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It Was The Best Of Times, It Was The Worst Of Times.

By Tom Oncken

I hope that my newsletter fans will forgive me for borrowing a line from Charles Dickens' classic novel, "A Tale of Two Cities", but it seems to be an appropriate description of the events of the last quarter of 2018.

"It was the best of times." We eagerly awaited our much anticipated fall wet meet at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort on the weekend of October 19th through October 21st. As the last wet meet of 2018, we looked forward to the fun and camaraderie that this annual event continues to provide to our members who make the effort to attend.

"It was the worst of times." On the Tuesday before our scheduled meet, television news networks showed a massive flood which was occurring on the Llano River not more than a few hundred yards from our old meet site at the Longhorn Resort. The flooding was so intense that we watched films of the bridge that connects Highway 71 to Kingsland, Texas breaking into pieces and tumbling down the Llano River. The film crews were taking their photos from the building that was built on the old Longhorn Resort site after it was bulldozed. Obviously, we cancelled the meet since the LCRA declared all rivers and lakes in the area to be closed immediately due to the massive debris from the flood.

"It was the best of times." The Texas Chapter was completing its preparations for the 25th annual swap meet being held by Louis Roethermel at his shop in Houston. Written invitations were sent out in anticipation for a landmark Texas Chapter swap meet.

"It was the worst of times." Louis Roethermel received a telephone call on the day before

his swap meet from Carleton Callahan who informed Louis that one of our long-time members and race legends, Albert Snell, had just passed away earlier that day. Louis decided to honor Albert by renaming the 2018 meet as the Albert K. Snell Memorial Houston Swap Meet. I will be preparing a "Markings" article in honor of Albert to be published in the April 2019 issue of The Antique Outboarder.

"It was the best of times." The Albert K. Snell Memorial Houston Swap Meet was successfully held from November 9th through 11th in spite of threatening weather. Please refer to my report appearing later in this issue.

"It was the worst of times." Although the weather on the weekend immediately prior to our 25th anniversary celebration was sunny and had 75 to 80 degree temperatures, the weather for the meet was mostly cold and wet. Temperatures fluctuated from the 45 to 60 degree range over the three day period and it rained lightly on Friday and Sunday.

"It was the best of times." We rescheduled the final wet meet of 2018 for November 30th through December 2nd at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort. Unbelievably, the weather was fantastic! Please read the details inside.



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

The Albert K. Snell Memorial Houston Swap Meet - 25th Historical Year

By Tom Oncken

When we speak of our annual Houston swap meet, the name to remember is Louis Rothermel. Although I was privy to the first gathering of a few members in 1993 by being invited to a barbecue dinner at Luther's BBQ in the Galleria area of Houston, the resulting annual swap meet was the brainchild of Louis Rothermel, and he held his first swap meet in November 1994. The meet has been successfully held at Louis' shop on Star Lane for 25 years now, and my only claim to fame is that I have been extremely fortunate to attend every one of the gatherings.

This meet was historic in my opinion for several reasons. Since I have been a member of AOMCI and its Texas Chapter, I believe the Houston swap meet is the longest running annual meet in our chapter's history. In addition, as mentioned on the front page, this event will be remembered as the Albert K. Snell Memorial Houston Swap Meet to honor our friend and long-time member, Albert Snell of Jasper, Texas, who passed away on November 8, 2018. Last, but not least, Adam Finn presented our host with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate that was awarded to Louis by the Executive Council of AOMCI in October 2018. This was a very special event.

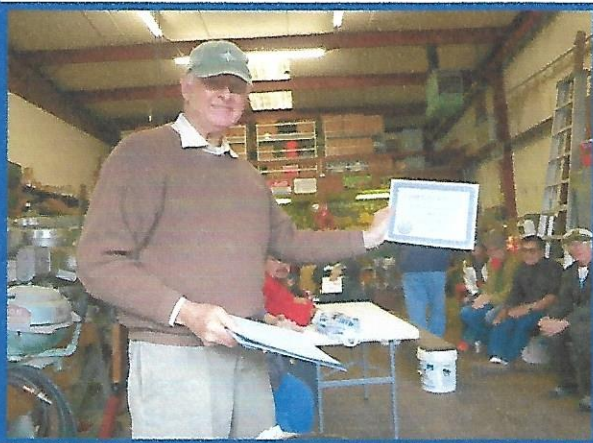


Leonard Sturm, Tony Cloud, Tyler Urban-Norbeck, Jim Norbeck, and Abigail Urban-Norbeck posing next to Tony's display.

least two trips bringing items from his home in New Ulm, Texas and then returning home for the next load. John Plato also came early in the week to bring motors for display, and John Graf brought his fantastic trailer which contains one of the most impressive Mercury outboard collections that anyone has ever seen. Louis had contacted me about some parts that were to be donated by Bob Johnson of Reynold's Marine, Inc. over in Baytown, Texas. As a result, I made a trip to Baytown before the rains came and picked up the parts and delivered them to the meet site. In addition, I brought along some tables and chairs to prepare the smorgasbord of NOS parts to be available to our participants.

For one of the few times I can recall in Houston history, the local weather forecasters actually guessed correctly. Friday's temperatures were relatively cold at 45 to 50 degrees and it rained for most of the day. It was not a driving flooding rain, just a continuous light irritating rain. Where

Louis Rothermel proudly showing off his special Honorary Life Membership Certificate that was sent to our Texas Chapter officers to be presented at this special memorial meet.



Like past Houston swap meets, this one started on Friday and lasted through Sunday (November 9th through 11th). Otherwise, the weather tried to make a mess of this meet. With repeated poor weather forecasts being received earlier in the week immediately prior to the meet, we started some preparations early to beat the bad weather.

I offer thanks to several individuals who brought items earlier in the week. John Slator made at



we would have ordinarily had people coming in throughout the day bringing in things to swap and trade, the majority of the items had already made it to the meet earlier in the week. So the few that braved the crummy weather on Friday already had their items unloaded and on display in the vacant space next to Louis' shop. Ironically, the rain stopped around 4:00PM and the sun actually made a brief appearance. Approximately 13 individuals came on Friday and took part in the morning donuts and coffee, and then fantastic hamburgers from Pete's Finer Meats for lunch.

Saturday was a different story. Temperatures were in the 50 to 60 degree range and the skies remained overcast; however, it only sprinkled very lightly once or twice and remained mostly dry for the majority of the day. We had a much larger turnout than expected in spite of poor weather forecasts with some additional people bringing in motors for display and/or for sale. The usual coffee and donuts awaited everyone's arrival as the excitement began to take hold.



NOS parts donated by Reynold's Marine, Inc., plus some remaining parts donated by Royce Strickland from previous years, were displayed on top and below a long line of tables inside the vacant space next to Louis' usual workshop. A box marked as "Honor System Collection Box" was placed on the tables with instructions for anyone to take whatever they desired and to insert whatever amount the buyers thought the parts were worth to them. At the conclusion of the meet, enough funds had been collected to purchase two year memberships in AOMCI and its Texas Chapter for Bob Johnson of Reynold's Marine, Inc. and Royce Strickland. Thank you, Gentlemen, for your outstanding support!

In our last newsletter, I had challenged members to bring one or two of their special outboards for display only. Obviously, the recently vacated space next to Louis' workshop was a great plus to those displaying motors because these special outboards could be protected inside the building.



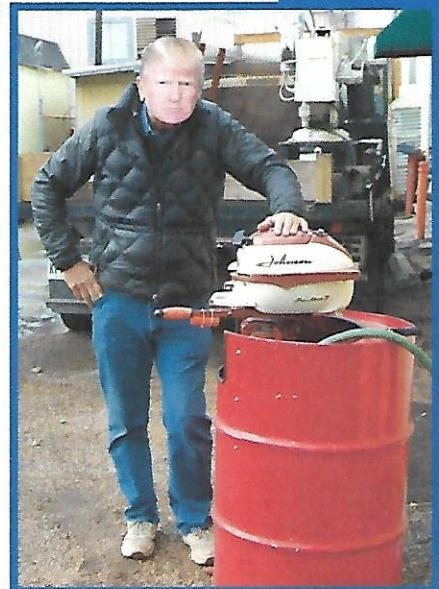
From Left to Right: Tom Oncken's 1931 Indian Silver Arrow, Chip Rathbun's 1947 Evinrude Ranger and 1940 Evinrude Zephyr, and Mike Oncken's 1976 NOS Mercury 25SS race motor.

Throughout the past year, several of our newer members had mentioned to me that they have never seen an Indian Silver Arrow outboard, so I decided to bring my restored 1931 Indian along with my scale model of the 1931 Indian, some metal Indian signs, and a special Indian-related photograph. I also saw an opportunity to bring several pieces of my toy outboard collection that fit well on the pegboard on Louis' back wall. Chip Rathbun made the trip in from Flower Mound and he brought a couple of his nicely restored antique Evinrude outboards to display next to my items.

Some of our younger members, Brenden Macaluso and Peter Schultz, decided to present some more modern go-fast outboards for display. Their Yamato race motors proved to be a special contrast to some of our older outboard motors shown in the room.



It appeared that one of the favorite motors at this meet was Greg Ganz's Evinrude Ducktwin 3HP outboard. In addition, Greg brought his 3HP 1958 Johnson JW model outboard which is also in excellent condition and seemed to attract a lot of attention as well. If you look at the photo to the right, you will see a very special visitor checking out Greg's outboard and giving it his "Presidential Seal of Approval".





Adam Finn has always been somewhat selective in his collecting and prefers to find older model outboards that are in as close to new condition as is possible. This year, Adam displayed two of his jewels from his collection as seen in the above photographs. The outboard on the left is a 1964 Johnson JW model 3HP which he managed to purchase in its original shipping carton. On the right is Adam's 1974 Chrysler 15HP that he purchased from its original owner who only ran it one time. I understand that Adam also has the original purchase invoice and some other related goodies for the Chrysler.



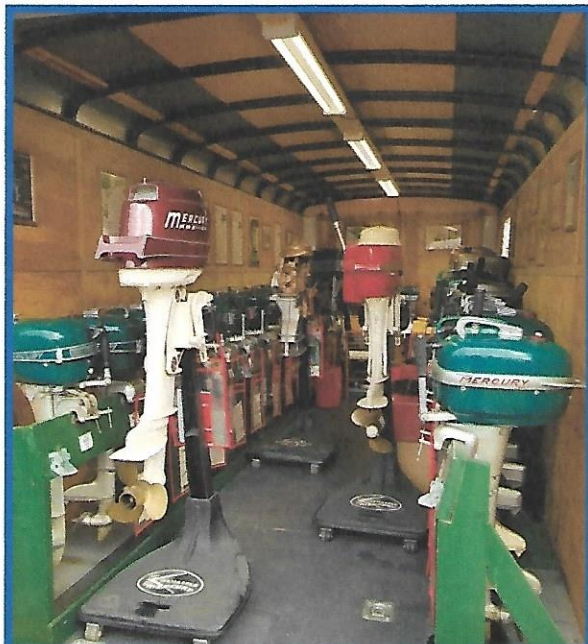
John Slator's latest addition to his personal collection, a Martin "40" in beautiful shape.

While John Slator's original intention was to sell a few of his motors, he fell in love with a Martin "40" that past member, Tony Cloud, was trying to sell. Now John is the proud owner of that beautiful little Martin outboard. Of course, John also had some of his other motors for sale and my son, Mike, decided that he could not live

without a modified Mercury racing engine that John brought to the meet. Just to let you fellows know, Mike now has that motor and his NOS 1976 Mercury 25SS race engine in his master bedroom on his side of the bed. (You guessed it. Mike has one of those special wives like I do!)



If guests at this meet had a special interest in Mercury outboards, then John Graf's trailer was the place to visit. His immense trailer was just outside the vacant space where various motors were being displayed and it was full of restored Mercury outboards of all types. There were a number of green-head versions, several 4 and 6 cylinder inline motors, and a couple of race motors including a Mark 20H and a Mark 20H Toilet Bowl model. What a buffet this was!



A view into John Graf's trailer filled with a very impressive collection of antique Mercury motors.

It is my understanding that John has once again agreed to take his Mercury trailer to the 2019 Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show at NRG Center in early January. Be sure to go by the exhibit and check it out.

John Graf also brought a very nice Scott-Atwater race motor with "Green Hornet" lower unit. Earlier in the year, Al Smith had acquired this special engine and asked John to deliver it from Wisconsin. Then, Al arranged for his brother, James Smith, to make a trip to the meet to pick it up for Al. For those of



you who are not yet aware, Al could not come to our meet this year because he and his wife were in the middle of bringing their third child into the world. Al and Katie Smith are now proud parents of a little boy named "Levi". I am sure that daughters, Addison and Abigail, are very happy to have a new little brother in their lives.

Jim Norbeck brought various motors to the meet and was accompanied by Tyler Urban-Norbeck and Abigail Urban-Norbeck. Jim and his kids were also benefactors of a stainless steel boat that was brought to Louis' shop late last year.



The prior owner was flooded out by Hurricane Harvey a year ago and did not learn about our annual Houston meets until late November immediately following last year's meet. The boat had no trailer or title, but the price was right. It was free for the taking.

Louis and I made our usual trip to Pappas BBQ after taking up a collection of \$10 per person for our standard "all-you-can-eat" buffet. The menu for lunch included, beef brisket, pork sausage, potato salad, beans, bread, and the normal choice of condiments. An apple crisp dessert was provided courtesy of John Graf. Not to sound overly redundant, if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. This year, everyone was asked to remain for a special meeting to be held at the completion of the meal.



Our participants enjoying the lunch buffet. The weather was a little bit cold, but nothing short of a hurricane will stop a true Texan from enjoying an "all-you-can-eat" barbecue feast.

Adam started off the meeting with a brief tribute to Albert Snell. He then pointed out that this was a very special celebration recognizing our 25th anniversary of our Houston swap meet. Chip Rathbun, Joe McCauley and I were asked to share some tales of our past experiences with Louis during the prior 25 year period. Then, I was given the honor of presenting Louis with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate from the Executive Council in recognition of his long and devoted service to AOMCI. At the conclusion of the meeting, Adam presented Louis with the official anniversary cake from the Texas Chapter.

Following the luncheon on Saturday, many of the members began to pack up early and started their trips back home. At last count, there were



Adam Finn pulling out all of the stops with a very special cake honoring Louis Rothermel.

approximately 35 individuals participating in the lunch buffet, so although the threat of bad weather kept some people away this year, we still had an excellent turnout on Saturday.

On Sunday, we saw a reoccurrence of the ugly overcast and soupy weather that we had seen on Friday; however, since Sunday is the day that some of us gather to work on our toys, the weather had virtually no effect on the participants that decided to return. We were inside using the bead blaster, parts washer, lathe, etc.



Mike Oncken and Jim Norbeck working on a 1928 Caille Model 30 Racer 10HP.

Mike Oncken and Jim Norbeck performed some surgery on my Caille Model 30 Racer that I had bought many years ago on eBay. One-half of the end of the prop shaft had been broken off where the nut screws on. A new conversion kit had also been purchased at the same time which allows this particular outboard to be converted from its standard lower unit into a tractor-style racing lower unit. Mike and Jim's project for this day was to figure out how to remove the prop shaft from the lower unit and to make a new shaft on Louis' lathe. If I am lucky, the work may be completed by next year's swap meet.

Brenden Macaluso in deep concentration as he works on his Yamato race engine.



Sunday's overall attendance was light similar to Friday, but the 11 or 12 individuals who came to work on their motors managed to get a lot done. The only notable problem that we had on Sunday was a lack of brisket remaining from Saturday's buffet. As a result, Louis and Glenn Seureau had to drive over to Pappas one more time and buy a little more brisket to go with the leftover sausage, beans, and potato salad from Saturday's feast. It was another great buffet!

In spite of the lousy overall weather, we feel as if the 25th anniversary meet was a remarkable success. There were individuals that attended on all three days and we closed at 6:00PM daily as

planned. For those of you who did not make the trip this year, never fear. Louis has mentioned that if everything goes well in 2019, he plans to have a 26th annual Houston swap meet.

I do want to point out something unusual that occurred on Saturday. I overheard someone asking about membership into the AOMCI and Texas Chapter, so I offered to take the dues and make sure that they got to the appropriate membership administrators. When all was said and done, I went home and proceeded to set up new memberships or renewals for nine individuals. I would like to thank the following people for committing to two-year memberships in our main organization and its Texas Chapter. The next time you see Darren Baird, Brian Delaney, Brian Hays, Bob Johnson, Brenden Macaluso, Bobby Marek, John Martin, Patricia Nichols, and Royce Strickland (Royce was extended to the year 2022), please welcome them to our club with open arms and do whatever you can do to assist them in furthering their outboard motor projects. I cannot remember a meet where we signed up this many folks at one time. We offer our sincere thanks to these people and hope to see them all at some of our upcoming meets.

I also would like to remind some of our Texas Chapter members that their memberships could be expiring at the end of January 2019. Please remember that our chapter is a subsidiary of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc. and it is not appropriate for us to take membership dues into our chapter account if you are not a member of the AOMCI. Notices will be sent out by the end of the year for those who are due for renewal on January 31st. We hope you all decide to renew!



The above certificate was produced following approval of Louis as an Honorary Life Member of AOMCI in October 2018. It was delivered to Tom Oncken in early November with the letter displayed to the right.

The Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc.



November 2018

We are pleased to inform you that this letter serves as notice to, Mr. Louis F. Rothermel II, induction into the *Honorary Lifetime Member* category of the AOMCI.

Your Executive Council has gone back through countless records of our club, and decided that there has been some inactivity as far as the induction of deserving members for a job well done. Your effort to help others, organize meets, and promote the mission statement of the AOMCI has not been forgotten and is very much appreciated.

At the last session of the council, you were nominated and unanimously chosen to be inducted into the

Honorary Membership Class of 2018

This should be a proud moment in your outboating life with the AOMCI, and you can rest assured that those that follow with look at your accomplishments during the first 53 years of the AOMCI as they strive to contribute, volunteer, and promote our great club as you have.

Thank you for your hard work and outstanding efforts to make our club what it is today!

All the very best,

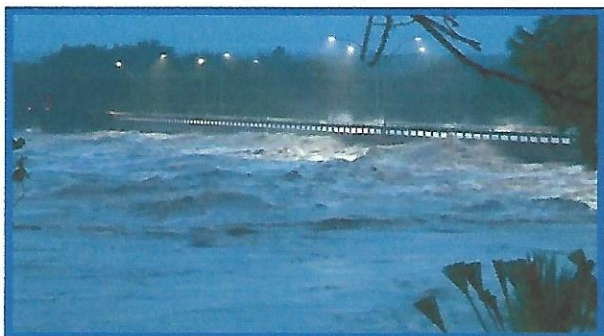
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Last Minute Revival of The Annual Fall Wet Meet at Heart of Texas Lake Resort

By Tom Oncken

On October 16, 2018, the Tuesday before our scheduled annual fall wet meet in the Lake LBJ area, there was a monstrous rain storm. The following photo shows what was happening at the Llano River bridge in Kingsland that night.



Things did not improve from that point as water kept rising to an unbelievable height. As can be seen below, the bridge just begins to crumble apart under extreme pressure from the currents.



Then large chunks of the bridge started tumbling down the Llano River along with boats, docks, trees, and debris of all types. Is there any doubt as to why the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) closed all of the lakes and rivers in that general area for an undetermined period of time?



The devastation of the bridge was unbelievable, especially when you realize that we used to drive across that particular bridge in order to take a right turn into the Longhorn Resort before it was sold over a year ago. Unbelievably, the water level was well above the top of the launch ramp area where we used to launch our boats.



Those people who live across the Llano River from Kingsland were only a few minutes from their neighborhood stores in town. They are now having to drive for miles to get to stores in Marble Falls and/or Llano rather than driving twice that distance to get back to their usual Kingsland stores by traveling the long way around.

Texas Chapter officers were hopeful that we could reschedule the meet for later in the year, but we had no way of knowing what to expect from the weather or the debris in the water. We changed our prior meet date from the weekend of October 19th through 21st to November 30th through December 2nd with the hopes that we may get lucky. What were the chances of good weather during the first weekend in December? We were not really certain that the LCRA would reopen the lakes and rivers by then; however, our luck improved and the areas were reopened the week before our newly scheduled dates.

Louis Rothermel and I had decided early in the year that we were going to the fall meet, and as a result, we set out early on Friday to attend the rescheduled event. My son, Mike, and his three children, Emma, Tommy, and Charlie, decided to caravan with us, so they followed us up to the Heart of Texas Resort.

I have to admit, there were some stumbling blocks as we made our way to Burnet, Texas. First of all, the weather which had been predicted to be decent was looking suspicious with some clouds overhead and a few misty sprinkles as we traveled down the highway. Then we got stuck in a traffic jam on I-10 near Sealy as the contractors thought it would be a good idea to squeeze two feeder lanes and three major highway lanes into a single lane crossing over the Brazos River. An hour later, we actually got back up to speed and it appeared that the rest of our trip would go well. That did not happen because there was some type of severe accident between La Grange and Smithville and our side of the highway was closed entirely. If not for the superior mapping

ability of my son's cell phone, we probably would have remained at the end of a line of parked cars for several hours as we watched an emergency helicopter land at the collision sight ahead of us. Mike and his family took the lead driving down a secluded single-lane country road and after winding down an unbelievably long and very brushy backroad path, we actually came out just before Smithville. That only cost us another hour, but we may have been delayed longer back at the site of the collision had we decided not to attempt the trip around it.

Of course, we had to stop at our usual barbecue restaurant in Spicewood and we filled up on the cuisine provided by Opie's Bar-B-Q. We had a feast of pork ribs, beef brisket, sausage, and even some chicken for the kids. We also bought a few side orders including Opie's legendary "butter beans". The kids slept the rest of the way to the camp and we finally arrived at around 7:00PM. Considering that we left Houston a little after 11:00AM, it appears that our usual five hour trip took us almost eight hours this time.

We noticed something unusual happening as we got closer to the resort. The clouds appeared to be breaking up around the Marble Falls area and were pretty much gone by the time we got to the Heart of Texas Lake Resort. There was a brisk wind, but it was not overly cold. It was amazing when you consider that this was the last day of November.

As is customary, some of our members are early birds and they arrived on Thursday, but most of the participants arrived throughout the day on Friday and even a few came early on Saturday morning. After spending a few hours visiting with others at the camp, we decided to retire early. We joined a few others on Saturday morning for breakfast at the "Crazy Gals" diner in Kingsland. It was obvious that the area was recovering from

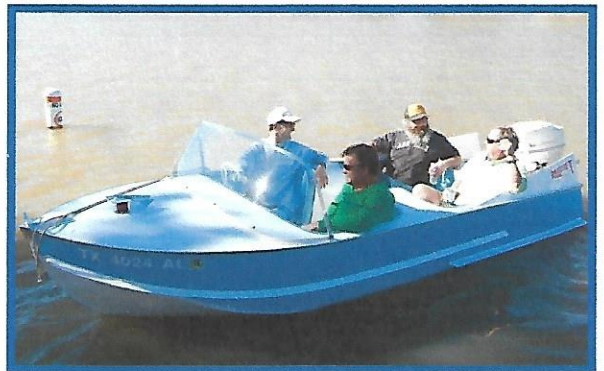
the flash floods in October as you could see evidence of damage remaining from the high waters all over the town. Regardless, it was now time for us to start having some fun.

If you have followed my stories over this past year, you are aware that none of our meets over the entire year have been without some form of bad weather. It was either unexpectedly cold or just nasty, overcast, and wet at one time or another, but someone up above decided to give us a break this time. It was cool enough for a jacket on Saturday morning, but it warmed up to short-sleeve weather by noon. Further, there was not a cloud in the sky on Saturday or Sunday. The sky was as blue as I have ever seen it. All I can say is that it was about time that we got a break in 2018.

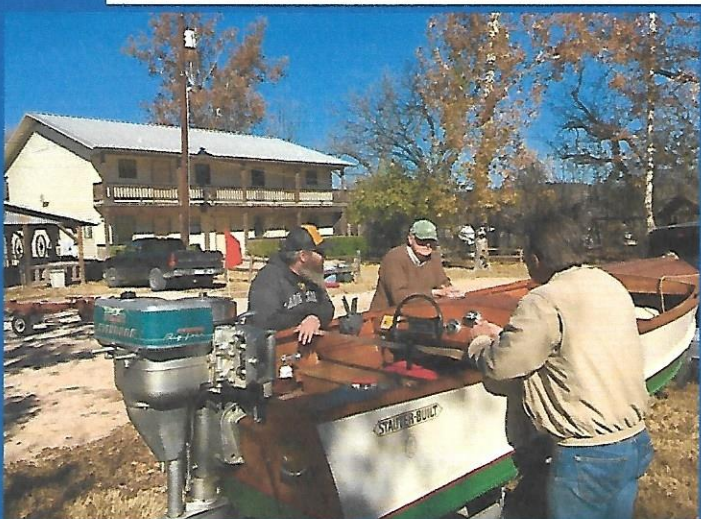


Jim Norbeck assisting Mike Oncken at the ramp.

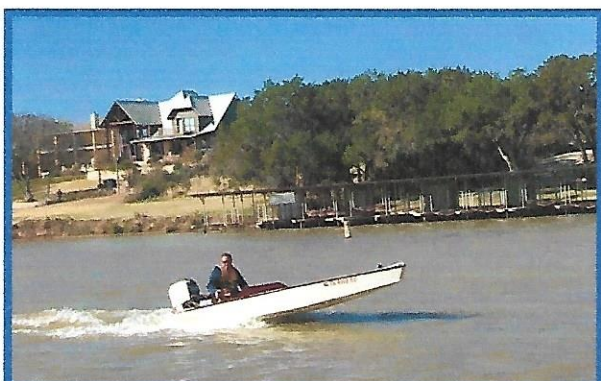
The one notable improvement at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort compared to the Longhorn site is the boat ramp. The ramp is very easy to get to, it is a straight shot to the water, and it is not even close to being as steep as the other ramp we used at the Longhorn Resort.



Adam Finn spent a good portion of his day in his 1958 Rexcraft 15' aluminum boat powered by a 1959 Johnson 35HP outboard. In the above photo, Adam was taking Clinton Russell, Brenden Macaluso, and Steve Seale on a tour of the river. Steve Seale of Jasper is also the proud owner of one of Albert Snell's boats. His boat is a 15' wooden 1996 Z-Craft powered by a 1986 Mercury 3 cylinder 50HP and both are in like-new condition. Dan, Misty, Luke, and Matthew Peoples spent a good deal of their time cruising around in their Lone Star boat powered by an Evinrude Lark 35HP outboard.

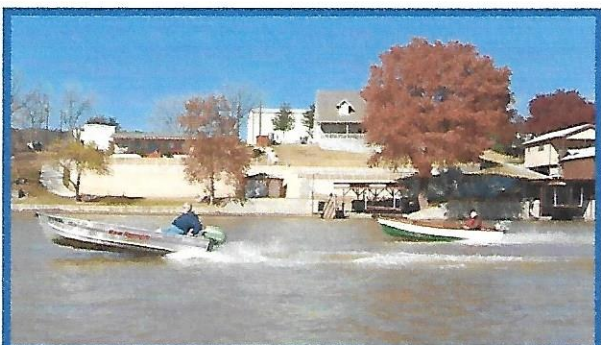


Brenden Macaluso on the left and Clinton Russell on the right are helping Louis Rothermel prepare his 1985 Stauter-Built boat and its 1943 Evinrude Storm Boat Motor 50HP for launch on Saturday morning. Check out that blue sky!



Steve Seale hitting the throttle on his little racer originally owned by Albert Snell. (To accentuate a point, check out the sky behind him. Beautiful!!)

Unlike last year, Louis Rothermel had a much easier time starting up his trusty 1943 Evinrude Storm Boat Motor 50HP. He spent a lot of time taking various folks for a ride in his wooden 1985 Stauter-Built boat which was originally built in Alabama specifically for this outboard motor. Chip and Marilyn Rathbun brought a very nice 15' Goodyear Sea Nymph aluminum boat being powered by a 1953 Johnson 25HP that looked almost new. Nice work Chip!



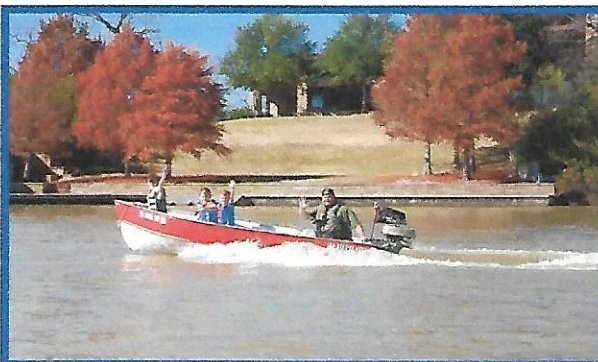
Chip Rathbun scooting by the resort area being followed by Louis Rothermel. Be careful, Chip, Louis has a "hot cam" in that storm boat motor!

As is customary, "Smoking Joe" McCauley was seen racing around in his Glastron boat powered by a 70HP Johnson 3 cylinder outboard. We know that Joe is a fanatic when it comes to the optimal pitch for a prop, but we also suspect that he has a special "hot cam" in his motors like Louis does. Glenn, Lee, and Caroline Seureau arrived once again with their 13' Riviera Fowler

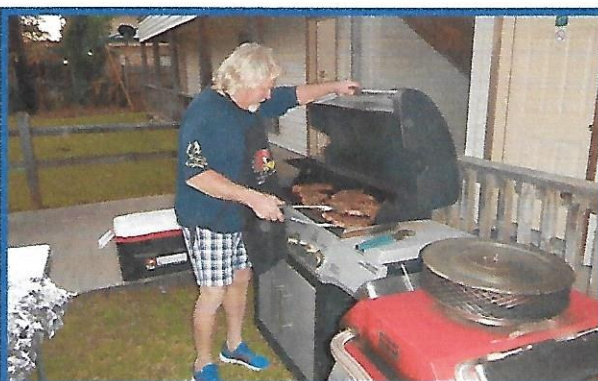


Joe McCauley and Morten Lovstad ready to run!

duck boat powered by a 1977 Johnson 7.5HP twin. This year the motor actually ran well on the water. Bruce and Mary Miller were seen running a great 1973 Sea Ray 17' powered by a very nice Mercury 115HP outboard. We were happy to see Mary join us and hope she had fun.



The 70 degree perfect weather lasted the entire afternoon and it started getting dark way too quickly for most of us. The good news was that "Chef Meatball" Murray and his helper, Carolyn Holton, arrived and began setting things up for a great Saturday night feast. Meatball delivered his barbecue pits earlier in the day and went to a local meat market to buy some great ribeye steaks. The "Chef" outdid himself as usual, as the seasoning was perfect and the steaks were very tender. I must apologize because I failed to



"Chef Meatball" is hard at work on another legendary meal. One of his secret ingredients is his own special "brew" if you can follow my drift.

take note of everyone who assisted Meatball in the meal, but several of our fantastic lady helpers prepared baked potatoes in their cabin ovens and prepared salad for the group as well. Suffice it to say, that anyone who did not take the trip to Burnet missed one of the finest meals with the most fantastic group of people you can imagine. Our gain was absolutely your loss for not coming.

For some, Sunday was a repeat of Saturday as the beautiful weather continued. Some left early and some stayed late. Regardless, you need to think about attending this meet later this year.



Glenn Seureau is having a ball in his little duck boat with its Johnson outboard.

Emma, Tommy, and Charlie Oncken reliving Mike's initial years in AOMCI. On Sunday, Mike and the kids stayed a while so they could each run a Johnson 3HP like their father did when he was their age.



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Upcoming Events

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

This will be the second swap meet sponsored by Tony Robinson at his home in Lipan, Texas. Lipan is about 18 miles from both Granbury and Stephenville and 50 miles west of Fort Worth. Tony and his very supportive wife, Andrea, are bringing swap meets back to North Texas. Their meet in 2018 was a spectacular event.

Tony lives on the edge of town on 1.26 acres and has a nice shop area that is great for hosting a swap meet. He also has a large test tank for running outboards. The dates that he has picked are Friday, March 8th through Sunday, March 10th. The heart of the meet will be on Saturday, but individuals are welcome to arrive early on Friday to start the fun. There will be a catered lunch on Saturday for \$10 per person. Last year we had an amazing barbecue feast from a local vendor. Tony has also been known to have a few surprises up his sleeve.

Tony is passionate about our hobby and is excited about hosting his second annual swap meet. I encourage all of our members to bring something to sale and/or trade. Feel free to invite your friends. It is important that you RSVP if you plan to attend so that Tony can be properly prepared for everyone. We hope to see you all there!

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Spring Wet Meet at Heart of Texas Lake Resort — April 12-14, 2019

It is going to be difficult to beat the wet meet we had in Burnet, TX late last year, but we are going to see if we can get lucky twice in a row with good weather. This wet meet has proven to be great for running your boats and motors. There are cabins, condos, campsites, and a very nice launch ramp with plenty of docking slips for our boats. Some members like to arrive early on Thursday. We will have our usual picnic style lunch on Saturday night at the pavilion between the condos. If you have not done so, we recommend that you make your reservations soon because Heart of Texas Lake Resort is a very desirable location for gatherings.

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7th Annual Lake Houston Wet/Swap Meet — June 8, 2019

Tentative date for our annual wet meet at Lake Houston. More information will come in the April newsletter.