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Lake Shipp...Revisited

Coming October 22-23

Join us for an exciting outboard motor and boating weekend beginning Friday, October 22. A full day of boating is scheduled for Saturday, finishing with a dinner cruise and "Special Awards" presentation aboard the paddle wheeler Southern Breeze on beautiful Lake Eloise on Saturday night.



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 September 15 to Bob Leduc, Bob Walwork or Don Abel to reserve your spot. We need to have fifty reservations 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 Back

August Meet

Lake Panasofkee Bill Bishop, Chairman

August 21



It was with great trepidation that I faced the day at Lake Panasofkee. The last time I had been there had been so hot that even the most stalwart motor clubman was searching for shade. The lake was so full of weeds that you couldn't go 10 feet without

stopping and clearing your prop. But this day turned out to be a pleasant surprise. I'm not saying that it wasn't toasty warm, but there was a slight breeze and the skies were clear (until about 2 o'clock). About forty persons were in attendance, and it was great to see many new faces. We would like to welcome new members Jim Savage, Steve Dowling and Tony Sopranzi, and almost new members Bonny and Edwin Ruhland. Bonny surprised everyone by correctly identifying the "Who Am I?" picture as Bob Leduc even though she had just met him. She chose a nice AOMCI pennant as an award. There were also several guests in attendance: Thomas Caput, Josh Gosmo, Roy Hastings and Walter Cadle. As always, it was nice to see missed members Claude Lowe, Steve Douly, Joe Matthews, Bill Matthews and Don O'Hara. I understand that Joe Matthews is the brother-in-law of Bill Bishop, and that he and his brother Bill and Don O'Hara have the dubious honor of being the only residents in zip code 34667. I wonder how often that happens?? We missed seeing members Jerry Gray, Art Renfrew, Tom Sheldon, Jim Hunt, Bill McGuffey, James

Powell and Bob Walwork.

Motors were displayed by Ed Moyer, Dave Harrell, Tom Goepfrich, Bob Leduc, Ed Nelson, Bonny and Edwin Ruhland, Jim and Elizabeth Savage, Bill Bishop and Jim Hinds.

Boats and motors were displayed by Jim and Elizabeth Savage (Glaspar G3 with Merc 650), Edwin and Bonny Ruhland (Cadillac with a Johnson Sea Horse 10), Bob Leduc (AlumaCraft with 1957 35 hp Lark)



Glaspar G3 with 1967 Merc 650 owned by Jim and Elizabeth Savage.

and Rick Stam (Orlando Clipper with Merc 110).

A wonderful lunch of meatball sandwiches, cole slaw and fruit salad was provided by Betty Bishop. The 50/50 was won by Snapper Schofield's grandson Ryan Lawhead, and I later saw Ryan spending his spoils at Tom Goepfrich's flea market display. Other flea market displays were offered by Jim Hinds, Bruce Bolton and Dave Harrell. There was also one over in the corner by Jim Hinds but I could not find the owner.

Most members cleared out after



Dick Hinds motor display

lunch as the skies darkened and the sound of thunder filled the skies. Oh, but there were a few brave souls who thought that it would blow over and decided to weather the storm. After about a hour of torrential downpour, Bob Leduc and Rick Stam bailed their boats. Rick's had filled nearly to the gunwales since it had been tied to near the



No Rick...the water's supposed to be on the outside !!

boathouse and all the runoff from the roof poured into his boat.

For those of you who may have missed seeing Wes Lilly...he finally did arrive. Just as the rain was stopping. Seems he may have taken a wrong turn somewhere.

Awards for the day are as follows:
Pre-War Motors:
Tom Goepfrich 1/2 hp Cub



Post War Motors:
Bob Leduc 1957 Lark
no picture available

Pre-War Johnson:
Bill Bishop Model A



Post-War Johnsons:
10 hp Johnson Bonny Ruhland



Other Brand: Waterwitch Bill Bishop



Rare Merc: KE7 Square TA6 / Dave Harrell



Best Motor Flea Market Display: Dick Hinds



Big Iron: Hasting Brothers:
No picture available

Other Motor:
Neptune / Muncie Bob Leduc
no picture available

Boat/Motor Combination:
AlumaCraft with 1957 35 hp Lark / Bob Leduc
no picture available

Best Flea Market Display: Tom Goepfrich



Race Motor: Pre War
Elto Speedster Ed Moyer



Off Brand:
Scott Atwater Bailamatic / Ed Nelson



Snapshots of the Day



Amphicar owned by Tommy Sciortino



AOMCI
and
USA...
what a
combination !!

Thanks Bill and Betty for a wonderful meet!!



Won't someone please take this Aristocrat home??

Upcoming Meets

September 18 Lake Hamilton
Bruce Bolton (861) 421-4225

October 22-24 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 – Awards banquet for awards from meet and other club awards. 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.

AHOY ! From FindBoatParts.com

A boat made from ice cream bar sticks? I just had to share this one !

Well, I don't believe it !, but this guy has broken other world records before in the past, and now he is building a 45ft boat to sail across the ocean. Wooden boating is one thing, but popsicle sticks? YEA ! , I have included the link here on this page so you can go check it out for yourself. He has a web site so that you can monitor his progress building his boat. Hope he never gets into tooth picks for power cruiser or something. I might shake the guys hand when he arrives in Jacksonville, Florida with this mad boat ! Meantime who ate all those ice cream bars to get these sticks anyway ? Now that would be a world record. Now there's a record I could work on and get into ! Maybe I can talk my gal into letting me practice.

The address for this project boat of ice cream bar sticks is at <http://www.obviking-ship.com/>
Ok, next issue we need to find a guy building a plastic battleship from old coke bottles caps ! Right ? Personally, I could make a nice floating dock from cigar butts and a glue gun.

OR, maybe I can build a Harley Davidson from beer cans pull tabs !

With Deep Sympathy

The members of the Florida Chapter of the AOMCI would like to express their deepest sympathies to Dave Harrell on the loss of his mother, Evelyn, earlier in August. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and his family during this difficult time.

TRADE ONLY

February 1997

A DRIVEN MAN



Gary Dewar of Kelowna, British Columbia, looks ready to cruise after he strapped an old Johnson outboard onto his back. The photo, taken by Dewar's wife, Cheryl, won Trailer Boats magazine's 1996 Over the Transom contest. Dewar hasn't found a way to defy the laws of gravity — he's actually sitting on a submerged dock.

A Military Johnson

by Bill "Oil Can" McGuffey

I have had the privilege of returning to life and service a 1953 Johnson 25 hp RD-14M (military) #68-1300. It has the most beefed up transom clamp, pivot-exhaust tube (#1,2,3) and tiller arm (#4). The steering radius is 180 degrees along with a full shift gear case, forward, neutral and reverse. I have not been near one of these beasts since serving in Korea with the US Army from 1950-53.



protections, plugs are EJ-6-J Champions, ground wires are on the hood-cowling mounts.

Gear case (foot?) has the appearance of the 1959-60 Super Sea Horse, with extra webbing or gusset supports, a large support bolt trailing known as the extra or fifth

bolt, the water pump is the same design as the early RD's, 1951-54. Prior to 1955, RD-17 did not have the extra supports mentioned, I suspect military specifications. The prop is three bladed, 6 pitch, 11 inch diameter (#6), gear ratio is standard, 1.73/1, tug boat power. (to be continued)



The ignition system under the flywheel, at first glance appears standard. Every component is copper braided cable grounded, points, condenser and coils. The condenser have a special waterproof encasement. Spark plug wires

(#5) are sheathed like that of aircraft

