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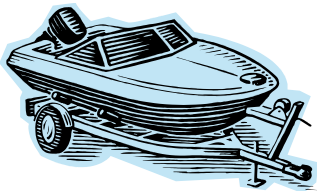
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Special Interest

- **April Meet**
Smoke on the Water
Crescent City, Florida
April 22-23, 2005
- **Looking Back**
Mt. Dora
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March 24-27, 2005



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Smoke on the Water Lake Stella April 22-23 Crescent City, Florida

The antique outboard club will hold its monthly rendezvous at Lake Stella, Crescent City on April 22-23 from dawn to dusk. The all day events will draw members from across the Southeast who will display and operate their collectible boats and motors, and visit with the public concerning their displays of old marine "stuff". Saturday, the 23rd, is Race Day for the old timers (men and boats). Most entries finish the races (old boats have paddles too).

A special event of local historic interest will be a display of restored wooden boats by Rand Speas of Welaka Landing Boat Shop.

- Snapper: a 25' cypress St. John's River motor launch used as a buoy tender by the Everett family 1920-40.
- Airships: 1926 mahogany racing hull powered by 22 1/2 hp Evinrude Speedy Twin

This event is open to the public.

The club will have the use of the lakeside park facilities including rest rooms, cooking and picnic areas, trash disposal and overnight self-contained camping for all three days. City police will patrol the area but club members should provide their own security.

For more information contact:

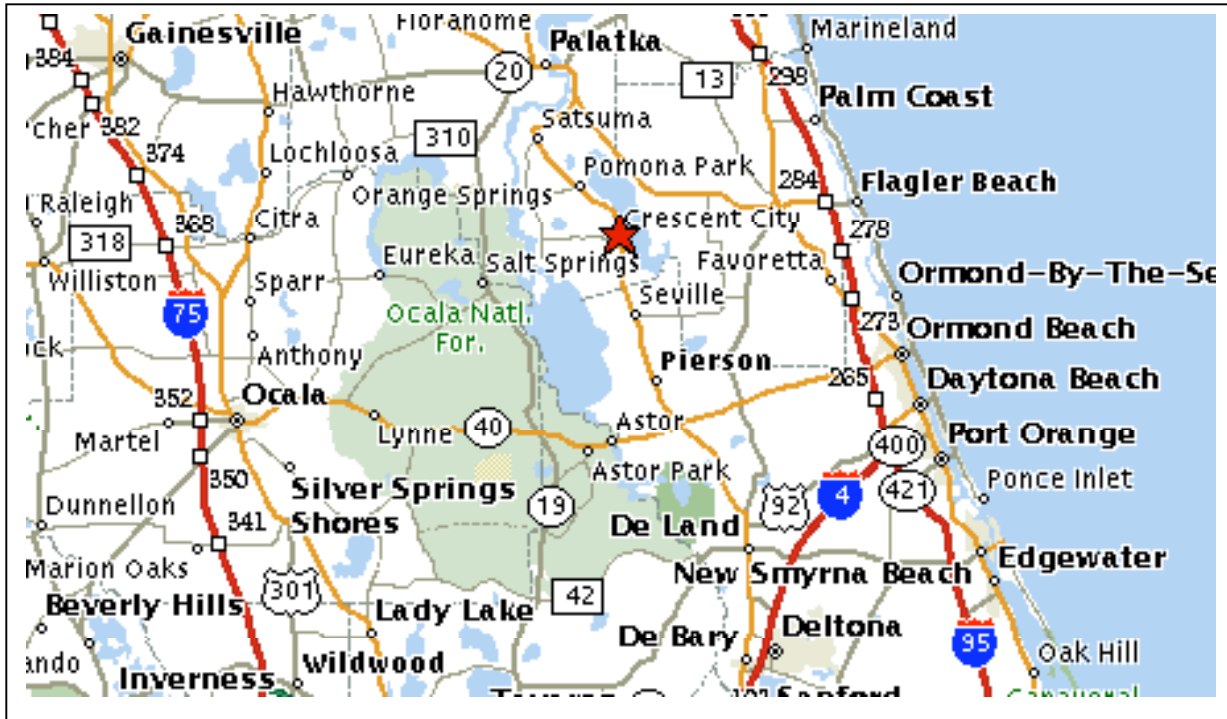
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Looking Ahead

Crescent City:

April 22-23, 2005

Directions to Crescent City

**Motels** in the area include:

Lake View US 17 N \$50 - \$55 / night Phone: (386) 698-1090

Tangerine Cove US 17 N \$45 - \$55 / night Phone: (386) 698-1170

Campgrounds:

Crescent City Campgrounds 1 mile north on US 17 \$23/night complete hookup

Restaurants:

Wendy's, Huddle House, Spanky's Pizza and Palmeras all on are Main Street (US 17N)
 The Three Bananas 2 blocks east of stop light at the Crescent City Boat ramp. A good place for a group meeting.

For the ladies; The Shoppes at Total Interiors

Looking Back**Mt. Dora****March 25-27, 2005**

Despite a cold, dreary beginning, the Mt. Dora weekend was spectacular. Cold wet weather on Thursday and Friday did not dampen the spirits of the seasoned nautical fanatics. Saturday and Sunday were "made to order" days, and the crowds proved this to be so. The vintage Cris Crafts were there in large numbers as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cobra as were the amphicars and "woodies". There was something for everyone from the boats in the water to the flea market.

AOMCI members outdid themselves as always putting on a show that drew many interested spectators. Many beautiful boats and motors were on display and judging them proved difficult for even our most seasoned judge, James Powell with his able assistant Rick Geary. However, after much contemplation, the awards are as follows:



Best Fiberglass Boat
1960 G3 - Vernon Turner



Best Pre-war Display
Ralph Clayton

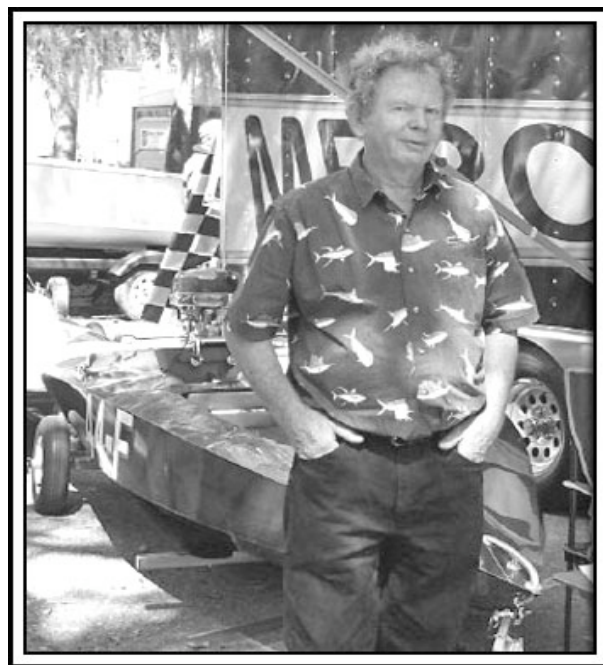
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Best Flea Market Display
10hp Johnson - Bruce Bolton



Most Attractive Motor Display
Don Abel



Best Boat and Tow Package
Bonnie and Erwin Ruhland



Best Restored Race Boat and Trailer
Donna and Bob Walwork

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Best Race Boat
Swift D Hydro - Dave Liebetreu



Most Patriotic
Luger "Old Glory" -Bob Leduc



Most Unusual Aluminum Boat
Feathercraft Rocket - Steve Wood



Best Race Display
Hydro Display -Bob and Geri

Congratulations:

Congratulations to George Emmanuel for being appointed Treasurer of the National Antique Outboard Motor Club. It is a great honor to have one of our Florida Chapter members in that position. We all wish George luck and we know he will do a quality job. Way to go George!!

Condolences:

Wes Lilly has conveyed news of the passing of Patrick Swails of Yulee on March 22, 2005. Our thoughts are with his friends and family at this difficult time.

Looking Ahead

Lake Ariana, Auburndale

May 21, 2005

Mini - Motor Extravaganza

The Lake Ariana meet will be sponsored by Bill and Diane Auspurger with Tom Goepfrich serving as activity chairman. The special event at this meet will be the Mini Motor Extravaganza.. Bring your mini-motors such as Evinrude Mate 0.5hp, Alto Cub .5hp, Alto Ace 1.5 hp, Waterwitch .75hp, Elgin 1.25 hp . Any other mini motors you may have will be judged in this category up to 1.8hp. These motors will all be judged and winners will receive special gifts. This is still a regular AOMCI meet, so be sure to bring all your regular items to show and swap. Lake Ariana is a great lake, so be sure to bring your boats to run. This is always a great meet...hope to see every member there. For more information contact:

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Tom Goepfrich

FLORIDA CHAPTER 2005 MEETS**Upcoming Meets**

May 21 Auburndale Bill Augspurger (863) 967-2119
Activity: Mini-motor Meet

June 18 Trimble Park
Activity: Annual Meeting / Election of Officers

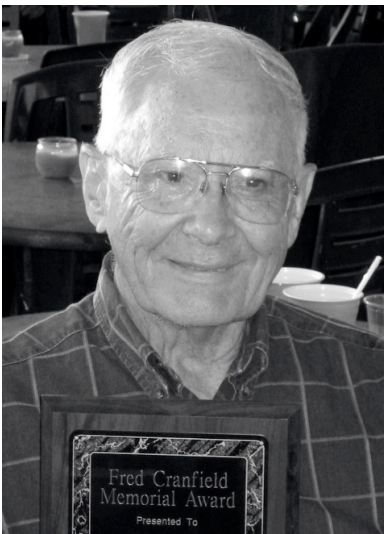
Some Final Notes**Last Issue??**

This could be your last issue of the AOMCI newsletter if you still have not paid your 2005 dues. Dues were due in January but we still have some members who have not paid. We need everyone to get caught up so that we can continue to have our meets and enjoy the camaraderie and low-key competitions that we all enjoy so much. Please mail your dues to Membership Chairman: Bob Walwork. Remember to keep your national dues up to date.

Nominating Committee

President Don Abel has named Bob Walwork as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Offices to be filled this year are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three executive board officers. If you are interested in holding an office or would like to nominate someone for an office please contact Bob Walwork.. Nominations for office will be published in the May newsletter and elections will be held at the June annual meeting.

Meet Our Members



Bill Augspurger has been a member of the AOMCI since 1993. He was born in Winchester, Indiana and graduated from Wabash College of Medicine. Bill practiced medicine in Auburndale and retired from his practice in 1994. Bill's special motor interest is mini-motors and his favorite motor is the Alto Cub. He is very fond of Lyman boats. He is also very fond of fishing and bird watching. Diane, Bill's wife, is also active in the AOMCI and is a familiar face at the meets. Bill and Diane have three sons and a daughter who live in Atlanta, Raleigh and Orlando. Bill was treasurer of the Florida chapter for six years and last year received the 2004 Fred Cranfield Award.

Just a final Reminder...

Remember to bring your items to show, swap and sell to every meet. This makes the meets more interesting for everyone.

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