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# The Big Suwanee River Super Flea Market and Motor Meet Old Town

January 14-15

This is the designated trade meet. We will be sending out invitations to surrounding state clubs and we are asking everyone to bring lots of goodies to sell or trade. This is your chance to get rid of the old stuff you don't need and get some new stuff you don't need. Emphasis is on the outboard flea market, but we'll have the annual boat-a-cade to Manatee Springs to see the manatees. Hot coffee & doughnuts in the mornings. Remember, if you are planning to run a high performance or race type boat, the new club rules WILL be in force. Helmets, jackets and functioning kill switches are required to be in use. Try to coordinate your running to have a designated safety boat in the water at all times. Open stacks OK, but probably won't be welcome on the birdwatching trip into the refuge :o).

We will be having a stock zephyr "marathon" event. Boats are standard, production type fishing boats, 12' or longer. This event is not only for Zephyrs, but will also allow any 5.5 hp (or less) antique or classic motor to compete. This includes Merc Mk 5 & super 5's, Johnson CD's and any other motor of this size, at least 30 years old. No modifications of any kind allowed, and original equipment propellers must be used. Pump gas only. This will be a fun event with a twist or two (hint, the race isn't always to the swift, but that's the way to bet). The course will run approximately 4 miles. Be sure to plan on running in this one. For those who think the Zephyrs are slow pokes, this is your chance to prove the point. No excuses: I hope to see a bunch of folks in this fun event, since everyone has an

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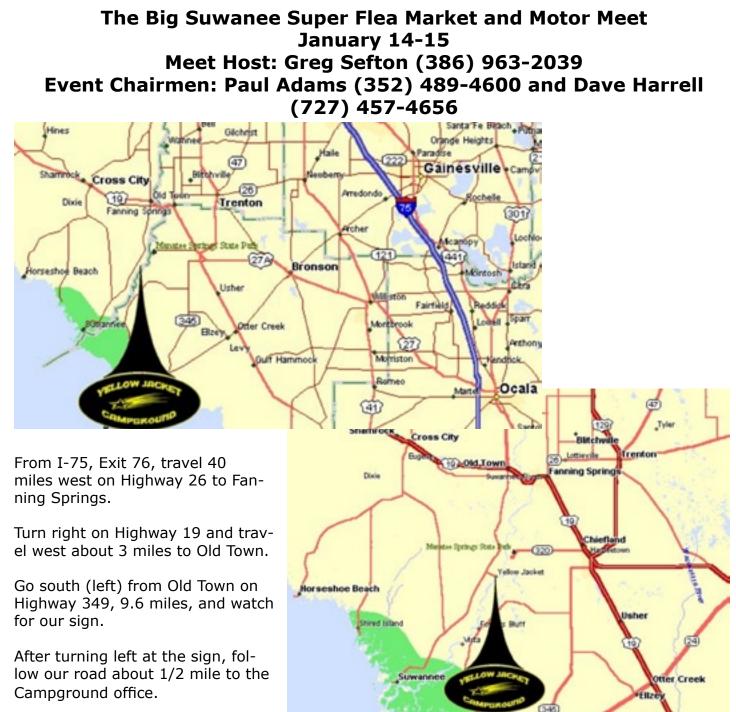


old fishing boat and a 5.5 hp motor that runs. This meet gets bigger and better every year so don't miss it. Dig out all that extra stuff and get your 5.5 or Zephyr tuned up.

The meet is located at Yellow Jacket Campground approximately 10 miles south of Old Town on Rt. 349. Call Bibi at:

352-542-8365 for reservations. or http://www.yellowjacketcampground.com/ The cabins sell out very fast, so call now! Plenty of campsites. This is a beautiful spot with 40 acres on the river, heated pool and a nice pavilion for our meeting. Be sure to bring your fishing gear too. Great fishing ! See all of you there.

Call or email Greg Sefton for information on nearby motels @ Brayhaven@AOL.com or 386-963-2039



# Looking Back

Joint Florida and Gator Chapters Orphan Motor Meet December 4 Lake June



The joint meet held at H.L. Bishop Park was a fabulous success with sixty members in attendance. The weather was perfect with sunny skies and temperatures in the low 70's (one of those days that makes us all remember why we live in Florida). The morning coffee and rolls provided by Ted and Jane Miller were wonderful as was the lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, drinks and brownies for dessert. Bruce Bolton's two sons pitched in to get the cooking done for the large crowd.

The location is wonderful with a large lake, ample boat ramps and docks, and a sandy shore to beach your boat. The parking lot was filled to capacity with members from both chapters who set up displays and swap meet items. Tom Davis brought a trailer full of parts, motors, marine hardware and a few outboard motor stands. One in particular was a rare McCollough stand. Ralph Clayton came with his large truck that has been turned into a museum of sorts and Bob Parkinson was there with his Mercury racing display.

At one point there were approximately 12-

15 boats in the water including those of Bruce Bolton, Ed Moyer, Roger Kernan, Dave Harrell, Jim Savage, Jeff Bogard, Bob Parkinson, Ralph Clayton, Bob Nelson, Frank Vidal, Tom Scileppi, Gary McNorius, Steve Stella and Bob Leduc. Frank had his new 16' Raveau with a 115hp Mercury and the boat did an honest 57mph as confirmed by GPS.

Some of the motors on display were those owned by Bob Walwork (1969 Mercury 1250 six cylinder 125hp), Don Abel (1954 Flambeau 2.5 and 1956 Flambeau 5.0), Bob Leduc (1955 5.5hp Oliver, 1949 4hp Martin, 1947 5hp Flambeau), Art Korbel, Rick Stam (1955 Corsair Navigator), Tom Tom (Lawson), Dick Hinds, Hank Wendt (KE7 Lightning), Bob Brice (1949 Champion SKE), Bonnie and Erwin Ruhland, Buzz Lamb, and Rod Champkin (1 hp Mallard M150).

Boats and motors on display included those of Tom Goepfrich (1946 Detroiter with Sea Nymph), Bruce Bolton (AlumaCraft with twin 10hp Johnsons), Steve Stella (1954 PennYann with 1954 Johnson 10hp Sea-Horse), Ralph Clayton (1957 PennYann Trailboat with 1957 Evinrude Fastwin), Bob Nelson (1954 PennYann Swift with 1954 15 hp Evinrude Fastwin), Jeff Bogard (Cadillac with a 1958 Johnson FDLE), Jim Savage (Glaspar G3 with 1967 Mercury 650), Roger Kernan (1958 Feathercraft Rocket with Mercury Mk 50Q) and Bob Leduc (1958 Luger with 1958 Mercury Mk 58).

Flea market items were offered by John Schutzenhoffer, Ron Selewach, Tom Goepfrich, Bruce Bolton, Dick Hinds, Buzz Lamb, Tom Crank and Art Korbel with many other displays also available.

We would like to welcome new members Jeanne and Charlie Cundiff, and we were glad to see Ralph Clayton again. Ed Moyer ably manned the registration table and ran the "How Long Will It Run?", "Where Am I From" and "Who Am I?" The "How Long Will It Run?" chugged along for 8min 41sec. and was won by Rod Champkin. "The prize for "Where Am I From" was shared by Bruce Bolton and Dick Hinds, and Leslie Leduc guessing Rick Stam as the pretty baby in the "Who Am I?" Jim Savage won the 50-50 and returned \$20 to the club. Thanks Jim! Jim and Elizabeth ended their day with a little malfunction and had to be towed back to the dock...of course folks were there to properly record the occasion.



Awards for Boats and Motors were presented after lunch by Brian Slager and Bob Leduc and are as follows:

#### **Pre-War Unrestored Motor:**

1940 Elto Ace - Bonny Ruhland



#### **Pre-War Restored:**

1937 Evinrude Scout - Bonny Ruhland



**Post-War** 1947 Elgin 2.5hp - Art Korbel



**Best Restored Post-War** 1950 Mallard - Rod Champkin



## Classic Outboard Post-1950 Best Unrestored

1957 Johnson 18 - Jeff Bogard



Best Restored Lawson - Tom Tom

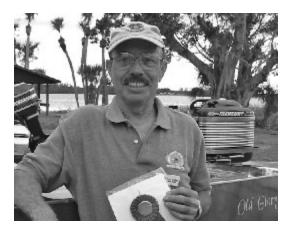


**Most Unusual Motor** Detroiter - Tom Goepfrich



K7 Lightning - Hank Wendt (No Photo)

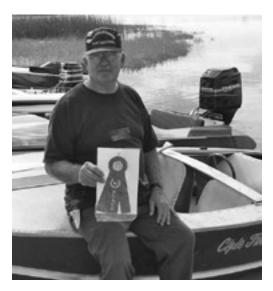
**Best Wooden Boat** 1952 Luger - Bob Leduc



Best Fiberglass Boat Glastron - Gary McNorius (no photo)

Aluminum Boats Best Unrestored 1948 Cadillac - Jeff Bogard (pictured above)

**Best Restored** 1958 FeatherCraft Rocket-Roger Kernan



A huge thanks to Don Abel, Jeff Bogard, Jane and Ted Miller, Bob Walwork, Leslie and Bob Leduc, Art Korbel, Buzz Lamb and Ed Moyer for all their help in making the first annual Lake June joint chapter event a huge success. See you again next year !!

#### **Rarest Motors**

Submerged Electric - Ralph Clayton Waterman Porto - Ralph Clayton



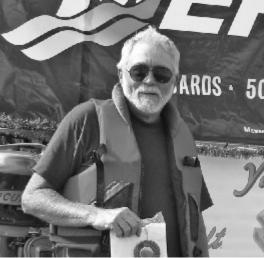
## Pre-War Race Motor

Ed Moyer



**Best Orphan Motor** 1951 Sea King - Peter Mortimer





Best Restored Raceboat Bob Parkinson - Yakety Yak



**Best Displays** Ralph Clayton



Mercury Racing Display-Bob Parkinson

#### Lake Swan Motor Meet and Aluminum Boat Extravaganza November 14

A picture perfect day greeted the motor enthusiasts at Lake Swan. The lake was flat ....perfect for running all those aluminum boats. Approximately 55 people were in attendance including Edith and Alan Fawcus from Scotland, special quests of Rod and Hazel Champkin who were here for a while from their other home in England. Also traveling long distances to spend the day with us were Jim Payne and Dan Reeves from South Carolina and Bob Dunlap from Savannah, Ga. Dan's nephew Stan Swilling also accompanied him to the meet. It was good to see Art Renfrew back on his feet again after his recent illness. We were also glad to see Rivers Buford, Jerry Hastings, Jim Payne and Jack Olgivie.

A great lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by Jerry Gray, cole slaw, potato salad and brownies was enjoyed by all. Roger Kernan also had to "eat pie" as payment of a wager with Leslie Leduc. He didn't seem to mind too much...

The lake was a frenzy of activity for most of the day with the aluminum boat enthusiasts running their craft and the racing boats showing their stuff.

Flea market items were offered by Bonny and Edwin Ruhland, Dave Harrell, Dick Hinds and Roger Kernan. Motors were displayed by Bonny and Edwin Ruhland, Wes Lilly, Don Abel, Bob Leduc, Hank Wendt, Ed Nelson, Tony Sopranzi (1955 Mercury MK25) and Tim Haney (1956 Mercury MK25 / 1957 Mercury MK10).

A 4 cylinder Evinrude Zephyr ran for 6 min. in the "How Long Will It Run?" contest which was won by Dave Harrell and Dick Hines. The "Tell Me Where It Is From?" was won by Dick Hines and Joan Tharpe. Bob Leduc won the 50/50 and donated the money back

to the club. Thanks Bob!!

Following lunch the Board of Directors met for a short time to discuss safety and noise issues. Recommendations have been made and presented to the membership.

Judging was done by James Powell and George Emmanuel. Awards are as follows:

#### **Best Aluminum Boat**

AlumaCraft with 35hp Lark - Bob Leduc Best Motor/Boat Combo

FeatherCraft Vagabond with 1958 Johnson Super Sea Horse 35hp - Dan Reeves

**Best Original Antique Outboard** 

1931 Elto 2.2 hp Super Single -Rivers Buford

**Best Antique Outboard** 

1939 Johnson MS 39 - Bonny Ruhland Best Restored Classic Outboard Mercury KE3 - Hank Wendt Best Original Classic Outboard 1953 Mercury MK5 - Bonny Ruhland 1952 Mercury KF5 - Bob Leduc

#### **Best Single Motor Display**

1943 LT. Four Military - Art Renfrew

Thanks to Meet Hosts Tom Sheldon and George Emmanuel and Activity Chairman Snapper Schofield for a wonderful activity filled day.



Johnson motors displayed by Jack Oglivie



1953 Feathercraft Deluxe Runabout with 1954 25hp Johnson Sea Horse owned by Snapper Schofield

## Aluminum Boat Extravagnaza



1968 Eustis Springbok (Canada) with 15hp Evinrude owned by Rod Champkin from England



1958 12'Feathercraft Rocket with Mercury MK52 owned by Roger Kernan



14' Orlando Clipper with John Deere owned by Tom Bell



12' Orlando Clipper Speedball with 35hp Johnson piloted by Jerry Gray

- - 1957 Feathercraft with 1959 Mercury MK 35A owned by James Payne



14.5' 1958 Feathercraft with 1958 Johnson 35hp Super Sea Horse owned by Dan Reeves



12' 1947 Orlando Clipper (top) and John Boat owned by Dave Dolive



12' Cadillac with 1965 Sarasota owned by Bonny Ruhland



?1959 16' DuraTech Saturn with DragonFly Air Drive owned by James Powell



1953 12.5' Flyer (D-Raceboat) owned by James Powell. These boats were only made for one year. This one was found on Lake Jackson in Georgia.



14' 1952 Wolverine with 1942 50hp Evinrude Big 4 owned by George Emmanuel



1954 13' AlumaCraft with 1957 35hp Evinrude Lark owned by Bob Leduc



12' 1965 Orlando Clipper Jon Boat with 1955 Mercury Mk25 owned by Rick Stam



1956 14' FeatherCraft with 1957 10hp Evinrude owned by Wes Lilly



1969 12' Sea Nymph with 1946 Mercury KD-4 owned by Susan Wright. This boat raced in the 6hp class.



1950s 10' Ouchata with 1931 2.5hp Elto owned by Rivers Buford



12' Montgomery Ward owned by Don Abel

#### For Sale

1946 Elgin 2.5 hp, 1947 Evinrude 3.3hp, 1947 Scott 3.5hp, and Scott Atwater
7.5hp. Write to Wes Lilly at 2767 First Ave., Fernandina, Fl. 32034 or call (904) 321-2722. Email: abcmarine@hotmail.com

#### Just a Reminder !! 2005 Dues are due January 1.

Please mail your dues to Membership Chairman: Bob Walwork. Remember to keep your national dues up to date.

## **Upcoming Meets**

February 19Sand LakeHank Wendt(407) 352-5927Activity: Nautical Toy ShowBruce Bolton(861) 421-4225John Gauci(407) 351-6618Bring your collectible toy boats,motors or any other toys you would liketo display. Toy displays will be judged.Toy flea market.

March Mt. Dora Antique Boat Show

April	Crescent City
Wes Lilly	(904) 321-2722
Bill McGuffey	(386) 649-4472
Activity: Thunder on the Lake	
Chairpersons to Be Announced	

This is your big chance to see vintage race equipment. Other information to be announced.

#### Coming in February... Nautical Toy Show and Motor Meet Sand Lake Meet Host: Hank Wendt Activity Hosts: Bruce Bolton and John Gauci

Remember the good old days when boats and motors were something you ran in the bathtub or in the lake in the park? Some of those toys have miraculously survived the "love" of their owners and are worth much more now then when they were new. Bring your treasures to show and share, or perhaps to sell.

Hank Wendt's beautiful location on Sand Lake will provide a perfect venue for this show and motor meet. Bring your grownup boats and motors to run on the lake and come and join the fun!!



## Clyde Twister ??

Does anyone know the true story of Clyde Twister? Roger Kernan's Feather-Craft is named after this person, but he will not (truthfully) tell me who Clyde Twister is (was). Please send me any information you may have and I will print your recollections in the next newsletter. Thanks, Leslie leducl@mac.com

#### **Meet Our Members**



#### Jim Hunt

Jim was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and graduated from Edgewater High School in Orlando in 1960. Jim's interest in outboard motors began in 1958 when he worked at the Hagood Brothers Mercury dealership. Later he worked at Meisner Marine Construction doing motor service.

Jim did prop engineering at Lake X for Mercury Marine and later had his own marine service business in 1985. From 1996-2004 he worked in the auto parts business until he retired. Jim joined the AOMCI motor club in 1995 and was President of the Florida chapter for a short time.

Jim's favorite boat is the Raveau and his favorite motor is the Merc KG9.

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