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BIG SUMMER ANTIQUE OUTBOARD MEET IN MISSION BAY, SAN DIEGO COMING UP ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010 !



ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING THIS MEET WILL RECEIVE A FREE LUNCH. WE WILL HAVE A GREAT RAFFLE WITH PRIZES INCLUDING A NEW OCEAN FISHING ROD AND REEL, A PORTABLE GAS BAR-B-Q, A NECK MASSAGER, A WEATHER BAND RADIO AND OTHER PRIZES. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE....SO COME TO THE MISSION BAY MEET.

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ELGIN

The 1947 Elgins

by Jim Moffatt

The post-World War II era was a time of rapid expansion in the outboard field, and Sears Roebuck Co. joined in with their new line of Elgin outboard motors. This article highlights the 1947 models. This is the first year that Elgin provided a full lineup consisting of four models, which were made by the West Bend Aluminum Company.

The first appearance of the Elgin motors in a Sears catalog seems to be in the Fall/Winter 1947 issue. Although Elgin service literature says the 1.25 hp air-cooled model was produced in 1946, I have not been able to find any 1946 catalog mention of it.

Fig. 1 is an excerpt of the 1947

Fall/Winter catalog page devoted to the new Elgin outboards. This group of four motors continued with variations until 1952, and some of the models continued to evolve into the 1960s. Specifications and service information for these and later models are given in the Elgin Outboards web site, www.elginoutboards.org, and are not repeated here. If you

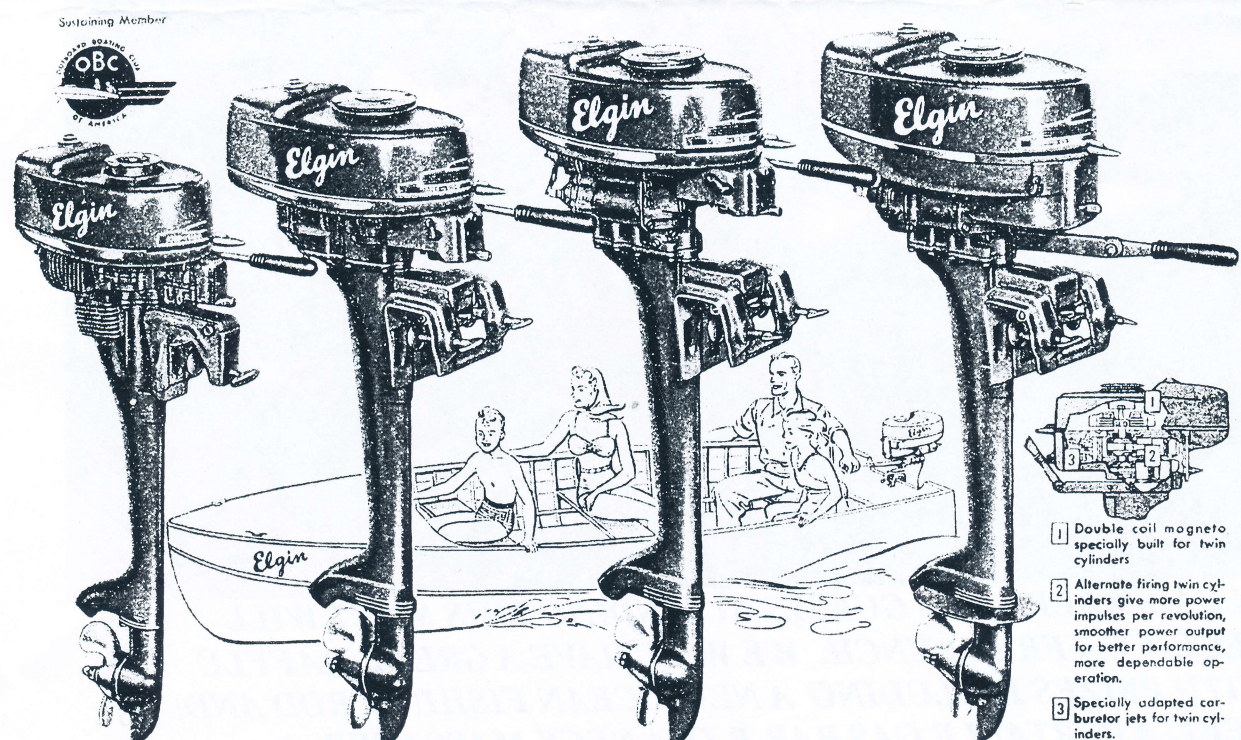
don't have access to the Internet, contact me directly and I will try to answer any questions you have.

It is interesting to compare the 1947 catalog prices shown in Fig. 1 to prices of the contemporary Evinrude and Johnson motors. The following table shows the comparison, using prices obtained from 1950s OMC service manuals:

1947 Price Comparison			
Elgin Model	Price	Evinrude/Johnson Model	Price
1.25 hp	\$57.50	1.1 hp Evinrude Ranger	\$74.50
2.5 hp	\$77.50	2.5 hp Johnson HD	\$120.00
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Fig. 1: Excerpt from 1947 Sears Fall/Winter Catalog.



Kip Fjeld, Jack Holtwick, Les Gunnarson, Philip, George Kent and Paul Brinkman enjoy the Lake Arrowhead Wooden boat show in June. Past President George Kent, did a great job of setting up the antique outboard display on the sea wall overlooking the lake. Dozens of spectators inquired about our unique collection of motors.



Les Gunnarson brought several restored motors from his collection. He converses with an interested spectator who inquired about his very rare Calle Liberty....a real show stopper! Thanks for coming again this year Les.



The weather was perfect and a great day was enjoyed by our members again this year!



This boat was restored by Bob Kircher of Newport Beach, California. It is a 1959 Dorsett 17 ft. Catalina. It is powered by a pair of 35 h.p. Johnsons. Bob is interested in joining our So. Cal. Antique outboard club. Congratulations Bob!

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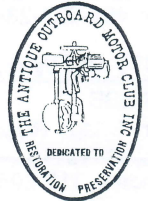
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The Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc.
National Organization



About The Club

Outboard motors have been manufactured for more than 80 years. Therefore, it is no surprise that a number of people should become interested in collecting antique outboards. The interest became so widespread that by 1960, antique outboard collectors began to correspond with one another. In October 1965, five collectors planned and organized "The Antique Outboard Motor Club." In January of 1966, the first issue of THE ANTIQUE OUTBOARDER was printed. Thirty copies were mailed to members. By January of 1983, membership had increased to approximately 1,000 people in the United States, Canada, Mexico, England and New Zealand. Our growth continues.

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