

Recap of the 10-19-2013 Byron Swap Meet by Mark Suter

Attendance

The sign-in sheets reflected 237 registered attendees... just 23 below our all-time high. This was surprising considering the poor weather... it rained lightly all morning and then cleared up. The headcount was pretty accurate until late in the meet when registration was halted because we felt there would be no more arrivals. However, there were a few late arrivals and some of them may have slipped in without getting them to sign a registration sheet. The basic registration process used was to ask everyone in each vehicle to register before they could park. While that does slow down the arrivals of attendees a bit, it is, by far, the best and easiest registration process used to date. At least one early arrival slipped in without registering. I remembered seeing her and happened to notice that she wasn't on the registration sheets. I also remembered seeing one late arrival that hadn't registered. I added both of those names to one of the registration sheets. One notable attendee at the meet was Jay Walls, the current AOMCI President. He said a few words and asked members to be sure to vote in the up-coming AOMCI election. Copies of all attendee registration sheets will be provided to co-sponsoring Great Lakes Chapter (GLC) and the Wolverine Chapter (WC) Presidents. My thanks to all attendees for making this a huge event!

Finances

The lunch donations totaled \$825 (\$5 per person for 165 people). That was the only source of income.

Expenses were as follows (copies of all receipts will be provided to the WC and GLC Treasurers):

3 portable toilets at \$80 each (invoice dated 10-11-2013)	240.00
Donut holes from VG's Grocery on 10-18-13	61.84
Misc. food-related items from Meijer On 10-18-2013	94.55
Misc. food-related items from GFS on 10-11-2013	223.16
Cole slaw from GFS on 10-16-2013	28.44
Misc. food-related items from Meijer on 10-10-2013	<u>162.56</u>
Total Expenses	810.55
 Bottom Line - PROFIT	 14.45
Per Chapter Profit Share	7.23

A check in the amount of \$7.23 will be sent to each of the sponsoring chapters. While we did wind up in the black, it wasn't by much so the Byron Swap Meet food donation amount will likely be raised to \$6 per person next year to hopefully cover the ever-rising costs and preclude losing money.

Peoples' Choice Show-motor Competition

Show motor entries were way down this year... probably because of the rain. Only 25 motors were registered but the collective display was still a great show. My sincerest thanks go out to all those that brought out interesting and great looking motors in spite of the rain. The awards were provided by the GLC this year and Chapter President, Joe Brincat and his team (Edna and Clark Gordon) tallied the voting results. The following awards were given out:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Motor</u>	<u>Serial #</u>
Orig. Ant.	1st	Bill Guenther	1940 Johnson MS-15	NA
	2nd	Clark Gordon	1931-34 Neptune OB15A	NA
Rest. Ant.	1st	Robert Skinner	1901 Submerged Electric	19
	2nd	Bill Bowers	1941 Mariner Model M1B	NA
Conc. Ant.	1st	Robert Skinner	1913 Waterman Model	5807
	2nd	Fritz Cheney	1932-35 Caille Model 79	NA
Unus. Ant.	1st	Merrill Schmidt	19?? Evinrude Pump	4202
	2nd	David Shull	1926 Johnson Model A-25	NA
Orig. Class.	1st	Mike Mazzara	1958 Scott Atwater ?	NA
	2nd	Bruce Reinhart	1959 Evinrude Fisherman	52120
Rest. Class.	1st	Jack Gilbert	1952 Mercury KF-5	435480
	2nd	Ed Zaleski	1954 Gale Buccaneer ?	NA
Unus. Class.	1st	Pete Caroselli	19?? Mercury Mod Racer	NA
	2nd	Ed Zaleski	1968 Minn-Kota Electric	NA

There were no entries in the Concours d'Elegance Classic and Novelty categories. You may have noticed that some award-winning motors weren't fully described (e.g., no model year, no model number, no serial number, etc.). This information is required to track who is winning and with what motor to help assure adherence to the Peoples' Choice Awards rules. We request that entrants supply all of the requested information in the future. Many thanks to the GLC team for supplying, tallying and presenting these awards. Copies of the motor registration and tally sheets will be provided to the GLC and WC Presidents.

Special Display Awards

In the past, we have not given any awards for items that were displayed in the food building but not entered in the Peoples' Choice show-motor competition (most were ineligible). These items all drew much interest and thereby significantly increased the quality of the meet. In past years I had been feeling somewhat guilty because there was no way to show appreciation for such display items other than a verbal "Thank you". So this year I decided to provide (and fund) my own certificates of appreciation and the recipients of those certificates were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Display Item</u>
Amy Harrington	Starcraft Stainless Steel Sportboat
Craig Larson	Oldtown Canoe with Evinrude Zephyr and Elto Pal motors
Tim Kurcz	Ropp D-Stock Marathon Runabout with Merc racing motor that took 4th-Place in its class in the 2013 "Top-O-Michigan" marathon
Bruce Summers	Pugh Hydro with 6-cylinder Merc deflector PRO racing motor

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Mike Thirlby	Konig 4-cylinder piston port PRO racing motor with 6 carburetors and a very rare "Zak" (Harry Pasturczak) tuned exhaust system

Meet Set-up, Execution and Clean-up

My sincerest thanks go out to the following people for helping to prepare for this meet and helping to make it happen... the meet wouldn't have happened without all of your hard work:

Elaine Suter, Jody Suter, George Hill, Cheryl Cobb, Terry Kamensky, Cara Fraser, Bill Bowers, Shirley Summers and Bruce Summers

There also were many others that donated food, helped serve lunch and helped put away tables and chairs after the meet was over. Your food donations and help were very much appreciated and definitely helped improve the quality of the meet and minimize the work left for Elaine and I to do after everyone else was gone. My thanks to all of you as well!

The "Meet Operations Team" received a big surprise... a Certificate of Appreciation from the GLC for putting on this event. It was an honor to receive that and was much appreciated by all of the team members. The certificate will be proudly displayed in the museum. Each team member also received a Michigan lottery ticket as a bonus... and I believe one ticket won a one dollar prize.

Left-over Food Donation

We had cooked for 200 people so there was some food left over. That was donated to a local (Byron address) home for dependent senior citizens called "The Serenity House". They were absolutely delighted to receive it and we were pleased to be able to put these leftovers to such a good use.

Pictures

There were lots of pictures taken at this meet. Those taken by Jim Wildgen of the Wolverine Chapter will be posted on the Wolverine Chapter website (there is a link to this site on the AOMCI website under "local chapters"). As done in prior years, some of the pics taken by my daughter (Jody) and George Hill will be posted on the "quincyllooperracing.us" website. I know I really appreciate those pictures because I am far too busy during the meet to see everything that is happened. My thanks to the photographers!

Wrap-up

It's all over for another year and now Elaine and I can relax. I am providing copies of this report to the GLC and WC Newsletter Editors for inclusion in their next newsletters. God willing, we'll do it again on October 18th, 2014 so please get that date on your social calendars... we sure hope to see you then.

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