

# Antique Outboard News

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## Alligators at Lake Castaic?

By Lee Kinnel, Chapter President

**U**NREAL! This was the surprised shout echoed by **Mary Evans** as she picked up a baby alligator on the boat ramp at the west entrance of the Lake! "Tell me, this isn't the Florida Everglades - this is California, isn't it"?

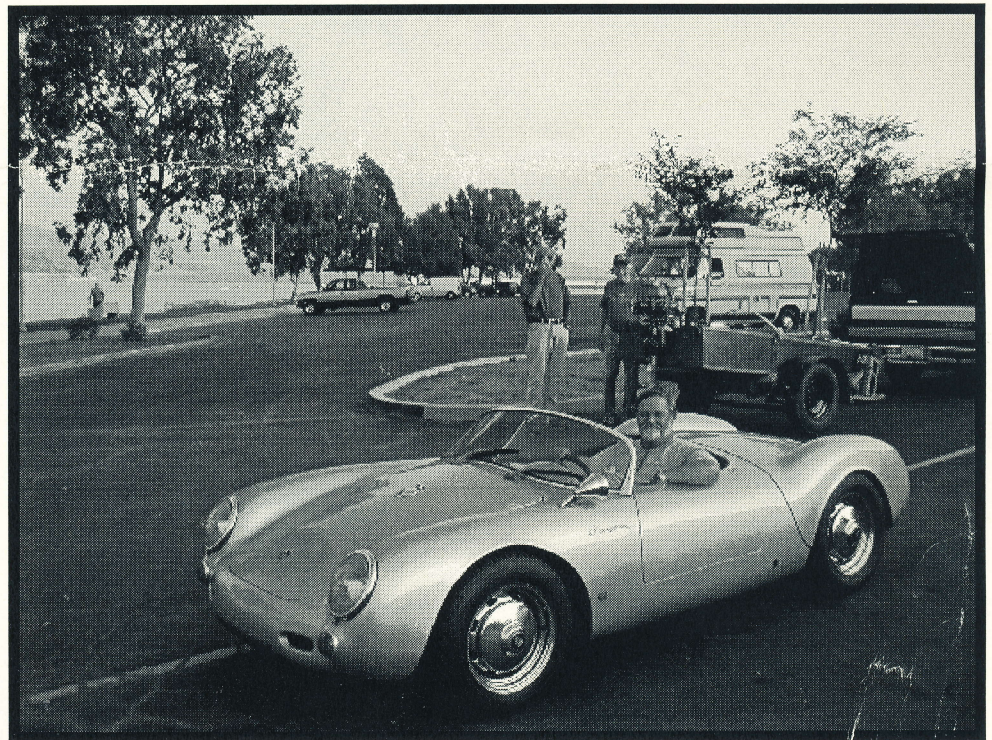
The lake was especially beautiful, calm, skies were clear on October 11th. Camping in the balmy evening, a big, full harvest moon shown on the lake acting like a magnet beckoning to us with its' beautiful, lighted path. **Meredith Hanover** wished she could "cruise in the moon's beam on the lake toward the moon." What a spectacular sight to behold for those who camped with us Friday night including; **John Van Dyke, Lloyd Corliss, Bob and Meredith Hanover, Brad Menet, Barbara Fackiner and friends, Lee and Jackie Kinnel.**

Beset with problems brought on by the State of California's financial crisis, we have been told Lake Castaic will stay open at least through January, 2004.

You never know what surprises **Jack Holtwick** may have in store for us at any given meet. This time he dazzled us by arriving Friday night in his 1955 Porsche replica 550 Spyder. It is a true show stopper! See for yourself in the picture on this page. The car weighs 1,240 pounds,

powered by a 2 litre, 150 hp. engine. Jack says, "The car was created by Beck and is really a nice job." The only difference between **Les Gunnarson's** 1955 Porsche and mine is that Les' is "Red and Real! Jack also shared his 1972 Honda Minitral 50 scooter and brought a Caille Tractor prop racing motor and an Evinrude Ranger. Both beautiful motors.

*Pictured below, in background, Lloyd Corliss and John Van Dyke with outboard and boat display waiting to welcome Jack Holtwick as he steps out of his fancy, 1955 Porsche.*



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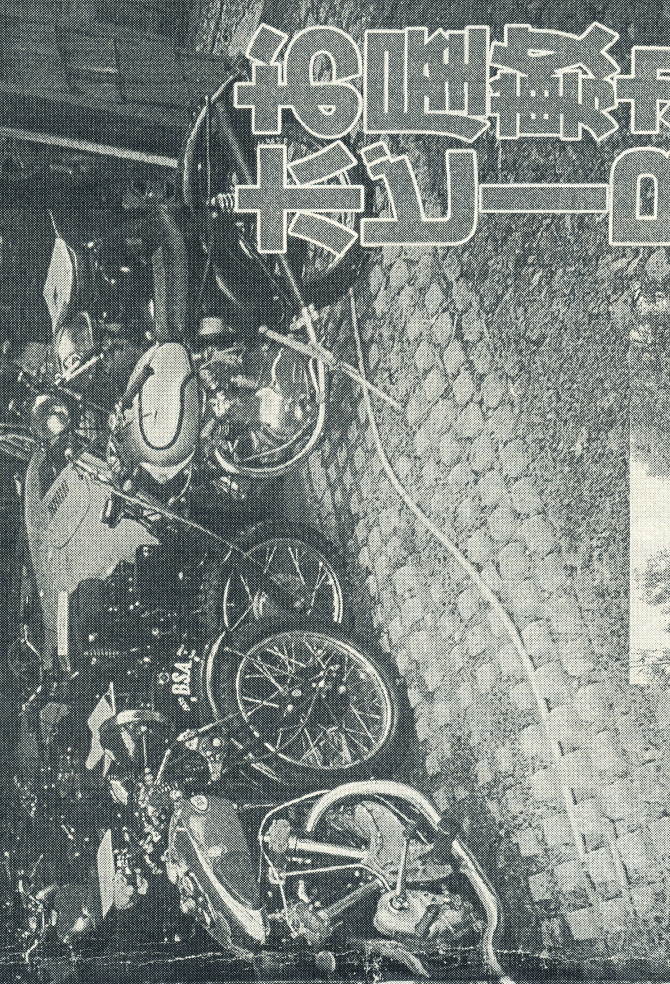
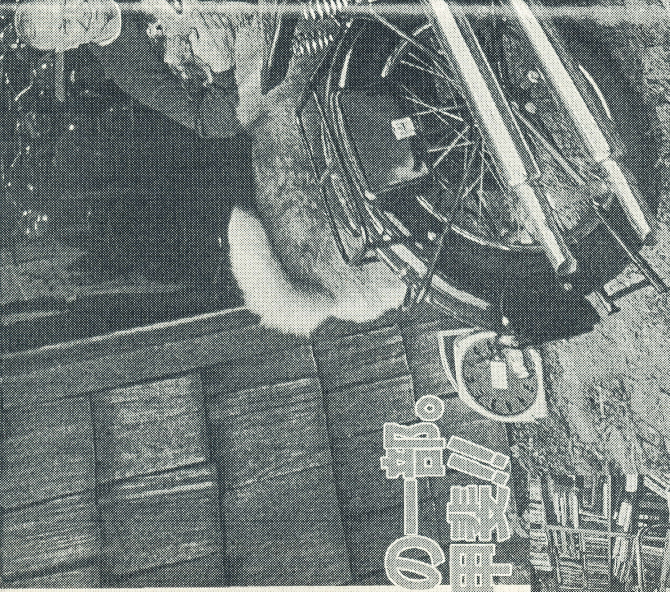
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# COLLECTING - A VIEW FROM JAPAN

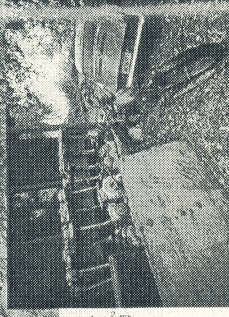


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## ホストア=生活の一部。 いやいや、生き甲斐!!

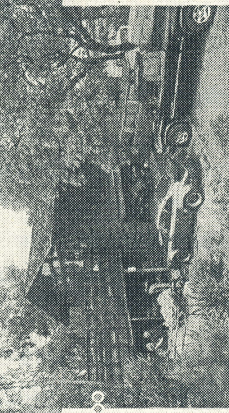


# バイク数多、 はど屋お



●新先に乗されたモーター  
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タンクだけで箱はありませ  
用いて遊べる、箱の箱の  
を遊ごせなアケだ。

●ホルシエに愛用のバイク  
リフマツのマイク・ホルシエ  
レーズ、これだけ持てる  
車々を、バイクのバイク  
ニヤクが公認、愛し。



ウソの様ですが、  
このも悪戯はほんとに非ず、バイクガレージで  
あります、車に上に乗るバイクが、21レーズ  
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While working in the garage, I received a phone call from a friend, "Can I bring a couple of guys over to look at your stuff?" "Sure, I said, come on over." The end result is a three page, color spread in a Japanese magazine called, MR. BIKE. Their major interest was motorcycles but they also noticed and photographed the cars and outboards. Continued on Pages 4 & 5

# *We're Returning to Newport Harbor Nautical Museum Saturday, December 6, 2003 By Invitation January 31, 2004*

**O**ur December meet will be held on Saturday, December 6th.

**YES**, You read correctly, the January meet is by invitation. **Marshall Scott**, Museum Director, called and invited us on January 31st. He is expecting "The Tall Ships" to arrive on this date and wants us to show the nicest looking motors we have.

The museum itself does not open until 10:00 a.m., therefore we shouldn't have difficulty finding a parking space. We can set up our motors the same as last time, up front near the fence by the harbor. But, don't forget to take your vehicle and park it way up top of the parking lot and in the back to make room for restaurant and museum visitors. If you don't park in the back after you drop off your motors, you will be asked by the museum to do so. Just to make sure we can display up front, I plan on arriving no later than 8:00 a.m.

The address of the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum is 151 East Coast Highway in Newport Beach. Both **David Vaughan and George Kent** are familiar with these surroundings and can answer any questions you may have that will not be answered on this page.

**Directions: From Pacific Coast Highway going North:** The museum is between Bayside Drive and Dover Drive. Turn **LEFT** onto Bayside Drive and then immediately **RIGHT** into the Yankee Tavern Parking lot. Continue straight past Mama Gina's Restaurant and you will see the museum at the end of the parking lot.

**From Pacific Coast Highway going South:** The museum is between Bayside Drive and Dover Drive. Once you cross the bridge over the Back Bay (you can see the Museum Riverboat on the Right) move into the right lane and turn **RIGHT** into



*Picture and caption by Greg MacDonald*

*Jackie: "Lee, I thought we were going on a BIG cruise . . . this ship seems to be resting on the bottom!" Lee: "I'll put two or three of my Martins on the back and we'll be on our way. Acapulco?"*

the Balboa Marina then **RIGHT** again and drive to the end of the parking lot.

**By Boat:** Enter Newport Harbor and sail past Linda Isle towards the Back Bay. Tie up to the Museum dock for Free during your museum visit. They have 10' draft at high tide. Note: Dock space may not be available if a Tall Ship is visiting. Call ahead for dock information to Marshall Steele (949) 675-8915.

**It is important that you BRING OUTBOARDS TO SHOW**, the museum may be counting on us to help boost attendance, and there will undoubtedly be lots of people with whom to talk and show our beautiful motors. **Bring family and friends - It should be lots of fun!** In the meantime, check out their Web Page at [nhnm.org](http://nhnm.org).

**Please join us December 6th, and call one of the following with your attendance plans ASAP:**

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# LES' MOTO: RESTORATION IS A PART OF LIVING, NO, NO, IT'S THE REASON FOR LIVING!

From the magazine, *MR BIKE*  
a Japanese Publication

**M**r. Les Gunnarson, and a retired electrical engineer, spends most of his time tinkering with bikes & motors and visiting swap meets. He picks up a bike or an antique outboard that is changed from an old iron clump to an object of beauty with little effort.

Motorboat engines hang from the eaves of his garage. Only engines, no boats.

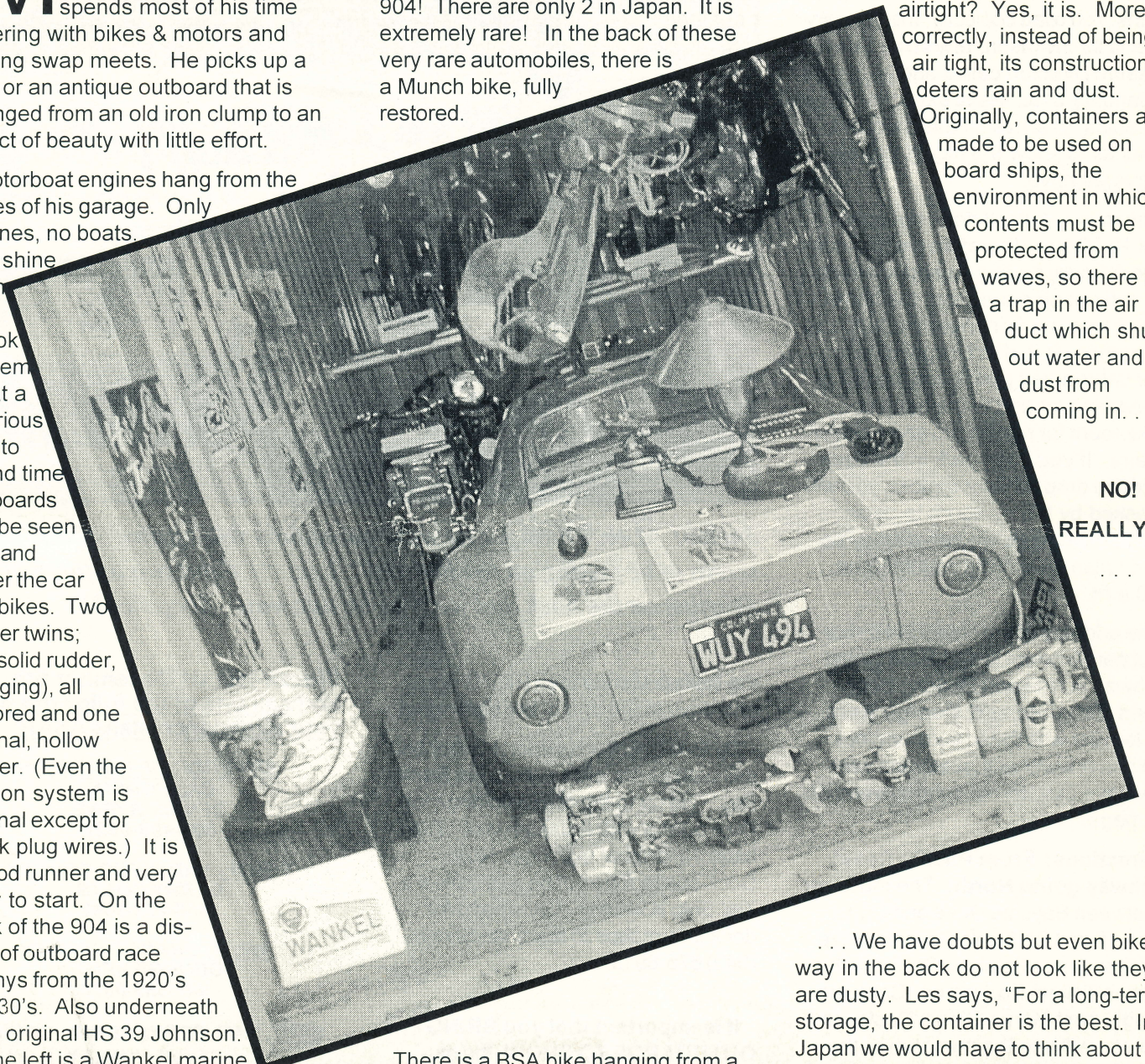
Just shine them up & look at them. What a luxurious way to spend time. Outboards can be seen over and under the car and bikes. Two rudder twins; one solid rudder, (hanging), all restored and one original, hollow rudder. (Even the ignition system is original except for spark plug wires.) It is a good runner and very easy to start. On the back of the 904 is a display of outboard race trophies from the 1920's and 30's. Also underneath is an original HS 39 Johnson. To the left is a Wankel marine engine (sort of an outdrive) used to power a small ski tow boat (unmanned). I'll bet you would only try it once! In front of the second container there is a NSU Wankel Spider; the first Wankel powered car.

There is a very unusual red sports car in this picture. It is a Porsche. Yes, Les likes Porsche, also. But this Porsche is not a usual Porsche. It's a 904! There are only 2 in Japan. It is extremely rare! In the back of these very rare automobiles, there is a Munch bike, fully restored.

been left there." Ten years? They haven't been dusted for 10 years? In 10 years a newborn will become 10 years old! Is the container that

airtight? Yes, it is. More correctly, instead of being air tight, its construction deters rain and dust. Originally, containers are made to be used on board ships, the environment in which contents must be protected from waves, so there is a trap in the air duct which shuts out water and dust from coming in. . .

NO!  
REALLY?



There is a BSA bike hanging from a chain. There are spotlights on these shining machines. It is as though it is a difficult to see museum. Here we are flabbergasted with Les' comment. "Isn't it clean? I haven't dusted or polished for 10 years. They just had

. . . We have doubts but even bikes way in the back do not look like they are dusty. Les says, "For a long-term storage, the container is the best. In Japan we would have to think about a place big enough to put the container.

It's like fiction, this mansion is not a place of residence, it is a bike/outboard/automobile showplace. Seeing is believing!

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# THE ENTIRE HOUSE IS A HOBBY BOX

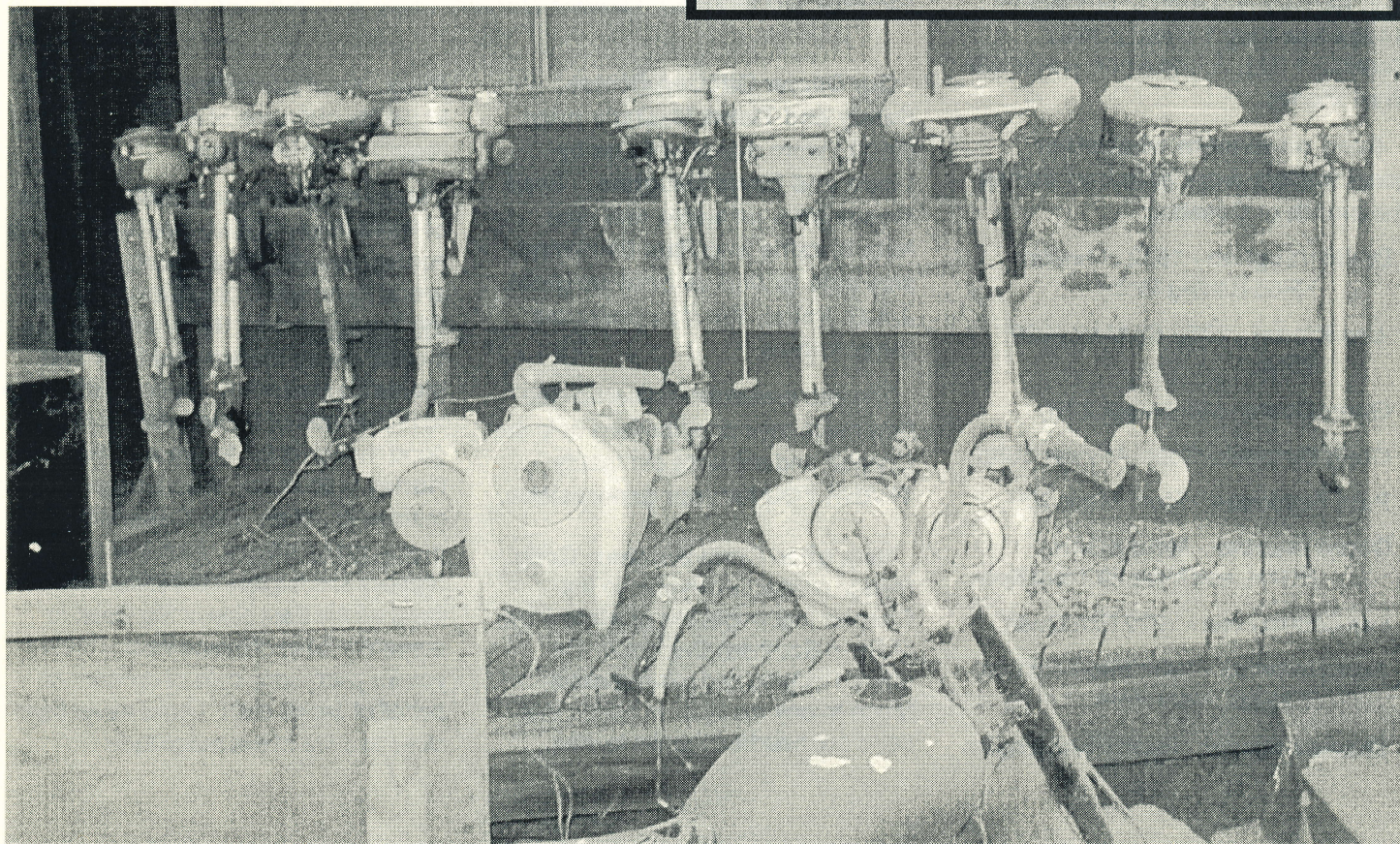
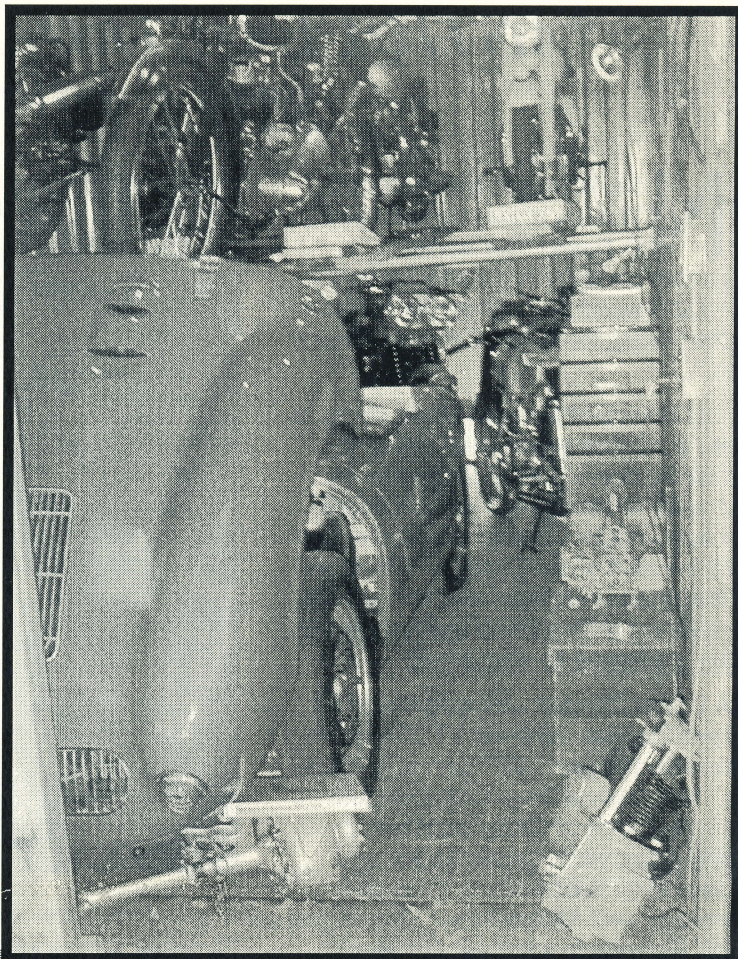
The Japanese Reporters, from *MR. BIKE*, found a James Dean's 550 Spyder RS in the second container stored on **Les Gunnarson's** property. (Picture on the right.) Their comment, "We about fell over." This Spyder was previously owned by Loretta (Turnbull) Richert outboard racing champion.

The outboard motor under the Spyder is an original MD38 Johnson. To the right are two early Fold Lite outboards. One in the box is battery ignition while the other uses a magneto. This one is slated to power a miniature "Chris Craft" boat which is also a motorcycle sidecar.

When another garage door is opened on the mansion on a hill, it is filled with 30's bikes. When another garage door is opened it is also filled with shining motorcycles. Les says, 30's bikes are finely made and most beautiful. He began collecting 20 years ago, mainly British bikes. But he also likes Italian and German bikes. The entire house, every room has bike displays, and totals over 60! There is a Munch in the second story room, there is a Vincent!

Les is currently looking for a 26 BSA Sloper which is a single cylinder OHV. He is retired so he has plenty of time to actively pursue his hobbies. If parts are scarce, he is more motivated by going to swap meets in England or Europe.

*Tremendous article! Thanks for sharing with us, Les!*



# *CASTAIC MEET PROVES... “ANTIQUE OUTBOARDS & PARTS ARE STILL OUT THERE”*

**N**ow, lets get to the good stuff. The buy of the day belonged to **Darryl Webber** who purchased a long sought after lower unit for a Lockwood Ace - (propeller is also a water pump), for \$5.00! Can you imagine that?

Out of respect for each other, we try to keep our prices down when selling to fellow members. **Les Gunnarson** was our seller of the day and we appreciate his keen insight - choosing prices in tune with the spirit of our Chapter. This is one of the reasons we have so much fun and by keeping pricing down **our hobby will have a chance to stay alive!**

A British Seagull was purchased by **Lloyd Corliss**, Johnson LT 39 went to **Thomas Harper**, 1927 Evinrude RS, 4 hp., with bronze lower unit changed into the hands of **Craig Butcher**, a small Waterwitch turned up too and was quickly nabbed by our newest member, **Jeff Slobodian**. Way to go Jeff! Somebody snagged two motors - a 1934 Sea King 1.5 and a 1933 Neptune 1.5 hp. found a new home with **Brad Monet**.

**Read on to learn what other great motors were acquired during the month of October:**

- David Vaughan** - 1932 Johnson KR65 Racing Motor,
- Lee Kinnel** - 1950-52 Merc KG9, 25hp.,
- Gerry Coats** - Merc Mark 20H,
- Craig Butcher** - Scott-Atwater 16hp,
- Paul Brinkman** - Merc Mark 30H,
- Darryl Webber** - Merc KG4H, KG7H, and Mark 20 Toilet Bowl,
- Les Gunnarson** - 1929 Elto Quad,
- Jack Holtwick** - 1930 Elto Fold Lite 2.75 hp., Very Rare.
- Thomas Harper** - Racing Konig Engine



*A great time was had by all with the motors Les Gunnarson brought to sell. Pictured left to right; Thomas Harper, Craig Butcher and Les Gunnarson.*

**Our Dinner Gift Certificates, Candy and Ticket Master's prize (\$100.) were donated to us by Linda and David Vaughan. Brad Monet gave us some real nice hats to raffle and Paul Brinkman was able to find us another great J.A.G. knife! We do appreciate those knives.**

The above members have no idea how much their contributions help the Chapter and enhance our meets. **THANK YOU for your generosity.**

**Hats off to Craig Butcher.** Craig tried to contact everyone in the Chapter that might live close to a line of fire in Southern California. He offered lodging and moving assistance to any member in need. We send our heartfelt thanks to you,

Craig. As of this writing we do not know the outcome of all the fires with regard to our Members.

Many members have been in danger of losing their homes. We have tried to contact several living in precarious areas, to no avail. So relieved to hear the fire passed by Gerry and Manya Coats, Harry Martin and Bob and Meredith Hanover. It came real close to the homes of these folks. Keep good thoughts for **Steve and Pat Hurley** in Blue Jay, **Bob Long** who resides in Julian, **Tim Coleman** and many, many others. I too feel an urgency to complete our Newsletter, living on the East side of Big Bear, to prepare in case of evacuation. Thank you for your many calls of concern on behalf of Jackie and I. I have never been close to a fire of this magnitude.

# MANY ANTIQUE OUTBOARDS COME TO HE WHO WAITITH, AS LONG AS HE WHO WAITITH SEARCHES LIKE MAD WHILE HE WAITITH



*John Coultas, Bob Foster, Jeff Slobodian and Al Jarvis checking out Jeff's parts and motors. Jeff's motors on stand; Elto Cub and Evinrude Pal(?)*

We wish to welcome **Thomas Harper**, and **Jeffrey Slobodian** to our membership. Thomas arrived early with **Les Gunnarson** - almost in time for breakfast! Jeffrey Slobodian was introduced by **John Coultas**. He must have had a good time because within the following week, he joined our Chapter. Membership is picking up!

Thomas Harper is a graphic artist/motorcycle collector. Jeff Slobodian owns a manufacturing plant which produces specialty cabinets and cases for guns, knives and collectibles. He possesses fifteen pre-1950 outboards, and has made a swell mahogany rack for the smaller motors. Can we see your rack? He is an avid collector of both electric and self-winding old master clocks.

It was fun to get to know both of these men as well as another new face, **Bob Foster**. You may remember him as the man who wore a cowboy hat. We hope to see you in Newport, Bob.

**Craig Butcher says, "If just starting at that piece of frozen metal you carted home from the meet doesn't free up the stuck parts here are some tips shamelessly stolen from the web;"**

Various solvents have come up in looking at this topic, everyone has their personal favorite, your choice will no doubt depend on what you already have on hand, and what may be an inexpensive purchase. Some favorites;

<i>Fuel Oil</i>	<i>Marvel Mystery Oil</i>
<i>Diesel</i>	<i>Liquid Wrench</i>
<i>Kerosene</i>	<i>Brake Fluid (not silicone)</i>

Add a Zerk fitting to a spark plug shell, then pump the cylinder full of grease and attempt to turn. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** This method is not recommended as it can crack heads and/or cylinder walls due to the immense pressure. Cast Iron is great when compressed, but does not take kindly to expanding forces of this nature.

When a bronze housing and an iron bolt won't come apart, apply heat with a torch and melt bees wax into the joints. The bees' wax follows the heat and will penetrate and lubricate the worst seized assemblies. Try it on that stuck piston. Use plenty of heat (shy of a cutting torch, of course) - it won't hurt the cast iron. Specially effective on two dissimilar metals, screwed together.

I've heard rumors that iodine works quickly and effectively to free up seized pistons but you must wash it outright away as it will etch the cast iron. A little dab will do ya.

I have another suggestion for readers. My dad passed this on to me after hearing it from an old timer in the engine collecting hobby. He suggested using oil of wintergreen on stuck pistons. I don't know why, but it seems to work. Like any petroleum based oil, you still need patience.

**Craig also goes on to say;** If you had bought \$10,000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00, Enron, you would have \$16.50 of the original \$10,000 - with Worldcom, you would have less than \$5.00 left. If you had bought \$10,000.00 worth of Budweiser (the beer, not the stock) one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the \$0.025 -cent deposit you would have \$250. Based on the above, my current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle. I call it my 401 Keg Program.

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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.**
- 3. Postal notification of all local dry and wet meets. (Approximately 6 per year)**
- 4. Members to help you find those difficult parts to locate and help you sell your unused items.**
- 5. A great group of outboard enthusiasts (approximately 100) with whom to socialize and have fun!**
- 6. Questions? Call your closest Vice President listed on page 3 or 909-790-8168, Chapter Pres.**



# **“The Voice”**

## **of The Southern California Chapter by Lee Kinnel**

**W**e are keeping the **Peter De Silva** family close in our thoughts and meditation. **Madelyn** is slowly coming off of a chemo treatment that went wrong with many side effects and allergic reactions. It will be several weeks before doctors can re-evaluate the entire situation. Peter says, “She remains her kind, loving self and still looks terrific, despite losing her hair! She is an incredible fighter and I’m proud to learn by her strength.”

Bodie and I snuck away on Saturday, September 13th and went up to the Antique and Classic Boat Show in Big Bear Lake. It was a gorgeous day with 35 boats in the water. We counted nine outboard powered boats plus a wonderful display and demo of radio control boats (which Bodie really enjoyed) and there was a land based display of little O/B kickers! We had a wonderful time. Keep up the great job (and passion) you provide for our Club and its members. Stay well and we look forward to seeing you soon.”

### **Peter Madelyn and Bodie**

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**The Coats, Manya and Gerry** have recently returned from a motorhome tour of the U.S.A. Here are some words from one of his E-Mails while on the road: “Sitting in the passenger seat of the RV watching a 600 foot+ ore freighter pass by on its way to the Soo Locks, about a mile up the St. Marie River. Went to the locks yesterday and watched as a freighter carrying 200 tons of iron ore drop 20 feet right in front of us - from Lake Superior to the level of Lake Michigan. Amazing stuff! Tomorrow it’s on to Frankenmuth Michigan for a good old German meal of Sauerkraut, Brautwurst, etc. Then its on to Detroit and 2-3 days of trying to figure out what’s changed in 46 years and probably getting lost in areas I used to know so well. We have reservations at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area,

which is on the lake where we had our summer cottage. Then on to Niagara Falls and N.Y. State. Went to visit Tahquamenon Falls today - not the size of Niagara but really pretty. For those not of Michigan background, I’ll leave the pronunciation of that one to your imagination. Me feet are tired from a walking/subway/taxi/bus tour of the “Big City.” We did the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island tour on Monday. Today was off to NY City and Midtown and all the sights and sounds. It is truly a different place and a very different pace. People were amazingly polite. I would not like to drive in the city for long as it is every man for himself - amazingly, accidents seem to be minimal. Better quit and head out to the river. They may need me to direct traffic. Regards to all,

### **Manya and Gerry Coats**

So good to have the Coats back in California - so very sorry for their fast trip back to San Diego and to learn of the passing of Gerry’s mother.

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**Paul Brinkman’s** father passed on too. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to both of these Chapter members.

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**We more than appreciate the thoughtful call from John Coultas** stating that he enjoyed our spaghetti luncheon at Lake Castaic meet - “especially the antipasto salad.” **Sherry Webber** cooks a delectable spaghetti dinner and with **Darryl Webber, Al Jarvis and Barbara Fackiner** at the cook stove, how could we lose? **Mary Evans** chipped in to help mix salad, and serve. **Great job everybody!** (Want to share a special dish? You are welcome to do so - please call Lee).

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**Our Raffle Ticket Master, Conner Hanover**, grandson of **Bob Hanover**, broke his arm in two places (falling from playground rings). I bet he will still be able to draw raffle tickets at our December 6th meet - It’s a tough job but he loves the

spotlight and applause for picking numbers. What a sweet, smart guy - so very sorry for the broken arm. We are grooming Conner for Chapter president in the year 2020.

**Jordan Isaiah Crawford**, (future NBA Hall of Famer with a name like that) grandson of **Craig Butcher**, filled in for Conner, as Ticket Master, at Lake Castaic. **Dennis Byrne and Mike and Mary Evans** thought Jordan did a fine interim job - they both won \$25.00 Outback Steakhouse Gift Certificates. Would you believe it was **Dennis Byrne’s** birthday - we couldn’t have planned that raffle better if we had tried. Hope it was a happy one Dennis. How does it feel to be 39?

**Craig Butcher reports** that Walt Thompson mailed a long list of literature he has on hand. Craig immediately entered it into his computer for the Chapter reference library. **Please follow suit and bring/send your list of literature to our next meet.** It is bound to help all of us sometime in the future. *You could be searching next!*

Please check your address label on the front of this Newsletter. **Your Chapter dues could be payable December 2003, or January 2004.** If so, you may want to pay for the year 2004 at our next meet. Some are paying for two years at a time. If this is convenient and easy for you to do, it will sure help our bookkeeping.

**\*HINT - Would you believe, the hardest job your Chapter President has is trying to outguess whether or not you will come to our next meet?** When only 6 -10 people call, I am forced to decide if we should continue plans or pick another date. We also lose money on food if we plan too much. **Election of officers is coming soon - your call EARLY**, before meets *could make a BIG difference in my decision to run again*, hence could effect our Chapter’s future. **HELP ME PLAN DECEMBER 6TH MEET WITH YOUR CALL TODAY!**

# Industry News

## From Laing's Outboards

**B**ombardier Corporation, the Canadian transportation giant and the current owners of Johnson and Evinrude, has decided to place their Recreation Products Division up for sale. The division includes Johnson and Evinrude outboard motors, Ski-Doo personal watercraft and Ski-Doo snowmobiles.

Unlike the situation in 2000, prior to the bankruptcy of OMC, the Bombardier Recreational Products Division was profitable through the 12 month period that ended last June 31, according to Bombardier, Inc. That is in contrast to Bombardier's aerospace operations, which have been struggling since September 11, 2001. The recreational products division was put up for sale to raise cash to allow the parent company to endure the aerospace industry's current difficulties.

Two companies rumored to be interested in purchasing Bombardier Recreational Products are Harley Davidson and Deere & Co.

**Mercury Marine** is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year, and to commemorate the event, Mercury has produced a limited edition 200 HP EFI engine sporting a vintage 1968 graphics package. The engine has the same look as a 1968 65 hp. Mercury. This is a limited chance to own a piece of Mercury history!

### **Adjusting and setting the synchronization of your carburetor:**

The synchronization refers to the relationship between the carburetor butterfly opening and the spark advance. If this is not set right, the motor can be hard starting or have a poor idle. If it is way off, it can prevent the motor from idling at all. To set the synchronization, look for a mark scribed into the cam attached to the bottom of the mag plate. On most motors, this mark needs to line up with the center of the linkage arm or roller which opens the carburetor butterfly when the butterfly first begins to open. In other words, advance the

throttle and watch for the point at which the butterfly begins to open. This point should be when the mark is lined up with the roller. Adjust linkages as needed, or on some motors, move the cam in or out on the mag plate. If the butterfly opens too late, it can cause hard starting. If it opens too early, the motor will pop and miss and low speeds, similar to a too lean condition. This applies to almost all motors, new or old, large or small.

### **HISTORICAL:**

In 1940, the first Mercury branded outboards were introduced. The lineup included five models - three singles and two twins - with retail prices that ranged from \$42.95 to \$98.50. The new line of outboards were named after the Roman god of speed, Mercury.

E.C. Kiekhaefer began his business in a plant in Cedarburg, Wisconsin in 1939. It wasn't until 1946 that operations moved to the current location in Fond Du Lac, when Kiekhaefer purchased Corium Farms. Even after the expansion, grain elevators were used for engine test cells.

During the summer of 1961, Ann Strang - the mother of Mercury executive Charlie Strang visited her son and a team of engineers at a research lab in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Her son explained their efforts to make the new 100 h.p. outboard appear smaller and more compact in size. Ann's observation and suggestion forever changed the face of Mercury outboards. She stated, "Well, a large woman always wears a black dress. Why don't you paint it black?" The group concurred. In Charlie's own words, "We painted one black and it shrunk about 20 percent!" It was in the fall of that same year, as a 1962 model, the first black Mercury and the industry's first 100 h.p. outboard motor came off the line. Who would have thought it started with a black dress?

## **LOOK WHO JOINED US AT LAKE CASTAIC OCTOBER 11, 2003**

John Van Dyke  
Lloyd Corliss  
\*Thomas Harper  
\*Jeffrey Slobodian  
John Coultas  
Les Gunnarson  
Bob Hanover  
Meredith Hanover  
Bob Foster  
Harry Martin  
Alan Jarvis  
Brad Menet  
Barbara Fackiner  
Dan Lebo  
Mark Gund  
Dennis Byrne  
Jack Holtwick  
Darryl Webber  
Sherry Webber  
Craig Butcher  
Corinne Butcher  
Vanessa Butcher  
Corinne Butcher  
Mary Evans  
Mike Evans  
Lee Kinnel  
Jackie Kinnel  
Paul Brinkman,  
(Friday Night)  
\*Joined Chapter

*We Look forward to seeing all of  
you in Newport on December 6th!*

# Classifieds



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*Al Jarvis performing launch and recovery hydroplane tasks, "plus 100 others."*

**HELP - Check out new internet title: [socalaomc.com](http://socalaomc.com) - Craig Butcher** recently created it for us, but he hasn't time to keep it up. Do you? Call Craig if this would be fun for you - **help advertise our Chapter.**

**Wanted, 2 Motors: Johnson 5 hp. Model T.D. 20 - and a Johnson 2 1/2 h.p. HS20** - They need to be in nice external condition. Call Jack 818-347-1987  
**Need OMC Parts? Contact Craig Butcher of the Southern California Chapter.** He made a buy-out from a local OMC dealer and has a ton of goodies. Call: 909-849-3200.

**For Sale: Evinrude Motor for Bike.** Call Rudy 909-625-5035

**Wanted: I Buy Mercurys** - Call Ralph 760-735-8702.

**For Sale: 115 hp. Merc. 1984 W/control & gauges, 50 hp. Merc., 1972 LIKE NEW.** Call Bob: 805-498-9313

**Wanted: Hood for Firestone Viscount 12 hp.** (Westbend built) Believe early 60's motor found bottom of Lake Erie. Call Pete: 619-303-5395 or 619-463-6232

**For Sale: Evinrude 18 Electric Start** - needs some parts. Would like to trade for green Johnson 5 hp. Call Bill: 619-482-1050 or [nancebng@aol.com](mailto:nancebng@aol.com)

**For Sale: Brad Menet**, is selling a beautiful 1954 coldmolded "Inland 13" boat powered by a big 1957, 30 hp. Evinrude. Call 949-646-7748

**For Sale: 3 Elto Rudder Twins** - all different models, and a 1 1/2 hp. Evinrude (1940's) Call Dennis: 805-498-9621

**Needed S-45 Johnson Parts** - Tiller throttle handle and carb elbow w/cover and thumb levers. Will take whole carb, if necessary. Call John 805-388-2825

**For Sale: My 14 foot Chris Craft Runabout** is for sale - with 35 hp. motor.

Contact Jeff Hixon at 805-642-7151

**HELP!** Bob Sacher needs a 4-6 cylinder early Mercury motor, Call: 949-722-8823

**For Sale: 1956 & 1957 Evinrude 7 1/2 hp. Fleetwings Restored.** 1949 Johnson 10 hp. Restored. 1952 Johnson 10 hp. and gas tank very good original condition. Call Lee: 909-790-8168.

**For Sale: Dawecraft C-Hydro Plane** New hardware, Call John 480-464-5870

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

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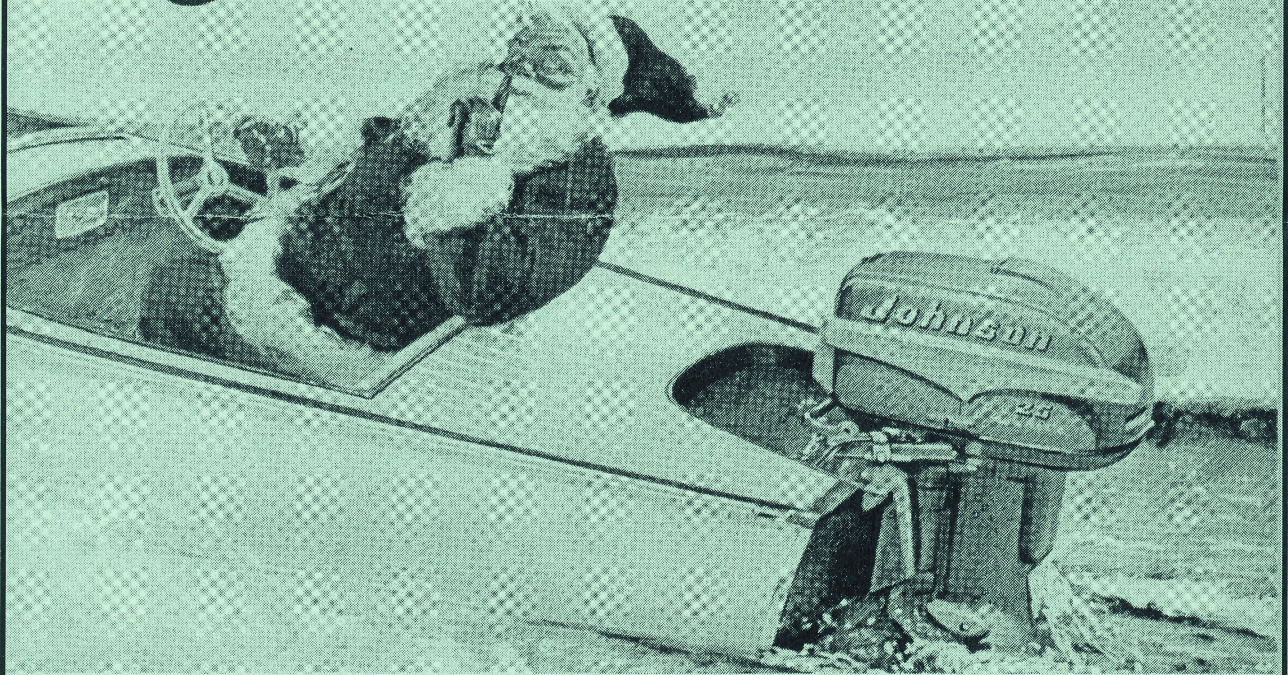
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