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## 2024 Continuing on a Positive Note

By Tom Oncken

After my negative report on the cover of our July issue of Texas Chapter News, I almost felt as if I should offer an apology for the things I mentioned back then. Fortunately for all of us, 2024 is currently moving in a much more positive direction than it was during our last meet held in April.

After my negative tirade about the Valentine Lakeside Resort last issue, President Adam Finn did some research and discovered that our previous location for these LBJ meets, "The Heart of Texas Lake Resort", was open again and operating much the same way it did when we stayed there before. As you may recall, we were told that the resort was being sold and was going to be leveled to make room for some new townhomes. Unknown to us, that did not happen and they returned to operating as they did in those prior years. As a result, our recent wet meet was far better than any meet we have ever had at the Valentine.

The majority of us stayed in the excellent condos at Heart of Texas as shown below. There is more parking space than needed and plenty of room for us to display some of our treasures and to show off some of the items offered for sell by our members

There are numerous very nice boat docks for us to use and our boats did not have to be returned to their trailers at night like some of us had to do at Valentine. For old folks like me, it is also fantastic that there are handrails available to walk down the stairs to the water to checkout the boats at the docks. I never went to the docks at the Valentine because of the severe curved drop off to the water with no handrails at all.



Another nice attraction is the covered area between the condos where we can have our Saturday night cookout. If the weather ever interfered with our Saturday dinner, we have also been allowed in the past to use a room within their clubhouse as a nice backup.

With all of these positive statements about the Heart of Texas Lake Resort, it should be no surprise that we will be returning there in April 2025 for our annual Spring Wet Meet. We voted on a date at this past meet and it was decided that we would schedule our meet from April 25th through April 27th. Of course, we have a few members who come earlier and some who stay later, but that is up to each individual family. You probably should make your reservations immediately.

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# Fall Meet - Heart Of Texas Lake Resort

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Our return to the Heart of Texas Lake Resort was a fabulous treat for our members. We had been spoiled for many years while we held past meets there twice annually; however, we were terribly disappointed when we learned that the intent of the owners after our last stay was to replace the entire site with individual townhomes. We were never notified that the change had never taken place and thought that Heart of Texas was gone.

This meet during the last full weekend of October 2024 was a great success. At last count, we had 36 individuals in attendance as well as a couple of very cute little puppy dogs. Lots of boats too!

for our Friday night dinner. Bill's serves quite a variety of items including burgers up to three patties tall, fish baskets, multiple side items, and numerous beverages from sodas to beer and wine. Regardless, those members who made the trip were not disappointed. We may have discovered our replacement for the Order of Eagles venue. From what I could tell, everyone enjoyed their Friday night meals very much. Meatball made a great recommendation.

Tom and Vanessa Felty in their nice wooden 1958 Carter Craft with its 2000 Johnson 50HP along with Tony Robinson and guests in his 1968 Steury with its 1990 Evinrude 60HP. Check out the colors in this photo. Amazing!!



Cornelia Kuffner, Harrison Seureau, Glenn Seureau, Jennifer Fugate, Lee Seureau, Glenn Seureau, and Joe McCauley elected to eat inside at Bill's Burgers Wings & Things.

Unlike the weather last April during our gathering at the Valentine, the days at this meet were cool with no rain and little to no wind. We could not have asked for better conditions to run our boats. Most of our photos were very colorful as a result.



Zach Hancock, Andrea Robinson, Tony Robinson, Tom Felty, and Vanessa Felty along with most of the remaining members elected to have dinner outside at Bill's Burgers Wings & Things.

Tony and Andrea Robinson came prepared. Not only did they bring a boat, they brought their RV and their car. I am sure that got some attention going down the highway. Wow.



Once again this year, we learned that the Order of Eagles was not going to have their special fried fish all-you-can-eat dinner on Friday night, so with Meatball Murray's help, it was decided that our group would go to Bill's Burgers Wings & Things in nearby Burnet, Texas. Our group left Heart of Texas at 6:00pm to go to Bill's Burgers

Saturday morning started off as it has in the past with members going out to seek breakfast to start the day. One of our favorites is a place called "Crazy Gals" where the service and food is very good. The only unusual twist is that they only accept cash for payment. Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted, but there is an ATM on the premises to obtain some cash.

After returning from breakfast, the day was spent running boats, showing off and selling outboard related items, and spending time visiting with old friends. Our chef for Saturday dinner, Meatball Murray, and Adam Finn took a trip to Llano to

purchase some excellent strip steaks for grilling that night. Our First Lady, Susie Finn, along with some help from Cindy Slator, Becky Samstag, and a few others spent a great deal of the day preparing baked potatoes and fixings along with a salad for dinner. Cindy Slator had already brought a fabulous Cherry Cobbler for one of the desserts. Carmenza Hamilton has become well known for her famous Tres Leches deserts. She bought her creation in separate serving bowls so that all one had to do was pick one up with a spoon and dig in. I hope that I have not overlooked anyone because the ladies who support us at these meets are quite special. We guys know that old boats and motors are not on the top of the ladies collectible lists and we really appreciate their help at these gatherings. It just would not be the same without them.



**Our Master Chef, Meatball Murray, preparing the strip steaks to each person's preference.**



**Dinner is served!!**

One other special item was prepared for this Saturday night meal. Steve Seale made a sour-dough bread and brought it to the meet for our dinner. I have to admit, it was really fantastic!



**Adam Finn in his 1966 Glastron powered by 1994 Johnson 100HP.**



**Joe McCauley taking photos for his next article in The Antique Outboarder.**



**Mark Betner in his Alumacraft powered by a 40HP Johnson.**

As usual on Sunday morning, many of our members begin packing and moving out early to head home. I believe that a few stayed a little while longer to enjoy the fantastic weather and to run their boats one last time.

Well, that wraps up my report for our Fall Wet Meet at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort. I look forward to seeing many of you again next April. I hope we get lucky again with the perfect weather.



**Tom Felty told me that his 1958 Carter Craft was painted red, white, and blue before he purchased it. I was thrilled to see the beautiful wood grain on his boat after restoration.**



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## Upcoming Events

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The following dates are scheduled as of this printing and we hope there will not be any reason to change them; however, we may have to make unexpected changes as time progresses. If you have any questions about any given event, be sure to call and confirm before making any trip. We do not foresee any changes at this time, but it is always better to be safe than sorry. Thanks.

### 30th Annual Houston Swap Meet — November 8-10, 2024

Louis Rothermel wishes to invite you to his 30th Annual Houston Swap Meet on the weekend of November 8th through 10th.

Friday is usually the day of arrival and most individuals will show up throughout the day. Some selling and trading usually occurs, but the majority of the activity will fall on Saturday. We open at 9:00AM and Louis will provide coffee, soft drinks, and donuts on Friday morning. Lunch is usually handled by ordering burgers. We normally wrap things up by 6:00PM.

Saturday is the heart of the meet and we will start at 9:00AM. Louis will provide the usual coffee, soft drinks, and donuts. We usually order in lunch by 1:00PM from Pappas Barbecue for a \$10 per person fee for all you can eat. Throughout the day, we will be visiting, buying, selling, etc. Although you are encouraged to bring some motors for display, please help spice up the meet by bringing a motor or motors that you no longer want and any parts that you would like to share with other members. We will probably end the Saturday activity at 6:00PM.

Sunday is a work on motors day. Bring your motors if you want to clean them up or get advice on how to repair them. We will open again at 9:00AM with beverages and donuts and we will stay until 6:00PM if necessary, Lunch will probably be leftover B-B-Q. If you have never attended this meet, you do not know what you are missing. We hope to see you all there!

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Meet Address: [5910 Star Lane, Houston, TX 77057-7118](http://5910StarLaneHoustonTX770577118)

### 8th Annual Lipan Swap Meet — February 28, 2025 through March 2, 2025

Primary date is Saturday, March 1st; however, members are welcome to come on Friday and Sunday after church if desired.

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Meet Address: [126 Sears Street; Lipan, TX 76462-2004](http://126SearsStreetLipanTX764622004)

### Spring Wet Meet at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort — April 25-27, 2025

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[Make Sure to Identify Yourself as a Member of The Antique Outboard Motor Club]  
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