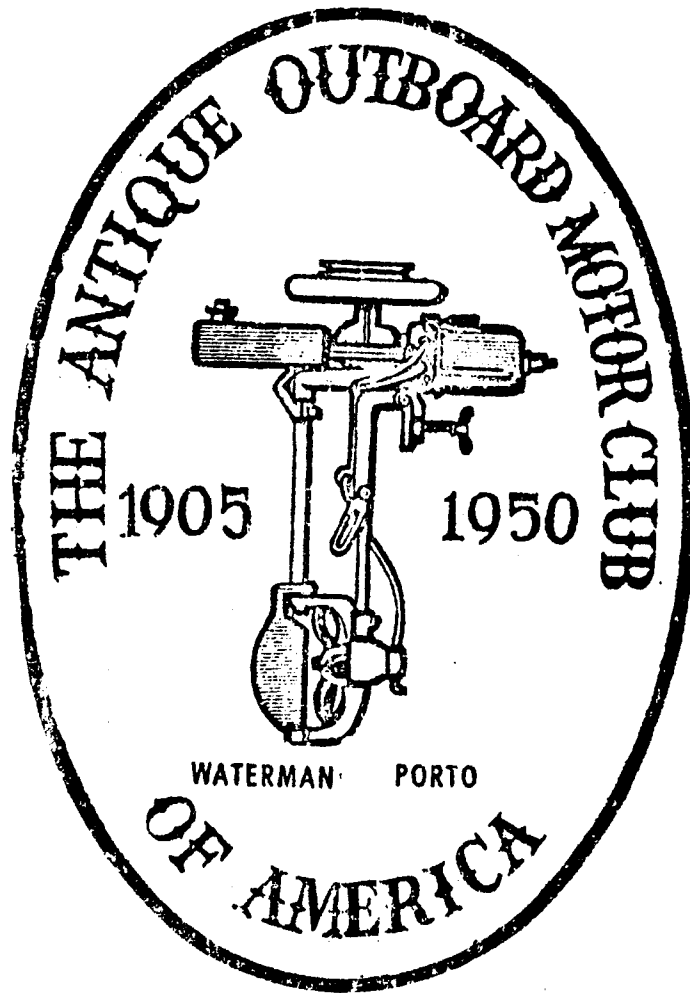


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WEST LA FAYETTE, INDIANA

Mr. David R. Reinhartsen has written in and made an excellent suggestion. To compile a directory of old motors, showing photos, specifications etc. I may add that each local club should have such a directory. David started his collection some time ago and has ten in his collection. A 1916 Evinrude Single, 1925 Johnson A 25, 2 1928 Elto Speedsters, 1931 Johnson OK 55, 1929 Elto Light Weight, 1927 Johnson P 35, 1927 Lockwood Model T, Caille and a 1934 Johnson K70.

He would have won second place in the annual races on Washington Island, Wisconsin if a battery connection had not worked loose with his Elto Speedster.

You certainly have a beautiful collection of outboards. It is nice to have you with us.

David R. Reinhartsen
14 - 1 Ross Ade Drive
West LaFayette, Indiana

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Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Christopher Owen, a lad of only fourteen, a recent member has sent in photos of his proud collection, which is most interesting. An Evinrude Zephyr, Evinrude Speeditwin, Johnson Seahorse and one of the big Old Evinrude racers. We have all specifications on file and the club is proud to have Chris as a member.

Christopher Owen
Route # 3
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Riverside, California

Jim sends photos of his vintage Johnson he has recently purchased. We sincerely hope his to be a winner in the contest Johnson Motors has on, concerning the Milestone Motors.

Mr. Jim Sahr
5425 35th Street
Riverside, California

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Rowayton, Connecticut

Charles has recently written in about the collection he has, mostly one and two cylinder inboards, Palmer, Eagle, Buffalo, Lathrap and Dis-ho. He has only one outboard which is a "Cunard". As we could furnish no information, we would like to know if any member has anything on this old boy.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Mr. John C. Harrison has written a very interesting letter, stating that he raced outboards for many years, having to give it up in 1958 due to a back injury. During the past two years John has been very much interested in restoring the older stock engines better than mint condition. His collection consists of a P.O. Johnson, V-45 32 horse Johnson a 33 horse Evinrude, an Evinrude "Speeditwin" and Evinrude "Sportfour" are now being restored.

John also has in his collection a couple of the older racing boats, a 1938- 13' Baker Todd and the other being a 1945 Ramsey.

John raced outboards of class B, C and F Hydros and C racing runabouts, racing many times here in local waters.

It is nice to have Mr. Harrison with us.

Mr. John C. Harrison
1000 N. W. 54th Street
Miami, Florida

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Seattle, Washington

We have just received a very nice letter from Mr. Dudley Davidson, having a most interesting collection, some of which are very rare, ranging from 1915 to 1926.

We have sent for pictures to help identify some of his collection, Dudley is a collector of Marine propulsion units of all types, inboards and outboards gas steam and diesel. We're sure he will be a great help to the club.

Mr. Dudley Davidson
4117 N. E. 107
Seattle 55, Washington

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Tacoma, Washington

Member Bill Smith has a few eye catching vintage Outboards in his shop. A 1909 Caille and a 1916 Evinrude, are included in his collection.

Mr. William J. Smith
Point Defiance Outboard Service
Point Defiance Park
Tacoma, Washington

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Media, Pennsylvania

Robert writes in telling us of his collection and of the interesting hunt for a coil to complete the restoration of his 1935 "Water Witch", which now purrs like a kitten.

Mr. Robert W. Leamy
43 Kirk Lane
Media, Pennsylvania

Mr. Charles L. Ridall, Jr.
14 Crockett Street
Rowayton, Connecticut

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lester has something of great interest to members. A 1925 Johnson Model J-25 original owner with original parts manual, 1933 Johnson J-25 Single, brand new.

Mr. Lester W. Stevenson, Jr.
4713 Dunberry Lane
Minneapolis 24, Minnesota

Bridgeport, Connecticut

Richard's hobby is collecting vintage outboards and restoring them to their original factory condition. His collection at this time is Evinrude and Johnsons.

Mr. Richard Mannino
84 Revere Street
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Massillon, Ohio

David has among his collection a 1924 Elto Evinrude Lightwin in good mechanical condition and is presently looking for others to restore.

Mr. David C. Reed
3625 Clark S. W.
Massillon, Ohio

Minnetka, Illinois

Gerald writes in telling us of his various makes and models of outboards he has in his collection. We were very happy to hear from him. It is nice to have you with us.

Mr. Gerald Klauke and Family
1015 Spruce Street
Winnetka, Illinois

Beloit, Wisconsin

Lawrence has recently written in stating he had several originals, well restored and knows the whereabouts of many in the area. Perhaps he would help locating very rare ones.

Mr. Lawrence B. Ward
2460 Riverside Drive
Beloit, Wisconsin

FUN 'N SUN REGATTA

An estimated crowd of ten thousand, lined the white sandy shores of Tampa Bay on Sunday, March 31, as Mr. Gilbert Peterson, king of the National Outboard Regatta raced his way through the choppy waters collecting two blue ribbons, a check for \$100.00, second plus a kiss from Miss Clearwater, Gayle Brazil. He was first in classes E and G and second to T. A. Leogrande of Clearwater in D division.

Behind Leogrande and Peterson in class D, was Don Williams of Miami, while Miami's Ronnie Russell and Herb Reeves of Hialeah followed the Clearwater Outboard Service mechanic to the wire in the class E event.

Jim Spencer of Ft. Walton Beach was the class G runner up, with Russell coming in third. The top three finishers in each class were presented with trophies and shared in the \$1000.00 purse, donated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Fun 'n Sun Boat Show

A record crowd came to the local boat show sponsored by the Bank of Clearwater, April 4 - 5. Several old time outboards were put on display.

Mr. L. E. Gard
1475 So. Greenwood
Clearwater, Florida

Mr. Gard is State distributor for Micro Lube Oils. He was kind enough to give us a big plug, by setting up a nice display in his booth at the Miami International Boat Show, Feb. 15-20.

Many thanks to you, Mr. Gard for the publicity.

Members, next time your car is in for service, ask for Micro Lube.

Penfield, New York

David owns a vintage Lockwood and runs it every chance he gets, which always brings many comments.

David J. Moses
2160 Five Mile Line Road
Penfield, New York

Attention Members

Perhaps some of you would be interested in building your own Antique boat, we have some specifications and photos to go by, such as, Boyd Martin, Brooks, Doane, Fla Flyer, Herbst, Hooton, Pioneer, Ramsey and Century Cyclone.

BRIEF REVIEW OF THE RACES OF THE LATE "TWENTIES"

LAKE ERIE OUTBOARD MARATHON ----- The Lake Erie 93 mile race from Port Clinton to Cleveland, was promoted by the Cleveland Plains Dealer and on September 8 and 9, 1928, 44 boats tore the river into threads with flying spray. There was seven stages to this race, with the winner being Bob Snyder in his Evinrude Powered Boyd Martin Bullet, time 3:01 35. for the 93 mile averaging 31 M.P.H.

"MARIETTA REGATTA" ----- Twenty-five thousand people lined the banks of the beautiful Muskingum river during the Mid-East regatta at Marietta, on August 23-24-25, 1928 and watched Ben Coler of Gary, Indiana drive his Bullet to victory in the Charles G. Dawes trophy race, winning the gold cup donated by the President of the United States.

Racing At Philadelphia ----- At a regatta held on August 25, 1928 on the Schuylkill river, Philadelphia, Charlie Allen from Hopatcong, New Jersey raced his miniature craft Impish II, powered with an Evinrude, to victory with a speed of 34.04 M.P.H. in the class free for all. He also won the feature event, receiving the Sir Thomas Lipton trophy, valued at \$5000. Fifteen thousand people watched this event.

HAVANA RACES
1929

One hundred and fifty thousand people saw Jack Kerr of Winter Haven, Florida win the Cuban Championship Trophy at Havana, Cuba. The races were held off of the Malecon, which is Havana's Fifth Ave., and the water as rough as Michigan Blvd., Chicago, while down below the sharks were waiting. It was told that when a boat capsized, immediately all boats started circling to keep away the sharks.

DANBURY RACES ----- Fully 2000 people witnessed the outboard motor boat races on Sunday, August 5, 1928. A special match race occupied the center of interest and gave the winner \$300.00.

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND ----- On Saturday, August 11, 1928 was the scene of the most keenly contested outboards of the season. M. Whitten Whittall, driving "The Limit II" powered with a Lockwood engine, won the 6 mile race with a time of 12 minutes 47 2/5 seconds.

World Record Smashed At The Salton Sea Meet, May 19, 1929 ----- Many boating enthusiast attended the gala weekend at the "Trading Post" in Coachella, traveling the dusty desert trail. The event of the day was Johnny Graham of Elsinore, smashing the 5 mile world's record, covering the distance in 8 minutes 16 seconds. He drove a Johnson Sea Horse 16, on an Elsinore B hull.

New Bern Breaks Record ----- Two World's records were broken on August 10, 1928, sixty boats were entered. Charles Hall, Jr. 17 year old racer from New Bern, won the race with an official record of 31.91 miles.

ROTON OUTBOARD RACES ----- At an outboard regatta held at Roton Point, New Jersey on Saturday, August 25, 1928, Wallace Bell, driving a Lovejoy Fleeter, was the outstanding winner. The outboards entered were using Evinrude, Johnson, Elto Quads and Lockwoods.

===== DETROIT =====

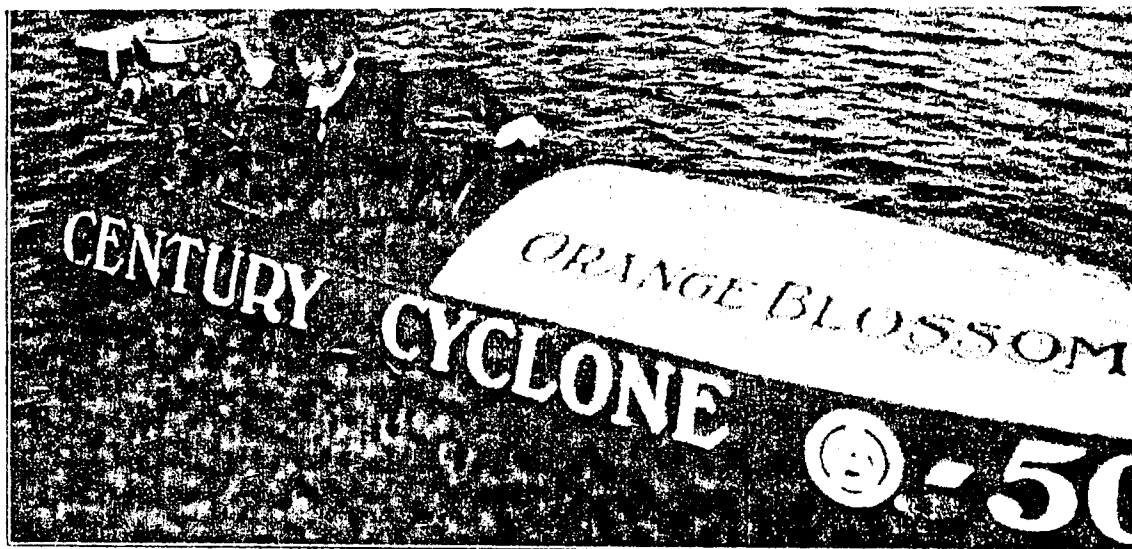
On Saturday morning, September 1, 1928, twenty little outboards in Class B, went off to a flying start to battle it out for leadership. Wade Hoffman of Detroit and Mrs. Genevieve Atwood of Lakeland, Florida winning top honors. Both were Caille powered.

The third boat to cross the finish line was powered with a Lockwood Chief, averaging 29.527 miles per hour.

In the second race, the free for all for class B drivers, battling for the Aaron De Roy trophy, was won by Mrs. Gene Atwood with her Caille powered Century Cyclone, Orange Blossom No. 50. Mrs. Atwood, then a member of the Ohio Outboard Association, averaged 30.003 miles per hour, over the six mile distance.

In the fourth event, which was C class, the winner in this race averaged 33.150 miles per hour driving an Evinrude Speeditwin. Second and third places also were Evinrude powered.

In the class C free for all, first and second place winners were Evinrude powered with a Johnson coming in third.



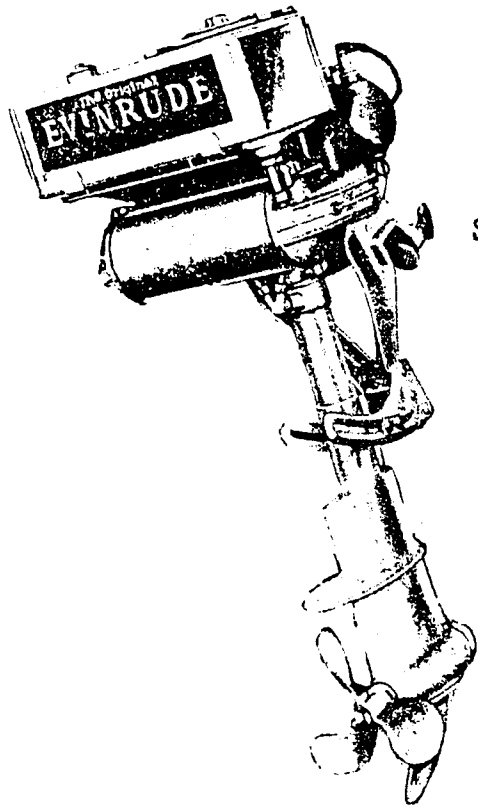
Genevieve Atwood, winner of Class B free-for-all event at Detroit Harmsworth Regatta. She drove a Century Cyclone powered with a Caille Motor.

A most enjoyable Sunday afternoon was spent recently, in the home of Mrs. Genevieve Atwood. Many outstanding trophies are displayed in her living room, each one having a heart warming story of past regattas. Scrap books have been kept of the big races and were most interesting.

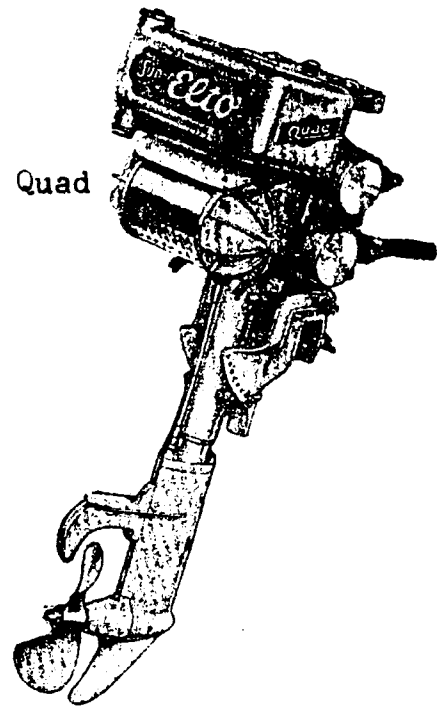
Mrs. Atwood is now a member and the Club hopes to have her write occasionally for the News Letter.

Outboards was her life, enjoying every minute of each race. Many of her victories were won by taking the turns shorter than the rest.

Mrs. Genevieve Atwood
1417 Oakhill Drive
Lakeland 10, Florida



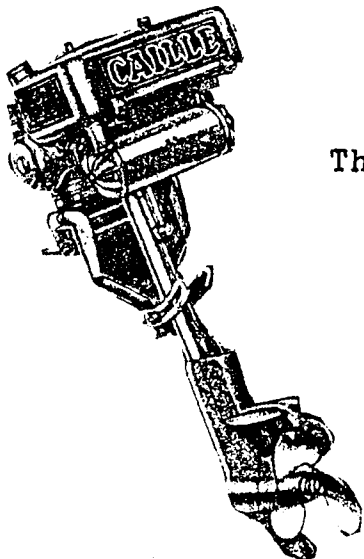
1928
Evinrude
Speeditwin
16 H.P.



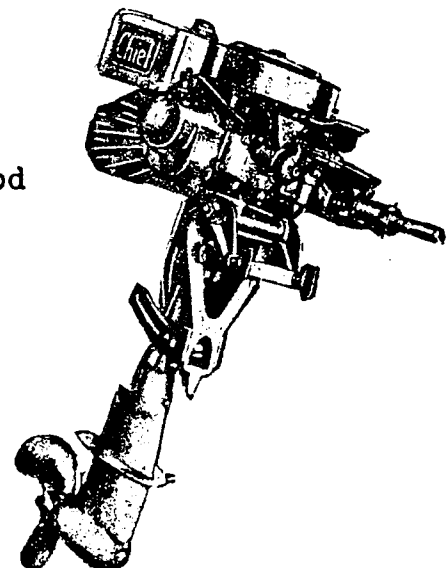
1928
Super Elto Quad
Hi Speed



1928
The Johnson - Giant Twin
25 H.P.



1928
The New Model
Caille



1928
The Lockwood
"Chief"

NOTES ON EARLY OUTBOARDS

Most treatises on early outboards indicate that one built by the American Motor Co. of Long Island City, N.Y., in the late '90's was the earliest. This may well have been the first one powered by a gas engine, but genuine outboards had actually been built previous to this.

Possibly the first was the Trouve', a chain drive electric job displayed in Paris in 1881. An illustration of this motor can be seen in "Electrical Boats and Navigation", N.Y., 1894. Also in "S.L.O.W. Bell" for October 1959. This rig was copied by U.S. manufacturers in the '90's. The French are also credited with a set-up using an outboard mounted steam cylinder with chain driven prop. and an inboard boiler. No date available on this last unit.

On this side of the ocean, Emerson Harthan of Worcester, Mass., was granted a patent on July 19, 1887, for a design of "Machinery for Propelling and Steering Boats". This ingenious device was a completely self-contained steam powered detachable boat motor. The condenser took shape as a rudder, while the 4-blade screw was driven by a crank by the engine connecting rod. Liquid fuel was stored in the framework. The steam generator wasn't detailed but could very well have been a flash job in the form of coils of tubing. (This mode of steam generation had been employed for some ten years in the famous Herreshoff built craft.) No model was submitted and evidence of production has yet to be found by this writer.

It may be well at this point to mention the gasoline outboard designed and built by Edw. S. Savage (who later achieved fame as a toy designer) of Rochester, N.Y., in 1898. This was complete with reversible screw, eccentric driven water pump, and a rudder which could be raised above the boat's keel.

In France, the L'autonavigable Propulseur Universel (better known as the "Propulseur Amovible") was available in five sizes in 1902. The smallest, 1-3/4 h.p. with complete apparatus weighed 132 lbs., while the largest, with an 8-1/2 h.p. rating, topped the scales at 308 lbs. The construction of this device gives an appearance not unlike a present day inboard-outboard drive. The 4-cycle oil engine drove the screw by means of two bevel gears, said screw mounted in a housing that could be turned around so as to drive in any direction.

The machines built by Cameron Waterman and Ole Evinrude are so well known that they need hardly be mentioned. One that came out in 1908 is worth mentioning however. This is the 2 h.p. outfit built by the Walnut Machine & Brass Foundry Co. of Toledo, Ohio. Weighing 40 lbs., this machine had an air-cooled cylinder with a bore and stroke of 2-1/2", and swung a 12" prop. No rudder was used as the prop turned with the tiller - like present day models. An adjusting clamp to fit the shaft housing to the transom angle was also included.

By 1915 there were some 45 builders of outboards throughout the world, including seven in Germany, three in France, two in England, and one in Sweden. These figures, of course, don't include a number that had discontinued manufacture.

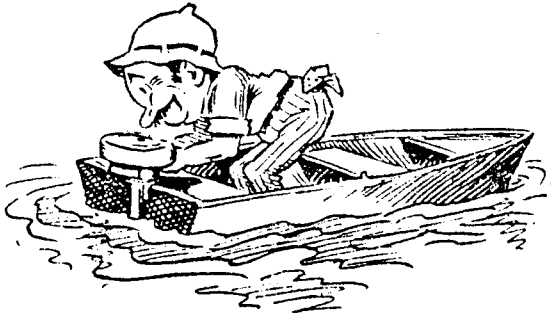
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This valuable and most interesting information submitted by member
Many thanks Don.

Donald J. Heermans
13925 S.W. River Lane
Tigard 23, Oregon

Ode To The Outboard

By Commodore Genevieve Atwood



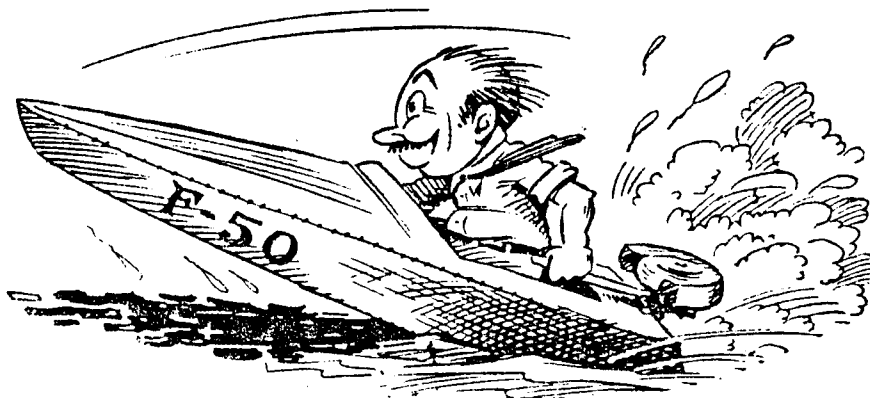
*I sure do like my Outboard.
When I'm on a fishin' lark
I like to hear it splutter
Then spit awhile and bark.
It seems sorta companion-like--
The warmth and purr of it--
When you're out all by your lonesome.
And you've tuned it up a bit.*

*When you're trollin' 'long the bonnets
Of some peaceful southern lake,
It seems to hum so pretty
That you're half afraid you'll wake.
When you know a deep cool hole
Where the big ol' "moss-backs" lay
But it's jus' too far for rowin',
Why your Outboard saves the day!*



*Sometimes it gets cantankerous
Like others of its kind
But the trouble's usually simple
An' it don't take long to find.
Ag'in it takes a playful spell--
It's way of havin' fun
Is plain to read--tho never spoke--
"I do not choose to run".*

*An' when it comes to racin'!
Were you ever in a race
Where the little waves were ripplin'
An' the fine spray wets your face?
Then you've missed the thrillin' feelin'?
All the pleasure,--all the fun,--
That to own an Outboard gives you?
SAY!—Why don't you get you one??*



/=== WANTED ===== WANTED ===== WANTED ===== WANTED ===== WANTED ===/

Wanted for 1926 Evinrude N. 11789
Drive shaft, Drive shaft brg. and
gear, Prop shaft and brg, Prop gear,
Prop shaft retainer and water pump.
These motors were Mfg. from 1923 to
1927. If you have any of these parts,
please contact:

Kurt Schmidt, Jr.
P. O. Box # 354
Apopka, Florida

Wanted for 1911 Evinrude Model B.
21872 Single. Muffler case and bot-
tom end of muffler. Ole, states that
he has some parts available for old
outboards. Address replies to:

Ole Lee, Jr.
Lee Craft Marine
Flathead Lake
Somers, Montana

Wanted - One muffler for a 1928 Evin-
rude Speeditwin 16 Motor No. 2U338.

Christopher Owen
Apple Hill Farm
Route # 3
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Wanted - Carburetor Top for 1924 Evin-
rude Sportwin, Serial No. NS 5555.

Rodney Park
Box 144,
Buckley, Illinois

--- For Sale ---

1923 Lightwin Elto - like new.

Walter A. Schmidt
5117 S.W. 27 Terrace
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

1911 Evinrude - like new

1922 Lightwin

1911 Evinrude - completely restored

Rot Bart - 1 Cyl. - sale or trade for
fishing motor.

1924 Elto Lightwin - like new \$100.00

If interested in contacting owners, we
would gladly furnish names and addresses.

Wanted - a starboard cylinder for a 1929
Elto Light weight, serial # 91936, a sketch
could be sent.

David R. Reinhartsen
14 - 1 Ross Ade Drive
West LaFayette, Indiana

Wanted - Flywheel cover plate for Johnson
P-40. Gas tank and lower unit for a 17 h.p.
Evinrude Sportfour.

John C. Harrison
1000 N.W. 54th Street
Miami, Florida

Wanted - Fuel tank for a 1939-1941 Evinrude
Cub.

Peter Ewasiuk
12131 S. Emerald Ave.
Chicago 28, Illinois

Wanted - Crank case housing for a 1938
Evinrude Sportsman 2 h.p. Model No.
4285-02378.

O. Bourdeau
R. D. #2 Swaggertown Rd.
Scotia, New York

Planning for the first event.
(not complete)

Registration of contestants for events
(classifications) 1. Pioneer, 2. Antique,
3. Classic.

Get acquainted, with bond fire and music of
yesterday, eats and etc.

Election of judges for contests.

Beauty contest for (Miss or Mrs.) Antique
Outboard Motor.

Contest on olden day costumes for members
and wives (costumes made by wives.)

Games and contest of interest for children.
Big race of motors.

Ending with costume ball and crowning of
(Miss or Mrs.) Antique Outboard Motor.

Costumes to correspond with the oldest
motor the family has entered.

The first event is now being planned, and
as you are a part of this organization, we
would like your suggestions entered. So
members let us hear from you.