

WOLVERINE CHAPTER,

ANTIQUA OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INC.

DECEMBER, 2002

Watch out 2003! Here we come!!!

After completing a highly successful first year as an organized chapter of AOMC, the members are already chomping at the bit to get Old Man Winter out of the way and wet those props! In preparation for the upcoming season, the chapter board has pretty much fleshed out the meet schedule and will be presenting one and possibly two new meets for your enjoyment in 2003.

As with last year, we'll begin the year with another swap meet at Bob Shapton's shop in Grand Rapids on Saturday, March 1st. Although some 13" of snow that fell last March on meet day didn't prevent a great crowd, Bob absolutely promises that this year's event will be blessed with sunshine and temps well above freezing. Regardless, there is plenty of warm room indoors for displays and swap parts & motors so start getting that inventory ready. Master Chapter Chef Jim Shapton also is already planning the menu for another great feast. Bob will again put on a short workshop demonstrating one of his myriad skills working with old iron and we promise to attempt to con Rog Dykehouse into giving us a little technical talk on something – possibly delving into the secrets of Quincy Loopers or such. There will also be a short business meeting with election of officers for the ensuing year and a treasurer's report will be presented. Put it on your calendar now!

Our second meet, new to the schedule will be held Saturday, June 7th, on the grounds of the Michigan Maritime Museum along the banks of the Black River, in South Haven. This meet is currently planned as a dry swap/informal display meet, however, the Museum staff

UH, OH!

**IT'S THAT TIME OF
YEAR AGAIN!**

**MEMBERSHIP
DUES OF \$10 PER
YEAR ARE DUE AS
OF JANUARY 1ST.
HELP YOUR
CHAPTER REMAIN
FINANCIALLY
SOLVENT AND
GET THOSE DUES
IN ASAP.**

**MAKE YOUR
CHECK PAYABLE
TO DICK GORZ
AND MAIL IT TO
PO BOX 763,
WHITE CLOUD, MI
49349.**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS
NEEDED AND
GREATLY
APPRECIATED BY
ALL MEMBERS.**

IF YOU ARE NOT A
MEMBER, WE
ENCOURAGE YOU
TO JOIN...THERE
IS STRENGTH
(AND FUN) IN
NUMBERS. FOR
YOUR
CONVENIENCE
WE HAVE POSTED
AN APPLICATION
FORM ON OUR
CHAPTER
WEBSITE AT

<http://www.pfs-ware.com/wolverine>

is investigating the possibility of having dock space made available to us on the site for several boats so we may have the ability to combine some running also. More details on that will follow as we go forward. The Museum has developed an extensive network of publicity over the years, utilizing public service announcements on radio and TV, newspapers, flyers, etc. and will be inviting the general public to come see what we are all about. They will also invite them to bring along that old barn fresh piece for the members to take a look at. This tact resulted in a number of 'new' motors being put into the clutches of members at our Riverside meet last year and we expect similar results again. Here's a chance for you to get some fresh meat for that collection! Who knows what might show up, maybe a mint-in-the-box Clarke Troller? In addition, the Museum will be open for viewing during the meet. This opportunity alone is worth the trip. The building housing their growing collection of motors will also be open to the public. They currently have about 5 or 6 dozen engines, mostly unrestored, available for us to peruse. There are no motor experts on staff and their information on these guys is sorely limited so they would appreciate any input from members. Lunch is available at any number of restaurants within walking distance. Come on along, bring the family, and enjoy a great day in South Haven!

The third scheduled event of the year is the Kalamazoo River cruise in Saugatuck on Saturday, July 26th. An informal launch and run featuring a beach picnic and wandering around the myriad shops in downtown Saugatuck for those so inclined. The stormy weather held down attendance for this event last year – or possibly it's the sort of event that simply doesn't appeal to many. The board would

like your input on this one. We have considered switching the date of this one with our very successful August wet meet at Riverside Park in Grand Haven. This date might also be attractive to those out-of-state members who would like to put together a vacation package to the Constantine Super Meet and the Tomahawk Mini-Nationals Meet and need a destination to keep them occupied during the intervening time. We would anticipate that this probably would take shape as a two day event (Friday & Saturday) and will require considerable advance planning so drop us a line, email or call to let us know your thoughts.

Number 4 on the schedule is a return of our Riverside Wet Meet at Riverside Park along the banks of the Grand River near Grand Haven on Saturday, August 23rd, which as mentioned previously, was highly successful in it's debut in August. The Ottawa County Parks Commission was impressed with the turn out and the neat and orderly shape we left the park in and has offered to supply us with fresh porta potties and allow us access to the grounds around the pavilion to have more room for swap and boat display items. Putting everything into one area instead of spreading it out in the long parking area should create even more interest on the part of both vendors and spectators and buyers alike. Great launch facilities at the Park's site are available and in addition to cruising on the river, there is a great area for the go-fast guys at the "gravel pits" connected to the river and adjacent to the meet site. Although the date is pretty much cast in stone, the meet date may be switched with the July 26th Saugatuck River Run (see the information about that meet for details). Regardless of the date, don't miss it!!!

Our final meet for the year, "Skip's Last Chance" meet is tentatively scheduled for October 25th. This date conflicts with the Club Nationals in Cypress Gardens, FL and likely will be moved up a week to October 18th if that can be worked out with Skip (he's Snowbirding at press time and is sort of incommunicado for a couple of weeks as he travels). Plenty of time to come up with final plans, though. Skip has indicated he would like to move the meet from his house to his son's shop

facility in Plainwell. Skip ran a repair facility there for years and he has hundreds of motors hanging around in various buildings. Quite an adventure to tour. Also lots of old outboard goodies everywhere you look.

That wraps up the lineup for the Wolverine Chapter for 2003. Thanks for making our first year a successful one and hope to see all of you several times next year.

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2003

Meet Schedule Wolverine, Great Lakes & MOB Chapters

(subject to modification)

January 18 – MOB

Swap, location to be announced.
Contact Jay Walls (317) 892-4710 or fmracer@aol.com.

January 25 – Great Lakes

Swap & Annual Meeting, Lighthouse Harbor, Monroe, MI.

Contact Jim Davies (734) 241-7742 or

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Greg Schmidt (937) 548-7339 or refrig@bright.net.

February 22 – Great Lakes

Swap, Carl's Boats, St. Clair Shores, MI.

Contact Richard Hicks (313) 884-5448 or

Tom Miscovich (586) 294-7089

March 1 – Wolverine

Swap & Annual Meeting, Bob Shapton's Shop

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March 15 – MOB

Swap, location to be announced.

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April 12 – Great Lakes

Swap, Lee Holland's Home, Algonac, MI.

Contact Lee Holland (810) 794-2819 or lee holland@i-is.net.

May 10 – Great Lakes

Wet & Swap, Holloway Reservoir, Flint, MI.

Contact Jeff Bahr (586) 751-9590 or

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May 17 – MOB

Wet & Swap, Lake Webster, North Webster, IN.

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June 7 – Wolverine

(Wet?)/Swap, Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven, MI.

Contact Dick Gorz (231) 689-6228 or rag@pfs-ware.com

Rog Dykehouse (231) 865-7668 or rogdybljj@msn.com

June 21 – Great Lakes

Display & Swap, Algonac Boat & Car Show, Algonac, MI. Contact Lee Holland (810) 794-2819 or

lee holland@i-is.net.

July 12/13 – Great Lakes & MOB

Wet & Swap, Constantine, MI.

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July 26 – Wolverine

River Cruise, Kalamazoo River, Saugatuck, MI.

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August 23 – Wolverine

Wet & Swap, Riverside Park, Grand Haven, MI.

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Dick Van Raalte starboardmarine@novagate.com

September 6 – Great Lakes

Wet & Swap, Holloway Reservoir, Flint, MI.

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Mark Zimmerli (419) 256-6911

September 20 – MOB

Wet & Swap, Lake Webster, North Webster, IN.

Contact Jay Walls (317) 892-4710 or fmracer@aol.com.

September 27 – Great Lakes

Swap, Mark Suter's House, Williamsburg, MI.

Contact Mark Suter (231) 267-9516 or

mhsuter@voyager.net.

October 25 – Wolverine

Swap, Skip Finch's House (or Shop) Gobles, MI. (or Shop), Gobles, MI. (or Plainwell, MI)

Contact Skip Finch (616) 628-2657 or jusk@accn.org.