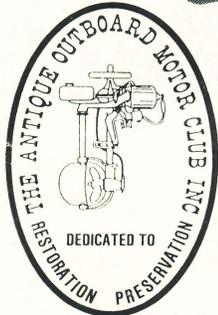


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G. COATS & L. KINNEL CAUGHT STRETCHING THE CHAPTER BUCK..

Is this a political gimmick? It's getting awfully close to our yearly Elections, or is this just Gerry Coats fighting with all his might to keep his dollar? You be the judge. But, you'll have to admit, they do make a good team and promise to work hard for us. I say, "Give em a chance, at least one term in office."

Pulling into the Campground on Friday, June 1, in anticipation of the Castaic Meet the next day, the first thing said was, "I bet Walt Thompson will be here any minute. He should be arriving right NOW!" It was such a kick because at that very second you heard the motorhome engine make it's final thrust and here he was, just like that! What a hoot. I am beginning to think Walt has a real nose for "the good stuff." He no sooner got out of his R.V. than he had found and purchased a Mercury motor. He was having FUN!

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True Outboard Confessions from the Fifties

By Lee J. Kinnel

As I get older, much older, I relive special times in my life. . .

I was born and raised in San Diego - take my word, San Diego was much different in the 1940's and 50's.

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AUGUST 4TH
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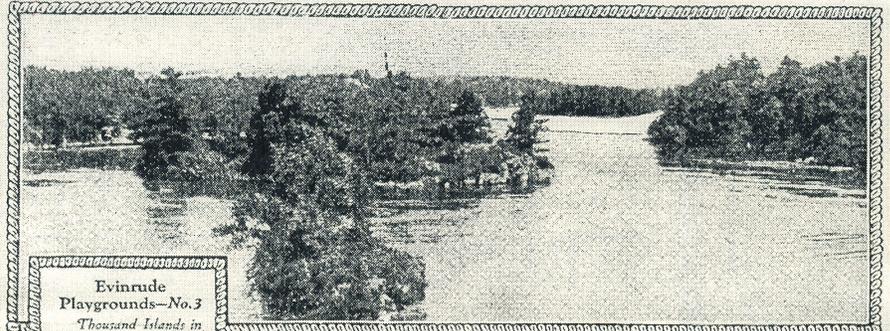
We Salute OMC Outboard Marine Corporation

Both Ad and Article Shared By Al Jarvis

Dennis Evinrude, our AOMCI President, in the April, 2001 issue of *The Antique Outboarder*, cited the fact that Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC) had entered into Chapter 11, bankruptcy. On 22 December 2000, OMC, the parent company of Evinrude and Johnson, closed its doors for good. There were various reasons for the downfall. Demands for outboard motors was reduced, a U.S. manufacturer (Mercury) and several Japanese firms provided sales competition, stern-drive craft entered the market in force and the requirement to market motors which were environmentally acceptable, to name a few.

In 1909, Ole Evinrude formed his company and the Johnson brothers arrived on the scene in the early 1920's. In 1936, the two brands joined forces, controlling 60% of the motor market by 1940. In 1966, it had recorded \$213.4 million in sales and in 1984, a high of \$911 million. An outstanding record, for a very professional organization.

Prior to becoming an AOMCI member, in the early 1980's, I had two small Johnson motors and wanted to know their year of manufacture, horsepower and rarity. In those days, ones only possible source of information was the local motor dealer. When mine obviously was guessing at certain bits of information, I fired off a request letter to OMC. I didn't have the exact address in Waukegan, IL and felt if my request reached OMC, it would



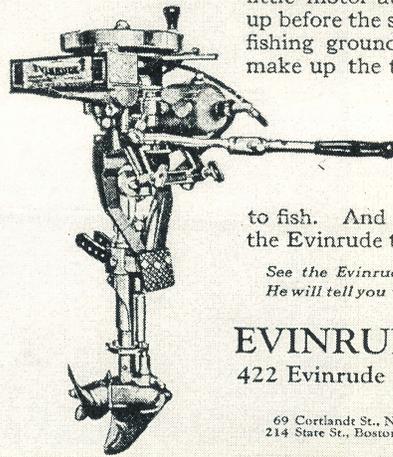
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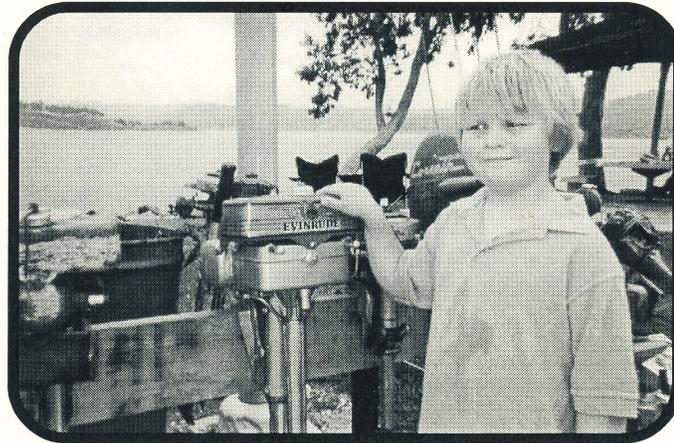
DETACHABLE MOTOR FOR WATERCRAFT

probably end up in the "circular file." To my surprise, I received an immediate response from **Mike Roepenack, the OMC Customer Service Administrator.** Over subsequent years, Mike and I exchanged extensive

correspondence with him providing parts lists, sources for service and owner's manuals, details concerning OMC activities and experimental ventures. All unsolicited. Mike, along with OMC, will be missed.

SAN DIEGO "WE LOVE YOU." WE'LL BE THERE AUGUST 4TH

After personally enduring heat this last month in the high 80 -90 degrees, I am more than pleased to invite you to join your AOMC Chapter on Mission Bay, San Diego, at our **August 4th Wet Meet**. It is said to be "The World's Finest Aquatic Playground." All that will be between us and the water is a little grass. How does that sound? **COOL? LET'S GO!**



Gerry Coates, will arrive early to secure our site, and assist with lunch.

Simply take the Clairemont Drive turn off from the 5 freeway. As Clairemont Drive winds around, turn towards the bay. You will see the Visitors Center, and the sign "Boat Ramp" to the right. Turn right, follow the road past the launch ramp to the next parking lot making a left into what looks like a semi-private area with ample parking and - **you'll see your friends with lots of outboard motors to show and trade**. This is the exact same spot as we met last August. It is easy to find. I'll see you around 9:00 a.m., if not before!

Bring your boats, Jet Skis, Wet Bikes, Wave Runners, etc. All vessels must comply with California and US. Coast Guard requirements for minimum safety equipment. Personal flotation devices are required for each person on board for all vessels. All boats exceeding 16 feet in length as well as all power boats must carry a Type IV throwable PFD on board. The boat registration certificate/card is required to be carried on board the vessel at all times, and must be presented to any peace officer upon request.

Fishing is permitted in all areas of Mission Bay, except in Swimming Areas, Water-ski Landing and Take-off Zones, Special Event Areas, Personal Watercraft Areas, and from any bridge. Fishermen in boats should stay away from water-ski areas and are not permitted to anchor in or near the center-span of bridges, or so as to

Try to take an extra couple days and make a family affair out of this meet. *Imagine how much FUN Ethan Nichols, age 4, (pictured above) and his dad, Charlie are going to have in San Diego. They can swim, roller blade, bike ride, boat ride, fly a kite and after the meet visit Balboa Park & see all the museums, the Zoo, Sea World, the Old Spanish Light House in Point Loma, beautiful Aquarium in La Jolla, take Mom shopping at Sea Port Village, to mention only a few great places to visit and enjoy with your family. Make plans today!*

obstruct the free navigation of any area.

Dogs are not allowed on any public beach or public park in the City of San Diego between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., leashed or unleashed.

To camp in a R.V. overnight, call Campland-on-the-Bay: 619-581-4200, and De Anza Harbor Resort at:

619-273-3211. It is unlawful for any person to camp, sleep or lodge overnight on any public beach or in any public park in the City of San Diego.

If you plan to stay at a hotel CALL TODAY, as the summer is a busy time. Hotel accommodations include:

Bahia Resort Hotel	619-539-8770
Catamaran Hotel	619-488-1081
Dana Inn & Marina	619-222-6440
Hyatt Islandia Hotel	619-224-1234
Hilton Resort Hotel	619-276-4010
San Diego Resort	619-274-4630

Harry Martin has purchased a beautiful motor in unbelievable shape - surprise us with it in San Diego, Harry.

Le Roy Okeson who resides in San Diego was in hot pursuit of a rare Indian Motor in the Mid-West the last time we spoke. If he snagged it, I bet he'll bring it to show on June 4th.

We have a ton of new members - yes, a TON. I started to name them all here

and got worried I would leave out somebody. **I counted FIFTEEN** that have joined since the first of the year. The men who participated in Lake Arrowhead Classic Boat meet on June 2nd brought 3 new members into our Chapter! We are anxious to socialize with each and every one of you. Please try to make this **SUPER COOL MEET** in San Diego so we can become acquainted.

Remember, the power of just one phone call is great. Consider riding to the meets with someone you have met who lives close by your home. Get to know each other, socialize, share outboard tips and stories. In this way our Chapter will be strong and we will be rich with friendships. **Les Gunnarson** arrived at the last meet to find his friend **Kip Fjeld** was no where to be seen. He quickly called him, and it wasn't long before Kip made the scene - quickly buying at least 3 motors. He was very happy, indeed. Les told him that he "needed the challenge." Good work, Les. Don't forget to make that call to Kip on August 3rd.

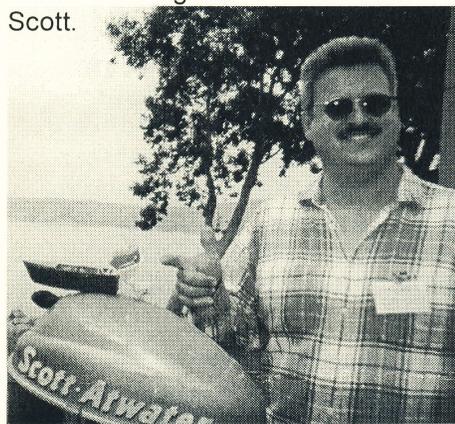
San Diego Meet promises to be one heck of a great day by the sea and one heck of a great outboard show! Don't forget your name tags and please CALL ME and say YOU'LL BE THERE! (Many members called with a "courtesy reply or RSVP" to our last meet. You have no idea how much you helped us.) Call Lee as soon as possible at our new telephone number TODAY: 909-790-8168

Highlights - Lake Castaic June 2nd, 2001

Camping at Lake Castaic the night before our meet is just the best. If you haven't made the effort to do so, please consider joining us early at the October, Big West Coast Meet. But, you have to know that **Tom and Ava Cabelus** gave us a new meaning to the word, "Camping." Nobody has more fun, and they both make the party special for everyone. Their tent was spectacular, and where did Tom find it? A thrift store for \$45.00. We could hardly believe it! Below, Tom is pointing to his toy outboard and boat which is resting on Tim Coleman's Scott.



Tom & Ava Cabelus Roughing it?

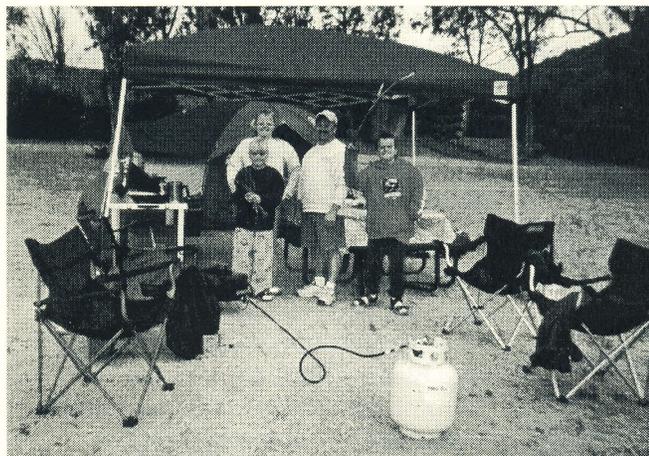


Everyone enjoyed meeting and camping with **Steve and Carmen Britland**, our personal friends and working companions in the printing business. Without their help on a day-to-day basis, we would be lost. Steve built us a marvelous fire in the ring and

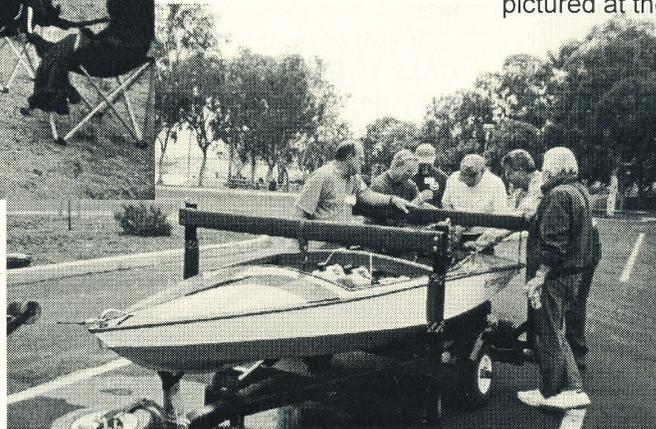


Manya Coats

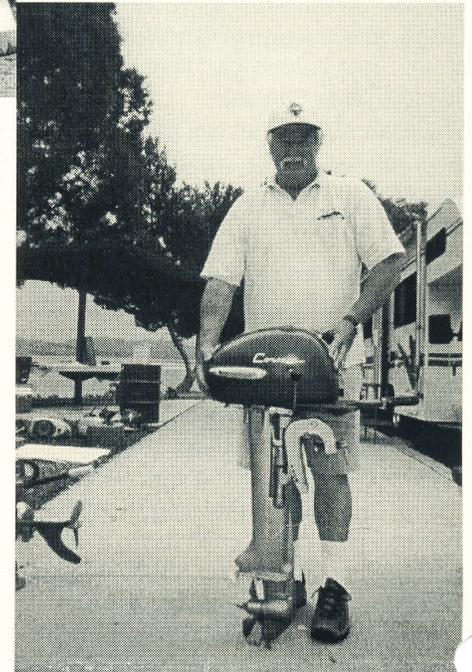
Manya Coats, Gerry's wife, is always a welcome addition to our group. We should see more of her now as she has just retired. Manya brings a "touch of class" to our meet as well as our camping, complete with a flower centerpiece at each meal. Congratulations on your retirement Manya. Good luck in keeping Gerry in line.



we roasted marshmallows and just plain relaxed together. A great family! They brought their Sea-Doo's to ride, fished and had a great time camping. This was just a perfect week-end to spend quality time with your family and they did just that.



Dennis Byrne and his assistant, John Coultas cooked hot dogs to perfection - and as fast as they could - everyone must have been hungry as we polished off several packages, cowboy beans and salads. **Lunch was perfect Dennis!**



Dennis Byrne above won the Corsair outboard **Tim Coleman** had donated for the raffle. What a fine tribute to our cook for all his efforts.

Speaking of Tim, he has us so spoiled with outboard donations for our raffle that we are rotten. He travels all over buying motors and keeping the Chapter in mind, donating them to help keep our treasure going. I have lost count now as to the number he has donated. What can we say Tim, your generosity is more than overwhelming. His presence is something to behold too - as he brought what it looked like a half a block of motors to sell, pictured at the top of the next page.

Pictured to the left is our group flocking around **Gerry Coat's** newly restored runabout. It is very beautiful. Would you believe, he found it full of ice and fish. Of course, you know what it is powered by - a Mercury Mark 20!

AOMC ELECTION AUGUST, 2001

By Lee Kinnel, Chapter President

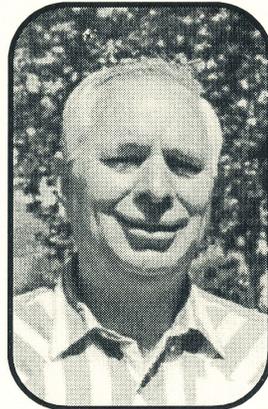
It is hard to believe that it has been two years since you elected me President of our Southern California Chapter. At that first meeting we had about 10 members and we now boast over 90. We must be having fun!

Tom Lockwood has chosen not to run for another term. We thank Tom for 2 years service.

At our last meeting we voted in favor of having three Vice Presidents; one for San Diego, one for Orange County, and one for North L.A. and Santa Barbara areas. With my personal move East to Yucaipa in San Bernardino County, this plan will give us coverage, assistance and input in all of Southern California. We need it!

I was nominated to serve a third term as President, and **George Kent**,

Cut Here



Lee J. Kinnel

Gerry Coats and Dennis Bryne were nominated to serve as Regional Vice Presidents.

Please fill out the ballot we have provided below and mail it as soon as

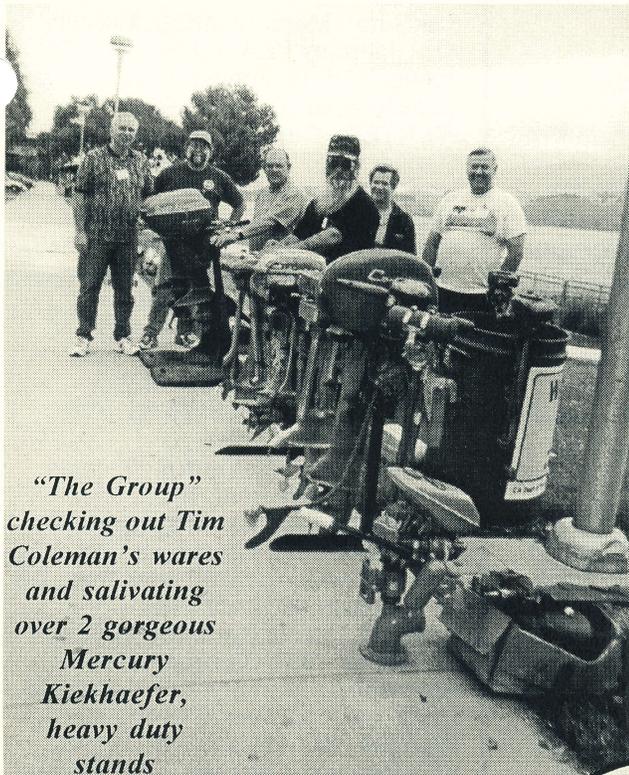
possible to our new address at:
AOMC % Lee Kinnel
37230 Wildwood View Drive,
Yucaipa, California 92399

If you have someone else in mind whose name does not appear on the ballot for any of these positions, simply write in that person's name in front of the words, "write in candidate."

Most important, **mail in the ballot today**, or bring it with you to the next meet which will be Saturday, August 4th in San Diego. (See page 3 for directions and info on the San Diego Meet - my cell phone is 714-801-3284 if you take a wrong turn on 8/4)

Every single vote is important.
Your participation will help make our Chapter strong. Thank you for your support as we work together to insure that this next year will be our BEST!

Don't Miss One Meet - You'll Miss a Lot and You'll be Missed, Too!



"The Group" checking out Tim Coleman's wares and salivating over 2 gorgeous Mercury Kiekhaefer, heavy duty stands

What each of us are really doing (picture above) is trying desperately to figure out just how we are going to make the **BIG DEAL** and purchase both of these hot Mercury stands when . . . oh no, it looks like someone is walking down the sidewalk with one of them, someone has snagged the ultra Mercury stand of all stands . . . YES, it is **Lyman Hughes II**, with the supreme catch of the day!

Check out the beautiful 1980 Honda Gold Wing side-car, self designed, self built - aluminum hand formed by **Bob Foster**, a friend of **Les Gunnarson's**. He is building Les an all mahogany, miniature CHRIS-CRAFT boat with a Fold Lite Sea King motor to be completed this fall. Can't wait to see this one Les!



To give you a better picture of the Kiekhaefer stands look above. Looks like Tim has hired **John Coultas, Lee Kinnel and Tom Cabelus** to stand guard as they are being shown. Not a bad idea Tim!



The envied purchaser, **Lyman Hughes** is shown here in a winner's circle with **Lucky Bob Argott!** who

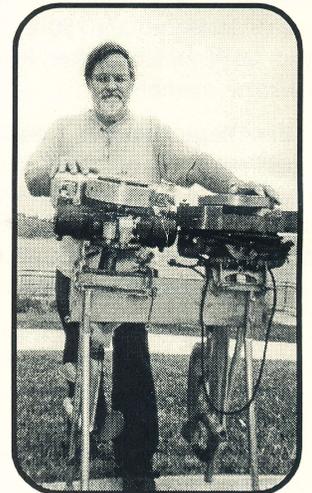
has won countless raffled motors and was seriously thinking of selling his raffle ticket! Wonder who bought the 2nd stand? I'll never tell, but I bet you can guess. In fact he picked it up the next day!

Another super surprise of the day was when **Jim Lyman** arrived with his friend **Don Feil**. Jim is retired from McDonald Douglas and Don from the Torrance Police Department.



Jim is pictured above with Don, displaying his great Water Witch. **Thanks for joining our Chapter.**

I know you will have lots of fun. But, I truly believe nobody has more fun in the Chapter than **Jack Holtwick** (right) showing his 1928 Caille Model 34 Tractor Drive Racer and swell Rudder Twin. I Look forward to seeing all of you August 4th. *Lee K.*



Marc Bigenho with his 1959 Dorsett and 59 Mercury 40 Thunderbolt Both are just grand Marc! Thanks for attending this meet with your wife and hope to see you again soon.

"The Voice" of the Southern California Chapter

By Lee Kinnel, Chapter President

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Herb Maier. She recently became ill and is now on the road to recovery. Herb, understandably, was busy caring for his wife and could not make our June 2nd meet. However, he found the perfect Mix N' Measure bottle for our gas and oil. You can find them at K-Mart in the Paint Department and at Bar Lumber in a 1 quart and 2 1/2 quart size. They are made by Encore Company Plastic Corporation. **Thanks for the tip Herb!**

Marc Bigenho read my ad seeking a 7 1/2 hp. Scott Atwater and gave me a call. I was delighted to hear from him. Thanks very much Marc. **See, our Classifieds do work!** If you have an outboard or any marine items for sale or wanted parts, motors, don't forget to call me or Jackie at 909-790-8168 and place your ad in our Newsletter, **FREE** to all our Chapter members.

San Diego Member, Lee Okeson could not make our meet, but may come back from a business trip with an **Indian outboard**. Can you believe that he will be bidding on one in the mid-west and will let us know if he was successful.

Bill "Oil Can" Milligan called me tonight to say "thanks for the Newsletter" and to let us know that he enjoys it more than any one Newsletter in the Nation! He said, "The last Newsletter made me feel like I was right there at the meet." Your kind words of encouragement and many fine articles have more than helped the Southern California Chapter grow. **THANKS BILL.**

Greg Wilkinson, from La Crescenta included a note with his dues that he is pleased to have found **Paul Rogers**, owner of **Icarus Marine** to work on his 57' Mercury Mark 10. Don't forget that Paul is available to hire to work on our motors and he is a member of our Chapter. Also, does any member know where **Greg Wilkinson** can acquire a service manual (or copy) for his Mark 10? If you do, please call him at 818-957-6267.

Our new member, **Jim Pratt**, from San Diego could only find one thing wrong with our meet, "My wife isn't here to relax and enjoy just being away." **Mrs. Pratt**, please join us August 4th on the bay in

San Diego. You'll be glad you did!

We were excited and extremely appreciative to raffle 3 Newport Harbor cruises and one cruise to Catalina at our Lake Castaic meet. These trips were donated anonymously by one of our own Chapter Members. What a tremendous gesture. **THANK YOU!**

"Congratulations on all of the new members, this should make for a very interesting group", says **Larry Cupernell**. He is moving and could not attend our June 2nd meet, but as a point of possible interest he says, "California's oldest Johnson dealer, Avalon Boat Stand, has yielded up several treasures. A 1925 2 hp. Johnson in very good shape and Mrs. Wrigley's personal Sea Sled (circa 1930). Her name B.B. Wrigley is still visible on the side." Does this mean that you have made the acquisition of these two fabulous motors, Larry? **(Please help Larry Cupernell find a Mark 25 face plate. Call him with all leads at 310-510-7228).**

Who do you think recently completed a voyage from Mazatlan, across the Sea of Cortez (241 miles) to La Paz? You guessed it, our "world class" yachtsman, **David Marotta!** What a sweet retirement life for a great Chapter Member. We look forward to being with David at our San Diego Meet in August.

Did you notice in our Classified section that **Harry Martin** has discovered a **Source** for **FREE** 55 gallon metal barrels? **WAY TO GO HARRY.**

To receive articles, antique outboard advertising, and pictures of yourself, family and motors to print in our Newsletter is better than ambrosia. "Thumbs up," **Al Jarvis**, for your quite apropos article on Page 2 entitled, *We Salute OMC Outboard Marine Corporation*, and to **Dennis Byrne**, Page 7, *sharing his trip to Maryland*, **Tom Lockwood**, Page 8, covering the *Arrowhead meet*. Articles like this will keep our Newsletter alive and Members like **Craig Butcher** who called to ask, "What can I do or bring to the next meet, how can I help," are all worth their weight in gold. **What a Team!** It is a pleasure to spend quality time and work together with such swell, dedicated antique outboard enthusiasts.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Mercury MK20, Mercury KH7, Mercury KE4, Johnson QD16, Johnson QD14, Johnson QD13. Call Bob Myers at 209-795-6904.

WANTED - Copy or original Service Manual for 57' Mercury Mark 10. Call Greg Wilkinson at 818-957-6267

WISHING you had a **FREE** 55 gallon metal barrel? Call Harry 909-822-5402.

LOOKING For a Sun Fish Sail Boat? I've got it! Herb 760-228-2936

For Sale: Johnson TS-20 and Johnson TN-26, 4 Elgins "to good home" Call Dennis 805-498-9621

For Sale: 1966 Elgin 75 hp. Call Mark at 562-804-0661.

I Build "New" Beautiful Wooden Boats - Call Grady at, 520-282-4458

I Know the location of several 50's motors and parts including a 1957 35hp Johnson w/electric start & controls, 7.5 hp. Johnson AD12 with tank - excellent. Dennis Byrne 805-498-9621

For Sale: 1950 Glaspar 12' Row Boat with 57 Mercury 10 hp. & trailer + orig. gas can. Greg 818-957-6267

Wanted - 55' Wizzard WM7 and 52' KG7 Mercury. Call Walt: 805-772-9469

Wanted-Mark 20 or Mark 25 in original-perfect condition. Call Lewis Eagle at: 310-472-4989

Wanted- OLD Fishing Lures, reels, bamboo rods, misc. pre-WWII Fishing Tackle, Under 3 hp. Outboards pre 1940. Philip 805-967-8393

Wanted - 12 hp. Goodyear Sea-bee Call Tom Lockwood at 714-635-3295

Wanted - Martin 20, 66 & 200. Scott Atwater 5, 7 1/2 & 10 gold and green Please call Lee at: 909-790-8311

For Sale: 1937 Johnson Sea Horse Model PO-37, 22 hp. Owned since 1949 by James H. Todd (626) 336-6485

Wanted: 18 hp. Evinrude or Johnson Bay Cruiser. John 714-957-6250

For Sale or Trade: 16' Glasspar Delmar 1955 twin 35 electric Johnsons trailer original controls. **CHEAP!** Much more inc. boats and motors + parts.

Love to trade! Send for list: Jim Quinn 2110 16th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Call: 415-921-5973

For Sale: 1985, 70 hp. Evinrude - rebuildable. 6 ft. trailer axel, 5 lug rims and tires, leaf springs and perches. Rims are 14". Call Dom Clesi at 562-860-3045

Wanted - Mercury Outboard Motor KG-7, KG-7H, KG-7Q. Also want 50's era three-point hydroplane i.e. Neal, Swift, Pabst, Jacoby, Sid-Craft, etc. Call Lyman Hughes 949-489-3823 - E-Mail: lbh2@compuserve.com

Wanted-Mark 25 Face Plate, Call Larry Cupernell 310-510-7228.

Dennis Byrne Tours Maryland - Meets Members of The Old Bay Chapter. . .

would like to share our recent trip to the East Coast.

One of our first stops was the St. Michaels, Maryland Antique Classic Boat Festival. It was held at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum with over 65 classic boats on display along with all the museum items.

Two of the most interesting displays were Mr. Bob Nelson's collection of 23 different Mercury motors. Mr. Nelson has done an outstanding job on the restoration of his collection and is very helpful in providing information on all types of Mercury motors.

The Old Bay Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club presented an excellent display with approximately 20 original and restored motors in great condition. Chapter President **Frank Vaccaro** and Chapter Vice-President **Scott Wahlberg** are very friendly and interesting to talk with about "old motors."

One of our last stops was the American Outboard Motor Co., located in Cordova, Maryland. They advertise over 1 million parts in stock, and have 4 warehouses filled to the brim with motors and parts for motors from the year 1909 to current. After an extended tour of the facility, I believe 2 million is an appropriate estimate of parts and motors available.

It seems everywhere you visit in Maryland and Delaware there are old outboards. An example of an ad in the



Bob Nelson's Gorgeous Collection (also 2nd row of motors pictured below)



local Grasonville, Maryland newspaper reads, "Two 1940's Evinrude motors for \$220.00 -Call Bill at 410-745-5934.

It was a great "outboard" trip. We met great and friendly people and saw

many terrific old motors.

This past April, Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, Maryland hosted an Antique Engine Meet. On display were outboard and inboard engines and vintage boats from the early 20th century. This event featured over thirty collectors. The museum's newest exhibit, "Outboard

Motoring in America - The First 50 Years." For information on the next event of this kind call Richard Dodds at 410-326-2042, x 31 or visit the museum's website at: www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

I was able to obtain **Bob Nelson's** address and phone number in Greenwich, N.J. for all you Mercury enthusiasts. It is Box 143, Greenwich, N.J. 08323. Bob's Phone: 856-453-8965.

I met **Capt. Terry J. Topjun** who will buy, sell, or trade nautical toys and collectibles; toy outboard motors and boats, gas powered race cars, boating magazines and literature. His phone is 865-397-1002 and address: 3001 14th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205. E-Mail: tptopjun@worldnet.att.net

Nat Hammond from So. Bristol, Maine collects and sells Vintage Marine Sales Literature and can be reached at 207-644-8755 or Fax: 207-644-8753 E-Mail: oldboat@vmsl.com

Thank you Dennis Byrne for this special article and pictures. Where are you going next? Please don't forget to take your camera. We love your input.



Dennis admiring Old Bay Chapter Display

Chapter Members Participate in Lake Arrowhead Boat Show and . . .

By Tom Lockwood

The June 2nd Arrowhead Boat Show hosted by the Southern California Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society was certainly memorable for those who attended. The invitation by the ACBS for a static display of our old outboard motors was enormously successful and appreciated by everyone.

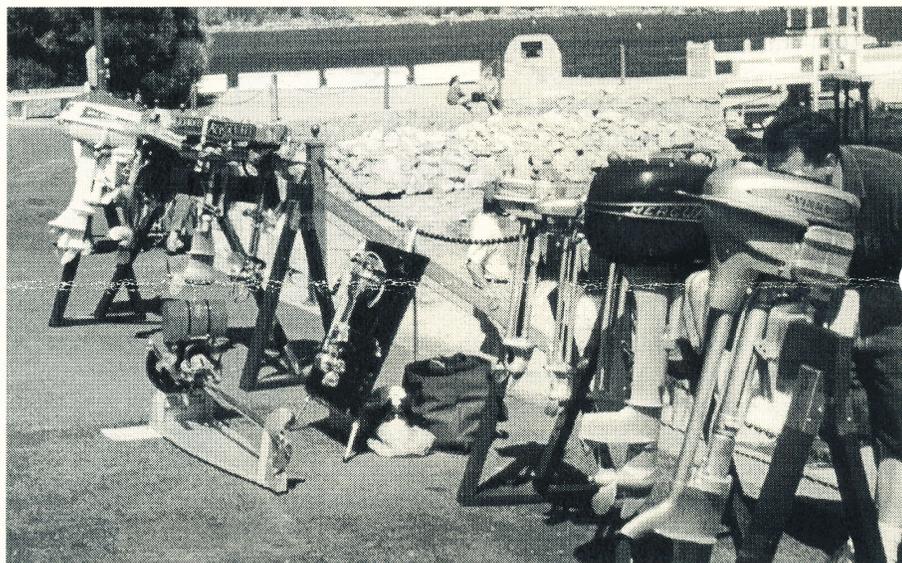
George and John Kent, Al Jarvis, Richard and Susan Plavetich and Tom Lockwood arrived at the lake by 7:30 a.m., and were set up by 8:00 a.m. Before we were completely unloaded, crowds of people gathered around us and our motors asking questions and admiring the displays. This lasted all day and folks were still coming by and talking about our motors even as the last motors were loaded to come home at 6:30 p.m.

Very little time was had to see the boats and woody station wagons exhibited because of the great interest in our equipment. We even ate lunch in shifts at Woody's Restaurant so we could watch over our motors and try to accommodate the crowd.



It was good, however, to see some of our AOMC Chapter members who are also ACBS members. **Bob Hanover, Steve Hurley, Miles Kapper** and our good friend, **Wes Selvidge** were there with their great boats.

I would like to comment on **Miles Kapper's** boat, an adorable 14 foot Cruiser Inc., that



was very well restored. What a great boat and what a great outboard boat. I am very glad this boat was able to stay locally so we can all see it more often and spend time with it and its owner. How about the Big West Coast Lake Castaic Meet in October, Miles?

I would like to express great thanks to the ACBS Southern California Chapter for the invitation and terrific hospitality. I would especially like to thank **Steve Hipsak** for all his help, guidance and patience for this show. Again, I'd like to thank our faithful members for bringing and displaying their motors. It was a lot of hard work and very exhausting. But, it was worth every minute of it. These guys did a great job.

.... Create Keen Interest in our Motors, Obtain 3 New AOMC Members



BRITISH SEAGULL

"The Best Outboard Motor in the World"

The British Seagull Company Limited, Fleets Bridge, Poole, Dorset, England.

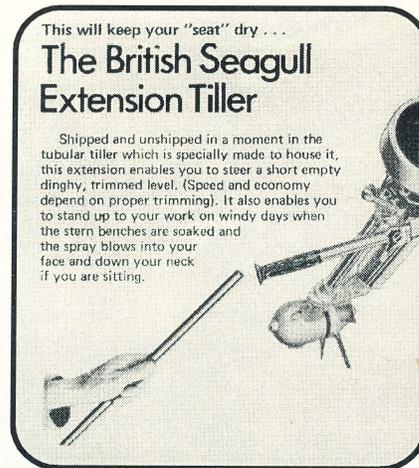
At the suggestion of both **Herb Maier and Bob Argott** we have chosen the **British Seagull Motor** to highlight in our July, 2001 Newsletter. See ad on back page.

Until the Lake Castaic June Meet, we had practically exhausted all efforts to come up with literature describing the British Seagull. That is, until **Tom Cabelus** arrived on the scene at our meet. He sat down with a whole lap full of antique outboard ads to share with us that his father had saved for him. **His father had sold the British Seagull!** What a find . . . we are excited to print the following sales literature from which we can all enjoy and learn more of this fine motor:

World's Most Compact Outboard The British Seagull

Seagulls are unique among outboards. We believe they are the finest small motors built today. They're tiny bundles of pushing power - lightweight, efficient, without a single tricky device or variable adjustment. They have, in fact, only three moving parts. Simplicity is the keynote of Seagull design. What isn't there can't go wrong. Seagulls are built in England with old-world craftsmanship to perform hard work, pushing hulls with a minimum of flash and fuss, and offer an almost complete avoidance of nuisance maintenance. Their power heads are geared down to drive impressively large 4 and 5 bladed propellers, slow-revving, geared to the water like a tugboat's. And Seagulls are built for saltwater use day in, day out, all year long, with no coddling and bare minimum of attention. At years end a fresh water flush will suffice.

Seagulls are designed for people who have no knowledge of mechanics - and don't wish to learn. The native in Uganda, Argentina, Tahiti, and Iran can keep his simple Seagull running with ease. They start at the first pull, throttle down for trolling - or rev up instantly to full power; withstand cruel neglect operate indefinitely without



attention - never need to be taken apart or decarbonized. With a Seagull on, or stowed in your boat, you will always get there and get back, even against rip tides, ebbs and storms, with never a worry.

Seagull's high gear ratio and large propellers deliver greater thrust and stabilized power for your boat!

FEATURES: Quick-detach transom clamps. Leave clamp on your boat - or bolt on one of the special fixtures we can supply to fit each motor. All models except the Forty Minus are made for 16" maximum transom. All **Seagulls** are water cooled. Instarter magnition (high voltage coils deliver instant response to first cord pull). Corrosion-resistant alloys, all-bronze bearings, valveless pumps, case-hardened nickel steel gears running in oil, solid brass fuel tanks. **These are some of the features which have earned British Seagull the affectionate title "Best Outboard Motor for the World!"**

Our Honorary Chapter Member, Herb Maier has this to say about the British Seagull:

I would highly recommend for new members to try to start their collection with a Seagull, as most of the basic motor is not hidden under a shroud. Should it stop, there are two reasons;

either no fuel or no current. First, check for fuel; simply look at the clear fuel hose going to the carb - no other engine has one. If you see fuel, it might be a stoppage in the carb. With your hand, unscrew the float bowl where most of the stoppages are. There is a jet in there that you can clean out by blowing with your mouth. Still no go? Remove spark plug and wire, check for spark, still no spark? Remove spark plug and wire with your fingers and install a spare that came with the motor when it was new. With all other motors you need soldering - not with a Seagull. Now, the water pump - it will outlast you. About the shear pin - there is none.

I have gone long distances with my boats, both sail and outboards, but never without a back-up Seagull hanging back there. (My main engine is a Merc because of the excellent gas mileage).

Chapter Member, Bob Argott found the following article taken from The Mariner's Catalog:

Seagulls can do more work, lots more work, than their domestic displacement brethren. They do not push anything faster, but certainly more surely, steadily, and consistently in more adverse conditions. A few years ago I worked a season with a herring gang, most of the time standing and taxiing in a really terrible 14 foot punt built of one-inch stuff soaked up and jungle-bottomed. Things were okay during the summer with a small Johnson six or seven hp., but in the fall, the machine just wasn't up to it at all, not only unable to push the craft through the 2 foot chop of the East Side, but also unable to keep the craft on course. The Seagull 5 1/2, a borrowed oily thing, didn't even cough; just put the boat where pointed and at the speed indexed. The balance of that season I tended to be a lot wetter, but the boys on the sardine carrier didn't get to laugh as much.

By George Putz, from Vinalhaven, Maine.

OUTBOARD CONFESSIONS FROM THE 1950's - Continued from Page 1

My buddies and I would walk about four miles to the little town of La Mesa to buy gas model airplanes. The sound of one of these Cox .045 gas engines would set my heart on fire much as our outboards do today.

On our way to La Mesa we made sure we stopped at the Scott Atwater Dealership in our town. The Scott dealership was the local Union Oil Service Station. Boy, what a feast for our eyes to walk through the front door and see the "way out" Scott Boats with those big 33 hp. Scott engines nailed on. These were our DREAM BOATS, chrome every place, tail fins, bright colors inside and out and made of fiberglass, the new "wonder material."

Later these boats were powered by the big Flying Scotts. To this day one of those Scott Boats would make my heart pound. If you know where I can see one, please call me.

One of my other fond memories was of a new, cheap 14 ft. fiberglass boat complete with a used 35 hp. red Johnson outboard. My best friend,

Gene Perkins, (pictured with me below 41 years later) and I bought this rig and we were sure it was the greatest boat we had ever seen except for the Scott boat! You have to know that this good friend was a first class, A-1 street racer with his great 1958



Chevrolet Impala convertible boasting a 348 V8 engine. We hitched the boat to his car and off to Mission Bay (the exact place we're having our meet on August 4th) to show everybody we were as fast on water as we were on land. The three of us jumped in the boat and off we went with Gene behind the wheel of our new boat. We had just gotten the Johnson going full-out when a boat, of the same size, with 2 beautiful

girls *shot* past us!

Knowing Gene, he jammed the speed control over to **RACE** then to **SUPER RACE!** Next we lowered our heads, lower than the windshield and away we went with the Johnson giving us everything it could - after those girls!

One major problem, the girl's boat had a Merc Mark 55 engine and as you know, those 40 hp. engines were true race horses and our Johnson was at best, a great farm horse.

Need I say more, Gene is still looking for those pretty girls

and when we sold the boat it still had his finger prints on the steering wheel and speed control.

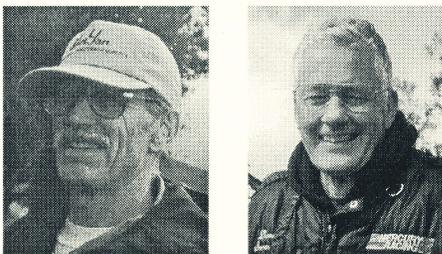
Just recently, 41 years later, I found my best friend Gene, and we have now planned to give my new 2001 boat a try together. But this time, with one minor change, it's o.k. if the girls pass us with their hot Merc motor - our wives won't let us keep them anyway.

WE'RE INVITED... SEPTEMBER 30TH, 9-4:00 P.M.

Remember these two great guys from our very wet April meet in Lake Castaic? Your right, they are **Bob Myers and Darrell Sorensen** our Chapter Members from Northern California. They had weathered the storm, bringing two beautiful wooden boats, Mercury powered, for us to enjoy. And, enjoy we did. These two guys really helped make our day!

This wet meet sounds like fun, and a chance to get to know new AOMC Members and enjoy trading and searching for motors on new turf!

The meet site is located at **Salt Springs Valley Reservoir** near Copperopolis on Rock Creek Road. It is easy to find, about 30 miles east of Stockton via Highway 4.



Bob Myers and Darrell Sorensen

There is a campground at the site and lodging in Angels Camp and Copperopolis. Bob says, "Come the day before and camp."

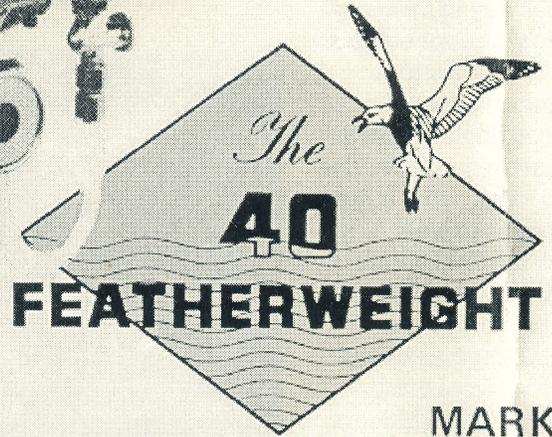
A log race and also a slowest boat contest have been planned, plus lunch will be served, asking only a donation to help cover the cost.

The resort is providing boats for those who want to run their motors and don't have a boat. Bring motors to show, swap or sell.

For further information, contact Bob Myers at 209-795-6904. The phone number for Salt Springs Valley Resort is 209-785-7787.

Be assured, Bob & Darrell, we will do everything we can to be there with you guys. Thanks for the invitation.

***Hint, check the Classifieds, page 6**, first ad, and see all the motors Bob Myers has listed to sell! Arrange with him to pick up one or all of these motors when you attend their meet on Sunday, September 30th. **LET'S GO!**



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