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THE MIDWEST CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's 2008! Can you believe it? Time now to reflect on last year's meets and look forward to this year.

2007 was truly a great year for our chapter with record attendance and the best times ever. What a great turnout for George's meet at Mars Resort! We sold all but 4 of his motors and the prices are something we all can be happy with. Many thanks!

You will see that our Winter Bash has been moved into March again this year. This is a good time because it brings fair weather to kick off our new year. Also, see the new schedule for 2008. This looks like another great year. I would like to mention here that I will be stepping down as President this year after nearly 7 years at this position.

Please note that a nomination for this position will be taken at the Winter Bash in March. Please step up and help out. We all need you and your support

I want to thank all of you for your help and friendship over the years. Because of this I think the club is now very sound and in great shape moving forward. Thank you all for everything and I will see you at as many meets as ever.

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OFFICERS

president

Rick Neis

vice president

Grody Merz

treasurer

Joe Podpora

newsletter editor/secretary

Dan Johnson

*Elections for Officers to be held at the
March 2008 meet.*

FROM THE EDITOR...

Boy... Do I have Cabin fever! We have only a few more months to go, and we'll be on the water. I can't wait!

Fellow members, It has come to my attention that a local Chapter is forming in Geneva, IL this month. I understand it will be called the "Motor Heads". Did you know it was almost 39 years ago, November 8, 1969 to be exact, that the Midwest Chapter was formed in Waukegan, IL. The name "Midwest Chapter" was chosen because it implied that members from Illinois and Wisconsin as well as other Midwestern States would join. Initially, the Illinois/Wisconsin mix was about 50/50. Members drove as far as 300 miles to attend. (Please see a reprint inside from the January 1970 Antique Outboarder.) Well... since the Midwest Chapter was born in 1969, more local Chapters have organized in Wisconsin. The Northwoods Chapter, who hosts the "Tomahawk Nationals"... and WinnebagoLand in the Fox Valley were formed. Other neighboring States of Illinois and Wisconsin have also formed clubs, although I don't know the timeframe. It now appears that an additional Chapter is needed to serve the Chicagoland area, especially members to the West and South of Chicago. I wish to welcome our new neighbor, the Motor Heads of Illinois. May you have smooth motoring for your first year and beyond!

While we are on the subject of local chapters, we need to talk about our own chapter. As you have just read in the President's corner, Rick Neis will be stepping down from his position of President. Our Vice-President, Gordy Merz, would serve another 2 years and I may be willing to run for President, but I encourage a new President/Vice President Team to run as well. Guys and Gals, this opens up new opportunities for both Illinois and Wisconsin members. I have noticed some new outboard enthusiasts becoming more active in the club. That's great! Think about running for an office.

We are down to 4 scheduled meets this year. At the Winter Bash annual meeting, lets talk about membership, goals, and where do we want to go from here. For example, how could we add another meet in extreme Southern Wisconsin... or Northern IL?

To be continued at the annual meeting.

With best Regards,

Dan Johnson
Editor/Secretary

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In memory of George Kreissl
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the 2005 Mars Meet.



In memory of Chris Eiring of Oconomowoc (right), pictured with
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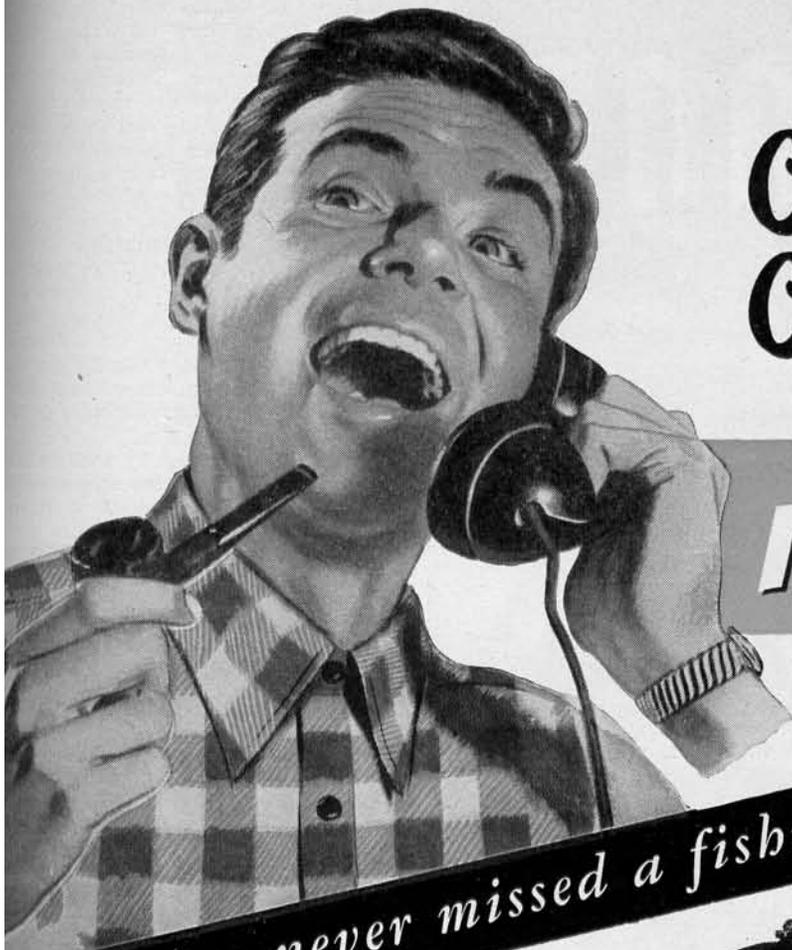
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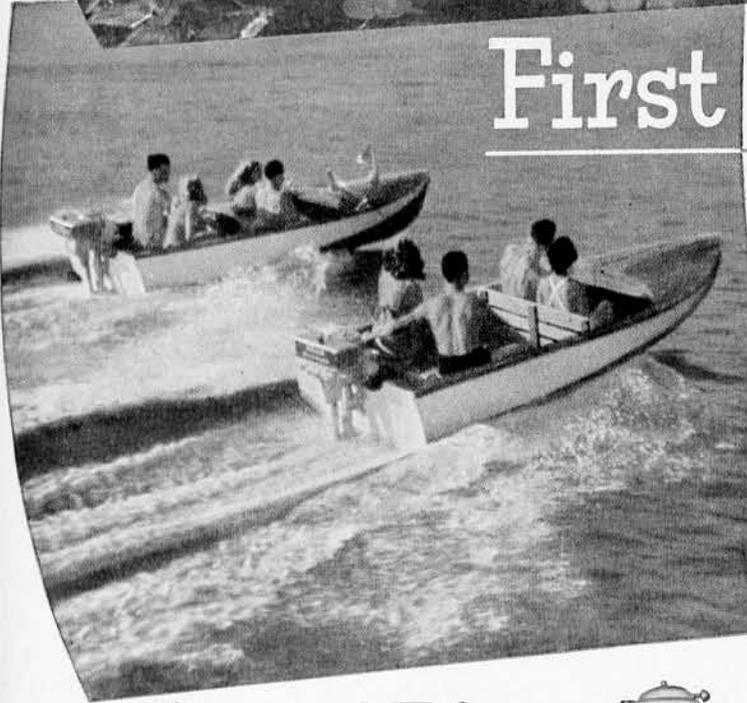


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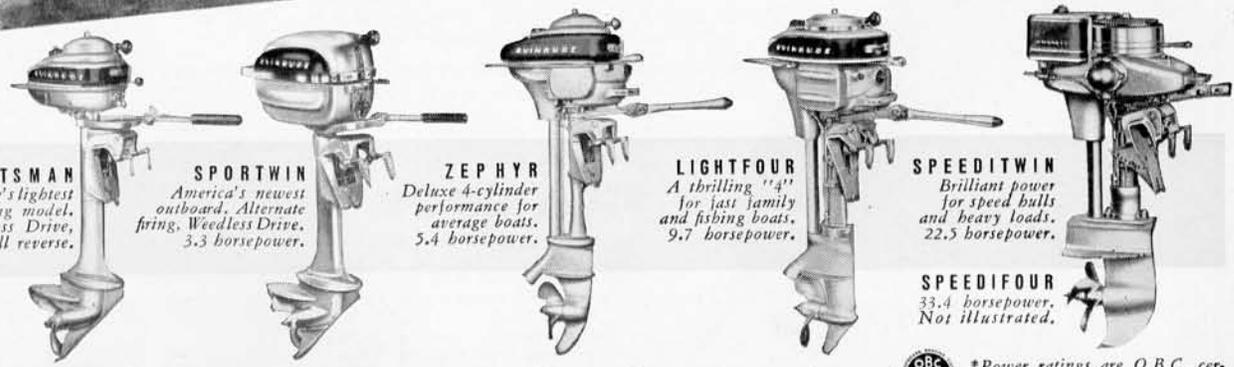
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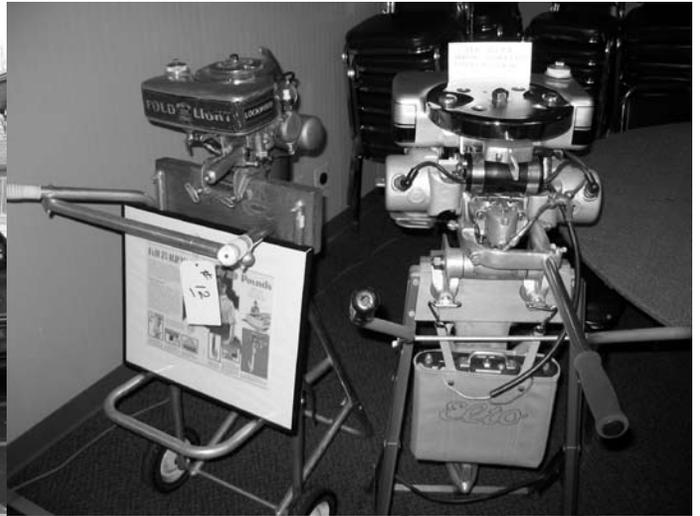


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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MIDWEST CHAPTER IN WAUKEGAN ILLINOIS.

— november 1969

BY LYNN SALLEE

On November 8, 1969 a new chapter of the AOMCI was formed. The group of both longstanding and novice motor enthusiasts met in the beautiful new auditorium of the Waukegan (Illinois) Public Library. We voted to name the club the Midwest Chapter of the AOMC, Inc. It was felt that the name had a wider scope than the one we had been using temporarily (The Tri-State Association) and would encourage members from the entire section of the country as well as the initial group from Illinois and Wisconsin.

The first meeting was devoted primarily to organization. Officers elected to serve the group for the 1969-70 year were: William Rose (Waukegan, Illinois), President; Ray Machen (Brookfield Illinois), Vice President- Historian; Mrs. Lynn Sallee (Winneconne, Wisconsin), Secretary-Treasurer.

Several committees were set up to handle organizational duties. Miss Lucy Rose (Waukegan, Illinois) will plan publicity for the chapter. Warner Turner (West Bend, Wisconsin) and Jere Sairs (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) are responsible for drawing up the by-laws and President Rose will define the purpose and aims of the chapter. The spring meeting scheduled for late April will be planned by Tom Hagloch (Aledo, Illinois) and John Herberg (Moline, Illinois).

The chapter discussed the need for increasing the membership. At the suggestion of Edward Kent (Waupun, Wisconsin), the group decided that the Spring meeting would feature a "Bring a New Member" theme. If there are any readers in the Midwest area who would be interested in joining our new chapter, they can contact the secretary (Mrs. Lynn Sallee, Hiawatha Drive, Winneconne, Wisconsin, 54985). We are eager to enlarge our chapter and would welcome any AOMCI members from the area. Several of our enthusiastic chapter members traveled 200 or 300 miles to attend the first meeting so distance should be no excuse no excuse to keep YOU from attending our second meeting.

Following the business meeting, refreshments were provided by William Rose and served by his daughter Lucille. Conversation flowed as freely as the coffee as members showed off unusual items, bragged about their latest purchase, and discussed problems of finding parts and restoring old motors. Stanly Herberg (Moline, Illinois), displayed a tiny toy motor, in running condition, which has been the Herberg family for more than 30 years and probably date back even further. Edward Kent brought a brass nameplate from an old Evinrude boat and a picture of the boat, hoping someone in the group would know of Evinrude boats. No one in the group seemed to know much about them but perhaps some of the readers would have information they could pass on to Ed. Jere Sairs, proud as a new father, passed around photographs of the Elto Quad he had restored to like new condition.

The meeting broke up at 5:00, three hours after it had been called to order, and the members left with high spirits and real enthusiasm to return to their motor hunting.

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