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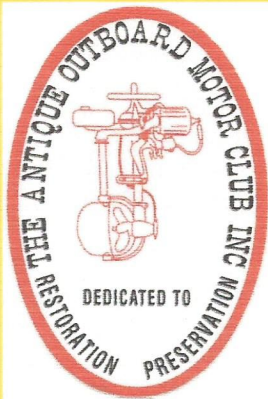
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Several days ago while watching one of my favorite television programs, one of the characters opened a fortune cookie that made me think of our members. The fortune read, "Today's New Friend is Tomorrow's Family." Carefully think back to the first day when you discovered that there were other nuts out there who appreciated old outboard motors as much as you did. Quite a family we have developed here, isn't it?

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you in good health and that the summertime weather is allowing you to restore and play with your treasures. As most of you know,

the next few months are lacking in events mainly due to our hot and humid Texas weather.

Since our next scheduled event is not until late October, our October issue will not have any particular subject to cover. I am always looking for volunteers who are willing to help me create a "Propelling Profile" to publish about one of our members. Please contact me if you have a suggestion and would like to help create a special tribute to someone in the Texas Chapter. Of course, I want to do this without the member's knowledge until seen in publication. Any takers?

## Spring Wet/Swap Meet on Lake LBJ – Farewell to Longhorn Resort

By Tom Oncken

I know that I may have caught you off guard with "Farewell to Longhorn Resort" in the heading above. Several months ago, Adam Finn was informed by the owners of the Longhorn Resort in Kingsland, Texas that we would not be able to have our scheduled October meet at their resort. Sadly, the Longhorn Resort has been sold, and by the end of this summer, all cabins are going to be bulldozed and the area will reopen as a RV park with a restaurant. Accordingly, we had to move fast to save our fall wet meet on the Colorado River and Lake LBJ.

Thanks to quick work by Adam Finn with assistance from Joe McCauley and Meatball Murray, we have found a suitable replacement meet site at The Heart of Texas Lake Resort near Burnet, Texas which is a short drive north of Kingsland. We will still be on the Colorado River, but a little further north with access to Lake LBJ as before. Be sure to check the details on the back page and

make your reservations soon. I understand that Heart of Texas Lake Resort is somewhat popular and books up all rooms very quickly. So, please do not hesitate reserving your room, cabin, condo, or lake house immediately. We do not want you to miss out on all of the fun.

Now back to the story at hand. On the weekend of April 21st through 23rd, we unknowingly attended our last meet at the Longhorn

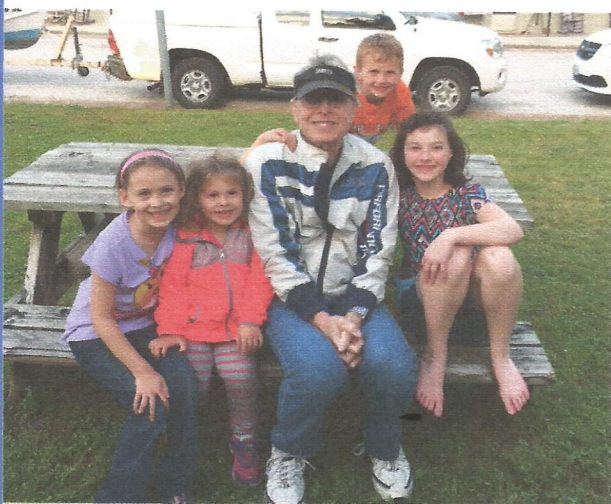


Resort in Kingsland, Texas. Participation was down somewhat this year as a result of bad weather predictions during the days immediately preceding the meet. Fortunately, the worst of the weather was on Friday night, so we had plenty of opportunity to visit, go boating, fish, aggravate some of the children who attended, and to overindulge in various



varieties of food and drink. As usual, our Texas Chapter family had loads of fun at the meet.

Some of the kids having fun at the meet. Addison and Abigail Smith are on the left with Charlie and Emma Oncken on the right. The big kid in the middle is Dennis Schmitt.



Those arriving early on Thursday included Adam and Susan Finn, Joe McCauley and Cornelia Kuffner, and Chip and Marilyn Rathbun. This gave them the opportunity to play on the water during the day Friday while the rest of us made our way up to Kingsland.

Stan and Donna Kremp made a short appearance on Friday night. Unfortunately, Nina Kremp and her children, Johnathan and Sarah Ann, stayed at home as the result of predicted bad weather for the weekend. We missed you and the kids, Nina! We hope you make it back to see us in October.



Jim Lancharic showing off his 1955 Atlas Royal 3HP.

Jim Lancharic from New Braunfels made his first ever appearance at the Lake LBJ meet and he brought a couple of his restored motors with him as well as a boat. He displayed a very nicely restored Gale-built 1955 Atlas Royal 3HP along with his 1947 Mercury KE-7 Lightning 10HP.

Jim had a pair of original unrestored motors in his van that attracted some attention also. They included a 1966 Evinrude Sportwin 9.5HP and a 1957 Wizard WH-6 5HP.

Jim also brought along his 1966 12' Starcraft aluminum boat powered by a beautifully restored 1957 Wizard Powermatic 12HP which he used as his main source of transportation on the lake. If Jim is feeling up to it next January, we would be very happy to add some of his motors to our next



display at the 2018 Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show. We can always use more variety at that annual exhibit.

We had a good turnout of children at this year's spring wet meet. Katie Smith brought her kids; "Scott-Atwater AI", Addison, and little Abigail. Tom and Cyndi Oncken got to spend time with Mike and Jennifer Oncken and their children Emma, Tommy, and Charlie. Between boating, swimming, bean bag throwing, and fishing, they all seemed to have a great time. The kids could not stay away from Dennis Schmitt's hydro.



Addison and Abigail Smith with Charlie and Tommy Oncken checking out Dennis' hydro.

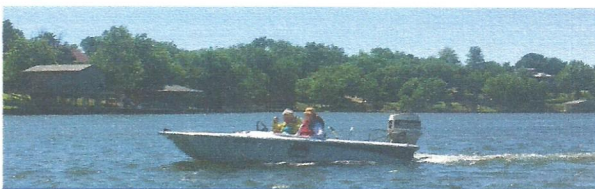


Speaking of race boats, Doug Samstag and his father, Dave, split time running their Marchetti hydroplane powered by its Mark 58H (see photo above). Dennis and Sharon Schmitt made a run



Dennis and Sharon Schmitt speeding by in their Evinrude powered hydroplane.

or two in their Marchetti hydroplane powered by an Evinrude 45SS. That was very impressive, Sharon. Joe McCauley had a little difficulty getting his Power Cat running during the heart of the meet, so he took out his frustrations by running his son's ever-popular Allison "May Fly II" with its 75HP Johnson Stinger. Determined to get the Power Cat on the water, Joe finally discovered the problem with his motor, and he and Cornelia Kuffner finally got to spend some time together on the Lake on Sunday morning.



Joe and Cornelia running the Power Cat.

Susan and Adam Finn had to leave the meet early on Saturday morning to attend a family wedding that night. Prior to leaving, they made arrangements for the Saturday evening meal to be catered in. John Slator and Tom Oncken volunteered to go pickup the barbeque. Glen and Lee Seureau volunteered their porch to serve as the buffet line for the meal. The meal consisted of turkey, brisket, sausage, beef ribs, pinto beans, and coleslaw. Cindy Slator provided a wonderful pie for dessert and Lee Seureau added to the cuisine with some candied pecans.



Above: The buffet line on the Seureau's porch. Below: Happy campers digging in.



We had a few new-comers to our meet including Lee and Glen Seureau's daughter, Caroline Jinks. Brenden Macaluso made an appearance with his friend, William Hesser. Richard Kairis and a lady-friend came for a short while during Saturday and they were wearing matching outfits including some great Texas flag shorts. Louis and Judy Collins also made a brief appearance.

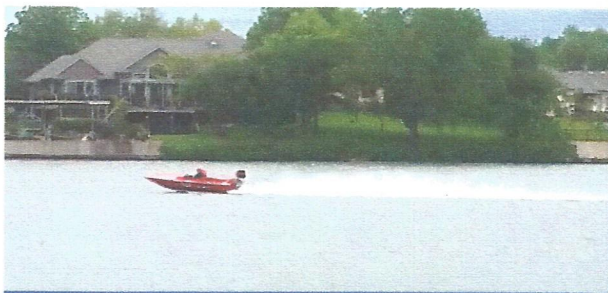
John and Cindy Slator were again at the meet, but I do not think we give enough credit to them for the efforts they do for us. From experience, it is a lot of work finding items to bring to swap, trade, or sell and then having to load them up for the trip. It is a bigger effort when those same items go back home with you. Thanks John and Cindy. I just wanted you to know that we appreciate your efforts. (See examples below.)



I would like to nominate Tony and Andrea Robinson for a "Most Impressive Tow" award. To clarify, they drove their family vehicle to the meet while towing a sizeable travel trailer which was also towing their Wizard outboard motor boat (see the following photos). I bet that drew some attention while traveling down the highways.



I am sure that I have overlooked someone somewhere in this article, so please forgive me if I failed to give you the attention you deserve. Let me know and I will make up for it next time. We will hopefully see you all in October.



The best way to fix one boat is to run the heck out of the other. This inspired Joe to fix the Power Cat.



Look carefully and you will see what the kids were trying to catch. There were some large carp feeding at the docks.



Chip and his ever reliable Corson boat and V-4 Johnson Sea Horse.

# 2017 Keels and Wheels Show

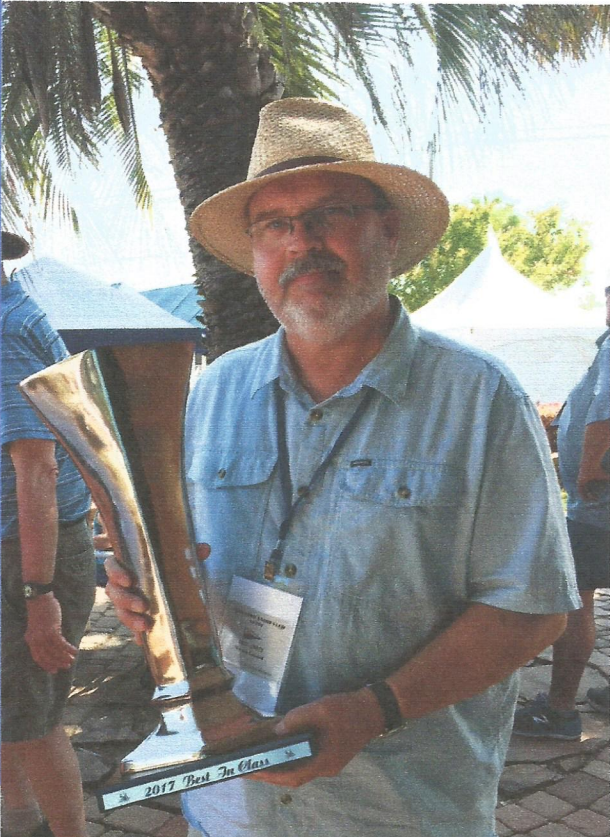
By Tom Oncken

The Texas Chapter was invited to participate in the 2017 Keels and Wheels Show in Seabrook, Texas on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. While we could not find enough volunteers to provide a significant display of vintage outboard motors at the Lakewood Yacht Club like we did last year, three members of the Texas Chapter came through for us and participated by entering their boats into the competition. Amazingly, all three came home with a trophy!



Morten Lovstad's 2016 Flats Skiff with Evinrude power at the docks.

Morten Lovstad, who attended the Keels and Wheels Show for the first time, presented his 2016 hand-built Flats Skiff powered by its new 2016 Evinrude 60hp outboard motor. Morten's boat was awarded the "Best in Class" trophy in the "Contemporary Outboard" class. John Slator, also a new-comer to the show, presented his restored 1931 "Middy" carnival ride boat from Dreamland Margate Amusement Park in Kent,



Morten Lovstad proudly holding his "2017 Best of Class" trophy.



John Slator standing next to his award winning 1931 "Middy" carnival ride boat from England.

England powered by its original British engine. John was awarded the "Corinthian Award" trophy which is the same award that the Texas Chapter received last year for its outboard motor display. Way to go, John! That's keeping the award in the family. Last, but not least, Bob Macaluso, who has participated in many Keels and Wheel events over the years, showed his 1957 Crosby Capri with its 1963 Evinrude Lark 40hp. Bob received the "Silver" award in the "Classic Outboard 16' and Over" class. Winning never grows old, does it Bob?

Congratulations is offered to all of these gentlemen for representing the Texas Chapter so well. Thanks guys, for all of your hard work.



The above photos are of the "Middy" in its days at the Dreamland Margate Amusement Park.

# Lake Houston Wet/Swap Meet

## June 10, 2017

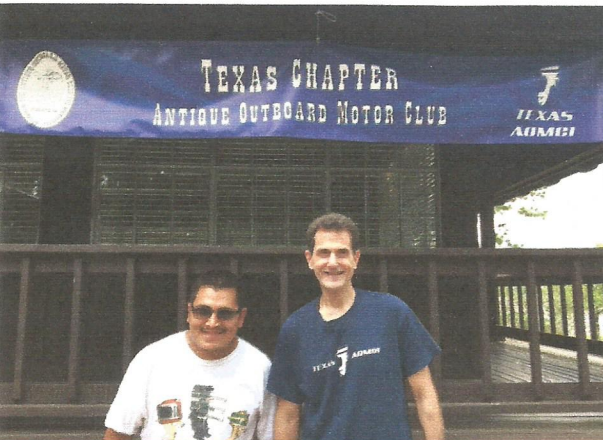
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Our annual early-summer meet on Lake Houston went off without a hitch this year. Unusual weather during the days preceding the meet resulted in lower humidity and lower temperatures than normal for this time of year. There were beautiful blue skies with absolutely no rain. Even mosquitoes did not seem to be a problem. You could not have asked for a better day to swap and/or sell motors and run your boats.



Sandra Simmons, Bob Macaluso, Louis Rothermel, Kent Peters, David Reyna, and John Plato.

We offer sincere thanks to John Platou who hosts this event each year and arranges for us to take over the grounds and related docks at the Indian Shores Community Center. For those of you who have not attended this meet before, the landscape is a well maintained area that resembles a park with many trees and nice manicured grass from the parking lot to the bulkheads and piers. The community center clubhouse is a spacious air-conditioned facility with a kitchen, a dining area with tables and chairs, and clean restrooms. John also provides one of his personal boats for members to use if needed, and a barbecue pit so we can prepare lunch. If members desire to take a dip, there is also a swimming



David Coffey, Jr. and Adam Finn standing in front of the Indian Shores Community Center.

pool in a fenced area next to the clubhouse available to members and their families. If you failed to attend this year, you really missed the boat! [pun intended]

Speaking of attendance, I am a little disappointed to report that our attendance was down a little as compared to prior years. We had twenty-eight individuals attend this year's event including new prospects, Kent and Kim Peters. I believe that John Platou had mentioned the meet to Kent, and as a result, Kent and Kim came for a visit to see what we are all about. Apparently, Kent has a few old outboard motors and was not aware that there was a group of old outboard motor nuts nearby who could help him find parts for his motors and/or assist in advice for their restoration. We apparently made a good impression as Kent decided to join AOMCI and the Texas Chapter before leaving the meet. Kent and Kim are officially a part of our group now and I hope everyone will openly welcome them as they attend future events.

Two of our past members, who had been long-time members previously, decided to rejoin AOMCI and our Texas Chapter after a short absence. Please make an effort to welcome back Ed Slominski, who served as our Texas Chapter President in 2006 and 2007, as well as David Coffey, Jr. who has literally grown up in our Texas Chapter. It is fantastic to have these two gentlemen back in the fold. We missed you guys!



Cyndi Oncken, Cindy and John Slator, Bob Macaluso, Sylvia Coffey, and Sandra Simmons.

To assist Kent (and Kim), Ed, and David, I collected all of their dues while at Lake Houston and forwarded their payments to AOMCI Membership Chairman, Ed Elliott, via my personal PayPal account on that Saturday night. On the following Monday, I mailed their Texas Chapter dues to chapter secretary, Chip Rathbun. Accordingly, I am notifying everyone that these individuals are now paid members of our international organization as well as our local chapter for the next two years. Please make an effort to welcome these

valuable additions into our local chapter. Recent reports from AOMCI have indicated a continuing membership decline over the past few years, and I would like to be sure that the Texas Chapter is doing everything possible to retain our members.

One of our newer members, David Reyna from the Tomball area, attended the Lake Houston meet for the first time. He brought three of his outboards from his collection which included a 1950-51 Evinrude Sportwin 3.3hp, a 1948 Johnson TD-20 5hp, and a 1953 Johnson JW-10 3hp. David is an ASE Certified Technician, so bringing these little motors back to life will not be much of a challenge for him. One of our invited guests, Jeff Kubosh of South Houston, was also attending the Lake Houston meet for the first time. If any of our members need welding help on one of their outboards, Jeff told me a story about his work on the San Jacinto Monument that required aluminum welding on top of the monument where he had to secure the base of the star that sits on top. If the State of Texas trusts Jeff to weld on a coveted piece of Texas history, I am sure he can handle anything that we can come up with. I am not sure about anyone else, but you could not get me on top of that monument in the first place, much less work on it while up there.



Another view of the community center with members visiting in the parking lot.

John and Cindy Slator made the trip from New Ulm again this year. As usual, John brought along a lot of neat items for sale. Two of the more notable motors he brought were a nice Mercury KG-7 Super Ten Hurricane and a rather rare copper gas tank Evinrude Sportsman. He had quite a few motor stands and other things in the bed of his truck. I did not get an opportunity to check with John to see if he sold the items he brought, but I would be surprised if someone did not snap up those particular two outboards. I really was personally interested in the Evinrude; however, my wife, Cyndi, came with me to this meet and I had promised to behave myself. So, I did not take anything new home with me on this weekend. My loss was probably another member's gain.

Morten and Martha Lovstad brought their Keels and Wheels award winning flats skiff. I saw several people go out for a run in Morten's home-

made boat. Powered by a new 2016 Evinrude 60hp outboard, his flats skiff has been a star at several meets this year. It has attracted a lot of attention since being displayed at the Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show in January. Many people find it hard to believe that the boat is made completely of wood, and is painted rather than being made of reinforced plastic like most modern craft today.



Bob Macaluso and Sandra Simmons preparing to take a run in Bob's Yellow Jacket.

Others bringing boats included Bob Macaluso and Sandra Simmons with Bob's nicely restored 1957 Yellow Jacket outboard runabout powered by a beautiful 1959 Mercury Mark 55A. Ed



Serious dealing is going on as Ed Slominski shows his Lyman to David Coffey, Jr.

Slominski brought his 1956 Lyman powered by its Mercury Mark 58 outboard with intent to sell his old friend. The last I heard was that David Coffey, Jr. is now the new owner of that boat. As mentioned earlier, John Platou brought his grandson's Mini-most hydro powered by its 1984 Evinrude 6HP. It demonstrates what a grandson and grandfather can build together in their spare time.

As customary at this particular meet, Texas Chapter first lady, Susan Finn, and chapter president, Adam Finn, brought everything necessary to make a great noontime meal for all who attended. For a contribution of only \$5.00,



Boats provided by John Platou. His grandson's Mini-most hydro on the left with its 1984 6HP Evinrude and John's personal rowing craft on the right similar to the Kid's Build-A-Boat.

perfect 1960 Evinrude Ducktwin into the back of my Suburban. Unfortunately, Cyndi caught me and made me put it back. Oh well, maybe next time.

Others in attendance included the following members and/or guests: Jerry Ball, David and Sylvia Coffey, Sr., Gary Keeney, John Lowey, Erik Platou and his children Grant (3) and Nora (2), Louis Rothermel, Royce Strickland, and Robert Taylor. Our sincere thanks is given to all who took time to come see us at this year's Lake Houston gathering and we hope to see you all back again next summer. Be sure to invite your family and friends to join in the fun. I do not think you will be disappointed.

### MISCELLANEOUS OTHER STUFF:

1. Recently, Adam Finn sent out an email to all members with a survey to see what things you would like us to continue, and what things you would like us to change. For those without email addresses, a survey and return mail envelope is being provided with this newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out the survey and return it to Adam so we can try to formulate future activities and meets. Remember, this is your chapter. We want to do things that you want to do, and we need your input. Thanks in advance for your responses.
2. This is a reminder that this is an election year for Texas Chapter officer positions. All positions are open for new candidates if you are interested in serving in any one of them. That includes President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Before you panic, we existing officers are not going to abandon the chapter. We are simply trying to encourage others with fresh ideas and thoughts to take a turn if so desired. Adam has served as President for 6 consecutive years, Tom has served at a multitude of officer positions in excess of 12 years beginning as far back as October 1991, and Chip has served as our President for 2 years immediately followed by 6 more years as Secretary/Treasurer for a total of 8 consecutive years. We will be asking for your nominations for officer positions sometime in September. If you want to nominate someone for an office, please make sure that the individual is willing to serve. If you want to run for office and need someone to nominate you, please let us know, and one of us will nominate you.
3. Your input about any area of our chapter is always welcome. Please feel free to contact any of us anytime. Thanks.

members were treated to Hebrew National hotdogs grilled on John Platou's grill. Susan provided her homemade chili to add to the hotdogs, and if one desired to do so, a Frito-chili pie could be fashioned with little or no effort. Of course, all of the other usual hotdog fixings were available as well as watermelon and some cookies for dessert. Nobody left hungry and the only complaint I overheard was of several individuals being too full. While Adam was grilling the hotdogs and not watching too carefully, I tried to sneak his almost



Two views (above and below) of the members enjoying the fabulous buffet provided by Susan and Adam Finn.





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## Upcoming Events

### Lake LBJ Fall Wet/Swap Meet — October 27-29, 2017

Just like our spring meet, the fall meet is another must to attend; however, the meet location has changed as a result of the sale of the Longhorn Resort in conjunction with an anticipated demolition of the cabins that we once occupied. The fall meet will still be held at Lake LBJ, just at a new location northward up the Colorado River at The Heart of Texas Lake Resort. This meet is both a great wet meet with plenty of time to run your old boat and motor as well as a sell/swap meet, so bring any motors and/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 better get to know some of your fellow club members. The Heart of Texas Resort is located on the water with comfortable cabins with kitchens. Go to their website to gain more information and photos at [heartoftexaslakeresort.com](http://heartoftexaslakeresort.com).

For reservations, please contact Ruth Ann Bowland at her work number (512) 756-7766, and if no answer, you can call her cell number (830) 613-9269. The Heart of Texas Lake Resort is located at 408 Glen Oak Parkway, Burnet, TX 78611.

### 24th Annual Houston Swap Meet — November 10-12, 2017

This three day swap meet hosted by long-time member, Louis Rothermel, opens at 9:00 AM and closes at 6:00 PM each day. This will be the 24th year that Louis has sponsored this event. Friday morning is primarily for setup, but some dealing starts early. Members arrive at various times throughout the day on Friday. At some point near noon, Louis will order in some local hamburgers for those who want one. At the end of the day, some members usually visit the nearby Jax Grill for dinner and beverages. Saturday is the heart of the meet with swapping starting early. Coffee and donuts are provided upon arrival. An excellent Bar-B-Q lunch will be catered in around 1:00PM for a \$10 per person fee for all you can eat. A business meeting will ensue after lunch. The remainder of the day is for swapping, repairing, or running your motors in the test tank. Most trading will have been completed by the end of Saturday. Sunday is mostly a work day for those wishing to take advantage of Louis' shop which includes a lathe, parts washer, bead-blaster, drill press, and torch equipment. We usually have several experienced members on duty to help with those stubborn problems. Lunch is usually the remaining Bar-B-Q from Saturday's feast. The swapping of motors and parts is usually light by Sunday and most time is spent visiting and working on motors. Please contact Louis for information on available hotels in the area if a room is desired. There are several very nice hotels within a very short distance of the meet.

Meet Location: Rothermel Properties; 5910 Star Lane; Houston, TX 77057; (713) 783-6300