

THE GOPHER GAZETTE

AOMCI - MINNESOTA GOPHER CHAPTER

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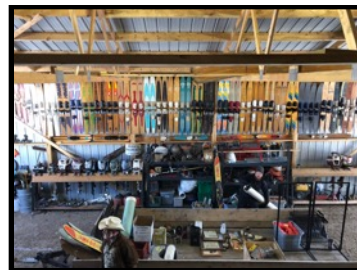
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WYMAN MEET

On Saturday, March 10th, more than forty members gathered for the 14th annual Wyman Boathouse & Restoration meet hosted by Dan and Nick Wyman with assistance from the rest of the Wyman clan. The event, that attracted a group of over 40 people, took place at a new location in Wrenshall, MN- which will be the site for all future Wyman events.

Breakfast consisted of donuts, banana bread, and coffee followed by chili and hot dogs for lunch. Those who attended enjoyed an up close and personal view of Dan's pole barn filled with vintage water skis, antique outboards, hydroplanes, a variety of anchors, and an impressive inventory of Crestliner boats. The rest of the day consisted of the 50/50 drawing, raffle of donated items, and club meeting. Ticket sales brought in \$200 for the club. Casey Wyman (moi), walked away the winner of the 50/50 drawing and, no, it was not rigged! Dan and Nick shared that they were impressed by the turn out despite the frigid temperatures and change in location.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to John Stasieluk- your spotlight member for July!

John (age 61) was raised in Madison, WI before moving to the Twin Cities in 1984. He currently works as the Principle Sourcing Manager of Capital Equipment for Seagate Technology. John has worked in this role for 20 years.

John has been a member of the AOMCI and MN Gopher Chapter since 1993. When asked what sparked his interest in outboard motors, John said "I was born on Columbus Day, whether a blessing or a curse. It's in my blood." He recalled his dad giving him a 1 1/2 hp Hiawatha outboard in grade school which he took apart, put back together, and ran for years!. The motor has been passed along to his Godson in the hopes that he'd do the same. John's favorite outboard was the 1956 Mk25 Mercury his dad picked up in 1962. That motor, with a little repair, powered many family fishing trips to Canada before getting thoroughly worn out!. Now rebuilt, that same motor is on his Model R Alumacraft "Honey." John's family uses it just as he once did. John would like to extend a special thank you to Dave Wiborg, Gene Church, and Dick Kojetin for helping to make that happen.

John is currently in the process of making the move to White Bear Lake and getting his dream shop set up which he hopes will see completion by 2019. Awaiting his attention is a 1956 SwitzerCraft Shooting Star all set to be restored.

When asked if there was anything he would like to add, John said "every day is a blessing. The Gopher Chapter has helped me raise my daughters to learn from some of the same experiences I was fortunate to have. And, now we see them using the skills they've learned."

MN FISHING MUSEUM MEET DRAWS NICE TURNOUT

Recap by: Margaret Melick

The Gopher Chapter's third meet of the year took place Saturday, April 7th at the Minnesota Fishing Museum in Little Falls. Hosts Bruce and MaryAnn Reischl, along with the staff of the Minnesota Fishing Museum, welcomed many brave souls who ventured out in miserably cold weather. It was a good day for swapping motors and viewing the outstanding museum dedicated to Minnesota's First Pastime. As always, there was a nice compilation of motors for judging. Please enjoy photos from the day courtesy of Rick Magnuson.

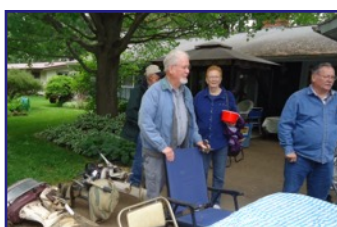


PETERSON SPRING OPENER

The 26th annual Bald Eagle Meet in White Bear Lake, MN took place on Saturday, May 5th. The following message was sent from Bob and Peg regarding the day's festivities:

Every year we do the WB meet is a success, and Peg and I couldn't do it without you. Special thanks to Bob Hinz for coming down from Hibbing for the meet. Lon and Judy made it back from Florida with 24 hours to spare. Thanks to everyone who donated time, effort, and food to the motor meet. It is a truly wonderful family reunion. The only problem is remembering the names of all the great help for thanking! Sorry for running out of Sloppy Joe's. We were caught off guard by the attendance. A great turnout this year. It was great to see all of you and get the chance to catch up. We were truly blessed by the great weather and friends.

Thanks again, Bob & Peg



MELICK'S 22ND MENOMONIE MEET- JUNE 3RD

Recap by: Margaret Melick

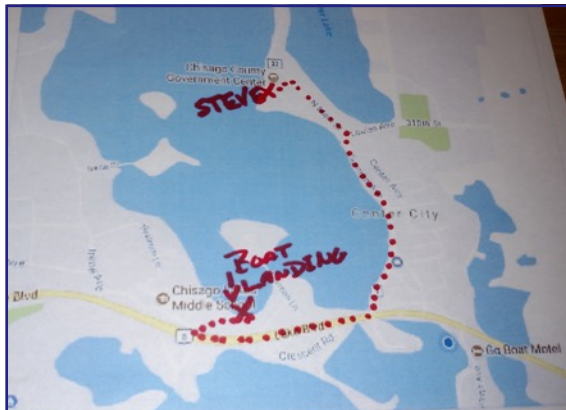
Ron & Margaret Melick hosted their 22nd meet at their home on the shores of Lake Tainter, north of Menomonie, WI. Ron says his focus for the meet was to clean out the garage and to organize his collection, so he could separate the keepers from the "no longer favorites." It is amazing what great weather and a fine turnout we had this year. It is estimated that forty-five folks were at the meet at some point during the day. The meet is also a favorite with our First Mates - wives, girlfriends, special guests- of which ten or more were in attendance. High winds kept most of the boats on their trailers as there was a steady blow most of the day. Paul Reardon earns special mention for the hours he put in on the Melick collection while he still found time to bring his motors. Bruce Reischl brought an aluminum cabin boat, which was a 50's vintage.



UPCOMING GOPHER CHAPTER EVENTS

Center City Meet - Saturday, July 14th

Carol & Steve Nelson, along with Lyle Sandvig & Mark Swantes, will be hosting the 2018 "wet meet" at 227 N. Lake St. Center City, MN. Coffee & donuts will be available around 9AM. For launching: small boats & hydros will be brought down the hill, all others need to go to the landing. Show & sell items will be in shop area. We will have a demonstration racecourse set up & open pipes from 10-3PM. We will have a 20x20 tent set up in case of heat or rain & there will be a Port-a Potty on site. Lunch will be served at noon. Please let us know if you will be bringing a side dish. RSVP: 651-303-5599; nelsonkatiemol@gmail.com



Tomahawk Nationals- August 1-4th

This is a 4-day meet. We have a hockey arena where we set up outboard motors for display or judging. This year, we are featuring outboards starting with the letter "W." We also display boats with this year's featured boats: Switzer Crafts. The swap area is an old air strip and spaces can be rented from the city of Tomahawk. There is camping on the grounds but no hookups and the arena bathrooms are open 24/7 which also includes showers. There are also port-a potties available on the grounds. Registration opens each morning at 8AM after the National Anthem. Coffee and homemade bakery goods are offered at that time. We have on-water activities Thursday-Saturday. The boat landing is located in Sara Park & there is a daily launching fee paid to City of Tomahawk. Exhibitors must be current AOMCI members. Souvenir hats, posters, buttons, picture CDs, and t-shirts are for sale at the registration table.

For more information, contact Bob at 715-356-5649

For a complete **schedule of events** go to: www.aomcinorthwoods.com/events/aug-1-4th-tomahawk-nationals

Murray Langer's Meet

- Saturday, September 8th
- 9:00 AM
- Winjum's Shady Acres
- 17759 W 177th Street Faribault, MN 55021
- Hosted by Murray & Sue Langer;
gopherchapter@q.com; 507-451-9055

Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club Meet

- Saturday, October 20th
- 9:00 AM
- Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club
- 1600 Lilydale Road Lilydale, MN 55118
- Hosted by Tom Murray;
cretinraider60@msn.com; 651-755-9055

MEMBERSHIP & TREASURER'S REPORT: Updated May 2018

BY MURRAY LANGER

The membership is at 114 paid up members for 2018. In order to increase the membership, an incentive is now in place. If you bring in a new member to the club, you will get next years dues free. So invite a friend to the meets, it can save you money. **The Dues have been increased to \$15.00 a year.** This is due to the web site monthly fees and the increased cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. These dues are for the local chapter only. The dues for the national club are separate from the local chapter. We are collecting for the **2018** season. **Please look at your label on your newsletter. You will see a date in the upper right corner.** This is the month and year that you have last paid your dues. **Your dues will be up for renewal one year after this date. "If your label is blank, your dues need to be paid". Also a note on membership, to be a member of a local chapter, you must be a member of the national club.**

2017 Dues	\$837.00
Money for Stamps, Meet Expenses, Etc.	(\$725.52)
Money for Web Site	(\$405.00)
Flyers	(\$100.00)
Money from 50/50 raffles	\$114.00
Money from Bob Peterson motor raffle	\$90.00
Money from Little Falls motor raffle	\$72.00
Donation from Gordon Katke	\$20.00
Money from Ron Melick motor raffle etc.	\$53.00
Bank fees	(\$50.00)
Total for 2017	\$2,078.00
2018 Dues so far	\$1,260.00
Money for Stamps, Meet Expenses, Etc.	(\$49.56)
Money from 50/50 raffles	\$270.00
Money from Dan Wyman Raffle	\$128.00
Money from Bob Peterson Motor Raffle	\$30.00
Bank fees	(\$25.00)
Total for 2018 so far	\$3,691.44
2019 Dues so far	\$450.00
2020 Dues so far	\$75.00
21-27 Dues so far	\$105.00
Total for 2019-2027 so far	\$4,321.44



PLEASE NOTE: If you change your address, phone number, E-Mail address, etc. please let me know. For those who still need to pay, please mail your checks to the address provided below.

Murray Langer

Phone: (507) 451-0054

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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.



CUSTOM WINDSHIELDS: Wyman Boathouse & Restoration now offers custom built windshields starting at \$300. Sold as assembly kit or individual parts. Contact Nick Wyman #218-206-4060 or wymanboats@gmail.com.



Vinyl Decals: High Quality Automotive Grade Decals with Protective Over Laminate. Johnson, Evinrude, Mercury, Wizard, Elto, Champion, Chris Craft, Neptune, Scott Atwater, Sea King, Phil Rite and many others. Also decals for remote fuel tanks. Over 125 different sets available. Call or email Dixie Hamack at #763-421-5346 or oldoutboarddecals@gmail.com.

For Sale: 1970 Evinrude 16' Sportsman 155 Boat and Trailer; V6 155 Engine 300 hours; \$4500- Contact Richard Johnson @ 320-796-2262 or rjvj@charter.net

Antique Outboard Motors For Sale: Ron Melick is thinning out his collection of vintage treasures. Please visit the Gopher Chapter website for an uploaded list of motors currently for sale. You can also contact Ron for further details at rjm1945@att.net or 715-410-0193.

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Remember Gene Church

Submitted by James Wildermuth

Thanks to all who contributed to a commemorative brick in memory of Gene Church. The inscribed brick is part of a maze garden at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. In addition to his own flower gardens, Gene enjoyed visiting the arboretum and Dayton's Spring Flower Show in years past. We also remember Gene as one of the go-to guys for Mercury engines. He was always willing to help with advice and parts. He enjoyed working with new and young club members to help integrate them into the group. You can find Gene's brick at the Maze Garden in the Honey Bee H589 section.

Thinking of you, Gene!

