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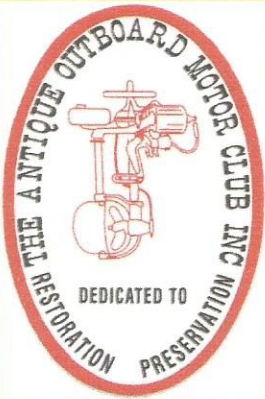
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Well folks, 2017 is quickly coming to an end and the holiday season is about to take over. So in advance, I want to wish all of you a Joyous Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!

This issue of our newsletter is being published somewhat late as compared to prior years. For those of you who are not aware, I had neck surgery performed on August 9th and I have been out of commission for a few months as a result.

Between the hospital time, the rehab stay, and the Warden [my wonderful wife] struggling to make me behave myself, our newsletter among many other things had to be delayed for a while.



This issue will be short and sweet since we just completed our last wet meet of the year at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort; and the final meet, Louis Rothermel's 24th annual Houston Swap Meet, is almost upon us. In regard to the 24th annual



Houston Swap Meet, I hope that all of you will make a concentrated effort to come by and visit for at least one of the three days. It takes a special person to open up his private shop to the membership so that we can play with our toys for 24 years in a row. You all need to look through your personal outboard items and choose something to display

and/or swap and trade. I have heard some prior comments that the trading has slowed down over the past few years. Are you the reason that has happened? Think about it.

If you like good company, good food, any number of refreshments, and camaraderie, you need to show up at the Houston Swap Meet and have some fun. I do not believe that you will be disappointed.

On another subject, I wish to offer a personal thanks to AOMCI and Texas Chapter Founder, Dave Reinhartsen. In the past few months, Dave has bestowed a couple of very special gifts to me. One of the items is his pin-back button from the June 1988 AOMCI International Meet held in Winona, MN. The second item is a special permanent plastic membership card that was developed by George Jacobs years ago when he served as AOMCI's Membership Chairman.



I believe the cards were distributed especially to our long-term members of the AOMCI. In the months ahead, I hope to research the history of these cards in past issues of The Antique Outboarder. I know that I will cherish these two items and pass them on to my son someday.



Thank you, Dave. I could not be happier.

Tom Oncken

Annual Fall Wet/Swap Meet at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort

By Tom Oncken

Our latest wet meet was held at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort located on the Colorado River just north of Kingsland and west of Burnet, Texas. Our usual retreat had been the Longhorn Resort in Kingsland, Texas; however, as reported a few months ago, most of the cabins with the sole exception of one next to the swimming pool have all been bulldozed and removed. The newest large trailer has also been removed. Only the office and several mobile campers were there when we cruised by the area.



As a result of the demolition of Longhorn Resort, we rescheduled this year's wet meet for the weekend of October 27th through 29th at the new location where Texas Chapter members could rent a condo unit or a cabin. Overall, the facilities were excellent. The cabins are across a ravine from the condos, but the walking distance was tolerable.

Several individuals decided to arrive early on Thursday including Adam and Susan Finn, Joe McCauley and Cornelia Kueffner, Meatball Murray and Caroline Holton, and Dennis and Sharon Schmitt. Weather was in the 80's and sunny for some early boating. The early birds went to Doc's Fish Camp and Grill for dinner.

A cold front came through early on Friday morning which dropped morning temperatures into the 40's; however, by afternoon, the temperatures became more bearable in the 60's with winds in the 20mph range. Joe and Adam decided to make a run down the river and went as far as the Longhorn Resort to check out the area. Most of the other members began arriving throughout the day on Friday.

Brenden Macaluso arrived on a vintage Honda motorcycle which he has been modifying with



some custom equipment which he personally designed. Fortunately, Brenden's partner, Nicole Buergers, arrived on Saturday in a pickup truck, and as a result, Brenden got to ride back home inside the truck while the motorcycle rode in the back in the cold. Brenden convinced his father, Robert Macaluso to come to the meet, so Robert flew his private plane to a local airport where Brenden picked him up.



Adam Finn saw a photo opportunity while Dave Samstag was trying to sell a nice 3HP Evinrude. From left to right are Weldon Eklund, Peter Schultz, Tom Oncken, and Dave Samstag.

As a result of the earlier cold front, the Saturday morning temperature was 33 degrees and there was frost on the ground. Needless to say, many of us were in no hurry to launch boats and get on the water. Many chose to travel to one of the Crazy Gal's Cafes either in Kingsland, Burnet, or Granite Shoals to have a good breakfast rather than endure the early cold temperatures.

After breakfast, many boats were launched and most were successfully run. Glenn and Lee Seureau with their daughter, Caroline Jinks, brought an unusual boat and motor combination. Glenn's boat is a 1991 Riviera Fowler duck boat powered by a 1981 Johnson 7.5HP out-board motor. Unfortunately, the motor refused to start, so the boat remained on shore. With the temperatures as they were, I do not believe that Glenn was all that disappointed.



Glenn Seureau's duck boat.



Behind the banner is Alan Bischof on the left and John Platou on the right. In front of the banner is Abigail Smith on the left and Addison Smith on the right. You go girls!!

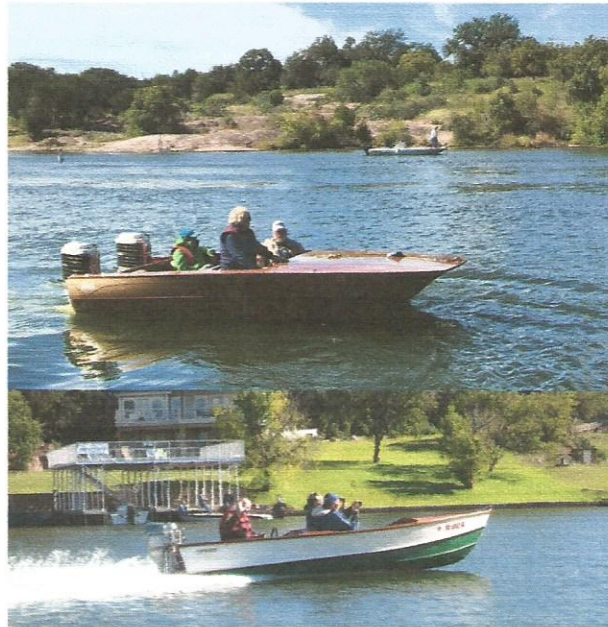
Two of our local legends who cater to younger outboarders are John Platou and Alan Bischof. John and Alan volunteered to come to this year's wet meet to provide a youth training session that they call "Kids Build an Engine". This is where they show kids how to dismantle and rebuild a vintage 5.5HP Evinrude outboard. The kids are encouraged to use a screwdriver or a wrench as needed. This training session is usually well received by the kids and their parents.



We saw a couple of the older "kids" participating in "Kids Build an Engine". Notice that Andrea Robinson and Susan Finn are working on a lower unit. I bet that Tony and Adam cannot wait until they both start rebuilding motors at home.

Others bringing boats included Adam and Susan Finn with their 1961 Glass Magic with 1963 Mercury Merc 650, Jerry and Rocky Lindamood with Jerry's homemade Lindy Craft powered by twin 1962 Mercury Merc 700 motors, Joe McCauley with his 1968 Glastron with 1991 Johnson 70HP, Meatball Murray with his Hydra-sports boat with 1967 Mercury Merc 1100, Tony and Andrea Robinson with their 1958 Wizard boat powered by a 1957 Mercury Mark 30 [Mark 58 powerhead],

Louis Rothermel with his 1985 Stauter-Built boat with its 1943 Evinrude Storm Boat Motor 50HP, Peter Schultz with his 1959 Alumacraft powered by 1958 Johnson Super Sea Horse 35HP, and "Scott-Atwater Al" and Katie Smith with Al's 1962 U-2 Commando with its 1965 Sears (McCulloch-built) 75HP outboard with custom lower unit. (I sure hope that I did not overlook anyone.)



Jerry Lindamood sharing his fancy Lindy Craft with Meatball and Joe. Those twin Mercs could really haul!

Although a little stubborn at first, Louis Rothermel's 1943 Storm Boat Motor was the oldest running outboard at this meet.

Others in attendance not previously mentioned included Weldon and Cheryl Eklund, Richard Kairis and Cindy Standfest, David Reyna, and John and Cindy Slator. Overall, I believe I counted 35 in attendance at this meet. That is not bad when you consider our last minute venue change.

Saturday night dinner consisted of some great lasagna, garlic toast, and a fresh tossed salad prepared by Susan Finn and Cheryl Eklund. The Finn and Eklund condos were used as the dining rooms due to the cold weather. Susan also ordered a neat decorated cake from HEB and Lee Seureau provided some fantastic oatmeal cookies. Thank you ladies! It was a great meal, as always.



Almost everyone left by 11:00am on Sunday morning; however, Joe McCauley decided to stay for a while and ran his Power Cat that was at Meatball's shop. Joe said that it was fairly warm with no wind, but too many wakeboard boats.

Well, this concludes my final newsletter for 2017. Please forgive me if I have overlooked anyone or anything at this last wet meet of the year. I was rushing it so it could get to you before Louis' meet on November 10 through 12th. I hope to see you all there!



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Remaining 2017 Event

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

This three day swap meet hosted by long-time member and Past AOMCI Vice President, 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. Bring your friends and bring your motors and paraphernalia to display, swap, sell, and/or repair.

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 anyone desiring 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 negotiations 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 old outboard 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 77057-7118; (713) 783-6300