

# MINNESOTA GOPHER CHAPTER

ANTIQUE OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INC.

## IN THIS ISSUE:

Note From Your Editor .....1

Quarterly Feature .....1

Member Spotlight .....2

Event Recaps.....2-4

Upcoming Events.....4

Treasurer's Report .....5

Officers .....5

Classified Ads .....6

Membership Renewal  
Forms.....7-8

Note from Tom Murray.....9

## A Note From Your Editor

The newsletter is undergoing a few exciting changes, and your help is needed. I'm interested in suggestions for a creative new name/title. Please email your ideas and share your opinion on those already submitted.

### Current submissions:

Two-Stroke Tribune  
The Gopher Gazette  
Powerhead Press



## Antique Restoration: Keeping the Drive Alive

Written By: Casey Wyman

During a meet earlier this year, I overheard a few veteran members expressing their concerns regarding the future of the club- a future that is reliant on piquing the interest of the younger generation. But, what exactly does this take? First of all, it is important to note that interest is not something we have or do not have. It is an experience. It is an action. It is about taking something we see, such as a rusty old outboard, and discovering it in more ways than one.

As I look into my son's eyes while he sits side by side with his father and Papa Dan tinkering away on the latest project, I can see genuine curiosity and interest reflecting back. Although his level of productiveness for Wyman Boathouse & Restoration is relatively low at the age of two, I can still see him carefully inspecting each part he's given, listening to the hum of a motor, acknowledging the smell of the exhaust, and utilizing every tool passed his way whether or not he knows what it's called. His vocabulary may be limited to making observations such as "too loud," "stinky motor," and "Papa broke it," but he is perceiving and experiencing this hobby with a curious pair of eyes and hands. These early memories have without a doubt become the catalyst for his "interest" in antique treasures.

What could the club be doing differently to encourage the younger generation? Offering hands-on experience. If you're hosting a meet, consider setting up a kid-friendly area to allow for some harmless tinkering. Encourage your children and/or grandchildren to invite a friend to events. Or, remind yourself of your first experience with antique restoration and recreate it to the best of your ability. Unless you woke up one day and thought "I'm going to play around with old stuff", you have a story to share.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to Richard "Dick" Kojetin of Roseville, MN, your spotlight member for October!

What, might you ask, does a 74-year-old retiree of institutional food sales do with his free time? Race powerboats!

Dick's love of outboards and racing dates all the way back to the mid-1950's. As a teenager, Dick enjoyed renting boats to race around the water while his father fished from shore. His first outboard motor was a 1955 "green tank Mercury." Dick had to caddy for an entire summer at a golf course in Golden Valley, earning "two bucks a loop," before saving the \$75 he needed to buy that motor! Dick recalled his first powerboat race at the Minneapolis Aquatennial in July 1957 claiming he didn't know how well he placed but that it "probably wasn't very good."

Dick regards the green tank Mercury as his favorite motor. Why? Because it's the first one he purchased and, according to Dick, "they're faster than everything else!" When comparing a Mercury to other make's, Dick stated "it's like a sports car versus a sedan."

Thank you, Dick, for sharing a piece of you with the rest of us!



## TOMAHAWK 2016!

This year marked the 51st annual Tomahawk National Antique & Classic Outboard Motor Show at Sara Park in Tomahawk, WI. This year's event was hosted by the Northwoods Chapter of the AOMCI. From August 3rd through the 6th, club members and the public alike enjoyed beautiful weather and numerous displays of nautical treasures!





## BSLOL RENDEZVOUS 2016!

*Event recap provided by Margaret Melick*

Saturday, September 10th marked the 41st Annual BSLOL Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous at Lord Fletcher's on Lake Minnetonka. More than twenty-five MN Gophers and a few spouses enjoyed a beautiful late summer day on the lakeshore. The members who brought land and or on-the-water displays were:

- 1) Ben Slow with a trailer-mounted display of MK-75s in the various factory colors
- 2) Pete Johnson had a Mercury Mk-55 on his restored Falls Flyer
- 3) Bernie Van Osedale brought his 1957 restored Aristocraft with a 1956 Mercury
- 4) Andreas Rhude with a 1957 Thompson Sea Lancer with two 1957 Johnson 35 HP motors
- 5) David Wiborg had his 1955 15 foot Lyman on the water with a 1956 30 HP Johnson.
- 6) Ron Melick had a display of a variety of vintage motors- ranging from a restored Champion to several 3-4 HP Johnsons and Evinrudes-(some with canoe mounts) that were all 'Summer of 2016 Excess Inventory.'

We no longer give awards for most miles travelled, most meets attended, etc. If we did, Merrill and Carole Ohnemus would have been in the running, a busy schedule kept them from noting Murray's Meet date change- and they arrived at Lord Fletcher's via Faribault, MN. Now that is a dedicated member AND a patient wife.

The BSLOL water and land displays were impressive, as always. The additional space at Lord Fletcher's made room for more and it seemed larger boats. There was plenty of 'eye candy' for the nautically inclined. Yes, and there were a lot of lovely women there, as well.

On land exhibits also included a few marine related vendors. Most notable to this viewer was the all basswood full size model of a Johnson motor-designed to be a 'reading table', with a place to store books and magazines, as well as a pull-out tray for your drink of choice. The motor (see photo below) was built by Craig Jentz in memory of his grandfather. For more information on Jentz's custom furniture business, visit [www.craigjentz.com](http://www.craigjentz.com).





## MURRAY LANGER'S MEET

The Gopher Chapter said "good-bye" to Summer and "hello" to Fall at Murray Langer's meet on September 17th. Located on Winjum's Shady Acres in Faribault, MN, the meet attracted more than twenty members and the public alike!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Event:** Wyman Boathouse Wednesday

**Date:** Ongoing, every Wednesday

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Hosted by:** Dan & Nick Wyman

**Location:** 748 Balsam Street  
Cloquet, MN 55720

**Event:** Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club Meet

**Date:** October 22, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Hosted By:** Tom Murray (651) 755-9055

**Location:** Pool & Yacht Club  
1600 Lilydale Rd. Lilydale, MN 55118

**Note:** Please RSVP by October 14th (see message on page 9)

**Event:** Hayne's Stillwater Meet

**Date:** January 7, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Hosted By:** Dean Haynes (651) 439-6489  
Tate Haynes (651) 755-2073

**Location:** 10884 ST Croix TRL N  
Stillwater, MN 55082





## TREASURER'S REPORT: June 2016

*BY MURRAY LANGER*

The membership is at 74 paid up members for 2016. 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 2016 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. Also if you change your address, phone no. E-Mail etc. please contact me.

2016 Dues so far	\$589.00
Money for Stamps, Meet Expenses, Etc.	(\$15.00)
Money for Web Site	(\$43.50)
Money from 50/50 raffles	\$197.00
Money from Ben Dittmar motor raffle	\$129.00
Money from Dan Wyman Raffle	\$136.00
Money from Tom Murray motor raffle	\$92.00
Money from 50/50 raffle "Dick Kojetin"	\$45.00
<b>Total for 2016 so far</b>	<b>\$2,468.44</b>

2017 Dues so far	\$72.00
<b>Total for 2017 so far</b>	<b>\$2,540.44</b>

2018 Dues so far	\$15.00
<b>Total for 2018 so far</b>	<b>\$2,555.44</b>

Thank you to all who have paid the 2016 dues.  
 Email- [gopherchapter@q.com](mailto:gopherchapter@q.com)  
 Phone- (507) 451-0054

Please mail your checks to: Murray Langer  
 507 17th Street SW  
 Owatonna, MN 55060-3827

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER/ MEMBERSHIP	EVENTS COORDINATOR	NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Tate Haynes	David Wiborg	Murray Langer	Nick Wyman	Casey Wyman
(651) 755-2073	(952) 826-3765	(507) 363-1847	(218) 206-4060	(218) 341-9632
10884 St. Croix Trail N Stillwater, MN 55802	2935 Oak Lawn Lane Mound, MN 55356	507 17th ST SW Owatonna, MN 55060	1815 Carlton Ave Cloquet, MN 55720	1815 Carlton Ave Cloquet, MN 55720
<a href="mailto:rmkrunner@gmail.com">rmkrunner@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:david.wiborg@sedgwickcms.com">david.wiborg@sedgwickcms.com</a>	<a href="mailto:gopherchapter@q.com">gopherchapter@q.com</a>	<a href="mailto:wymanboats@gmail.com">wymanboats@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:clberger86@gmail.com">clberger86@gmail.com</a>

## Classified Ads

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rjm1945@att.net).

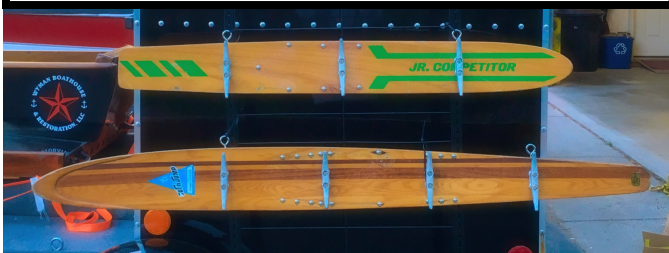
**FOR SALE:** Motors: OA-60 Johnson, KB-3 Mercury, Johnson 300, Chris Craft Challenger 5 hp, Mercury Mark 20, Mercury WWII navy motor 6 hp, Mercury 1941 KB-4, Johnson LS-38, Mercury KD-3, Mercury K-2 1940, Johnson PO-15, Mercury KF-5, Mercury Mark 5, Mercury KG-4 Hurricane 7.5hp, 1924 Evinrude Model 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](mailto:mrl52@comcast.net).

**FOR SALE:** Johnson HD - 25 2.5HP 1948 - Good runner, new water pump, 90 PSI compression 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](mailto: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 Dixie Hamack or email for a current list or pics of decals. #763-421-5346 or [oldoutboarddecals@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wymanboats@gmail.com).





# NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

**\*\*\*There are TWO CLUBS to join.**

*Please fill out both applications:  
AOMCI Membership & MN Gopher Chapter Membership*

*Print this out and fill it in*

## AOMCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State (Prov.) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if other than US) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Important!)

Number of pre-1950 motors you have collected \_\_\_\_\_  
post 1950 \_\_\_\_\_

Check the ways(s) you most enjoy Antique Outboarding:  
☐ Collecting motors ☐ Running motors  
☐ Restoring motors ☐ Collecting information

Which are your favorite motors? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership and subscriptions last for 2 years. (One year on Anniversary Special)

Cost (in US DOLLARS ONLY):

\$70.00 (for US mailing address, includes US bulk mail discount)

\$85.00 (for Canada address, 1st class mail)

\$90.00 (International address, air mail)

Mail this application and dues (check or money order only, payable in US dollars) to:

**AOMC International Headquarters**  
**Department IN**  
**PO Box 251**  
**Vinton, VA 24179**

(Please allow 6 weeks for our volunteer staff to process your application. Your patience will be handsomely rewarded when your "new member" packet arrives!)

### AOMCI 50th Anniversary Special!!!

For a limited time, the Club is offering a one-year "Introductory" membership to celebrate its 50th Anniversary for \$40 for US addresses; \$49 for Canadian addresses & \$52 all other countries - payable in U.S. Dollars. All benefits are the same as the normal 2 year membership and is available to new members only.

**Give us a try! You won't regret it.**

## **MN GOPHER CHAPTER APPLICATION**

For local events listings, membership contacts, and a subscription to our newsletter.

*Please use same form for New or Old Members.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Other's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Information collected is for local club purposes only. Indicate any contact information you **do not** want published in the Members' Directory. Please send \$15.00 to the address below for a 1 Year Membership.

### **AOMCI Minnesota Gopher Chapter**

Murray Langer  
507 17th Street Southwest  
Owatonna, MN 55060-3827  
Email: [gopherchapter@q.com](mailto:gopherchapter@q.com)

In a few weeks you should receive a package containing a recent newsletter. If not, please contact Murray Langer.



## **A Note From Tom Murray**

Hello fellow members,

I was asked by Nick Wyman to send out a little message of clarification of the lunch for the October meet. First, I just wanted to explain to you the Pool & Yacht Club is a private club that relies on revenue from members and non members that want to use the club for weddings, funeral lunches, private parties of sort. I have tried in the past and present to put together a lite meal that would be enjoyable and reasonable for everyone attending. I don't think \$10.00 is out of line for a great sub sandwich, chips and a cookie. To add to the lunch I will supply coleslaw, and potato salad. Nick offered to supply the beverage, pop, water. Also keep in mind, I supply the donuts and rolls, and coffee, A donation is optional and never expected. In order for the Pool & Yacht Club to be able to provide the lunch. We need a minimum of 20 confirmed lunches.

With all this said, I don't think it is unreasonable to support the Club for the use of a Great location for our Fall meet. And I say hopefully without offending anyone, I ask folks **not** to bring their own barbeque grill for cooking. The last thing I wanted to mention, when we were still having a meet at Andy's Garage on University Ave. in Saint Paul, people didn't seem to mind supporting them by buying their food at the time. Please keep in mind, I am doing the best I can with helping to provide a location for this meet. Thanks for your support and thanks for reading this.

Please respond to me either by email or by my mobile phone @ [651-755-9055](tel:651-755-9055) by the 14th of October for lunch confirmation.

The best to you all,

Tom Murray