

Southern California Chapter Elects New President, George Kent

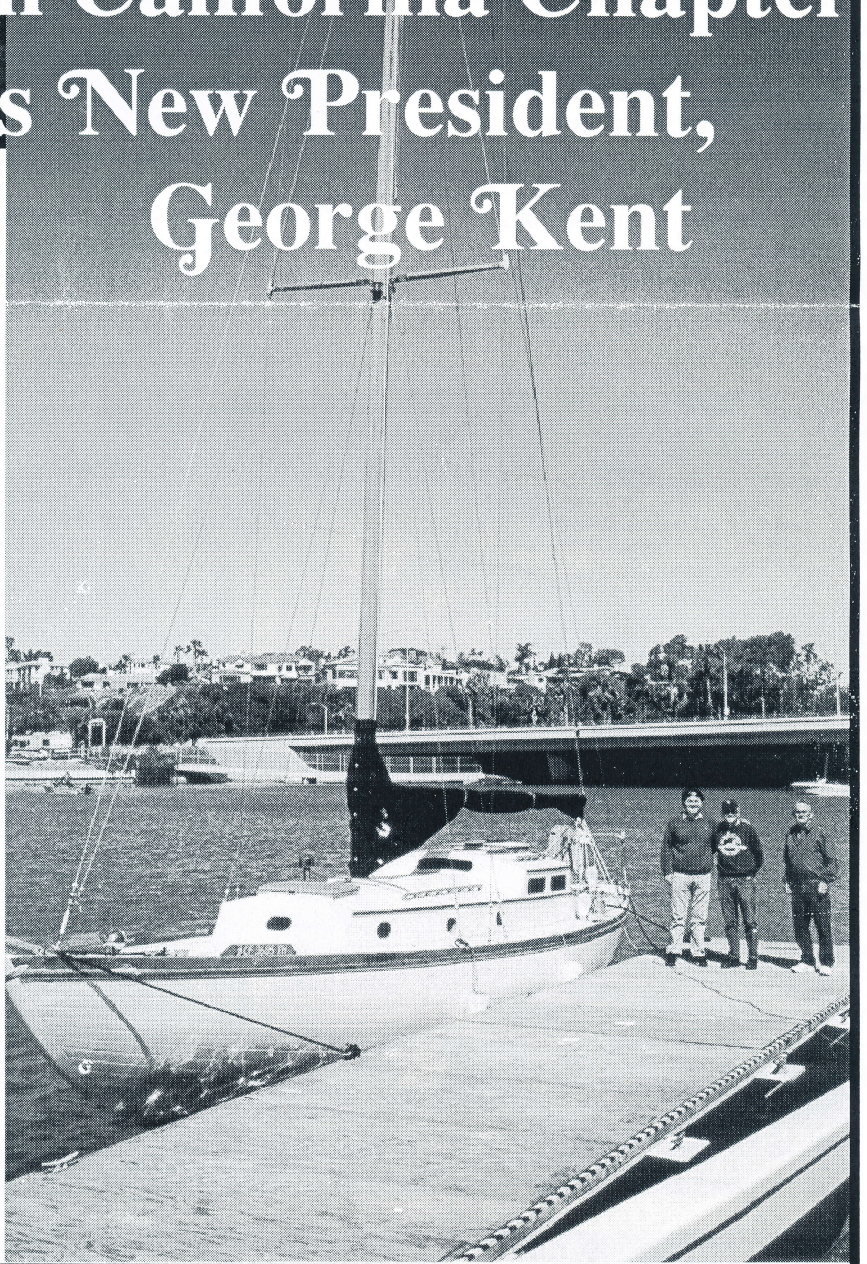
*By George Kent,
President*

I am excited and proud to be your new president of the Southern California Antique Outboard Club.

I would like to congratulate Lee and Jackie Kinnel for the outstanding job they have done . . . it will be a hard act to follow.

I am very enthusiastic about the upcoming year and our future activities and projects. Many of you have volunteered your time in areas such as the Newsletter, luncheon preparation, raffle prizes and locating new venues. All your input and help will be really appreciated.

Newly elected Vice President of Orange County, **Paul Brinkman, Jr.** is equally as excited about his new roll in the Chapter. The picture at the right shows **Paul, Walt Thompson, and Al Jarvis** admiring the wooden sloop he recently purchased from the Southern Council in Newport Beach. Paul says, "I look forward to taking you sailing when we meet next in Newport Bay."



The Voice

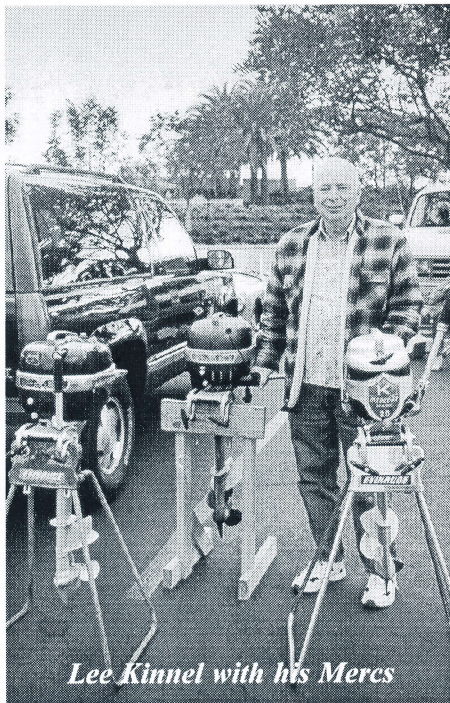
Of the Southern California Chapter

By Lee Kinnel
Past President

At our April, 2005 meet it was decided to vote for our new president at that time.

The vote was unanimous, **George Kent** is our young, refreshing, new leader. Taking the microphone, George seemed very pleased and excited to keep the Chapter alive. Don't miss the next event he has planned at Lake Arrowhead June 4th & 5th . . . see, change is good! **Paul Brinkman** volunteered, and happily accepted the position of Vice President, Orange County. **A BIG THANK YOU** to our three outstanding incumbent Vice Presidents who will continue to support George. They are; **Gerry Coats, Dennis Byrne, and Craig Butcher. And yes, Greg MacDonald** will still amaze us as he covers as many of our events as possible with professional reporting for our Newsletter. We more than appreciate and congratulate these six outstanding Chapter members.

Proudly, due to the enthusiastic support of our approximately 75



Lee Kinnel with his Mercedes

members, we were able to transfer Chapter funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to new President George Kent's watchful care, on April 27, 2005.

Wow, that is \$1,000.00 more than we

started with seven years ago. A lot of you can remember when we reorganized our Chapter at Lee's Marine in April of 1998. That seems like yesterday - "How time flies when your having fun." At that time, we made the move from inactivity to one of the largest and most active chapters in the U.S.A. Who would believe a group of so called adults would get together to relive their childhood through antique outboard motors? We have come a long way, don't you agree?

The most important thing the club has given all of us is FRIENDSHIPS. You folks are some of the best friends Jackie and I have ever had. We thank each and every member for your many kindnesses and help in making the Chapter what it is today.

President **George Kent** and his fine Board will bring many new ideas to our club. We are making Chapter history! I hope you are as pleased as I am to be part of it. **REMEMBER, having FUN is our objective** - motors are only a common interest to bring us together in friendship, and they have truly done their job - **BIG TIME.**



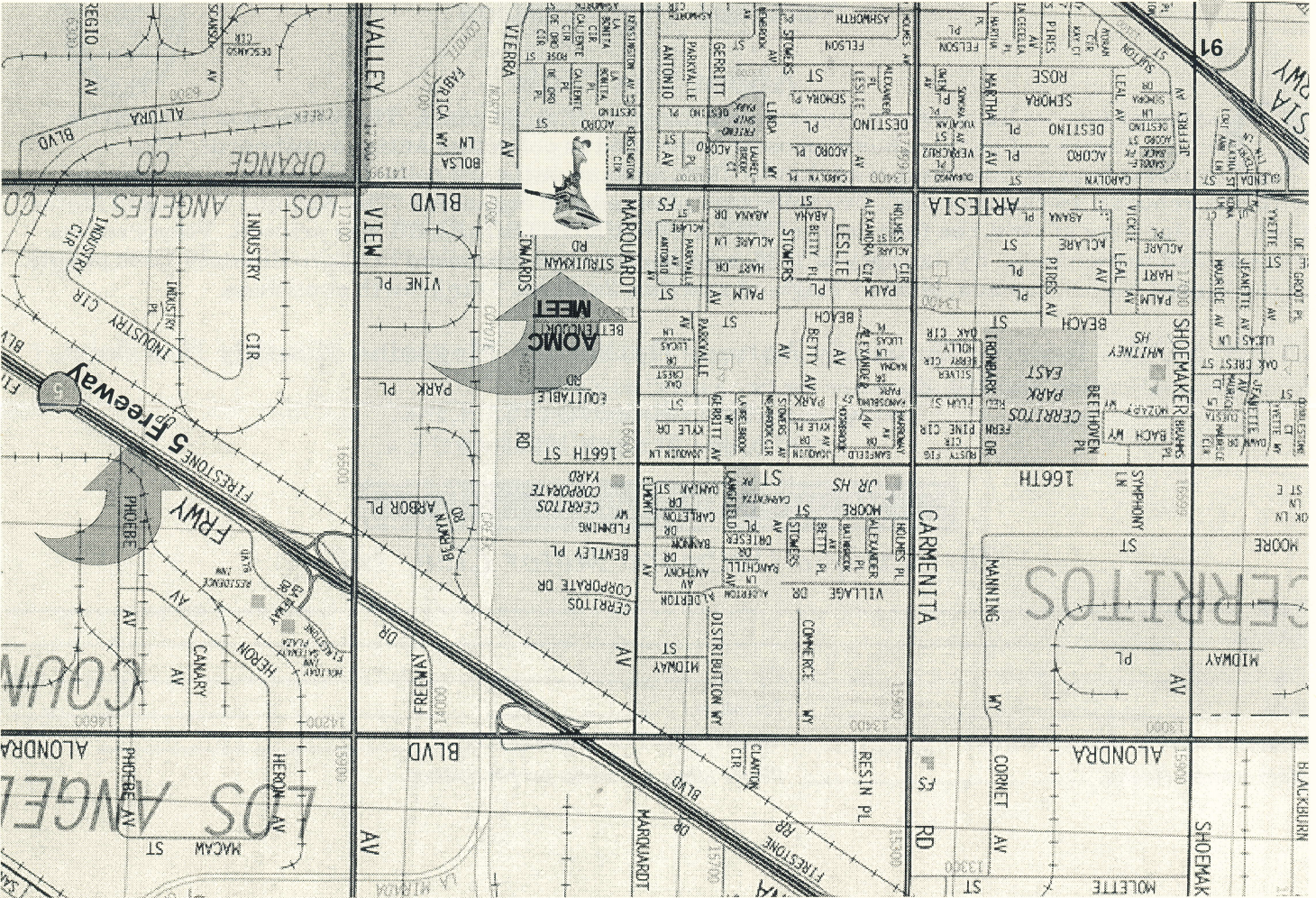
"HATS OFF" TO LEE KINNEL, OUR PAST PRESIDENT (2nd from the left.)
Picture and caption by Greg MacDonald

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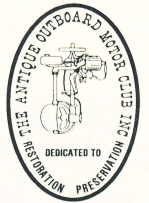
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Membership Opportunity

Belonging to the **National Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc.**, entitles you to receive "The Antique Outboarder" magazine. What a tremendous resource! I always look forward to receiving each and every issue. I'm never disappointed as it is always full of letters, photos, and articles on my favorite subject, Antique Outboard Motors. This information is submitted by enthusiastic, unpaid member-contributors who want to share their intense interest with other members. This is what makes our magazine great! On August 2, 2003, we held a meeting of the Southern California Chapter and it was voted unanimously that each member must belong to the National Organization when seeking membership in our local Chapter. The National covers all of us with insurance for each and every meet. For your convenience, below is a National Application for you to fill out and mail in.

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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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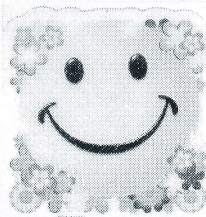
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April, 2005 Meet, Newport Beach Notes & Photos from Greg MacDonald

For a hastily-rescheduled meet, our get-together at the Newport Nautical Museum went well. We had several vintage trailered boats plus **Paul Brinkman's** beautiful Fellows and Stewart sloop was tied up at the museum dock.

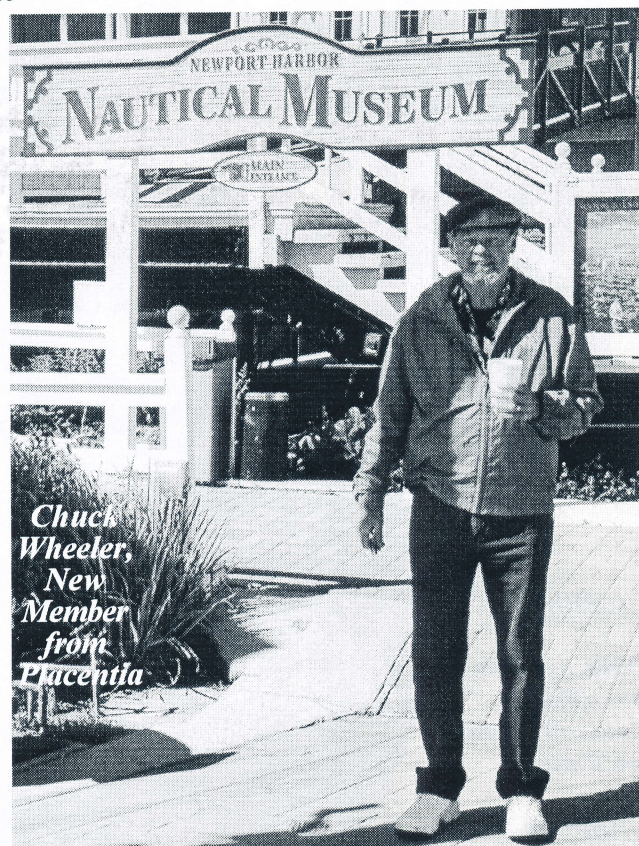
We never know what **Richard Plavetich** is going to arrive in or on (picture, next page). This time he was in a 1962 Lincoln Continental 4-door, all original, that Richard inherited from his grandfather in 1973. In the trunk was a magnificent 46' Mercury KD-4 Rocket which has been meticulously restored and has a really futuristic design.

Inside the museum is **David Vaughan's** latest donation, a sensational 1920 Evinrude row boat motor. (See picture bottom, next page.)

Tom Cabelus displayed his gleaming 1940 Mercury K3 which he resurrected from the dead. Tom "won" this engine raffled off as a "mystery motor" at Puddingstone. **Bob Argott** decided to raffle it because he had no idea what it was. He wrapped it all up so you couldn't tell what was inside the box and we sold tickets - Tom won with a \$5.00 donation. The **RARE truth** then came out - it was definitely a keeper. Tom has devoted many hours to bringing it back to better-than-new condition. The chrome is blinding! Rumor has it that Bob Argott is donating another raffle motor. If this is true, I hope no one will miss buying tickets. How many will you buy, Tom? (See Tom on the right, bottom picture this page, showing Darryl Webber his outstanding 1940 Mercury.)

New member **Chuck Wheeler**, from Placentia, (pictured above), brought along a 1957 Mercury Comet 6 with some good stories; we are all ready for some new material! Chuck was born in Oak Park, Illinois. He came to L.A. when he was 10. He worked in a roofing wholesale business for over 40 years. He and his wife, Verna, retired four years ago. His favorite pastime is fishing, both saltwater and freshwater (flyfishing). Verna's favorite pastime is quilting. After retiring Chuck took a class in outboard motor repair so he would be able to repair his own motors. About a year ago he bought an old 57 Mercury motor at a swap meet. While attending the Antique Farm Equipment show in Tulare, he noticed a couple of old outboard engines. "The one that interested me most was a little engine that had a Montgomery Ward label on it. The guy had a \$65 dollar tag on it. Well, I was able to talk him down to \$25 since we couldn't get it to turn over (which I was able to do when I got it home). So, now I have a 75 Johnson 2 h.p., a 57 Mercury 6 hp., and what I have determined to be a 1948/49 Montgomery Ward 1.5 hp. And this, folks, means I have a collection." He located our Chapter on computer. Get to know Chuck at the next meet, and you will have made another great new friend.

I will let someone else report on the Chapter change of command which occurred on this date April 9, 2005. But since this will be **Jackie Kinnele's** last issue of our Newsletter I wanted it to include a tribute to her years of dedication and hard work in putting the Newsletter together every other month over the past seven years. The scope and professionalism of this publication is far beyond what we see in other clubs with several hundred members. And it has been more than just a Newsletter; it has been the pulse of the Chapter with stories on members, membership directories, technical information, and a lifeline to the National Organization unlike that of any other Chapter. Jackie has put us on the map! We will miss her involvement and ever-present good cheer but realize that it can't be a lifetime commitment. **Jackie, you're the greatest!**



Chuck Wheeler, New Member from Placentia



Tom Cabelus on the right showing Darryl Webber his outstanding 1940 Mercury

Election Day, April, 2005

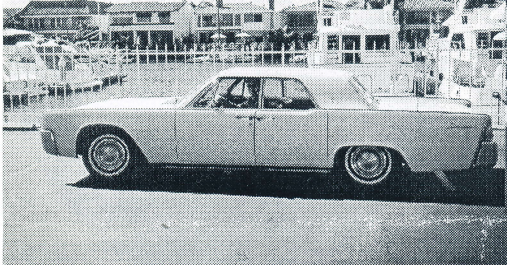


Rich Plavetich with beautiful 1946 Merc & Lincoln

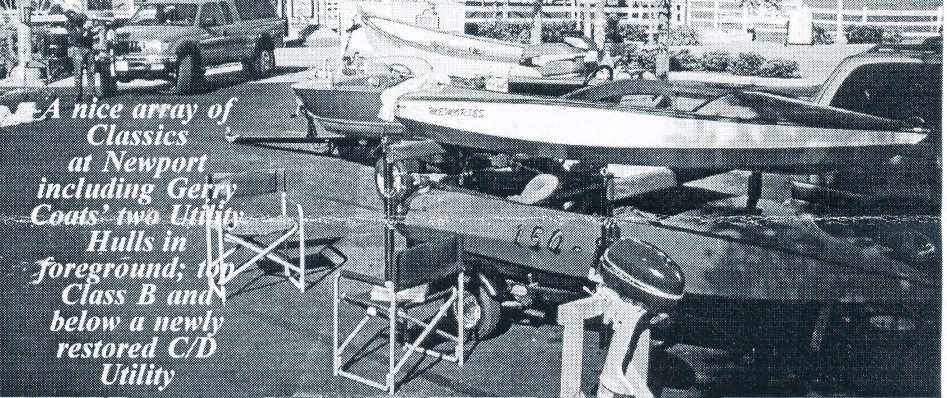


Lee, Jackie, & Holly Kinnel with Newport President, George Kent

Walt Thompson gives a new meaning to the word, "Hood Ornament."



A nice array of Classics at Newport including Gerry Coats' two Utility Hulls in foreground; top Class B and below a newly restored C/D Utility



Motors donated to the Newport Nautical Museum by our "King of Outboards", David Vaughan. His latest donation the 1920 Evinrude row boat motor on the far right.

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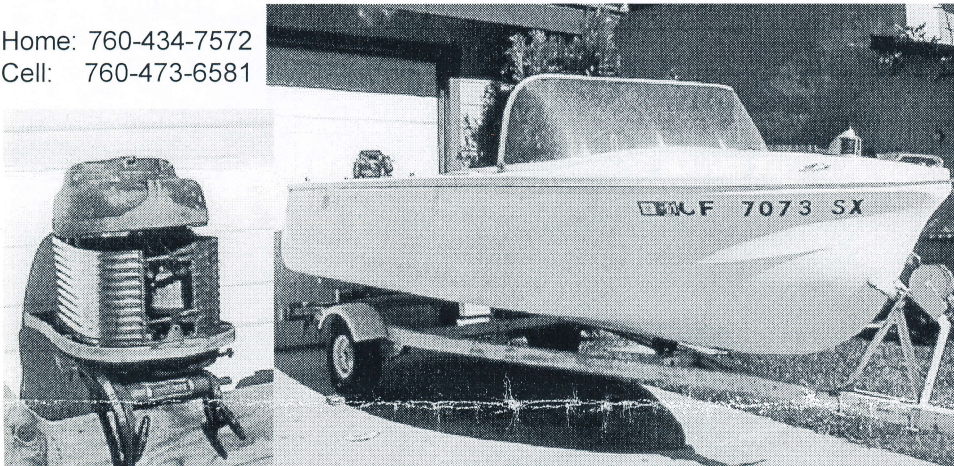
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1. **Our local Chapter Newsletter. (Approximately 6 per year)**
2. **Free classified ads in our Newsletter for both Wanted & For Sale items.**
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
May, 2005

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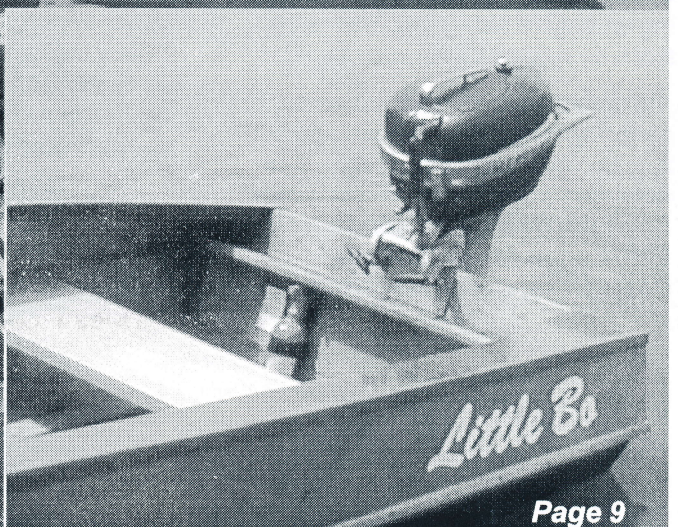
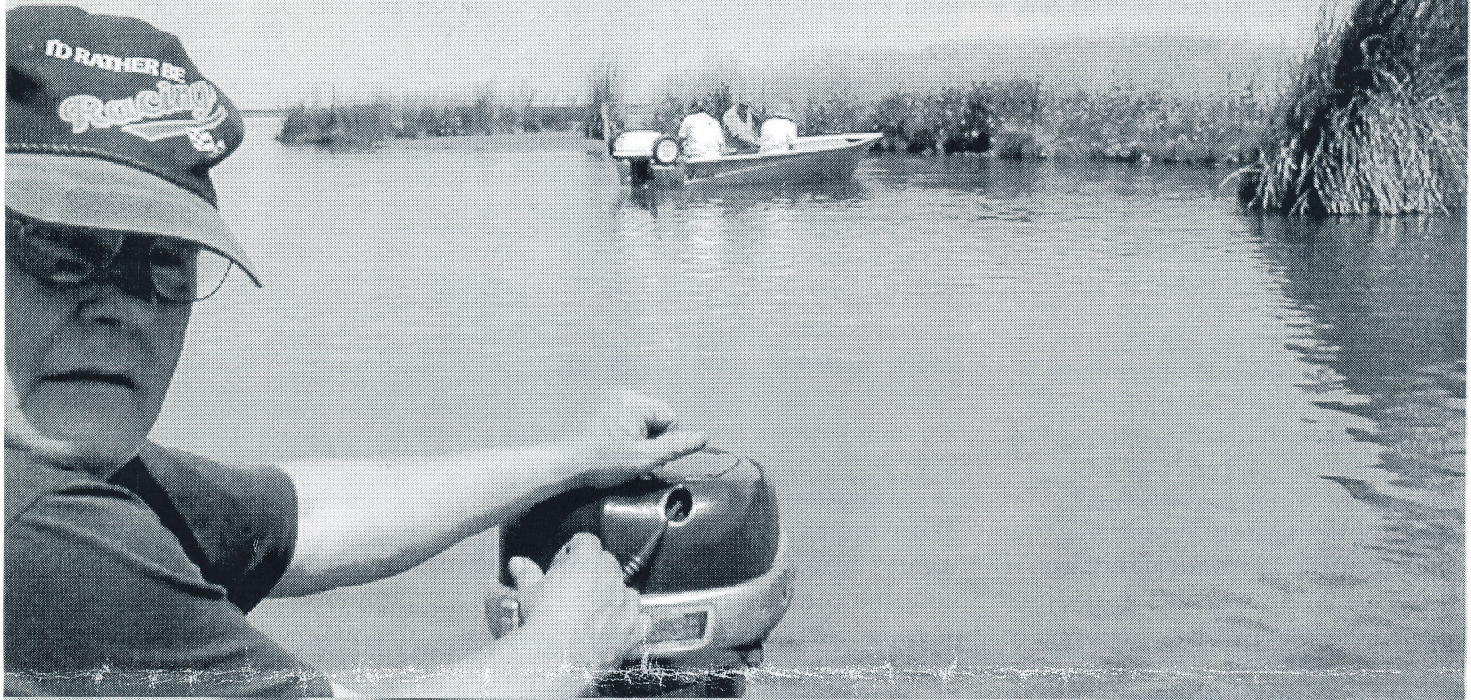
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Northern California's Wet Meet, April, 05

This wet meet was held on the Kings River, five miles East of the City of Mendota. Members camped for two days and ran their boats and motors. Judging from these pictures, a fine time was had by all (including seven of our Southern California Chapter members.) Darryl Webber and Lee Kinnel said it was an 800 mile trip and well worth the effort. Plan in advance to go next year. We appreciate the invitation and the fine hospitality that was shown to us by all the Northern California enthusiasts.



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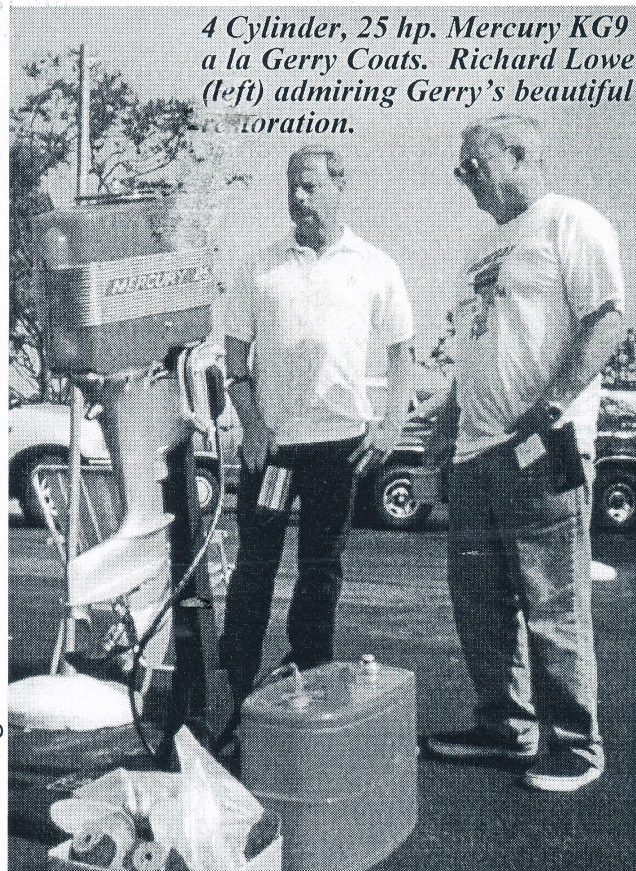
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Mercury has recently confirmed their plans to completely exit the traditional two-stroke outboard market. The last two stroke will be shipped on May 27, 2005. After that date, only four stroke outboards will be available from the factory. The line-up will include small hp. motors made by Tohatsu and mid-range motors made by Yamaha.

A decision has been made in the lawsuit brought by Brunswick Corp. against Yamaha Motors Corp. In the suit, Mercury claimed that Yamaha has been dumping outboard motors in the US marketplace, at artificially low prices, hurting US manufacturers. The decision is: yes and no. The US International Trade Commission has ruled that Yamaha has been dumping outboards, but that Mercury has not

been harmed by it. If the Commission had ruled completely in Mercury's favor, tariffs would have been imposed on imports, thus raising their cost. Yamaha intends to adjust their prices to avoid the suit being refilled.

This will effectively end a collaboration between Mercury and Yamaha that stretches back some 30 years. In recent years, Yamaha has been supplying 4 stroke powerheads to Mercury for some mid range engines. This will end when the contract expires in 2006.



4 Cylinder, 25 hp. Mercury KG9 a la Gerry Coats. Richard Lowe (left) admiring Gerry's beautiful restoration.

What Effect Does the Number of Blades have on the Outboard Propeller?

In theory, the most efficient propeller would be a single-blade design. Unfortunately, it would be extremely difficult to balance. Two-blade props were popular in the 1950's and 60's, but are seldom seen today. Three and four blade props are currently the most popular, and the more blades a prop has, the smoother it runs.

Also, as the number of blades increase, the propeller's resistance through the water increases. Depending on engine set-up and boat size, this may reduce performance.

In numerous instances, however, performance can be improved-particularly on high performance rigs. Four

blade props tend to keep more blade area in the water while allowing the prop to operate nearer the surface. On offshore boats, this can reduce ventilation problems when operating in rough seas. For sterndrives, it can also permit operators to use more positive trim for increased speed. On outboards, it can allow higher engine-mounting positions for reduced lower-unit drag, again resulting in better top end speed.

A four-blade prop can enhance the performance of a large cruiser, too. Heavy boats need more blade area to carry the load. This can be accomplished in several ways. The first is by increasing prop diameter, but there are

practical limits due to engine design. Making the blades larger on a three-blade prop or adding more blades also increases blade area. Larger, heavier boats that use "elephant ear" three blades or four or five blade props may suffer a slight loss in top end speed, but will correspondingly show an improvement in midrange efficiency and acceleration. They are also likely to let the boat hold plane at lower speeds and offer better handling around the dock.

When changing from a three to four-blade prop the rule of thumb is to drop 1 inch in pitch.

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