

THE GOPHER GAZETTE

AOMCI - MINNESOTA GOPHER CHAPTER

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A Note From Your Editor

This will be my final newsletter as Editor. Until a new volunteer is found to take over this process, please visit the Gopher Chapter's website at aomcimngopherchapter.com for access to details on upcoming events, classified ads, and other news. Thank you for reading these past two years. Happy Holidays!

-Casey

CENTER CITY MEET Recap provided by: Steve & Carol Nelson

On Saturday, July 14th approximately 85 people gathered for the 7th annual Center City Meet which was hosted this year by Steve & Carol Nelson, Lyle Sandvig, and Mark Swantes. Those who attended this years meet were able to enjoy a delicious lunch of pulled pork, homemade macaroni and cheese, brownies, and a number of other side dishes. The weather was perfect again this year. As always, the highlights of the event included the vintage boat chatting and running the hydroplanes. The demonstration race course was set and participants could run open pipes. Thank you to all who attended.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to Dixie Hamack- your spotlight member for November!

Dixie was born in Coon Rapids, MN and grew up in Crooked Lake MN though, as an adult, she returned to her roots in Coon Rapids where she currently resides with her husband, Dan. Dixie is a Graphic Artist and has been working in the graphic arts industry since 1980.

Dixie has been a member of the AOMCI and MN Gopher Chapter for eight years. When asked what sparked her interest in outboard motors, she shared "my husband Dan was restoring a Wizard WG4 and he wasn't able to get the correct decals for the motor. The WG4 still had pretty good originals, so I told him, 'oh I can make those for you' and his eyes lit up. From then on, we enjoyed the hobby together.

Dixie really likes the way motors look after being restored to their original glory. She once bought a 1937 Neptune OB12 on which she and Dan spent hours together in the garage sanding and polishing all of the parts. Dixie shared "I had to admit that I probably chose this motor because I like the decal with King Neptune on it. Today, it still stands proudly in it's special place in our home!"

Dixie and Dan recently restored a 1955 or 56 Tee Nee trailer for their Larson Watercraft project. As they really liked how it looked, they picked up another one. When this one's finished, they plan to use the trailer for their 1962 12' AeroCraft which "we love to take for a spin on the Rum River." According to Dixie, she has no new projects she's looking forward to starting but finds a lot of passion in creating new decals.

When asked if there was anything she would like to add, Dixie stated "I've always loved being on the water, flying across the lake and catching Walleyes on Lake Vermilion (my favorite place to be).

TOMAHAWK NATIONALS

This year marked the 53rd annual Tomahawk National

Antique & Classic Outboard Motor Show at Sara Park in Tomahawk, WI. Club members from around the world and spectators alike gathered from August 1st through the 4th to enjoy the exchanging of goods as well as numerous displays of antique and classic racing motors and boats. A large display could be found inside the hockey arena while there was an outdoor display of nearly 100 vendors set up along the old air strip. Temperatures were variable this year with an evening low around 43 degrees and a day time high averaging between 62 and 82 degrees.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019

- **January 5th:** Tate Haynes Dry Meet at 10884 St. Croix Trail N Stillwater, MN 55082/ Contact Tate Haynes for further details at (651) 755-2073 or rmkrunner@gmail.com
- **January 24-27th:** MPLS Boat Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center/ 1301 2nd Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55403/ Contact Al Lindquist for further details at alanrlindquist@gmail.com

WINJUM'S SHADY ACRES MEET

On Saturday, September 8th, Murray Langer hosted his 7th annual meet at Winjum's Shady Acres Resort in Faribault, MN. Please enjoy photographs from the day courtesy of Richard Magnuson.



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LILYDALE MEET

On Saturday, October 20th Tom Murray hosted the final meet of 2018 at the Lilydale Pool and Yacht Club in Lilydale, MN. Please enjoy a recap of the day in Tom's own words: *"Considering the weather, we had great attendance- approximately 26 diehard Gopher Chapter members came out. At 9:00 AM there was hot coffee served with donuts. Lunch was served by the Pool & Yacht kitchen staff at 11:00 AM which consisted of your choice of a hamburger, cheeseburger, or bratwurst basket with chips and coleslaw for \$5. Soda was provided by the Gopher Chapter. I would say the highlight of the show was the fact that it snowed right around 9:30. The weather was cold, but that didn't seem to stop members from coming out. There were the usual motors on display with plenty of camaraderie all about. All things considered, and talking to members, this is still a much liked motor meet. I think in 2019, I will get members' opinion to maybe move the Lilydale Meet back in September which might provide a better weather day. Thanks to all that attended the Lilydale Meet. Even though the weather was cold, everyone seemed to have a great time."*



Submissions to Editor:

Casey,

Please post for others to see. Paul Reardon had a stroke in late September. He is recovering at the following address. He will be there until January, 2019.

Colleen reports: " Paul will be at Sister Kenny Courage until January 2019. He is progressing but still slow, baby steps."

We know he loves company and mail is always appreciated.

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Thanks for sharing this information.
Margaret

In Memory of Wayne Schoepke: 1935-2018

Submitted by Bob Peterson

Good morning Casey,
Sorry to report we lost Wayne Schoepke on November 19th.

Wayne (age 83) was an old timer with the Wisconsin chapter and one of three people responsible for making Tomahawk what it is. I think cards can be sent to his son, Wes. Wes is also a club member, and in the directory.

One thing I will never forget, Wayne and Wes ran identical boats: "Putt 1" and "Putt 2."

We lost a great guy. Too bad younger members didn't have a chance to know him better.

God Bless,
Bob



In Memory of Ed Samuelson: 1942-2018

Submitted by Dave Peer



Ed (age 76) was a long standing member of AOMCI and the Gopher Chapter. He enjoyed collecting, trading, and selling outboard motors and parts. His interests also included collecting many other things including clocks, clay pots and all antiques. Ed's funeral was attended by many club members along with a large turnout of local Hastings residents where Ed spent his life. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. There is truly a void in my life!

-Dave

All of Ed's collection.....outboards and his antiques are being sold by K bid online auction. Search 'K bid Hastings' to find it.



Club members gather to say good-bye to a longtime friend at Ed's funeral on August 29th.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Vintage water ski coat racks. Many styles and colors available. Large racks \$100 and small racks \$75. Contact Dan Wyman #218-464-8050 owymanboats@gmail.com.



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No new submissions.



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