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## Texans in The Antique Outboarder

By Tom Oncken

By now, all of you have received your July 2018 issue of The Antique Outboarder and may have noticed that it has a bit of a Texas flare to it. Not only is our recent article about the 1st Annual Lipan Meet printed within those pages, but the front cover shows a pair of Tony Robinson's friends, Ronnie Barton and M. G. Madden, standing proudly next to Ronnie's exquisitely restored 1957 Johnson 18HP outboard on his Lone Star boat. As if that was not enough, my two grandsons were prominently featured on the top left of the back cover along with a large photo of Chip Rathbun and Adam Finn printed on the bottom half of the page. They were cruising in Chip's Corson boat powered by its 1958 Johnson V-4 at the Heart of Texas meet held last April. What a recruiting tool for our Texas Chapter!

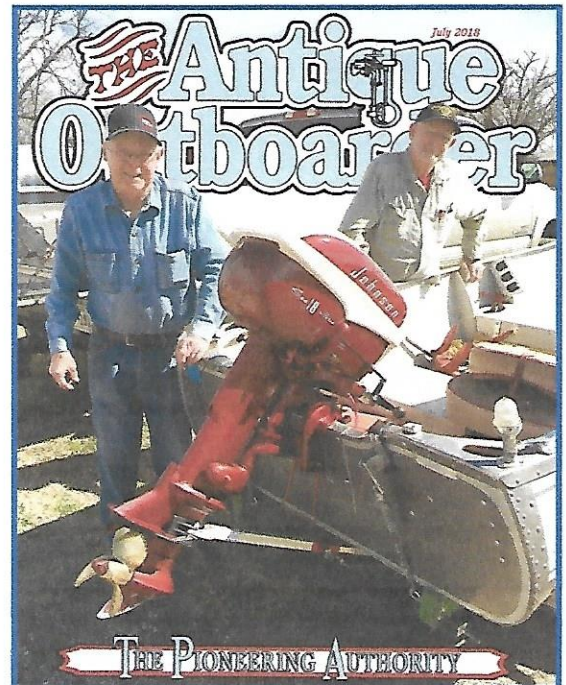
That is not all though because there were four additional Texas based articles in the magazine this time. The next time you see Joe McCauley, be sure to go up to him and thank him for making us the stars of this last quarterly magazine. Joe devotes a great deal of his personal time writing articles for The Antique Outboarder. If you look at the Table of Contents in the July 2018 issue, you will notice that Joe's name appears four times in this publication.

Joe produced an excellent two page technical article called "**Leakdown, Break-in, Ring Seal, and Oil**" to discuss methods of testing powerheads. Several pages later appears Joe's anecdote about Edgar Rose and Charlie Strang. Further back in the magazine, Joe created an informative report about our Spring wet meet at the Heart of Texas Resort, and last but not least, Joe assisted in the publication of the formal "Markings" section covering the passing of Charlie Strang. If one did not know better, one may think that Joe was on the editorial staff for The Antique Outboarder magazine. Again, the next time you see Joe, shake his hand and thank him for the wonderful job he

has done putting our chapter in the spotlight.

With our club's last publication in mind, when was the last time you submitted a technical tip, a story about your outboarding experiences, or anything describing that last rare find that you obtained? Did you ever find a living surprise in one of your motors? Why not share that information with the rest of our membership? It is easy and it gives you something to brag about once you have published an article of your very own in our international magazine.

You do not have to be an English major to do this and there is a lot of help if you need it. I am sure that Adam and Joe would join me in offering to proofread any article should you desire our help. Scott Bogue, editor of The Antique Outboarder, will also be happy to edit your writing attempt if you are concerned about it. All you need to do is read the "**Submission Tips and Guidelines**" posted in every issue of our magazine to get started. You definitely will not regret it.



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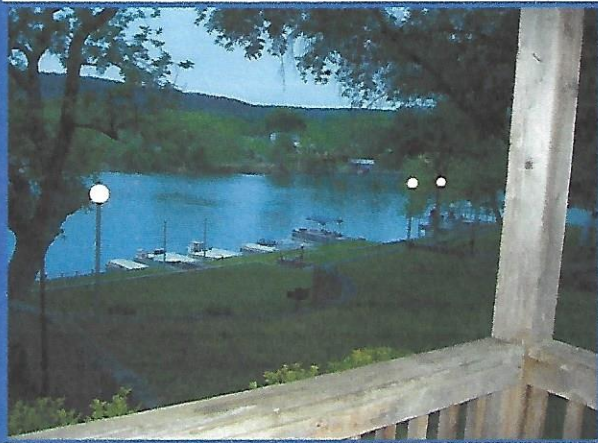
# Annual Lake LBJ Spring Wet Meet

April 20-22, 2018

By Tom Oncken

Since we moved to the Heart of Texas Resort in Burnet, Texas in late 2017, our Lake LBJ wet meet has become more of a Colorado River wet meet. Our current meet location is closer to Inks Lake whose dam is just north of the resort, with Lake LBJ actually being quite a few miles south.

For those who have not attended either of our two meets held at the Heart of Texas Resort, it is a slightly different setting than we experienced in Kingsland. There are a pair of two-story condominiums, a group of cabins, a cluster of camping spaces, and even a couple of houses available for rent. There is more than ample dock space on the water and the boat launch ramp is easily accessible and is not very steep at all. Unlike the Longhorn Resort where we all could see each other the second we stepped out of our cabins, the Heart of Texas Resort is more spread out and we have to make an effort to find each other.

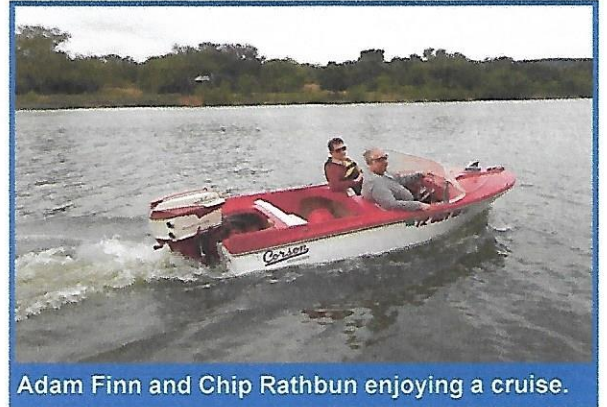


Louis Rothermel and Tom Oncken had a room in the larger condo unit. Check out the late afternoon view. Fantastic!

Chip and Marilyn Rathbun decided to come early on Thursday as did Joe McCauley and Cornelia Kuffner. Although the weather was somewhat threatening on Thursday with potential winds and rain, Joe drove his 1965 Power Cat with its 60HP Johnson (with 75HP Stinger powerhead hidden inside) from Kingsland up the Colorado River to the resort. Later that evening, Joe, Cornelia, Chip, and Marilyn visited the Rathbun's favorite seafood restaurant in Marble Falls for dinner.

Joe ran his Power Cat again on Friday once Chip had launched his Corson boat. The two of them took their boats down the Colorado River and then along the Llano River to the site of the old Longhorn Resort where we previously held our annual LBJ wet meets. Apparently, all cabins have been demolished and a pair of buildings have been erected in their place. The entrance road to the property is now called "Longhorn Drive" and it takes you to the newly constructed "Boat Town Burger Bar". According to Joe's recent article in The Antique Outboarder, they now have "many boat unfriendly metal piers" where

we once docked our boats. It is really sad to see changes like these in our old stomping grounds.

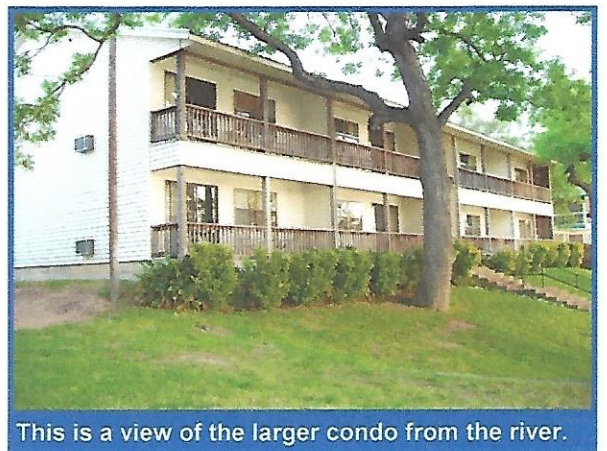


Adam Finn and Chip Rathbun enjoying a cruise.

Adam and Susan Finn had planned on arriving on Thursday, but were delayed and arrived with the majority of our members on Friday. Adam did get an opportunity to take a ride with Chip in Chip's Corson boat powered by a 1958 Johnson V-4 Sea Horse 50HP. Later, Chip and others made a decision to take their boats out of the water as the threat of bad weather continued. Forecasts were still being broadcast that heavy winds and rain were soon to arrive.

Meatball Murray and George Gustafson made a brief appearance on Friday afternoon to visit with other arrivals. Later that evening, Tony and Andrea Robinson, Earl Gerloff, Jackie Johnson, and Chip and Marilyn Rathbun ventured into Marble Falls to get some Italian food. Joe McCauley, Cornelia Kuffner, Morten and Martha Lovstad (with granddaughter, Kiara Mallard), John and Cindy Slator, Adam and Susan Finn, and Dave Samstag went to Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant in Kingsland for their traditional Mexican food dinner.

Louis Rothermel and I arrived somewhat late on Friday after our usual visit to Opie's Barbecue in Spicewood, Texas. We just had to get some of those great butter beans!!



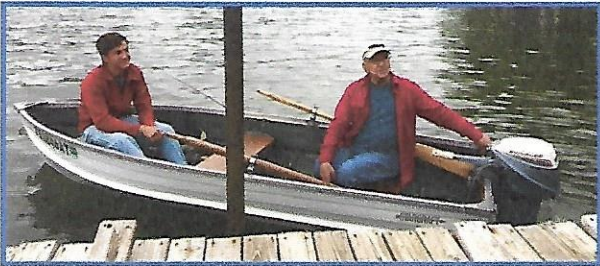
This is a view of the larger condo from the river.

Numerous members' boats were not in the water when Louis and I arrived on Friday night due to the continuing threat of stormy weather. The weatherman was wrong (thank goodness) as the undesirable weather took a northward turn. We got a light rain on Friday night and perhaps a little more on Saturday morning while all of us were at various breakfast sites. Otherwise, most of the day on Saturday was beautiful.

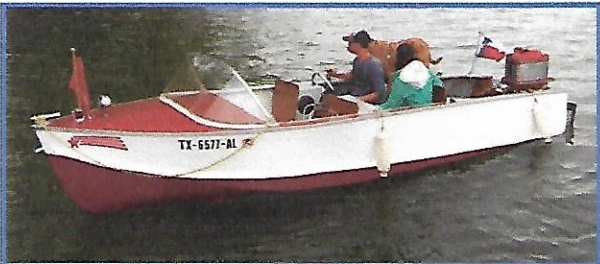
We had a number of new faces show up for this meet. Coach Larry Mayo and Ann Mayo were present for their first wet meet and brought along Larry's 1967 Boston Whaler powered by its 1967 Johnson V-4 60HP (see photo below). Jim



Lancharic made the trip from New Braunfels and brought along his grandson, David Ethridge. They were seen running David's Starcraft boat powered by a 1966 Evinrude 9.5HP (see photo below), both of which were apparently gifts from



grandpa. Earl Gerloff with guest Jackie Johnson came as a result of a special invitation from Tony Robinson. Earl ran his Lone Star boat powered by a 1957 Mercury Mark 55. Earl and Jackie also brought along a four-legged friend, June, who enjoyed going on boat rides. Morten and Martha Lovstad were also in attendance and brought along their granddaughter, Kiara Mallard. They spent some time in Morten's handmade flats skiff powered by an Evinrude E-Tec 60.



Earl Gerloff and Jackie Johnson in a nice Mercury powered Lone Star boat accompanied by June, their furry First Mate.

Ed and Colleen Kiford invited the Sullivan family to this wet meet. Tom and Carol Sullivan and Teresa and Michelle Sullivan came along to see what "old outboarding" was about. Ed brought his 1960's aluminum boat with a 1956 Evinrude



Ed Kiford had to paddle to the dock because his little Evinrude was just not in the mood to run. Ed did follow the AOMCI golden rule, "Keep the oars handy!"

15HP that some of our members helped make run at the 24th Annual Houston Swap Meet last November. Apparently, we failed Ed because we could not get it to run this time. Sorry Ed, we will try to do better in the future. Glenn Seureau and



Glenn and Harrison Seureau running down the Colorado River.

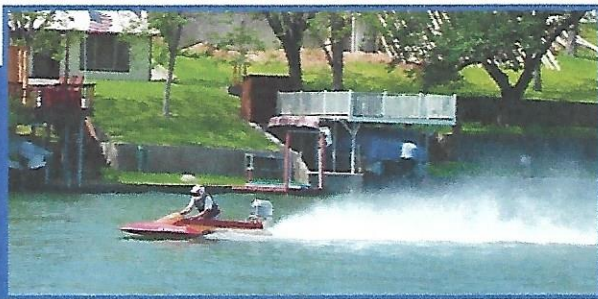
Harrison Seureau spent some time running around in a nice center console boat powered by a 1984 Johnson 40HP. This was a much better result than last trip when Glenn decided to keep his duck boat on the trailer. We are still not sure that Glenn was having engine problems last time, but maybe a severe cold-natured issue instead (and I am not referring to the outboard).

Quite a few regulars showed up for this spring wet meet. John and Cindy Slator brought a 1957 DuraCraft powered by a 1963 Gale Sovereign 40HP. I understand that John volunteered to take Jerry Lindamood on a cruise. Jerry decided to leave his Lindycraft at home because of the bad weather forecasts. There was no sense in exposing its beautiful finish to the elements.

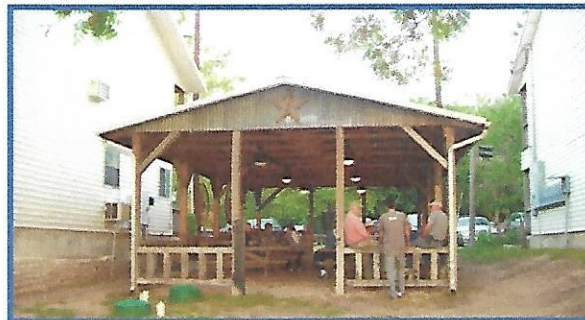


John Slator next to his DuraCraft aluminum boat and Gale Outboard.

As usual, Dave Samstag has the need for speed. His little Marchetti hydro was looking good!



Dave Samstag was very prominent while running his Marchetti hydro powered by its Mercury Mark 58AH race engine. I believe there was some prop swapping being performed to see if his speeds could be increased. Tony and Andrea Robinson brought their 1958 Wizard aluminum boat powered by a 1957 Mercury Mark 30 which is housing a Mark 58 powerhead behind the band. That little boat really moves!



This covered pavilion rests between the two sets of condos and serves as an excellent venue for our Victory Dinner on Saturday evening.

Saturday evening's meal was again arranged by Adam and Susan Finn with some excellent barbecue catered in from Spyke's B-B-Q in Kingsland, Texas. We had the usual full spread of brisket, ribs, sausage, and turkey along with all of the sides. We wish to offer our thanks to Susan and her helpers, Cindy Slator and Rocky Lindamood, for setting up the meal in the open covered area between the condos. We were not able to have our meal outdoors in October due to the very cold weather, so this location was an improvement from splitting up all of the members between a pair of condo rooms. A very special thanks is also due to Rocky for her extraordinary strawberry cake and Cindy for her fabulous cherry cobbler. I cannot say it enough, these are some very special ladies who put up with our group of outboard motor-heads. Thank you ladies!

Tony and Andrea Robinson kicking up some spray in their Wizard boat.

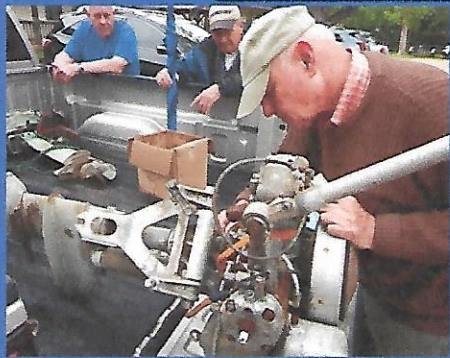


Others in attendance at this meet not mentioned earlier included Weldon and Cheryl Eklund, Greg Ganz, Rocky Lindamood, David and Belinda Reyna, "Scott-Atwater Al" and Katie Smith with their little sidekicks, Addison and Abigail Smith.

Louis Rothemel just could not help himself at this meet. A nice Johnson PO was delivered for him to take back to Houston, but you must first consider, we drove to the meet in Louis' mid-sized Mercedes Benz. The trunk just did hold our suitcases comfortably. How in the heck were we going to transport this PO? Check out the photos!



Dave Samstag getting a little help from Morten Lovstad. Wait a minute! Isn't that an Evinrude towing a Mercury?!? (Sorry about that Dave. I just could not help myself.)



Believe it or not, Louis dismantled that old PO and fit every piece carefully in the trunk. When it was time to head back to Houston, our luggage fit comfortably in the back seat. By the way, "mum" is the word in regard to this transaction. Its addition to Louis' collection will be our little secret. OK guys?

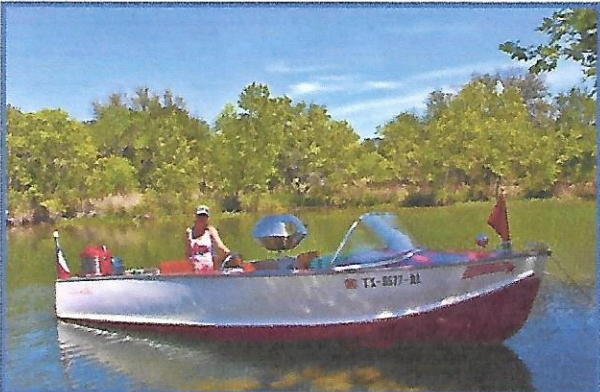


Although his shirt says otherwise, he is still very quick as "Smokin' Joe" takes Cornelia for a ride.



Adam caught the following members visiting at the docks: Louis Rothermel, Ed Kilford, Weldon Eklund, Tom Sullivan, Carol Sullivan, Jim Lancharic, David Ethridge, and Tom Oncken.

Most individuals decided to pack up and return home in the morning on Sunday to attempt to get home during daylight. On their way home, a few of our attendees decided to make a short trip north to Inks Lake whose dam is just to the north of the Heart of Texas Resort. Tony and Andrea Robinson, Earl Gerloff, and Jackie Johnson pulled their boats out and then towed them up to



Jackie Johnson in the boat as Earl Gerloff takes this photo. Notice how well equipped this boat is. There is an Evinrude kicker next to the Mercury to make sure they get back to the launch ramp, and there is a barbeque pit attached to the side so they can grill up some grub before leaving for the day.



A view over the transom of Earl's boat as he and Jackie explore Inks Lake. Great flag, Earl!

Inks Lake. Tony and Andrea decided to keep their dual trailer setup connected and just simply looked around a bit. Earl, Jackie, and their furry companion, June, decided to launch once again and did a little running around on Inks Lake prior to making their way back home.

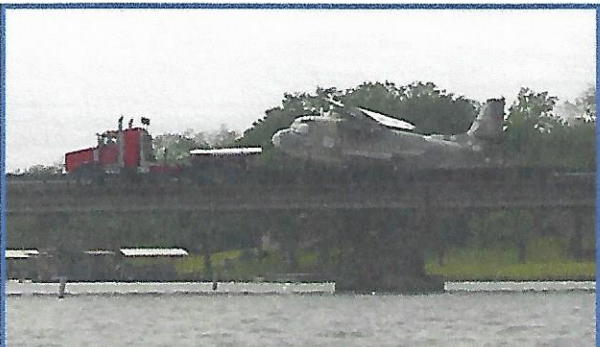
All in all, it was another successful wet meet at the Heart of Texas Resort and we have planned to return on October 19th through the 21st later this year. Of course, as we have seen, some members will arrange to come earlier. I hope all of you decide to join us in October when we do it one more time. If you are interested in attending, please see the schedule on the back page for contact information so you can make your reservations now. They fill up very quickly from what we have seen in the past. We hope to see all of you and your friends there!



Kiara Mallard enjoying another perk of the Heart of Texas Resort, putt-putt golf for the kids.



Joe McCauley making sure that Dave Samstag's race prop is just right.



Apparently there was a rumor that a runway had been constructed at the old Longhorn Resort. This fellow must have been very disappointed.

# Annual Lake Houston Wet/Swap Meet

June 9, 2018

By Tom Oncken

We had another successful wet/swap meet at Lake Houston on Saturday, June 9th. We wish to thank John Plato for hosting this event and making the arrangements for us to use the picnic grounds, launch ramp, docks, and the clubhouse at Indian Shores Community Center. Unfortunately, due to Hurricane Harvey, the swimming pool was not available this year. Since repairs had just been completed on the pool, there were no life guards available to work the site on our weekend and community rules state that the pool cannot be operated without life guards on duty.

Disassembled Evinrude on the stand and the Kids-Paint-A-Boat is ready for some painters.



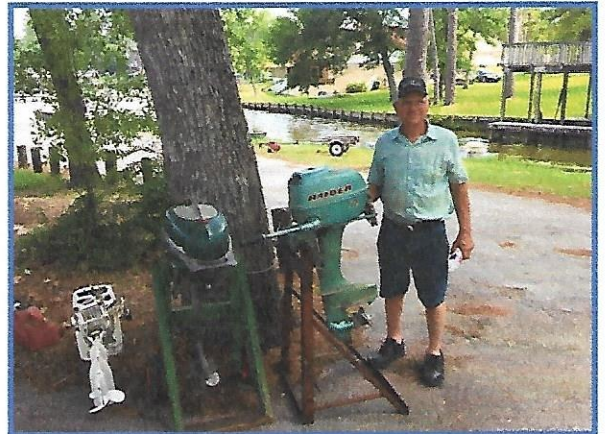
John Plato started early on Saturday morning setting up the "Kid's Build-A-Boat" tent with the intention of preparing the pieces of the boat to be used in the Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show next January. He also brought the "Kid's Paint-A-Boat" hull for painting and the little Evinrude used for "Kids Build-An-Engine". When you consider that John also brought the grill to make lunch and a boat or two to play with, he and Alan Bischoff were very busy moving things all day Saturday. Thanks for all of the hard work gentlemen! We really appreciate your efforts.

This is a view from the boat ramp looking back to the clubhouse. A very nice setup for a one day meet.



As is customary for this part of the world, it was hot upon arrival due to the high humidity. There are a lot of trees; however, there was very little if any wind to speak of, so it stayed hot for most of

the day. As usual, John and Cindy Slator came and had a few things for sale in the back of John's pickup. Jerry Ball placed me in charge of a 6HP mid-seventies Johnson outboard to see if I could find it a new home. A few members set out some motors for display. Bruce Henderson setup his Mercury KG-7 Super 10 Hurricane. Shortly afterwards, Jeff Kubosh placed his unusual Wizard Powermatic 12 next to the Bruce's Mercury. Jeff's motor had been modified with the name "Raiders" on the side of the hood. A few other outboards were on hand, but the formal displays were not as large as in past years.

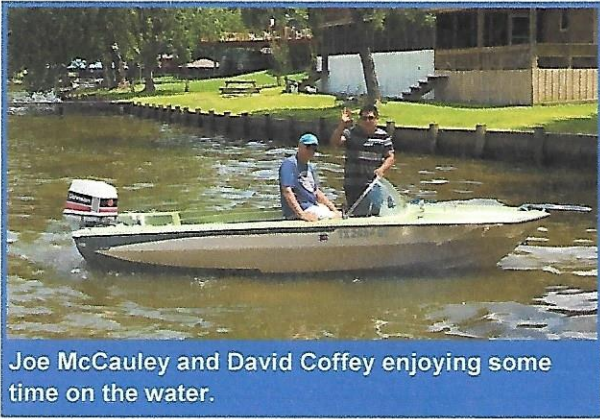


A few motors at the meet including Jerry Ball's Johnson on the left, Bruce Henderson's Mercury in the center, and Jeff Kubosh showing off his Wizard Powermatic 12 on the right.

Several members brought their boats to the meet so they could run around on Lake Houston and see the sights. Peter Schultz brought his Alumacraft aluminum boat powered by a nicely restored 1958 Johnson 35HP (see below). With

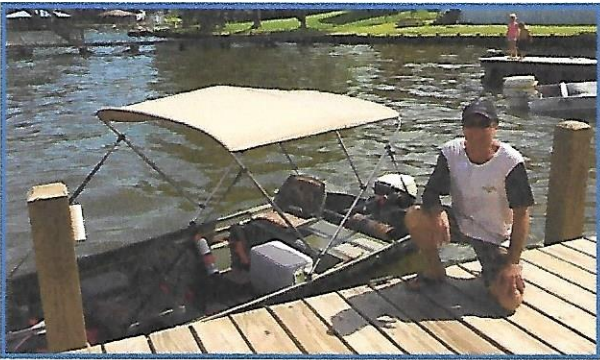


the swimming pool being out of bounds, Peter volunteered to take Emma, Tommy, and Charlie Oncken for a little boat ride. Thanks for keeping them occupied, Peter! Joe McCauley was also seen taking members for a ride on his Glastron boat powered by its Johnson 70HP. James Sengele, a new member who joined following



Joe McCauley and David Coffey enjoying some time on the water.

this meet brought his 2017 AlumaCraft 14' Jon Boat powered by a 1968 Johnson 9.5HP low profile outboard as shown in the photo below. Welcome to the club, James!



As usual, Adam and Susan Finn volunteered to prepare lunch for the individuals in attendance at this meet. For a small donation to the pot, each person was allowed to partake in grilled Hebrew National hotdogs with several condiments, Susan's homemade chili (for the hotdogs, or to make a chili pie with Fritos), along with some fresh watermelon and cookies. While we were inside having lunch, a quick somewhat heavy rain shower moved across the area. It was over by the time we finished eating, but I got wet when I ran to close the Suburban's open windows. It is funny because the shower disappeared just as quickly as it arrived and many attendees did not even know that it rained until they came out and saw the wet pavement. Otherwise the weather was beautiful for the rest of the afternoon.



The air-conditioned clubhouse is fantastic for our lunch break. No mosquitoes and great food!



Morton Lovstad, John Slator, and Mark Betner attempting to behave themselves. John's Alumaweld shirt attracted a lot of attention!

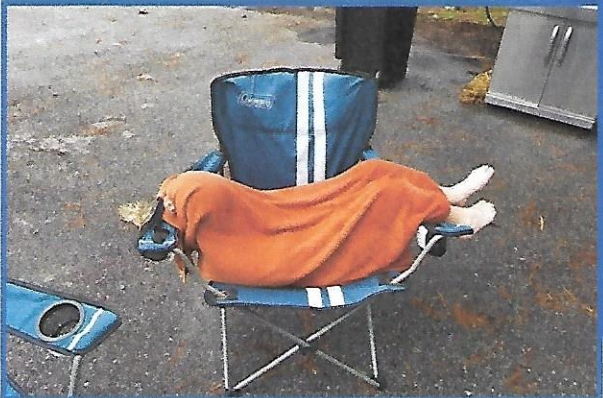


Mike Oncken caught a photo of the quick driving rain while most of us were inside having lunch.

Others in attendance not previously mentioned included Jose Alba, Darren Baird, Chris and Alex Baird, Gary Keeney, John Laney, John Martin, Dan Peoples, Chad Pinter, David Reyna, Steve Seale (also a new member), Glenn and Lee Seureau, and Royce Strickland. It is somewhat difficult to get people to attend during the heat of summer, so overall this was a well-attended one-day meet. We thank you all for coming.



Notice that Emma, Tommy, and Charlie Oncken were not bothered by the rain.



Who needs a swimming pool?! Tommy Oncken taking a break from all of the fun. That's all folks!!



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## Upcoming Events

### Lake LBJ Fall Wet Meet — October 19-21, 2018

Just like our spring meet, the fall meet is another must to attend. The fall meet will be held near Lake LBJ on 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 it is a great chance to get to know some of your fellow club members. The Heart of Texas Resort is located on the water with comfortable condos and cabins with kitchens. You can visit their website to gain more information and see related 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.

### 25th Anniversary Houston Swap Meet — November 9-11, 2018

It is hard to believe; however, Louis Rothermel will be hosting the Houston Swap Meet for the 25th time later this year. More specific details will be mailed out individually to all members as well as other invitees and it will be posted on the web site soon. Mark your calendars now so you can share in the 25th Anniversary of this meet.

### 2nd Annual Lipan Swap Meet — March 8-10, 2019

Tony and Andrea Robinson have graciously decided to open their homestead to us again in March 2019 and hold their 2nd Annual Lipan Swap Meet. More specific details will be included in future emails, newsletters, and probably by a physical mailing. If you have someone you wish to invite, please let Tony know so that we can send them a physical invitation. It was a great gathering earlier this year and next year promises to be even better.

### Lake LBJ Spring Wet Meet — April 12-14, 2019

Please take note of this future date for the Fall LBJ Wet Meet next April. We intentionally avoided the San Jacinto Day holiday for those who have special celebrations on that date. Details will follow in our next newsletter.