

# THE GOPHER GAZETTE

## AOMCI - MINNESOTA GOPHER CHAPTER

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### A Note From Your Editor

For those of you still receiving newsletter mailings, please send me your email address if you prefer a quicker, more colorful copy of the Gopher Gazette in the future!

Thank you,  
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### CENTER CITY MEET

On Saturday, July 15th approximately 90 club members gathered for the 6th annual Center City Meet hosted by Steve and Carol Nelson and Lyle Sandvig. It was a beautiful sunny day with temps in the low 90's. Those who attended enjoyed a delicious meal of homemade potato salad, sloppy Joe's, cheesy



potatoes, and beans made by Carol and her daughter, Nicole. John Stasieluk brought two kinds of fudge brownie lemon bars for dessert. Yum! A few highlights of the meet for those who missed out included hydroplanes and Commodore boats. There was also a drone taking videos, which was something new! Please enjoy pictures from the day courtesy of Rick Magnuson.

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**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Say hello to Dave Peer of Chanhassen, MN, your spotlight member for October!

Dave (age 75) grew up in his hometown of Rochester, NY before moving to Minnesota in 1989. He worked in sales and marketing for over 40 years. The majority of Dave's career was spent with Eastman Kodak in Microfilm Products (23 years) followed by an 18-year stint with Canon USA in Document Imaging. He has been living the retired life for about eight years now. Dave enjoys playing Tennis three times a week and recently got back from a three day fishing excursion with Mary up North. "Keeping busy when retired is a must!" says Dave.

Dave has been a member of the AOMCI and Gopher Chapter for the past nine years. His interest in motors was sparked at just eleven-years-old when he bought his first outboard (a 5hp Neptune) for \$10. The challenge of getting it running was what got him hooked! Dave's focus is on 1950's OMC outboards. Friends of Dave say he's "not loyal to any motors." He is currently working on several 3hp Johnson and Evinrudes. His 1957 Johnson 7.5 is patiently waiting for his attention.

When asked if there was anything he would like to add, Dave said "I appreciate my Gopher Chapter friends and the help they provide me when I am stuck! My background in Sales is not much help when fixing outboards!" Hmm... I'll bet it's another story when it comes to **selling** those outboards, Dave!

**QUAKE THE LAKE POWERBOAT RACES**

The weekend of August 12th through the 13th marked the 11th annual Quake the Lake Powerboat Races in Detroit Lakes, MN. The weather was beautiful on Saturday but turned a bit windy on Sunday which made racing conditions less than ideal. Those who attended were able to watch Gopher Chapter members Bruce Pederson, Dick Kojetin, and Tyler Peterson put their skills to the test on the water. Bruce reported "None of us did very well. Tyler had motor problems, Dick had motor problems, and I flipped over and back up again." When asked for a quote on the events of that weekend, Bruce said "It was some of the roughest water we have ever raced in. We were glad when it was over. It wasn't boat racing, it was survival." With boats traveling 40-120 mph, I guess you never know what to expect!





### TOMAHAWK NATIONALS

This year marked the 52nd annual Tomahawk National Antique & Classic Outboard Motor Show at Sara Park in Tomahawk, WI. From August 2nd through the 5th, club members and the public alike enjoyed numerous displays of antique and classic racing motors and boats. Of note that week was the disqualification of Murray Langer from the Predicted Log event. There's a first time for everything! Despite the rain, it's clear everyone felt the trip was worth it. Please enjoy photos from the week courtesy of Rick Magnuson, Nick Wyman, and John Stasieluk.



# CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE:** 1950's Johnson/Evinrude outboards. Tuned up and ready to go \$250-\$325; 1956 5 1/2 HP Johnson Outboard motor \$275; Vintage Neptune Motor -\$600. Contact Nick (218-206-4060) or Dan (218-464-8050); [wymanboats@gmail.com](mailto:wymanboats@gmail.com).



**BOATS FOR SALE:** 1958 Arkansas Traveler (Badged Sportland) Sport Utility 14' -\$400; 1958 Starcraft Speed Queen 14' -\$400; 1950's Larson Playboy 14'-\$500; 1956 Lonestar Constellation 15' -\$100; 1963 Sea Sprite 14' Runabout -\$200. Contact Nick (218-206-4060) or Dan (218-464-8050); [wymanboats@gmail.com](mailto:wymanboats@gmail.com)



**FOR SALE:** Motors: OA-60 Johnson, KB-3 Mercury, Johnson 300, 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:** 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](mailto:mrl52@comcast.net) to discuss. -Mark Lodge

**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](mailto:oldoutboarddecals@gmail.com).

**WTB:** I am looking for a Mercury 25XS. - Tate Haynes

**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



**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).





## MEMBERSHIP & TREASURER'S REPORT: Updated June 2017

BY MURRAY LANGER

The membership is at 82 paid up members for 2017. 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 **2017** 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.** Thank you to all who have paid the 2017 dues so far!

2016 Dues	\$864.00
Money for Stamps, Meet Expenses, Etc.	(\$275.92)
Money for Web Site	(\$423.50)
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
Money from Haynes motor raffle	\$50.00
Money from Russ Felt motor	\$20.00
Total for 2016 so far	\$2,172.52
2017 Dues so far	\$627.00
Money for Stamps, Meet Expenses, Etc.	(\$20.41)
Flyers	(\$100.00)
Money from 50/50 raffles	\$114.00
Money from Little Falls (Bob P.) motor raffle	\$90.00
Money from Little Falls motor raffle	\$72.00
Donation from Gordon Katke	\$20.00
Money from Ron Melick motor raffle	\$42.00
Bank fees	(\$20.00)
Total for 2017 so far	\$2,997.11
2018 Dues so far	\$75.00
Total for 2018 so far	\$3,072.11



**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.**

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## WINJUM'S SHADY ACRES MEET

On Saturday, September 9th more than thirty club members gathered for Murray Langer's 6th annual meet at Winjum's Shady Acres Resort in Faribault, MN. It was the best turnout in the history of this particular meet, according to Murray. Weather was windy with temps in the mid-60's. A few boats made their way out onto Roberds Lake that day despite the waves. John Stasieluk and Murray were eager to run their hydros but it was "a little windy for those kinds of toys" Murray said. Overall, it was a great day with lots of nautical goods changing hands.



## *In Remembrance...*

*Michael E. Skinner of Lakeville, MN passed away on August 27th at the age of 75 following a two and a half year battle with small cell cancer.*

*Mike was a Marine Corps Veteran. Semper Fi. He retired from NWA after 39 years as an aircraft mechanic. Mike enjoyed flying and did beautiful aircraft and boat restoration. He is survived by his wife Lynn and children Robert and Kathy, sister Diane Kohorst and brother Pat Skinner. He was preceded in death by wife Virginia Ruutila and parents Gene and Evelyn.*

*Mike's memorial service was held Sunday, Sep. 10, 2:30pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 13901 Fairview Dr., Burnsville. Visitation was at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family had asked for memorials to Mayo Clinic Cancer Research. Mike donated his body to Mayo Medical School.*

*-Info provided by: StarTribune*

## Upcoming Events

It's time for our final event of 2017! The last meet, hosted by Tom Murray, will be held at Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club on Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 AM. Event address is 1600 Lilydale Rd Lilydale, MN 55118. Please contact Tom Murray at (651) 755-9055 or [cretinraider69@msn.com](mailto:cretinraider69@msn.com) if you have any additional questions. Tom has asked that those of you planning to attend RSVP, so he knows how many to expect for lunch. The 2018 event listing is TBD at this time.

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