Falls, disappears as it takes a 500-foot shortcut through limestone slabs, then reappears on the other side of a hill.

**Rainy Lake** (Millersburg) When water action periodically disturbs sediment and debris from the lake's bottom, it empties through holes into a series of underground limestone chambers as though someone pulled a bathtub plug. Then when mud and silt plug the cracks and holes, the 200-acre lake, which drained completely dry in 1894, 1925, and 1950, fills up again.

From *Michillaneous II* by Gary W Barfknecht



GREAT LAKES CHAPTER (GLC) OF AOMCI

Membership Application Form for 2024 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)*

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Complete Address:

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Phone Number: Area Code ( )

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Email Address:

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Other Pertinent Information:

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*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](http://www.aomci.org).*

\* I am a member in good standing of the AOMCI 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:** \$15.00 for members receiving newsletters by US Mail  
\$10.00 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(s) 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.



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