

# Antique Outboard News

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## Antique Outboard Meet at Puddingstone Dam on April 10<sup>th</sup>




*We enjoyed another great outboard meet at Crane's Lakeside Park and Resort at Lake Elsinor in January. Our next meet will be at Puddingstone Dam on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have lunch and some new raffle prizes. We will have the use of the launch ramp and there will be ample parking and a display area for antique outboards. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Above club members Gerry Coats, George Kent, Steve Hurley and Paul Brinkman ,Jr. enjoy the fine day at the Lake Elsinor meet.*

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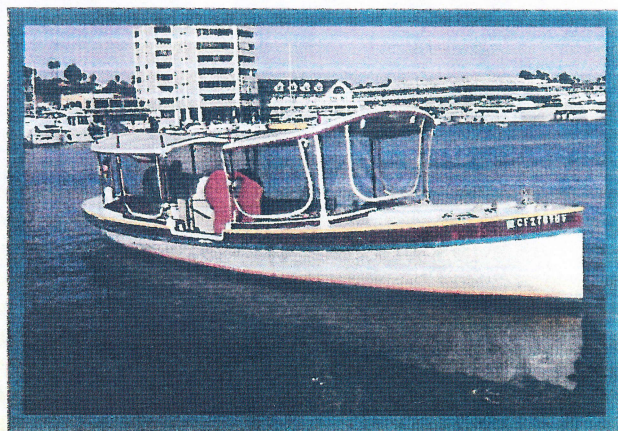
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*David Marotta admires an Elto knucklebuster that was restored by Les Gunnarson. The weather was perfect at Lake Elsinor and our hosts at Crane's Resort were hospitable.*



*Vice-President Gerry Coats contributed his skills as a Mercury technician and solved some electrical problems on a Merc Mark 25-E during the meet in January.*



JUST FOR THE FUN of it!

## STARTING A DIFFICULT OUTBOARD

D. J. Heermans

Recently, I was reading the September 25, 1914, issue of good ole MOTOR BOAT, and came across an article, "How to Start a Motor Boat". Needless to say, I was quite impressed. The practical know-how of some of the old timers is something we could use today. The helpful hints offered could surely be of assistance to anyone having trouble starting a cantankerous old kicker. Therefore, I humbly submit some contents of said article for the benefit of ACMC members. Readers of "The Antique Outboarder" will surely agree that the old timers really knew their stuff. So, the next time a balky outboard is encountered, try one or more of the following hints:

1. Remove the spark plug, empty carburetor, and crank the engine.
2. Sandpaper the flywheel, take off the commutator, and crank the engine.
3. Kick the pup, blow cigarette smoke into the priming cock, and crank the engine.
4. Disconnect the prop, reverse the engine, empty the gas tank, and crank the engine.
5. Repeat a verse from the Koran, stick a wet towel between the cylinders, take off the lubricator, and crank the engine.
6. Take the motor entirely apart, put it together with your fingers crossed, drop a quarter in the tank, and crank.
7. Crank the engine suddenly without doing anything else. This often surprises it into running.
8. Turn your coat inside out, oil the rudder, throw the gasoline strainer overboard, stuff a cushion in the flywheel, and crank the engine.
9. Repeat the names of the Prophets in Arabic, put a gum drop in the cylinder, write your candid opinion of gasoline on the stern, roll up your sleeves, connect the battery with your watch, take off your necktie, yell "hell" into the gas tank, and crank the engine.

There isn't any sense in any of these rules, yet any one of them has been know to start a motor in its time.





*George Kent contributed his expertise on the old Mercury and received some expert advise from members David Vaughn and Gerry Coats. George brought some of his award winning chili which was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending the January meet.*



*Steve Hurley was so excited to finally come to an outboard meet that he actually grew hair and rode his motorcycle all the way to Lake Elsinor. Congratulations Steve ! I wonder what surprise you will have in store for us at the next meet at Puddingstone ?*



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