



# Antique Outboard Club News

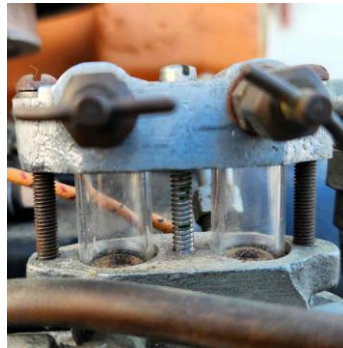
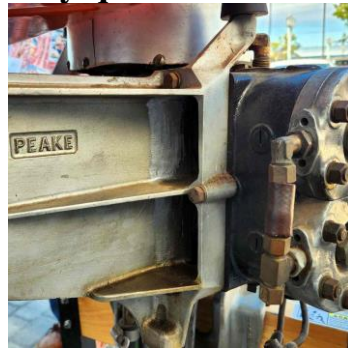
## Southern California Chapter

December 2022



### Doug Penn and Mark Strikwerda: Two Members and their Motors

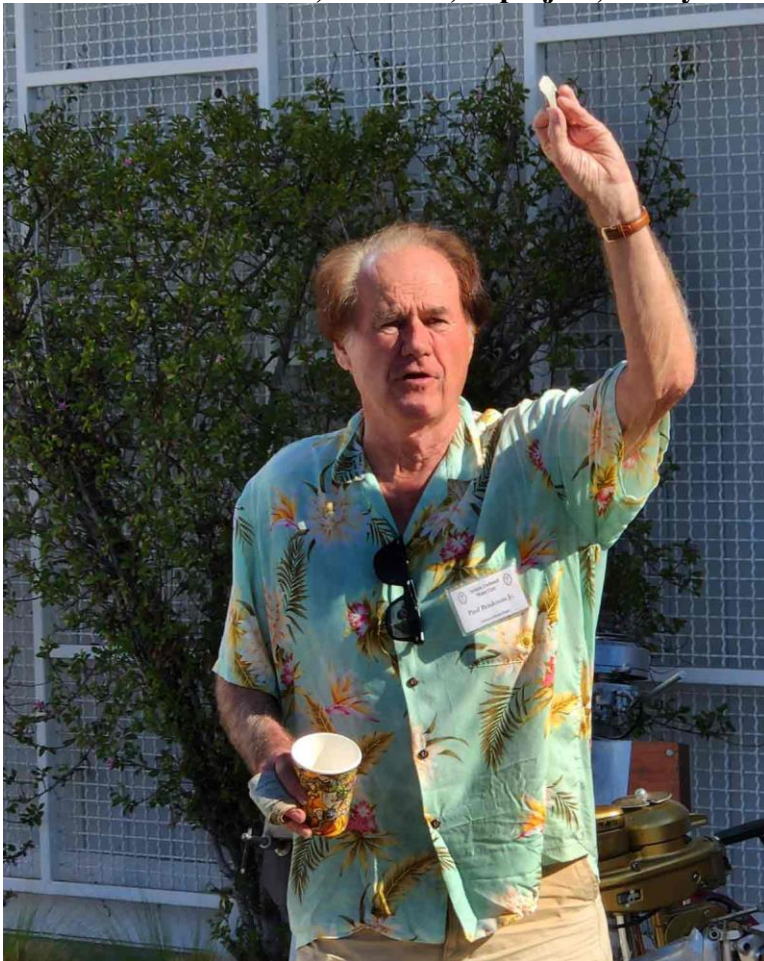
A planned event: Two 460's brought for public display show many differences and prompted many questions from a lot of curious onlookers.



# New faces! Welcome back Pete & Harry and Welcome Anthony!



**Pete Przybylski, Charlie Petersen, Anthony Crusco, Frank Fowler, Steve Johnson, Mark Strikwerda, Doug Penn, Glenn Strobehn, Bob Loll, Kip Fjeld, Harry Martin, George Kent, Paul Brinkman and Chuck Kober**



**Paul Brinkman strikes a familiar pose with someone's lucky raffle number! ME! ME!! ME!!!**



**The Ladies of the AOMCI (And Paul!)  
Rachael Strikwerda, Jane Penn, and Paul's wife  
Marsha**

# The “Best of our Best” at Newport 2022



Anthony Crusco's beautiful Mercury KH-7 "Cruiser"  
First Mercury with a gearshift!



A Glossy Caille; done with a generous application of  
Brinkman Elbow Grease



George Kent with his Mercury Mark 5  
Perfect Paint Match; George!



Another one of Paul's motors; Elto Pal  
We all wish we had one of those!

One motor weighs as much as all the others combined!



Mark Strikwerda gives his 460 a final polish



Those are the dents that you can see. The others only show up after the final gloss coat.



New Member Anthony Crusco with a beautiful Mercury Cruiser KH-7



Frank Fowler with his Neptune Mighty Mite

# New Member SPOTLIGHT



We gained a new member at the Christmas meet:

**Anthony Crusco**

Anthony is a National Member and was glad to finally get to meet all of the SoCal folks. The following is a short bio that he submitted.....Welcome Anthony!

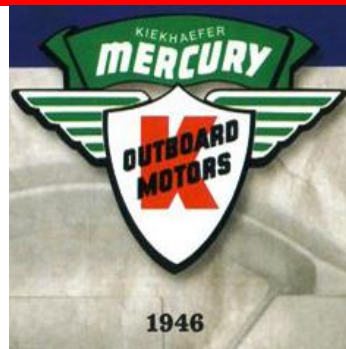
Hello SoCal AOMCI,

My name is Anthony Crusco. I've been an outboard motor enthusiast since around 10 years old. I grew up on the East Coast living in the states of New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Delaware. My uncle was a part of the New Jersey chapter. My father and I built a Glen-L Minimaxxed when I was very young. We used the same plans and patterns he used when building his Minimaxxed with my grandfather in the 60's!

I'm 33 yrs old and have probably reconditioned/restored around thirty or so Antique outboards. Currently, my collection is only two, a '52 KH7 Merc and a 37' Bendix SM. Hope to see more of you all at the upcoming meets!

-Sincerely Anthony Crusco

## The Evolution of Mercury Logos



From the Thor to the Mercury AVATOR Electric.

It's been a wild 87 Years. I wonder what the next 87 will be like?

# Member Activities



## **A trip to the Lake Shipp Florida AOMCI swap meet and show - October 2022**

*By Doug Penn*

Florida is a big state. If you check the AOMCI directory you'll see it has more club members than any other state by far. That does not include the members who are registered in other states and spend their winters south of the Georgia line.

Like California, Florida has two chapters, both North and South. Most months of the year both chapters put on one display and show. They have specific dates chosen in advance so that there is no conflict. Many of these meets are two days and sometimes stretched into three.

If you live in the lake country in the central part of the state and are willing to travel some, you could attend at least one meet every month throughout the year. Central Florida in particular, and the whole state in general, is blessed with lots of fresh water lakes for boating. There are no restrictions on two stroke engines that I know of. Club functions enjoy the blessings of their hosts and sponsors. While many of the members are aging, there are still many active middle age and younger members with lots of enthusiasm.

In years past we have traveled to Tampa to visit my son in mid-January and attend the big, one day swap

meet and sale at Hamilton Lake sponsored by the Florida Chapter which is the Northern group.

This year we were able to get to Florida in mid October for the annual show and boat display at Lake Shipp. That meet is an annual event and the kick off for the winter show season. Centrally located mid-state and about equally distant between the two coasts, it is sponsored by both Florida chapters at a lake-front city park. Billed as two days, it actually stretches into three as many members are local and able to set up displays on Thursday. The featured motor brand this year was Johnson.



Matt, my son, and I were anxious to display our 1954 Johnson full line of restored engines with story boards of the available accessories. 1954 was the first year for factory electric starting.

They featured it on the 25hp RD model. Our display motor was one of the factory models that originally had that electric starting. Johnson had 4 models that year; 3hp, 5.5hp, 10hp, and the 25hp in both electric and standard rope start version.



In the years prior to Covid, Lake Shipp was one of the premier meets in the country; drawing members from as far away as Canada. Even with the virus threat in the background, this meet and many others have suffered from lower attendance than in past years. Still, all in all, it was a great show. Many scarce engines and even an original Johnson Aqua Flyer boat and motor combo from the late 1920's showed up.

Friday featured a cruise to lunch on the far side of the lake and you could even cruise through a series of canals from the meet site to the old Cypress Gardens water ski show grounds which is now called LegoLand but still features a water ski show.

While primarily a display show and social event, many motors and parts were offered for sale. Even some of the most specialized and jaded collectors managed to find a motor or two that they just couldn't live without, or a really hard to find part.

The display set up next to us came all the way from Northern Alabama. The club member offered several very clean original small outboards and a table full of new old stock parts for sale. Late on Saturday afternoon all he had to put back in the car was his table. He had sold just about everything he brought!

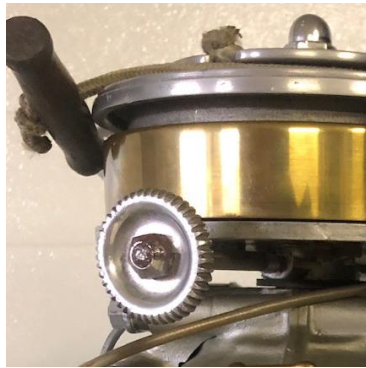
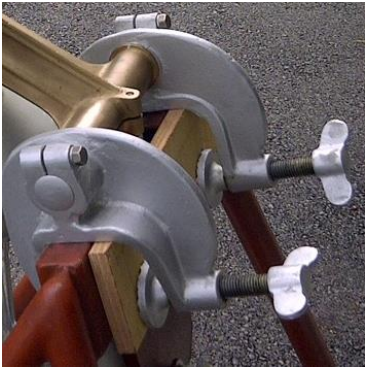
It was a great opportunity to see old friends who had retired to Florida from the Northeast and get a chance to talk old outboards. Setting up and taking down a large display is a lot of work and lots of us aren't getting any younger. We'll definitely do that show again if there is a chance. Next time we'll try to go earlier and set up on Thursday so we don't have to lug everything across the parking lot and onto the grass display area.



# Mystery Motor! What is it?



Some Hints Below



Can you identify it? The Answer is on Page 10.

## John Van Dyke: A Remembrance



Sadly we recognize the recent passing of one of our longest and most enthusiastic members; John Van Dyke. John passed away in October 2022 at age 91. A man of many talents; many of you will remember the day back in 2003 when he pulled into the Castaic Lake parking lot with his grandfather's boat in tow.....along with a one of a kind 5 cylinder radial outboard engine; hand-built by his Grandfather. John; you were a good friend and you are missed.

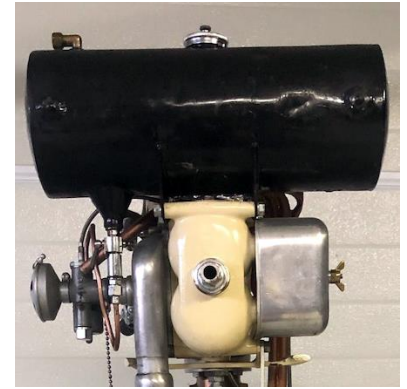


## BUY/SELL/TRADE SECTION

	<p>1961 Mercury 800 6 Cyl One Year Model Full Gearshift (NOT DR) 80 HP Brass Prop Controls and Cables Inc. S/N 1402812A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$300.00 <b>PRICE DROP!!!</b></p> <p>Contact Paul Brinkman kahunainlaguna@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>1934 Caille Partially Restored Call for More Information \$400.00 OBO</p>	<p>Contact Paul Brinkman  (714) 396-3041 Or kahunainlaguna@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>Mercury KH7 Cruiser First mercury Gearshift</p> <p>Many More Mercury K and Mark Motors and Parts Available</p>	<p>Contact Gerry Coats for more information</p> <p style="text-align: center;">gdc4625@aol.com</p>
	<p>ELTO RUDDERTWIN Flat Rudder 1923 #A-8650 Restored Replated Flywheel</p>	<p>For Sale or Trade</p> <p>Contact Doug Penn douglas.penn@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Sea King 4hp 1935 Model #491 Restored.</p>	<p>For Sale or Trade</p> <p>Contact Doug Penn douglas.penn@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Evinrude Model L twin 4hp 1928 SN#L-528 Has Optional Tilt Bracket Has Dealer Selling Tag: Emil Aarup 5510 S Main Street L.A.</p>	<p>Call for Information and Pictures</p> <p>Darryl Webber 714-815-1663</p>
	<p>ELTO Quad 1930 S/N#3140018 I am Second Owner I Fully Restored this 7 Years ago</p>	<p>Call for Information and Pictures</p> <p>Darryl Webber 714-815-1663</p>



# Answer to the Mystery Motor Quiz



## **Early 1930s Marston Seagull 10hp Twin Model OB s.n. 129, Long Shaft**

Serial numbers range from 100 to 200 (guess). Know models range from 121 to 167.

About 5 of these are known to exist.

The Marston Seagull belongs to Marc Hamer. Here are his notes on the motor:

This motor was found in 2004 during the purchase of a Penta U2 over in Europe. The person I bought the Penta from had this very tall heavy 2cyl motor. He couldn't identify it and neither could I. But looking at the motor it resembles closely to a common motor from England. Back then the internet wasn't as developed so it was difficult to identify it. The only numbering on this motor is OB 129. The flywheel has no ID plate. VILLIERS is casted on the underside of the mag plate. It has a water pump and it's unusual water intake is in the front of the cone of the lower unit. It's a 2 cylinder 20cu.in. (340cc) it has a fwd neutral gear, long shaft and weighs aprox 100lbs.

### Joining the National AOMCI

Please see Tom Lockwood or Paul Brinkman.  
The Application for submittal can be found at:  
[/ https://aomci.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/  
New-Membership-Application-AOMCI-19.pdf](https://aomci.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/New-Membership-Application-AOMCI-19.pdf)

### Next Meet Information:

Chapter President Paul Brinkman has tentatively scheduled our next meet in April 2023 at a location to be determined. Feel free to make suggestions!  
**Watch your e-mail for more information.**