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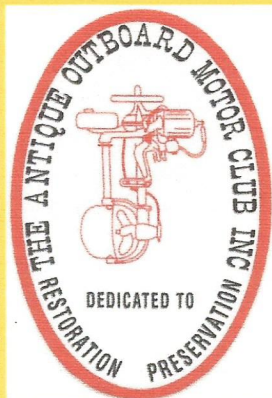
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As a quick reminder, our first outboard wet meet of the year is coming soon in Kingsland, Texas on Lake LBJ. The meet is actually from April 21st to April 23rd; however, several members have made a habit of coming a day or two earlier thereby enjoying an extra long weekend. Please check the back page for more details.

Some of you may be wondering what happened to our usual Lake Conroe meet normally held in February. The Coffey family decided not to host a meet this year, so as a result, we did not have a February or March meet to start off 2017.

Keeping that in mind, we welcome others to consider hosting a future swap or wet meet. If you have an interest in setting up a new meet for the future, please let us know and we will see if we can help you get it started.

This issue of Texas Chapter News will be somewhat shorter since there have been no meets since last November. We participated in another Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show in NRG Center in January which is the only event that we will be reporting in this issue. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.

62nd Annual Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show

By Tom Oncken



Since 1987, the Texas Chapter of AOMCI and the Southwest Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society have been sharing an exhibit of vintage boats and motors at the Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show each January. This year was no exception as the Boating Trades Association of Metropolitan Houston (BTA) invited us to participate in the 62nd presentation of their famous indoor boat show from January 6th through January 15th.

In the early years, we were fortunate if there was enough space donated to our group to show off four boats and a couple of motors. This year, like in many of the more recent shows, we were given the entire lobby area in front of Exhibit Halls C and D located in front of the ticket booths. Unlike the shows at the turn of the century, the BTA now even provides an elaborate rail system at no cost

to protect our precious boats and motors. Gratis space and free rails, what a deal!

Di Johnson and Adam Finn did their usual fantastic job of putting together this year's exhibit by finding volunteers to show boats



Di Johnson and Adam Finn standing behind Di's 1972 Glen-L Hydro 8' Boat. When was the last time you saw a sail boat at one of our exhibits?

and motors, and then recruiting individuals to man the exhibit throughout the show. With help of John Platou who spotted an unusual wooden craft being built in the Atascocita area, Di and Adam invited Dr. Jerry Hyatt to exhibit his 3/4 scale replica of a Bahamian Sailing Dinghy that he personally built.

Since the Houston Texans made it into the playoffs again this year, the boat show was

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closed on the opening Saturday. Unfortunately, the Texans lost their game, but the boat show was able to continue on Sunday.

Mike Friesel's 1946 Chris-Craft Named "CURRENT affair"



Only two inboards participated in this year's display, a 1946 Chris-Craft Special Runabout 16' owned by Mike Friesel and a 1948 Higgins Deluxe Runabout 19' owned by Bob Germany.

Bob Germany's 1948 Higgins Deluxe Named "Freedom"



There were eight outboard runabouts shown in our exhibit this year. One that attracted a lot of attention was Morten Lovstad's self-built Flats Skiff. Most visitors thought it was fiberglass upon first seeing it with its new 2016 Evinrude 60hp outboard. Most were shocked to learn that the boat is made of wood and the paint job is so smooth that it is mistaken for a fiberglass hull. Morten will be entering his boat into the 2017 Keels and Wheels show coming up this May. We are crossing our fingers for you, Morten.

Morten Lovstad's self-built wooden Flats Skiff



The seven remaining outboard boats shown included a 1958 Chris-Craft "Barracuda" 14' kit boat powered by its 1957 Evinrude Lark 35hp owned by Mark Betner, a 1957 Carver Colonel Deluxe 15' with 1958 Johnson Super Sea Horse 35hp owned by Knut Bulow, a 1963 Proske 15' with 1964 Johnson 60hp owned by Darryl Hurst,

a 1972 Glen-L Tiny Titan 8' Hydroplane powered by a 1954 Wizard WJ-7/Mercury Mark 20 combination rat motor owned by Di Johnson, a 1957 Yellow Jacket Catalina 15' with its 1959 Mercury Mark 55A owned by Bob Macaluso, a 1960 Cruisers Inc Holiday Runabout 16' powered by a 1960 Evinrude Starlite 75hp owned by John Platou, and an owner-built Mini-Most 8' from plans in a 1978 Science and Mathematics magazine powered by a 1984 Evinrude 6hp owned by Jack Toole.



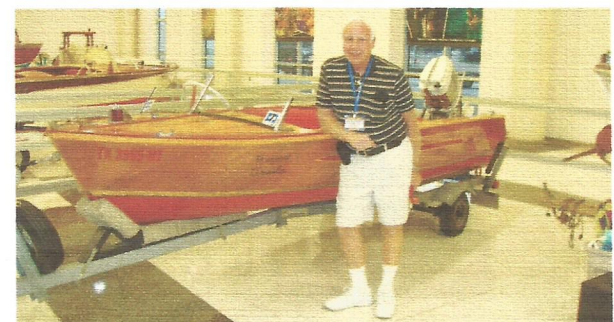
Mark Betner proudly displaying his 1958 Chris-Craft "Barracuda" kit boat with 1957 Evinrude Lark



Knut Bulow next to his 1957 Carver Colonel Deluxe powered by 1958 Johnson Super Sea Horse 35hp



Darryl Hurst showed his Houston-built 1963 Proske outboard runabout with its V-4 Johnson 60hp



Bob Macaluso showed his nicely restored 1957 Yellow Jacket Catalina powered by 1959 Mercury Mark 55A

John Plato and Alan Bischof were incredibly busy with this year's boat show. As usual, they were responsible for the Kid's-Build-A-Boat exhibit within the actual show; however, John also brought his entire collection of 1960s Evinrude outboards plus his boat and Jack Toole's (John's grandson) little Mini-Most boat for our exhibit.



John Platou displayed his 1960 Cruisers Inc Holiday Runabout with its 1960 Evinrude Starflite 75hp

Separate outboard motors were displayed and were provided by several members as follows:

- Jerry Ball displayed his 1935 Minn Kota, 1953 Sea King 5hp, 1958 Evinrude Ducktwin 3hp, 1958 Johnson 5.5hp, and 1958 Johnson 18hp.
- Mark Betner brought his 1953 Johnson 10hp, 1957 Evinrude 18hp, and his lineup of 1957 Johnson outboards including the 3hp, 5.5hp, 7.5hp, 10hp, 18hp, and the Golden Javelin 35hp.
- Adam Finn displayed a flawless 1958 Johnson 7.5hp, 1960 Sea King 3hp, and 1966 Evinrude 9.5hp.
- Morten Lovstad displayed his 1929 Elto Lightweight Fold-up 3.5hp.
- Tom Oncken showed a 1925 Johnson 1.5hp, 1928 Johnson 7.15hp, 1949 Chris-Craft Challenger 5.5hp, 1953 Chris-Craft Commander 10hp, 1955 Oliver Challenger 5.5hp, and 1955 Oliver Commander 15hp.
- John Plato presented his entire lineup of 1960 Evinrudes including the 3hp Ducktwin, 3hp Lightwin, 5.5hp Fisherman, 10hp Sportwin, 18hp Fastwin, 40hp Big Twin, 40hp Lark, and the 75hp Starflite on his boat.



Mark Betner's display of vintage outboards



The majority of guests did not know that Oliver Tractor Corporation made an outboard motor. In fact, many visitors did not know what Oliver Tractor was at all.



Front to Back: Adam Finn's Evinrude and Sea King sandwiched Jerry Ball's Sea King and John Plato's motors wrap around to the back of his boat.



Jerry Ball, Knut Bulow, and Wayne Myers visiting behind Knut's outboard boat and the ACBS banner



Our Texas Chapter banner attached on our second display area



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Upcoming Events

Lake LBJ Spring Wet/Swap Meet — April 21-23, 2017

Just like our fall meet, the spring meet is another must to attend on Lake LBJ at the Longhorn Resort. Lake LBJ is a constant level lake that is more like a wide river surrounded by a lot of natural beauty in the heart of the Texas hill country. This meet is both a great wet meet with plenty of time to run your old boat and motor as well as a sell and swap meet. So bring any motors or parts that you may want to sell. We plan on having boat cruises and a picnic style dinner on Saturday evening. This meet is enjoyed by all and a great chance to get to know some more of your fellow club members. The Longhorn Resort is located on the water with comfortable cabins containing kitchens. There is plenty of dock space for our boats. To make reservations, please call (325) 388-4343.

Location: Longhorn Resort; 151 Melodie Lane; Kingsland, TX 78639

Lake Houston Wet/Swap Meet — June 10, 2017

The 5th annual summer meet for the Texas Chapter will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8:00AM until 5:00PM. This one-day boating/sell/swap meet is on Lake Houston, a 14,000 acre reservoir and a mere 20 minute drive from downtown Houston. The meet is held on the southeastern side of the lake at the Indian Shores Community Center. This facility is a lodge style place resting peacefully on 1.5 acres of beautiful waterfront. Features that provide an excellent site for our meet include an air conditioned clubhouse (with indoor restrooms); easy slope, double-wide boat ramp; picnic tables; and shady trees. A long pier and adjacent bulkheads provide for docking, but be sure to bring extra boat bumpers or cushions to protect your boat. Also, remember to bring your boats, motors, and other stuff that you want to sell and/or swap.

This event has turned into a great relaxing family meet. Lots of kids came last year and found many playmates. We will have a "Kids Fix a Motor Clinic" for youngsters to turn that first wrench. For lunch, we'll be grilling up some great hot dogs with all the fixin's for a nominal cost per person. To facilitate a head count for lunch, please contact Adam Finn by email or phone before the event (include the total # in your party). John Platou is the primary contact for this event at (832) 473-8928 or email him at John.platou@yahoo.com.

Chapter member and host, John Platou, lives on the lake and will lead us on a boat parade. Like always, make sure that you have the normal state-required safety gear on your boat along with your registration. Our invited lunch guests include the City of Houston Lake Patrol officers. Anyone coming from out of town can make reservations for a reasonable cost at the Best Western Plus, a 15 minute drive from the event at (281) 852-5665. Mention that you are with the Antique Outboard Motor Club.

Location: Indian Shores Community Clubhouse; 20731 Appaloosa Trail; Crosby, TX 77532