

Antique Outboard Club News

Southern California Chapter

September 2021

Puddingstone Reservoir, Bonelli Park



A beautiful Sunday in San Dimas

We missed meeting at Puddingstone Reservoir last year and it felt soooo good to be back. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day; temps in the low 80's and sunny. Great folks, great lunch (on the house; Thanks Paul!) and a bunch of motors for sale. (Thanks Scott!)
The Chapter has quite a history at Puddingstone; we have had great meets here for decades now and the fun never stops. And....they allow 2-stroke motors on the lake!

From left to right: Steve Johnson, Tom Lockwood, Mark Strikwerda, Kip Fjeld, Chuck Kober, Mercury Mark 28A, Paul Brinkman, and Scott Thudian



Puddingstone's in the Sun but shade for us! Perfect!



Our meet is at Sailboat Cove.....visible at the far left in the picture.



Chapter President Paul Brinkman picked up this Johnson S-65 Racer recently; one of the motors for sale by John Hawley . The Johnson had been a display motor at John's Business "RailMasters" in Costa Mesa. It's not visible in the picture but it came with a beautiful Stainless Steel Custom Built stand!



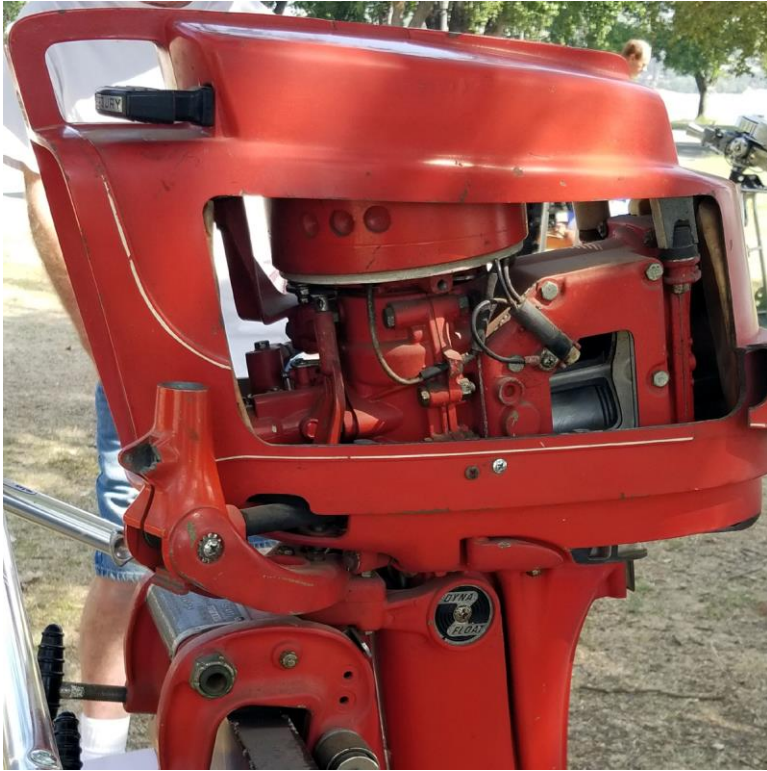
John Van Dyke has been busy! He turned 90 in August and celebrated the event by flying a Cessna over Santa Barbara. Here he's relaxing with his grandfather's 1938 Johnson MD-38.....wearing his AOMCI hat and the 2021 Tomahawk Wisconsin National "SUPER-MEET" shirt.



I arrived a little early for the meet and wandered over to the boat ramp to have a look at this custom boat that was being launched. Beautiful and completely home made. The plans for it come from a company in Montana:

<https://www.cajuneboats.com/index#/recurve-style/>

Puddingstone Shade; Served free with lunch!



Factory Done Cutout; owned by Scott Thudium. A great opportunity to see the “Auto-Transmission” parts.



Mark 28A; Cut-Out Edition. Scott tells us that Mercury typically would re-call and destroy these; this one managed to survive.



The “Blue Tarp Motors” all were brought by Scott . They were priced from \$20.00 and did not last long! Not just Mercs; there was a Martin and an E’rude too!



Mercury question? Mark Strikwerda waits for Tom Lockwood to get the answer . Lots of vintage Mercury manuals on the table. Thanks Scott!

A Peak into Steve Johnson's Garage



Steve Johnson has another project in the works! He has acquired a promising Mercury Mark 40H Racing Motor.....had it shipped out from Minnesota! It has the short drive shaft housing, brass water outlet, Quickie lower unit, and brass prop. It shipped in an ICE CHEST.....a rather large Ice chest! It had been stored in various sheds and barns for the last 30 years. Steve is well into the project and we all can expect a multi-series article here in the Newsletter....starting with the next issue at Christmas.

Have a close look at these pictures. What is that “material” in the exhaust chamber? It is full of bird seed, sand/dirt, and fuzzy stuff which looks to be wall or roof insulation! Lots more in drive shaft housing too. The spark plug holes had rags stuffed in them. Steve used an old dentists pick to pull out various debris; the picture shows cylinder 3....it had various pieces of wood stuffed in there!

Something of Interest at the Constantine Meet, July 2021

You Saw it here FIRST



GrandPa Willie's Neptune Race Motor

What you are looking at is a one-of-a-kind Neptune Racer outboard, circa early 1930's. Built at the Neptune factory in Muncie Indiana for Willie Spurgeon, the son of Neptune President Kenneth Spurgeon. Bill Peck, Neptune's chief engineer was given instructions to help Willie build a racing outboard that would win the teenager's boat races on the river near his home. The motor was built primarily from existing parts and pieces; but many were heavily modified by Bill Peck for speed. The Model number on the rope sheath is "0BR-8"

The motor has recently surfaced and is currently in the care of AOMCI Member Steve Andres (AKA "NEPTUNE NED"). Look for an upcoming article in the National magazine "*The Antique Outboarder*" for the rest of the story. You saw it here first!

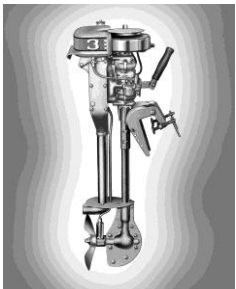
New Member SPOTLIGHT

Welcome! Scott and Cristina Thudium

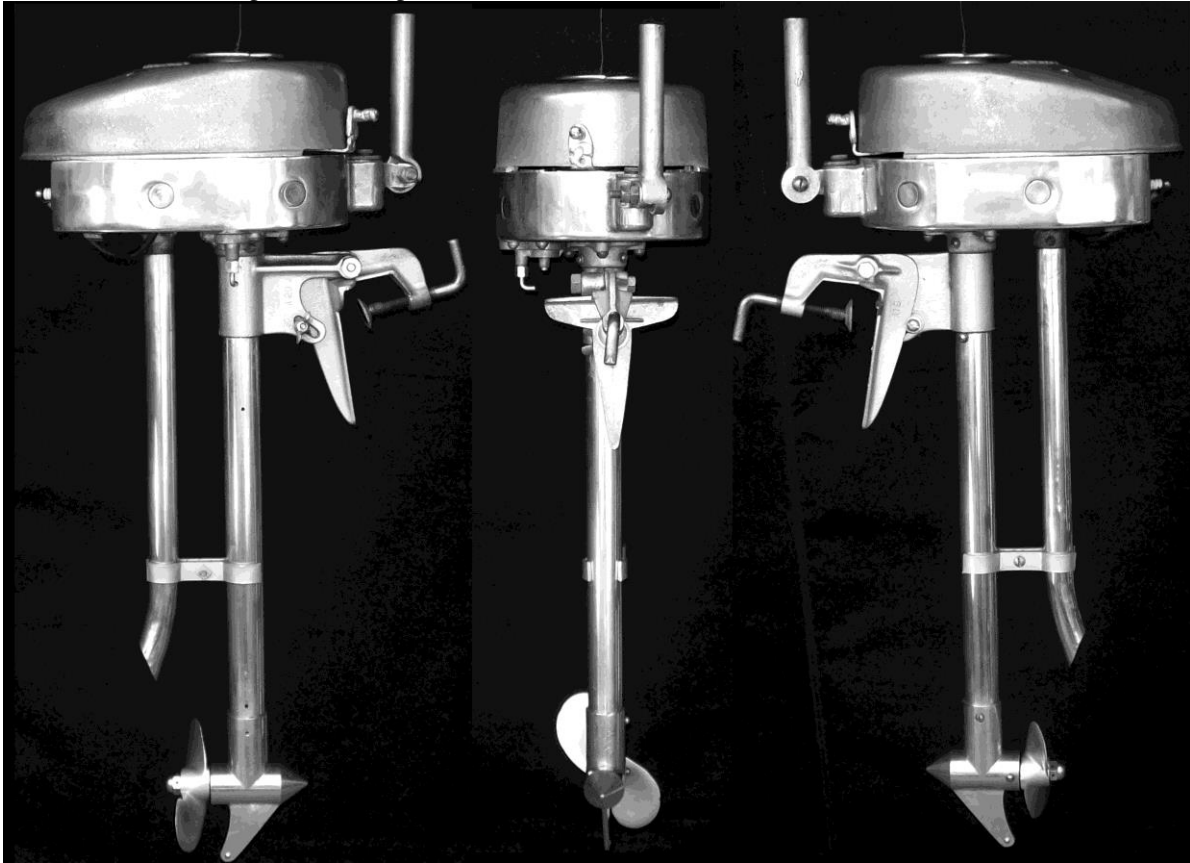


I joined the Antique Outboard Motor Club in 1984 when I was attending Michigan State. I got the bug bad. I even restored a 1940 2.5 hp Johnson HS-10 while going to Engineering school. It got its coats of primer and dull aluminum silver in the dark alcove of a freight elevator in my dorm. I am sure when they turned on the light, they would have seen the overspray. While going to school, I worked at a few different boat dealerships there in Lansing Michigan as a technician. It was not hard to find some really cool engines. I obtained my KG-9 Mercury, a complete KH-7, a rudder twin, Callie Liberty single and several others. They found me like a magnet. Some time later, I moved to North Alabama and opened a Mercury, Evinrude and Yamaha dealership. More engines started to accumulate. How does this happen? It is an illness where there is no cure....except to get more. One day when I got to my store to open up, there was a complete POLR15 Johnson sitting there blocking the door with a note saying...."Find me a home". I did find it a home as I am happy to do my part. I never knew who it came from though. While operating the dealership, I was honored to work with a few other individuals to start the AOMCI North Alabama Dixieland Chapter and serve as its first

President. It paid huge as I got yet more motor leads. The dealership got in the way of having very many meets unfortunately, but the chapter still lives on. In 2006, the decision was made to move to Southern California as the area Mercury service rep. In preparation for the move, I made the painful decision to part with over 75 engines I had accumulated. Mercury never knew it, but they moved ten engines to CA all neatly wrapped up on the moving truck. I promised myself that these would be enough. Well.... so much for planning ahead. Working for the factory has been amazing as I get to visit many dealerships some of them in business since the 50's. Oh, and the most greatest part of it is, you guessed it, more outboards. It is a sickness for which there is no cure or did I say that earlier. My daughter cannot wait to inherit them all. Anyway, I married Cristina two and a half years ago and relocated to her property in Aguanga. So there we have it, a new wife, new house with property....perfect for a new Tuff Shed to house the engines. Makes logical sense if you think about it. A new shed costing \$3,000 to hold outboards that total less than half that in value. You all are the only people who can understand such madness. So, I am very happy to be a member of your chapter and happy to help if any of you have questions I can answer. My wife enjoyed meeting all of you who attended the last meet. She thought you were all really nice people. We both hope we can attend future events as they come about. I will continue to buy up some of the engines I come across and give you all a chance at them. See you next time!



Mystery Motor! What is it?



Some Hints Below



Can you identify it? The Answer is on Page 9.

Remembering Rick Anderson

We have received notification that one of the original members of the Southern California Chapter has passed away. From 1968 onward, Rick Anderson was one of the first to be a part of the National AOMCI and was instrumental in the origins of our Chapter. A High School shop teacher and reserve policeman; he was an avid outboard collector and racer. Rick hosted early Chapter meets at his cabin at Big Bear Lake. In addition he worked as a marine mechanic at Redondo Marine in Redondo Beach from 1968-2017.

RIP Rick


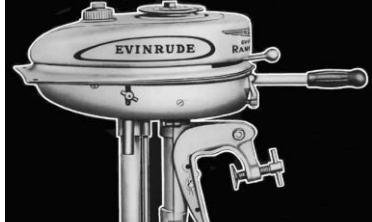
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Buy/Sell/Trade Section

WANTED TO SELL/TRADE

	<p>1961 Mercury 800 6 Cyl One Year Model Full Gearshift (NOT DR) 80 HP Brass Prop Controls and Cables Inc. S/N 1402812A</p>	<p>\$400</p> <p>Contact Paul Brinkman kahunainlaguna@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>Johnson Javelin Cowling</p> <p>Currently on Craigslist Located in Julian</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>Contact Bob Long rwlongco@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Original condition Johnson 1950 TD-26</p> <p>Currently on Craigslist Located in Julian</p>	<p>\$445.00</p> <p>Contact Bob Long rwlongco@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Caille Junior 10 Twin Variable(5-Spd) Pitch Prop Decals have some wrinkles Ran when stored 8yrs ago</p>	<p>\$400.00</p> <p>Contact Dave Buass lotemp@gmail.com</p>
	<p>1927 Johnson K35</p> <p>Donated to the Chapter by a family with a cabin at Echo Lake. This motor survived a few avalanches and has the dents to prove it. Said to run!</p>	<p>Club Motor</p> <p>Contact Paul Brinkman for price</p>

WANTED TO BUY/TRADE

	<p>Always looking for a West Bend 18HP Shark or Commodore.</p> <p>Any Condition. Ugly is OK but not too ugly.....</p>	<p>Contact Chuck Kober cwwk@cox.net</p> <p>Let me know what you have.</p>
	<p>Need a winter project! Maybe a Mate, Pal, Ranger, Sportsman or similar Eggbeater:</p>	<p>Cash Paid. Tell me what you have.</p> <p>Contact Anthony Crusco anthonycrusco16@yahoo.com</p>

Answer to the Mystery Motor Quiz



Circa 1930, The Kingfisher was manufactured by a company out of Colby Wisconsin named Loos Machine Shop. It shares many features and design elements of Sig Konrad's air-cooled Monarch manufactured in the same time period and certainly seems to have been designed by the same person. The points and coil are the same as used on the Monarch but the mag plate on the Kingfisher is smaller.. Notes indicate that it is a 5/8HP motor and perhaps 500 or so were built. Like any motor it has some quirks. Want to advance the mag lever to "FULL"? Well....you have to be sure that the gas tank vent is fully closed first....or the mag lever will hit it. If you look at the top pictures on Page 7 you can see how this KINGFISHER had it's mag lever bent upward to remedy this.

Pictures and information courtesy of Peter Hunn and Harry Nicholson.

Joining the National AOMCI

Please see Tom Lockwood or Paul Brinkman.

The benefits of National Membership are many and varied. The small annual fee gets you a beautifully done magazine "The Antique Outboarder", access to the full aomci.org website, Member Registry and unlimited fun at meets all over the country.

The Application for submittal can be found at:

[/ https://aomci.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/
New-Membership-Application-AOMCI-19.pdf](https://aomci.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/New-Membership-Application-AOMCI-19.pdf)

Next Meet Information:

Chapter President Paul Brinkman is working on getting us set for the traditional Christmas Lunch/Display/Meet at Woody's in Costa Mesa.

Watch your e-mail for more information.

What would YOU like to do at up-coming meets?
Your suggestions are always welcome!