



A.O.M.C.I.

Florida Chapter

The Read Cage

May 2005

Volume 12, Issue 5

Special Interest Articles

- May Meet
May 21
Lake Ariana, Auburndale
- Looking Back
Lake Stella, Crescent City
April 22-23, 2005



Individual Highlights

- Directions to Lake Ariana 2
- Lost and Found 2
- For Sale 2
- Lake Stella meet 3
- Long Way to Lake Stella 5
- New Members 8
- Business Meeting 8
- Slate of Officers 8
- Upcoming Events 8

Mini-Motor Meet Lake Ariana, Auburndale May 21



Bring your mini-motors such as 0.5hp Evinrude Mate, .5hp Alto Cub, 1.5 hp Alto Ace, .75hp Waterwitch, 1.25 hp Elgin. Hope to see you there!!

Directions to Lake Ariana



Lost and Found

Found at Lake Stella
meet: Black hatch cover
for a SUV or Pick-up. Size
1 3/4" x 18 3/4" x 41 1/2"
with a hinge (swing down
leg for a table). PH (386)
649-4472



For Sale

- Johnson QD-12 plus 2-line tank. Running and in use. Cosmetically very nice. Plus a QD-10 back-up parts motor (or restorable)
 - Johnson QD-11, Complete. It turns over. Restorable. Cosmetically fair.
 - Johnson CD-12, running, 2 line tank (restorable). Cosmetically good.
 - Cypress garden skis by Dick Pope. Cosmetically very nice (ideal for display).
- Contact Bill McGuffey (386) 649-4472

Looking Back: Crescent City April 22-23, 2005

The city park on Lake Stella was the location of the meet. The site offered a grassy shoreline, concrete launch ramp away from the display area, restrooms, and small cabana with two large picnic tables for the lunch site. Friday was a beautiful day but Saturday dawned cold, very windy with some rain as a front was coming in. The meet hosts were Bill McGuffey and Wes Lilly

We would like to welcome new member Bob Nelson who recently moved to Sebring from New Jersey. Special guests were Jim Dunn from Apopka with a beautiful 12' Penn Yan Swift he restored.

It was nice to see Edgar Schumann, Karl Eichhorn, Rod and Hazel Champkin back from England for a short visit, and Vernon Turner. It was also nice to see Bob Peterson who came a long way from Punta Gorda, and especially great to see him again despite all he has and is still dealing with concerning losing his house from the hurricane.

Motors were displayed by Bob Nelson, Jack Ogilvie and James Powell. Snapper Schofield had a Wizard 25hp that he picked up on the way to Crescent City. Gene Fleming displayed his single cylinder "race motor". Boats were displayed by Bob Parkinson who showed race boats and motors, Don Abel with his Champ boat with a Mercury Mk



55, Bob Walwork with a Raveau 1951 race boat, Tom Bell with an Orlando Clipper with a John Deere motor, Dave Dolive with Alison-type boat with a Mercury motor, and Rand Speas with a 1926 Airship hull with a 22hp

Evinrude Speeditwin.

Boats in the water included those of Tim Haney with his beautiful hand crafted runabout powered by a 25hp Johnson, David Harrell, Guy and Jacquelyn Putman with their beautiful mahogany runabout, and George Emmanuel with his electric start opposed Evinrude which he just rebuilt. Eric Shirer had his raceboat in the water and Roger Kernan was running his FeatherCraft with a modified Mercury engine.

Art Renfrew had a large display of motors for sale in his flea market display.

Wes Lilly did the lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and lots of potato salad and cole slaw, etc.

Roger Kernan provided some anxious moments when his truck got stuck pulling his boat out but Dave Dolive came to the rescue and hooked a chain to his car and pulled Roger out.

Our special thanks to hosts Bill McGuffey and Wes Lilly, and Bob and Gerrie Parkinson for their help with tent setup and supplying much of the food. Thanks to Snapper's grandson, Ryan, for helping with the 50-50. Submitted by: Bob Walwork



Shots from Lake Stella



Art Renfrew enjoying his day



Tim Haney takes on the lake



Bob Peterson with Rod and Hazel Champkin



Too cold for James Powell ???



'at's my motor..!!



Meet Co-host Wes Lilly



Ed Moyer shares a few moments with a friend

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rod and Hazel Champkin on the birth of their new grandchild born April 22, 2005

The Long Way to Crescent City

by Snapper Schofield

It started on Friday morning about 6:00 am when OnniLee and I headed for Clearwater where I have a project in progress. About 2:00 pm we left Clearwater and headed to Gulf Hammock where I was to pick up a Wizard WA-25. I had been looking for a motor like this for a long time and was really excited.

It was to be a pretty easy trip. That is until I got lost. I had been following an old truck that I think was burning pure 50-1 outboard oil. The fumes must have lured me along like the pied piper and I was soon to realize that ahead of me was I-75 and I was in Ocala. I was now only about an hour off course. This is just what I needed as we had a dinner date in Tavares at 6:00pm. I changed direction and was back on course to Gulf Hammock. We arrived in Gulf Hammock at 5:04pm and quickly loaded the motor and was on our way to Tavares.

The countryside is beautiful in this area of the state and there are many horse ranches. OnniLee loves horses and really was enjoying the ride except for the fact that I was running about 20 over because we were running so late. She soon spoke up to let me know that so far this was the best part of the ride except that I was going too fast for her to see all that there was to see! I tried to tell her that these were all race horses and the best way to see them was at our current speed. Now, how do you think I ended up in the dog house in horse country?

By now I figured that dinner with our friends was out of the question and then my phone rang. It was our biker friends calling to tell us that they had experienced motorcycle problems and would like to meet for dinner at 7:00pm instead of 6:00pm. Great...that is more like it!

We arrived at the Mole Hole at 6:40 and quickly changed clothes and headed for Angelo's Restaurant. We beat our friends there by about 3 minutes.

A wonderful dinner was had by all and we

headed back to the Mole Hole.

Later Ann and Shane arrived with our grandkids and we all turned in for a good nights sleep.

I woke up my grandson, Ryan, about 5:30 am so we could get an early start to the Crescent City meet. Grandma asked him if he would like her to cook breakfast but he declined and said we would stop along the way. The ride took us through part of the Ocala National Forest and it was really beautiful and lonely as we only saw one car in about 30 miles. Soon we crossed the St. Johns River at Astor and Ryan said it was time to eat. I saw a restaurant and stopped. It was 6:58 and the sign said that the restaurant would open at 7:00. What great timing!

Then Ryan asked if he could take a picture of the Elto. I told him I didn't bring an Elto and the only motor we had was the Wizard



I had picked up the day before. He said, "No Grandpa, I want to take a picture of the Elto on the roof". I looked up and there, on a roof over the entry door, was an Elto Handitwin and what looked to be a Neptune with the original tank replaced by a soup can.

We decided to be easy on the waitress and both ordered Corned Beef hash and eggs and home fried potatoes and toast. As we ate breakfast we chatted about the motors on the roof and decide that stopping at a restaurant with antique outboards on the roof while on route to a meet was a good

Dave Dolive arrived and quickly hooked up with my grandson Ryan. Next thing I know he had Ryan by the shirt and was telling me that Ryan had stated that he had been good since there last meeting and Dave didn't believe it. I told him that Ryan had told me the same thing and I too was a little skeptical until he said that he was saving up all his bad for Dave Dolive! They put Dave's boat in the water and off they went. I think that is the fastest Ryan has been in a boat so far.

We saw many friends and feasted our eyes on a really good variety of boats and motors. Ryan sold tickets for the 50-50 before lunch. The weather quickly started to go down hill so we ate lunch, said our good-byes and headed for the warmth and dryness of the Mole Hole. The ride took me about an hour and a half and I think it took Ryan about 15 minutes. Isn't it great to be young?

Thanks to Wes Lilly and Bill McGuffey and to all of you that attended. Ryan and I had a great time!



Tom Bell's Orlando Clipper / John Deere combo



Welaka Boat Shop / Rand Speas



Don Abel's Champ



Bob Parkinson's race boat display



Dave Dolive's "Alison-type"



1926 Airship hull with 22hp Speeditwin owned by Rand Speas



Steve Wood at the Helm



More serious discussion...
Dave Harrell and Roger Kernan



Boat and motor combo owned by Guy Putnam



Another great motor display



Roger Kernan and George Emmanuel ponder a weighty issue



Boats along the shore

Welcome New Members

Rosalie Bloys from Altoona, Fl. who is also a member of the ACBS and displays her early 1960s 15' Custom Craft each year at the Mt.Dora Show. She owns two 15' Custom Crafts.

Thomas Davis Jr. from Palm Beach, Fl. used to race with Tom Sheldon.

Cary Crutchfield from Gainesville, Fl. Cary used to race and still owns two McCall race boats from the 1950s.

Len Lupton from Melbourne Beach, Fl. Len has a large collection of Sid Craft race boats and also builds Sid Craft replicas.

Steve Stella, the new Gator President, from Ft. Lauderdale has rejoined the Florida chapter.

Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting at the Auburndale meet on May 21.

2005-2006 Election

The 2005-2006 election of officers will be held at the June meeting at Trimble Park in Mt. Dora. The following slate of officers is being presented to the membership for consideration:

President: Don Abel
Vice President: Bob Leduc
Secretary: George Emmanuel
Treasurer: Bruce Bolton

Directors:
Ed Moyer
Erwin Ruhland
Ron Schofield
Rick Stam

2005 - 2006 Calendar of Events

June 18	Trimble Park	Dave Dolive (407) 579-2223
	Activity: Elections of Officers	
July 22-23	Old Town	Greg Sefton (386) 963-2039 Don Abel (941) 746-0933
	Activity: TBA	
August 20	Tavares	Snapper Schofield (941) 753-3841
	Activity: Opposed Motors	
September 17	Lake Hamilton	Bruce Bolton (863) 421-4225
	Activity: TBA	
October 14-15	Lake Shipp	Don Abel (941) 746-0933 Bob Leduc (941) 748-3434 Bob Walwork (941)
	Activity: TBA	
November 19	Melrose	George Emmanuel (352) 378-5172 Tom Sheldon (352) 475-1401
	Activity: Aluminum Boats	
December 3	Lake Placid	Steve Stella (954) 791-9297
	Activity: Joint Florida / Gator Chapter Meeting	

Florida Chapter AOMCI
16611 Waterline Road
Bradenton, Florida 34212