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Many apologies to Bill Milligan for incorrectly attributing the article in September's newsletter.



Lake Shipp...Revisited

Coming October 22-23

Join us for an exciting outboard motor and boating weekend beginning Friday, October 22. There will be a lunch cruise on Friday for anyone interested in participating. Lunch will also be available at Lake Shipp Park on Friday and Saturday. A full day of boating is scheduled for Saturday. Awards from judging will be given after lunch on Saturday. The day will end with a dinner cruise and "Special Awards" presentation aboard the paddle wheeler Southern Breeze on beautiful Lake Eloise on Saturday night. Departure from the dock in Cypress Gardens is at 5:30pm.



Make your reservations early so you won't miss a minute of this fun filled weekend event.

Evening cruise on the Southern Breeze including dinner is \$15.00/person. There is a cash bar on board. Please send your check by October 10 to Bob Leduc, Bob Walwork or Don Abel to reserve your spot. We only need 16 more reservations at the time of this printing to reach the fifty we need to secure the boat

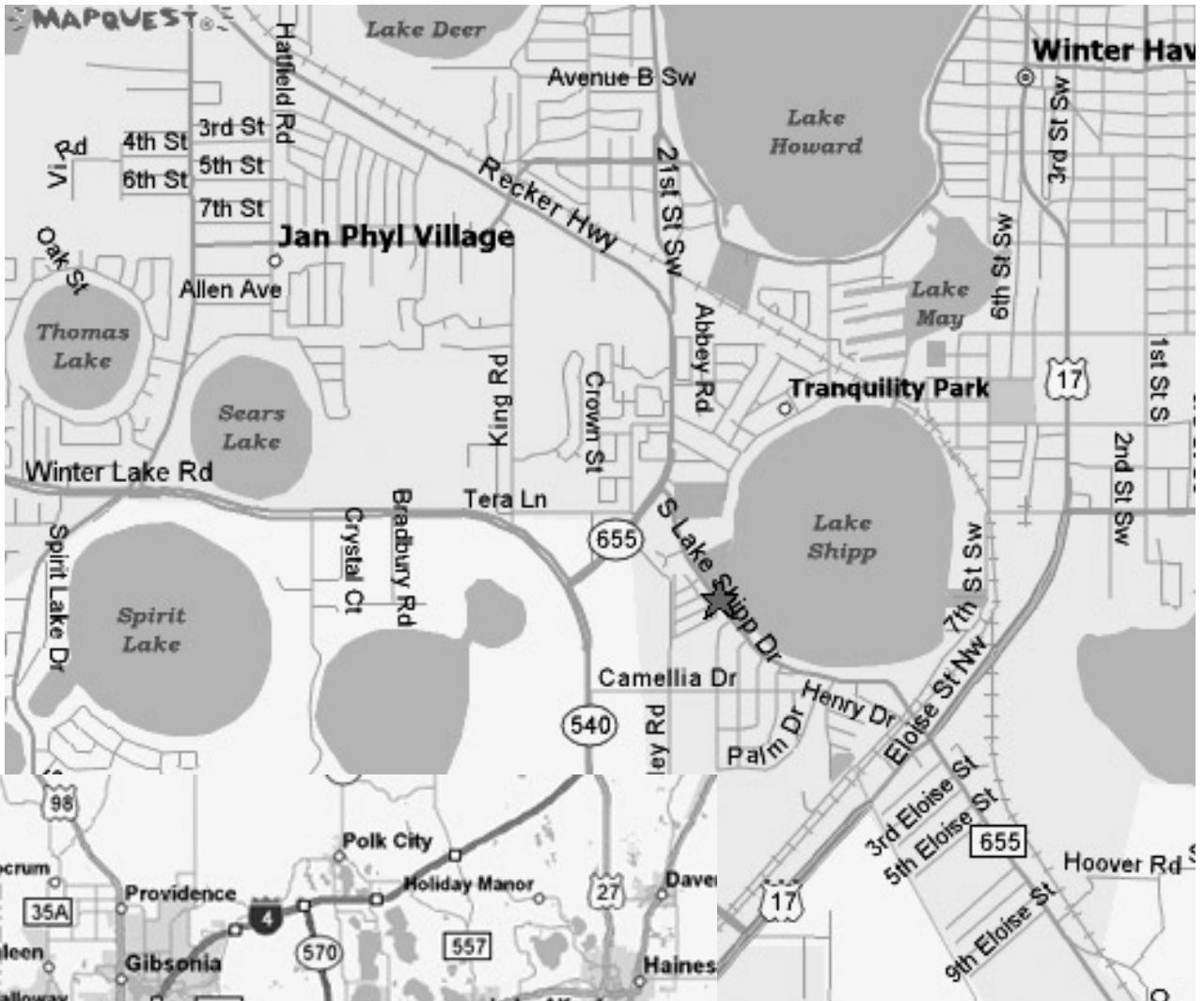
Rooms are available for the weekend at the Ranch House Motel in Winter Haven at \$39/night. Contact Nicole at (366-5996) and mention AOMCI.

We are looking forward to a great time and hope to see old friends and meet new ones at this event.

For more information contact Bob Leduc, Bob Walwork, Don Abel or Ron Lamonica, Meet Co-Chairmen

Looking Ahead

October Meet Lake Shipp October 22-23
Chairman: Don Abel, Bob Walwork, Bob Leduc, Ron LaMonica



From the north:

1. Follow Rt. 17 S through Winter Haven to Rt. 655.
2. Turn right on Rt. 655
3. Turn left on S. Lake Shipp Drive. Lake Shipp Park will be on the right.

From the south:

1. Follow Rt. 17 N toward Winter Haven
2. Turn left on Rt. 655
3. Turn left on S. Lake Shipp Drive
4. Lake Shipp Park will be on the right.

Upcoming Meets

October 22-23

Lake Shipp
Don Abel (941) 746-0933
Bob Walwork (941) 722-3136
Bob Leduc (941) 748-3434
Ron LaMonica (239) 543-2061

Activity: International Meet Reunion.
Dinner Cruise on Saturday night on paddle wheel steamer – tickets are \$15/person. Special awards to be given at banquet. Plan to attend. Make your reservations early so you don't get left out!!

November 20

Melrose
Tom Sheldon (352) 475-1401
George Emmanuel (352) 378-5172

Activity: Aluminum Boat Extravaganza
Snapper Schofield (941) 753-3841
Bob Peterson (941) 625-3932

Bring your aluminum boats. Judging and special awards for aluminum boats.

December 4

Location and details to be announced at later date

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January 22

Old Town
Greg Sefton (386) 963-2039

Activity: Old Town Super Marine Flea Market

Paul Adams (352) 489-4600
Dave Harrell (727) 457-4656

Clean out your garage and shed. You can make money and help other members at the same time.

February 19

Sand Lake
Hank Wendt (407) 352-5927

Activity: Nautical Toy Show
Bruce Bolton (861) 421-4225
John Gauci (407) 351-6618

Bring your collectible toy boats, motors or any other toys you would like to 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: Race Boats
Chairpersons to Be Announced
This is your big chance to see vintage race equipment. Other information to be announced

Coming in November: Aluminum Boat Extravaganza

The Alumacraft saga began in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1893, when German-born blacksmith Eugene Tetzlaff opened what would become the Flour City Ornamental Iron Company. After the war, Flour City president Henry J. Neils found himself with a surplus of aluminum and a staff of skilled metalworkers. Employing the help of local boat designer Erich Swenson and the war-honed skills of the company craftsmen, the very first AlumaCraft boat, a simple 12-foot rowboat, rolled off the Flour City assembly line in 1946. The company is still in business today building more than 80 different models of specialty fishing boats.

As the name implies, Feather Craft boats were built as a light-weight alternative to the wood boats of the post-World War II market. The company was founded in 1947 by W. Douglas Knight. Feather Craft's unique barrelback design set it apart from other products in the aluminum boat market.

Many other aluminum boats by different manufacturers were also built during this time.

Please bring any aluminum boats you may have with you to the meet in November. There will be judging and special awards for aluminum craft, as well as our normal monthly awards for motors and boat/motor combinations.

A Military Johnson (continued) by Bill "Oil Can" Milligan

The recoil starter is standard (see photo#7),



flywheel is encased in what appears to be an angel food can upside down fastened to a dish under the armature plate (see #5-7) with clips and screws and the three legs of the recoil starter. The pistons

were stuck, no crank movement. Travis Wills, the owner, and I removed the cylinder heads, bypass covers, exhaust manifolds, carburetor and leaf plate for cleaning the interior of the block. We removed rust and crud from the cylinders with a drill and rotary brush, PB blaster, heat, hammer tapping, wrenching, cussing, with many repeats of the above to final freedom. To our surprise, the rings were not struck, nor were the pistons and cylinder walls scored.

We cleaned the carb, reset the leaf plate, filed the points, checked the electrical system and proceeded with reassembly. When all was completed, torqued cylinder head, a compression check was performed dry: #1 cylinder=110 lbs, #2 = 109 lbs. The spark plugs lit up like 4th of July fireworks. Several hours of test tank running and twiddling with the carb jets, the old gal was running like a Singer sewing machine...



a new one! Another compression test, #1=130 lbs, #2=131 lbs. I believe this motor has very low hours. No knocks on the block, no clank in the crank. Final hood assembly and the spark plug door (see photo #9), appears that of a dinosaur.

Travis and I have installed the RD-14M on his Lone Star, 20 ft. aluminum cabin cruiser that is being restored. We displayed his "rig" at Hank Wendt's meet February 28, 2004, on Big Sand Lake, between Orlando and DisneyWorld, Florida. The cruiser is a silver color at present, all the paint has been removed and prepped for refinish. The contrast of the silver finish and the olive drab motor was a real attention getter. A follow up report and photos of the Lone Star progress and how the RD-14M Old Veteran will handle the boat. The motor was accompa-



nied by a well constructed wooden tool box (see photo#8), spare prop, sear pin, but no tools or service manual. There is a pocket in the lid for the operating instructions. Would anyone please advise me of the whereabouts for the procurement of such military manuals?

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