

# WOLVERINE CHAPTER,

ANTIQUÉ OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INC.

FEBRUARY, 2003

## First Meet of the Year coming up quick!

Bob Shapton is hard at work preparing for our season opener at his shop in Grand Rapids on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Plenty of convenient parking right in front of the shop allowing outside swap displays. Should inclement weather prevail, there is also space available inside for everything. Bring along those unwanted treasures & pick up goodies you just can't do without!

With a little arm-twisting we can probably again talk Bob into an impromptu decal application session. This was of special interest to many last year and hopefully he can expand his discussion and demonstration this year.

Bob & father Jim promise another great meal (hopefully Jim won't have to cook out in a snowbank again this year) for a \$5 donation.

We also will have a TV/VCR playing the interview of George Martin taped in his home on January 11<sup>th</sup> of this year by Rog Dykehouse and Dick Gorz. George responded to every question posed with humor and insight! An amazing 96 ½ years young and going strong!

**This just in:** George's daughter Kay Myers, her husband Rich and son Jeff (new AOMCI member) will be on hand! Make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them. Should be great fun!

An important part of the meet will be the Chapter's annual meeting where we will be electing officers and Board Trustees. Nominations for the position of President, Vice President and Secretary – Treasurer, who will serve as Trustees, along with 4 other members to serve on the Board as

**MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$10 PER YEAR ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>. 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 OR, BETTER YET, PAY IN PERSON AT BOB'S MEET!!!.**

**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>

Trustees will be accepted from the floor. We highly encourage your participation in this process.

Prior to the election of officers and trustees, the Treasurer will give his report for the period from organization of the Chapter in November, 2001, through February 28, 2003.

The matter of adoption of By-Laws for the Chapter is an important item on the agenda. There are numbers of issues that have been in front of many Chapters in the past couple of years and it would appear in the best interest of the Chapter and its Members that we adopt a set of "rules" to guide us in the future. A copy of the proposed By-Laws will be available at the sign-in table at the meet for your perusal. We anticipate voting on adoption of these rules, subject to modifications made during the meeting.

We will also "plead" for volunteers to assist at meets – especially at the Riverside Wet Meet. The initial meet held last August was highly successful but severely understaffed. The portion of Riverside Park utilized for the meet is very large and requires several more people to help out. This is, as you all know, a volunteer outfit, and we need your help! Please consider volunteering in some fashion. Dick VanRaalte will be heading up the meet this July so get with him and sign on!

Relative to the Riverside Meet, there are some safety related items concerning "race boats" that need serious discussion. Some will be addressed in the proposed By-Laws and others will be a subject for handling by a Water Events committee to be appointed by the new Board of Trustees.

Enough of that business talk!

*See you at Bob's on the 1<sup>st</sup>!*