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Long Hot Summer, Then Fall Fun

By Tom Oncken

This brief issue of Texas Chapter News is primarily to inform those who do not have computers about our last two events for this year. Otherwise, we have not had any events on which to report after the Lake Houston wet meet held in June. As usual, it has been a long dull hot summer as far as outboarding goes. My usual announcement at this time of year is "Happy Thanksgiving", "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" as this is the final issue for 2018. With that said, we want to see all of you at Heart of Texas Resort in October, and at our annual Houston Swap Meet in November. We are going to attempt to have some "Fall Fun" before it gets too cold for us to play outside.

The Heart of Texas Lake Resort

Our next meet is scheduled at The Heart of Texas Lake Resort in Burnet, Texas from October 19th through 21st. Several members usually decide to arrive early on the Thursday prior to the meet. If you have not attended this meet before, you are in for a treat. It is a nice facility with two sets of condominium apartments, some cabins, and a camping area. It has very nice docks and the launch ramp is very accessible, easy to use, and is not on a super steep hill like the one at Longhorn Resort in Kingsland. Keep in mind that this resort is very popular, so if you have not made reservations yet, you need to contact Ruth Ann immediately to check on availability. You will find contact information on the back page of this quickie newsletter. We hope to see you all there!

25th Anniversary Houston Swap Meet

I joined AOMCI in 1989, and a short time afterward, Louis Rothermel and John Hoyer invited me to come over on a Sunday so we all could go to a nearby Luther's Bar-B-Q to have lunch and then travel over to Louis' shop to check out his old outboards. I do not think any of us realized then that it was about to lead to something very special. The very next year, Louis decided to hold his first formal swap meet at his Houston business which was billed as the annual

Houston Swap Meet. Little did we know, we would be holding the Houston Swap Meet for many more years to come.

Keeping that in mind, we will be holding our 25th Anniversary Houston Swap Meet at Louis Rothermel's shop on November 9th through 11th. Every member in the Texas Chapter is urged to attend this special celebration. Feel free to bring some friends! The meet will operate from 9:00AM to 5:00PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

As usual, Friday is primarily the arrival date and people tend to show up throughout the day. There will be some early swapping and trading, and hamburgers will be purchased for lunch from the nearby Pete's Finer Meats. At the end of the day on Friday, everyone is invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary at the Jax Grill in nearby Bellaire, Texas. Several members have done this for years; however, we want to encourage everyone to make a special effort to participate this year.

Saturday is always the heart of this meet with swapping and trading beginning as early as one hour before the gates are opened at 9:00AM. A lunch from Pappas Bar-B-Q will be picked up and served near noon. Shortly after the meal, we will hold a special celebratory meeting to thank Louis Rothermel for successfully sponsoring this meet for 25 years on behalf of the Texas Chapter. Some "thick" stories may be told at this meeting, so try to arrive as early as possible.

I would like to encourage everyone who comes on Saturday to bring one (maybe two) of their favorite outboards for show only. It can be restored, or just a very nice original outboard (with an older and less common motor being a plus).

Sunday will be our usual work day as Louis opens his shop to allow us to work on some of our toys. Why in the world would you want to miss this landmark celebratory meet? You all should make the effort to be at this one!!



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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 Lake 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.

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 note this future date for the LBJ Spring Wet Meet next April. We intentionally avoided the San Jacinto Day holiday for those who have special celebrations on that date. More details will follow in our January newsletter.