

THE GOPHER GAZETTE

AOMCI - MINNESOTA GOPHER CHAPTER

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A Note From Your Editor

Please keep Dave Wiborg and family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from a car accident on February 18th near Rice, MN. I'm told Dave has moved out of the hospital and onto a rehab unit at Abbott Northwestern. If you wish to follow Dave's recovery progress, please visit his page at www.caringbridge.org/visit. Anyone wishing to send cards can mail them to the Wiborg's home at 2935 Oak Lawn Lane Mound, MN 55364.

-Casey Wyman

HAYNES' STILLWATER MEET

(Event recap by Casey Wyman)

On Saturday, January 7th more than thirty club members gathered for Tate and Dean Haynes' 8th annual meet in Stillwater, MN. The sun was shining, but the temp was freezing! Those who attended enjoyed a delicious Hobo stew lunch with mini weenies and Swedish meatballs. The table full of holiday treats was also tough to ignore! In addition to the great conversation, a few club members tried to work their magic and sell the motors they toted along for the day. The Wyman's had a collection of motors that were purchased last fall in Western Colorado. Murray Langer and Phil Gatzow also joined the fun with a few vintage treasures of their own for sale. Overall, it was a great turnout for the Gopher Chapter's first meet of the year!





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to Bob Peterson of White Bear Lake, MN, your spotlight member for April!

Bob (age 75) has been a member of the AOMCI since 1968 and is one of three founding members of the Twin Cities Chapter which would later be named the Minnesota Gopher Chapter as you know it today! When asked what sparked his interest in antique outboard motors, Bob recalled being gifted a 1939 2HP Evinrude for his eighth birthday; although, back then the motor wasn't considered an antique! He reported being a fan of Evinrude's ever since and is still in possession of the motor that started it all!

As he grew older, Bob got involved with boat racing. During the interview, he reminisced about his 1954 Hal Kelly Airborne Runabout (pictured above).

Bob retired from Quality Control at Ford motor Company in 1999. Since then, he has been enjoying his retirement by traveling, tinkering with outboards, attending boat races, and relaxing at his place on Leech Lake. Bob shared that he is currently working on a 1956 Mercury race engine when he isn't fiddling around with his 1925 Model T.

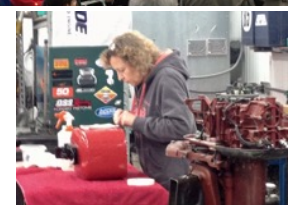
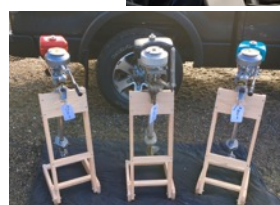
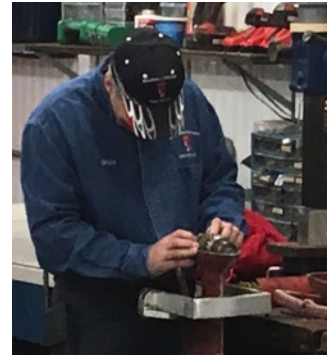
Thanks for sharing, Bob!

MN OUTBOARD WINTER WORKSHOP

(Event recap by Casey Wyman; details provided by Nick and Dan Wyman)

Around forty members showed up for the Winter Workshop on February 18th in Rice, MN. The event, hosted by Bruce and Cindy Pederson, included demonstrations by a few members looking to share their craft with others. Dixie Hamack lent her expertise on the application of decals to a Johnson fuel tank while Bruce provided step-by-step details on ignition system and lower unit service. He also gave a demonstration on proper technique for carb cleaning and assembly. For lunch, club members enjoyed caesar salad, sandwiches, chips, and cookies. As a special treat, Dick Kojetin supplemented the meal with his famous scalloped potatoes.

I'm definitely feeling like I missed out! Aside from the educational demonstrations and what sounded like an amazing meal, a few club members practiced some salesmanship. Bruce put a boat and a few motors up for sale. Ed Samuelson provided the boat hardware, and the Wyman's set up a small display with a couple restored Neptune's. Reportedly, the weather was beautiful, the food was satisfying, and the turnout was great!



WYMAN BOATHOUSE & RESTORATION MEET

(Event recap by Casey Wyman)

The headcount was around forty-one on Saturday, March 18th at the Wyman's 13th annual meet in Cloquet, MN. What started as a frigid, cloudy morning soon developed into a sunny, 34 degree day. Club members enjoyed homemade banana bread, donuts, and coffee for breakfast followed by a chili and hotdog lunch with cookies for dessert. Ben Dittmar split the \$156 pot with the club for the 50/50 drawing while several other members took home raffle items donated by Johnson Supply Company, Sinnott Blacktop, The Tool Chest/Mac Tools, Gene's Marine, Wyman Boathouse & Restoration, and the Mattson's

(webmaster's of the Retro Crestliner website). \$145 worth of raffle tickets were sold with proceeds donated to aid March of Dimes research in The Gopher Chapter's name. On behalf of Nick and myself, I'd like to again say thank you to everyone who purchased raffle

tickets this year. Our son Carter was appointed 2017 Ambassador for Duluth's March for Babies and this generous donation brought us closer to our \$2,000 goal! When asked for a quote on the day's events, Dan Wyman stated "good times! I'd like to thank everybody for showing up, and I hope to see you all again next year!"



CLASSIFIED ADS

WTB: 1935 to 1940 restored Champion. Call for more details. Dan Bills at 312-371-8767. He plans to attend Tomahawk this year.
-Submitted by Margaret Melick

FOR SALE: Champion powerhead on compressor/pump. This appears to be a factory made model (\$200)- photo on page three. Various 3hp Johnson and Evinrude motors. Good condition- first come - first pick (\$150 to \$300). Call Ron Melick #: 715-410-0193 or email rjm1945@att.net.

FOR SALE: Mercury MK-20 for parts (\$150), Champion 3hp (\$125), Mercury MK-15 (\$325), Champion restored 3hp (\$325). Call Ron Melick #: 715-410-0193 or email rjm1945@att.net.

FOR SALE: Motors: OA-60 Johnson, KB-3 Mercury, Johnson 300, Chris Craft Challenger 5 hp, Mercury Mark 20, Mercury WWII navy motor 6 hp, Mercury 1941 KB-4, Johnson LS-38, Mercury KD-3, Mercury K-2 1940, Johnson PO-15, Mercury KF-5, Mercury Mark 5, Mercury KG-4 Hurricane 7.5hp, 1924 Evinrude Model N, Johnson TD-15 5 hp 1940 with cast aluminum tank(very rare motor)exhaust parts for Johnson K-35, K-40, K-45 (inner muffler, muffler box, manifolds), Johnson TN 26, 1936 Champion single and twin, and a 1940 Mercury K-5 Deluxe. Call Mark #763-232-4250 or email mrl52@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Selling many motors from my collection in order to thin it out. Many Mercury's, Johnson's, and rare Champions. Prices are reasonable, especially for club members. Call me at 763-232-4250 or email at mrl52@comcast.net to discuss. Will send pictures of the motors. -Mark Lodge

FOR SALE: WTB complete tiller handle for Evinrude Speeditwin model 6039; Evinrude 1958 Model 5516 5.5HP new water pump- Very good finish & decals. Misc Parts: Martin 75 gas tank, Johnson/Evinrude long shaft extension kit. Call John Oellerich #952-890-3885 or email john.oellerich@q.com.

FOR SALE: 130+ motors, Johnson, Evinrude, Champion, Mercury, & more 1920-1959. National champion racing equipment, hydroplanes, runabouts, race trailer, motors & props. Call Ron Johnson #218-927-2353.

VINAL 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: Vintage water ski coat racks. Many styles and colors available. Large racks \$100 and small racks \$75. Contact Dan Wyman #218-464-8050 or wymanboats@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.





Save the Date!

Ron and Margaret Melick were married on May 19, 1967, and will be celebrating 50 years together!

Please join them for a party on May 21, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

at

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Menomonie, WI 54751*

*RSVP: 715-235-2230 or Email:
litsourz@att.net*



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Event: MN Fishing Museum Meet
Date: April 8, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: 304 West Broadway Little Falls, MN 56345
Host(s): Bruce & Mary Anne Reischl
Contact Info: breischl@juno.com or (320) 393-7141

MAY

Event: Bald Eagle Meet
Date: May 6, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: 12877 Ethan Avenue N White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Host(s): Bob Peterson
Contact Info: peteolmtrs41@gmail.com or (651) 426-1172

JUNE

Event: White Bear Lake Boat Show/Swap Meet
Date: TBD
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: 4350 Lake Ave S White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Host(s): ACBS/BSLOL/AOMCI/Gopher Chapter
Contact Info: wymmanboats@gmail.com

JULY

Event: Constantine International Super Meet
Date: July 7, 8, & 9, 2017
Time: 6:00 AM
Location: American Legion Post #223, 65079 US 131 Business Rt. Constantine, MI 49042
Host(s): Great Lakes & Michigan Chapters AOMCI
Contact Info: Richard White richardsrelics@mediacombb.net or (260) 585-9905/ Scott Parish shparish@centurylink.net or (260) 229-0344

Event: Center City Meet
Date: July 15, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: 227 N. Lake St. Center City, MN 55012
Host(s): Steve & Carol Nelson
Contact Info: (651) 303-5599 or nelsonkatiemol@gmail.com

AUGUST

Event: Tomahawk Nationals
Date: August 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Sara Park, 900 Somo Ave. Tomahawk, WI 54487
Host(s): Northwoods Chapter
Contact Info: Bob Dalle Ave at (715) 356-5649

In Remembrance of...



Tim Olson

Tim Olson of Grantsburg, WI passed away on February 15, 2017 at the age of 74 after being hospitalized for poor health.

Tim started out early in life working on Johnson/Evinrudes but later decided that all Evinrudes were "Junkrudes" and turned his love for outboards to Mercury. To get the outboards, Tim would purchase boats for low cost and did pretty well with parting out or reselling the Mercury's. He also had a knack for repairing and servicing outboards. As Tim's health declined, his family scrapped out all the outboards he had left.

I went up there with Lyle Sandvig several years ago to move boats and help him out. Tim was a great guy and knew pretty much all there was to know about Mercury outboards.

Tim's family has requested that you respect their privacy at this time and please refrain from making phone calls or visiting their property. So, if you have any questions about Tim's passing, please contact Lyle at (651)329-8869.

Submitted by: Steve Nelson



Christopher Owen

Christopher "Kit" Owen of Superior, WI passed away on February 16, 2017 at the age of 68.

Chris was the co-founder of the AOMCI and served in the US Navy during Vietnam from 1969 through 1973 when he was honorably discharged. He retired from CenturyTel and chose to volunteer his time as a floor guide at the Bong Museum for the past decade.

Chris enjoyed participating in the Wooden Boat Show at Barker's Island and was often seen at local car shows with his 1956 Buick Convertible or "little blue Goggomobil." He had a life-long love for Lake Owen in Drummond, WI.

Chris is survived by his mother, three brothers, his wife Julie, two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

His visitation was held February 20th at Down's Funeral home. Internment will be in Drummond, WI in early July.

Info by: Downs Funeral Home



Gene Church

Gene Church of St. Louis Park, MN passed away on March 21, 2017 at the age of 80.

Gene served in the U.S. Naval Reserves for 20 years and was a member of the AOMCI since 1966. He loved his Mercury outboards as was evident if you ever toured his basement. Paul Wiborg joked that you never left Gene's house empty-handed as there was always something he'd think you needed. That item became known as "Gene's Door Prize."

Outside of his love for nautical treasures, Gene loved flying, volunteering at a ministry for troubled youth, and being up to his elbows in a motor project while listening to classical music which was considered Gene's bliss. A few words used to describe this incredible man were selfless, kind, respected, and generous with a prankster-ish nature. He will clearly be missed.

Gene's funeral was held March 28th at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church with a private internment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Submitted by: John Stasieluk

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In Remembrance of Gene*by Paul "Pete" Church, Gene's Nephew*

I think Gene's idea in life was if you can't say something nice about someone, say nothing at all. He was a man who enjoyed helping others, and if you needed a part he probably had it some place. I don't know how many times I heard Gene say "Here, you need this!"

Then, there were his beloved Mercury's... he had a special place in his heart for them. I remember when he started getting into 6 cylinders. He called to tell me what a good deal he had gotten on two of them in Florida. When they arrived, he went over to his brother Paul's, and what a mess they were in! He learned a thing or two about salt water engines that day, and he said "never again, no more salt water engines for me." Almost nothing was saved from those two engines!

Gene loved running big old iron. I'm left with great memories of doing that with him. I had asked if he wanted me to bring some small ones to run and he said "not now. Lets go fast and make some noise! We can putt-putt around some other time."

Gene will truly be missed!

***A Few Memories of Gene****by John Oellerich*

I have many fond memories of Gene. I first met him about 15+ years ago at an AOMCI meet. He greeted me and introduced me to many other members, along with an introduction to what the club was all about. He was always willing to help, over the phone or in person. He would drop whatever he was doing and assist me with a problem.

My grandson once told me "I think Gene forgot more about engines than I will ever know!" Gene was a kind, giving, selfless friend. He will be missed by all who new him.

I will miss him and have been blessed by knowing him.

