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Antique Outboard Meet in Lake Elsinor on February 13th



After a great Christmas meet at the Crane's Lakeside Park and Resort in Lake Elsinor it was unanimous that we will be having our February 2010 meet again at the Crane's Resort at 15980 Grand Ave., in Lake Elsinor. We will have a super lunch and some great raffle prizes. We will have the use of the clubhouse again and there will be plenty of parking at lakeside. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 13thand don't miss the meet.

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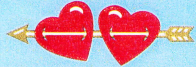
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Club member, Frank Fowler was a great hit at the Christmas meet when he surprised everyone when he showed up with an extremely rare RILEY 75 antique outboard motor. Frank recently obtained this 'great catch' after years of negotiations. He proudly displays his motor to David Vaughan and Jack Holtwick at the Lake Elsinor meet. Congratulations Frank !



David Marotta, Vice-President Gerry Coats and other members enjoy our Christmas dinner in the Crane's Lakeside Resort clubhouse last month.

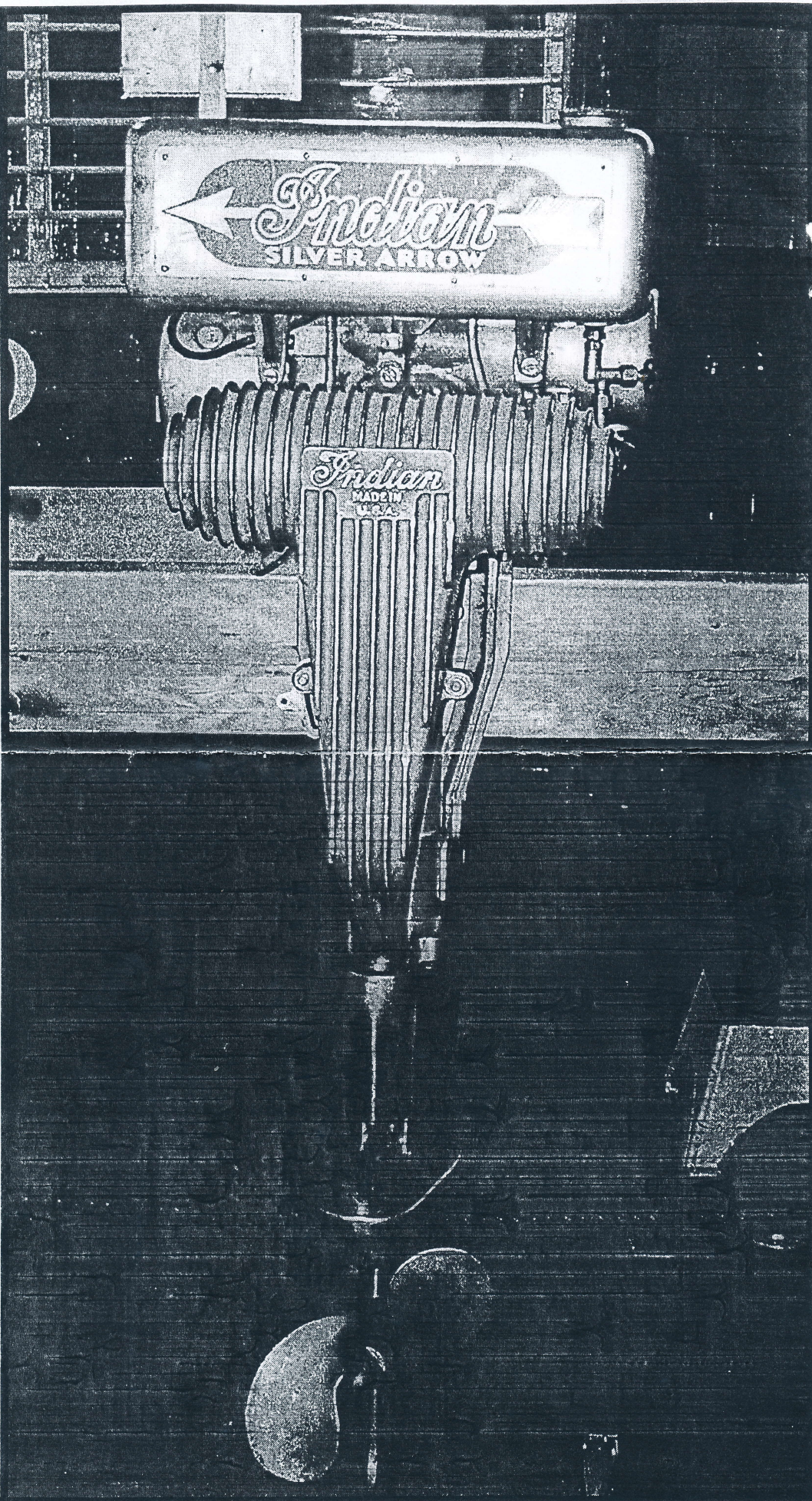
Seeing the success of Elto and Johnson, the Springfield, Massachusetts, based Indian Motorcycle Company thought it might like to branch into the outboard business. Its opportunity came when the nearby Gray and Prior people decided to part with their inventory of Sturdy Twin outboard stock and related tooling and patterns.

This was in economically troubled late 1929, but Indian went ahead with a few Sturdy Twin modifications, turning the old predominantly aluminum Hartford into a shiny new 1930 Indian Silver Arrow. Most striking was the large, beautifully cast muffler assembly. It sported the famed Indian logo and was tastefully ribbed almost down to the water line. The Silver Arrow's throttle twist grip was borrowed from the firm's motorcycle parts bin.

Today, the few remaining Indians certainly gin visual attention at vintage outboard meets, but most don't seem to run too well. Probably due to the fact the Indian was rushed into production and marketed only briefly, the little bugs never really got worked out of its design.

The failing early-Thirties economy, along with Indian's logical commitment to concentrate on cycles, caused the firm to bow out of outboarding in 1931. Similar to the premature passing of a pop personality, the Indian Silver Arrow's short life and royal lineage quickly made it a minor legend.

Peter Hunn wrote the above description. This picture was taken by **Ralph Krans** in *Minden Nebraska Pioneer Village Museum*. It boasts the largest private collection of Americana anywhere! **Gerry Coats** was very thoughtful in passing the photo on to us.





Club President, Paul Brinkman, Jr. presents the Southern California Chapter Trophy to it's first recipient, David Vaughan, for the best restored antique outboard motor at the Christmas meet in Lake Elsinor in December.



Past President, George Kent serves club members at the Christmas meet.

AS WE ROLL BACK THE CLOCK!

Lake Elsinor Meet April 1, 2006

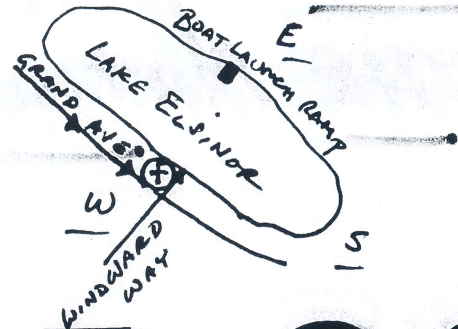
On a blustery April fools day only the hearty dared to show up. The Sothern California Chapter of the Antique Outboard Club met at Lake Elsinor. Our host, Crane's Resort, provided a wonderful setting for our meet. Crane's has a great launch ramp, beautiful sandy beach and a great club house. We had a great turn-out in spite of the weather.



Gerry Coats brought a truck load of Merck parts, Al Jarvis displayed a beautiful old Zephyr. Daved Vaughn, Paul Brinkman, Les Gunnarson, Walt Thompson and Daryl Webber joined President, George Kent to set up for lunch and the meeting. Frank Fowler and Craig Butcher arrived a bit later and brought the sunshine with them.



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