

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Location – **NEW** – Mooney's Bay near the old Marina off Hog's Back Road. Bring your rod and try some fishing before the meeting, which is **NOT, repeat NOT**, Upstairs at the Legion Hall, Westboro Branch - 391 Richmond Road, between Churchill and Roosevelt Avenues. *Parking is on neighbouring streets. Start time – 7 pm.*

Sunday, July 9 – Wendover

Wednesday, July 12 – Reeve Craig

Saturday, July 22 – Edmonds Lock

Wednesday July 26 – Reeve Craig

Saturday July 29 – Merrickville

JULY MEETING Mooney's Bay
THURSDAY, July 6 – 7 pm

Topics:

- 1. Club Fish Results**
- 2. Miscellaneous**

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Miscellaneous Mutterings

As part of my duty as Newsletter Editor, I get to give unsolicited views and comments on various topics.

A timely bit of news about ethanol and outboards is on page 4. Your motor is too new to worry about it?

What about the hygroscopic properties of ethanol, wise guy? How clean is your fuel tank? How you gonna clean it, eh?

Fear not – the information necessary to take the first steps on the path of righteousness are on page 4.

More righteous information is found directly below.

A little humour – An elderly woman had just returned home from church when an intruder startled her. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home and yelled, **STOP! Acts 2:38 !** (Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven).

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer handcuffed the man to take him away, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an ax and two 38s!"

Club Fishes

Bass Opening – Bonnechere – Saturday, June 24:

The following report was received from Jim Lumsden.

“Peter Melvin and I arrived at the launch at 9:30 after about a 1.25 hour drive. We pulled out at 4:30 pm.

Mark Patry was on the water in a Muskies Canada event. His partner got a 35” musky. Event results were poor no doubt due to bright sunlight.

We fished at a number of locations and got our results in 3 to 5 feet of water very close to cover.

We each got a number of smallmouth in the 10” size range.

We also had a number of pike encounters including follows and missed strikes by me.

Peter got a 24”+ pike in the boat plus others ?

I got a 20” and a 30.5 “pike in the boat.

We saw no walleye, no largemouth and no musky.

Winds were light it was about 25 degree and very sunny.

We tried trolling 10 to 20 foot flats with Peter getting the only results.

Jim”

My note:

The light turnout was due to several factors: One – I was unavoidably pre-booked for the weekend. Two – Bob Stoddard had trouble with his motor – more later in the newsletter.

Urban / Youth Fishing Day

Jim has been sending me email related to this event and Gary Lowery, of Osprey Charters, has been pestering me, as well as Grant Hopkins.

Anyway, always a sucker for a poor kid, I went to one of their meetings on June 22, armed with the promise of a \$100 donation to the organizer, the Optimist Club of Ottawa East, from your favourite fishing club.

As of that meeting, there were only two local fishing clubs involved – Bassmasters, represented by Dan Hanniman and the OFC, represented by me. On Wednesday, June 28, Russell Stanton- Muskies Canada –showed up with a \$100 check. This meant that a total of \$1200 was available.

Anyway, this event is a “Go” – rain or shine. They have all the food, worms, ice, tents, first aid, etc. As far as fishing tackle is concerned, they already had some 130 rods and reels and thought that they could round up another 50-100 from Big Jim McLaughlin, Canadian Tire, and so on. Turns out that Shimano and Zebco couldn't step up. Fortunately, Berkeley came through with a rod, reel, and tackle package for \$10 each.

Thanks to Paul Tessier of Voyageur Depot, there will be lots of hooks, rubber-core sinkers, and bobbers – 300 of each – free - gratis.

The OFC was involved in this event last year when MNR was running it. MNR is sending 3-4 COs, along with their dogs. The NCC is also sending a CO, and cut its licence fee to \$100.

Bassmaster members will be out in force to help the kids with baiting up, untangling lines, cooking hotdogs, and giving casting demonstrations.

THIS EVENT CONFLICTS WITH THE CLUB FISH AT WENDOVER ON SUNDAY JULY 9.

Since I got involved before I checked the calendar, I guess that I will attend the **Kids Derby on Sunday, July 9 – near Dow's Lake Pavilion- 9 AM – 3PM**. Ian Midgley has told me that he is also planning to come to the Kids Derby. If there are other OFC members who were **NOT** planning to go to Wendover for some reason and will be in town, why not show up at the canal near the Pavilion? Bring a pair of pliers (remove hooks from fish) and a nail clipper (trim line and cut tangles).

You can support the OFC that way – the kids are the future of fishing, even if the MNR doesn't think so. Incidentally, you may have read Jeff Morrison's article in the Sun – the MNR is cutting a bunch of COs. No word on any releases of senior managers – we should live so long!

Fuel and Ethanol and Elderly Outboards

Do you own an elderly outboard? That is, do you own and use an outboard that dates from before the mid-90s? I know that I have two of them – my main motor, a 1992 Suzuki and a 196? Johnson 9.5.

Our favourite politician – Ottawa's own Darrell McSquinty – has announced that he will boldly introduce legislation to mandate that all gasoline sold in Ontario in 2007 must contain a minimum of 5% ethanol. I say "boldly", since I don't recall that he promised to do any such thing. On the other hand, it might take him some years – think of coal-fired power plants.

This news prompted me to look for some information on the topic. I came across an article from Mercury (www.bymnews.com/new/content/view/29638/56/)

"What are the characteristics of ethanol?"

Ethanol is an oxygenated hydrocarbon compound that has a high octane rating and therefore is useful in increasing the octane level of unleaded gasoline. The EPA ... has allowed the use of ethanol in gasoline at levels up to 10% as an octane enhancer and to provide beneficial clean-burning combustion characteristics that help improve some emissions.

Ethanol is hygroscopic (it has an attraction for water) and will more readily mix with water than with gasoline. It has different solvency behaviours than does gasoline, which allows it to loosen rust and debris that might lay undisturbed in fuel systems. And it can more readily remove plasticizers and resins from certain plastic materials that might not be affected by gasoline alone. Loose debris will plug filters and can interfere with engine operation. Additionally, ethanol is corrosive to some metals, especially in combination with water. Although gasoline does not conduct electricity well, ethanol has an appreciable capability to conduct electricity and therefore can promote galvanic corrosion." OK – think of the implications for winter storage – use a good stabilizer.

The article goes on:

"How does ethanol affect my fiberglass fuel tank?"

Fiberglass tanks manufactured prior to 1991 may not be compatible with gasoline containing ethanol. It has been reported that, in the presence of ethanol, some resins may be drawn out of fiberglass and carried into the engine where severe damage could occur."

The article also recommends replacing rubber fuel lines and gaskets if inspection shows signs of swelling or deterioration.

It couldn't happen here? Ask Bob Stoddard – he had been using ethanol-enhanced fuel. A few weeks ago, while trolling at Calabogie, his motor started smoking like mad and kept getting worse.

He had lost the autoblend system that mixes the oil with the gasoline. All the seals on his 1987 outboard were deteriorating. He has been told to disconnect the autoblend system and go back to mixing oil with the gasoline.

At least his autoblend system failed in the "too much oil" mode.

A Little Humour

A Somali arrives in Ottawa. He is a new immigrant to Canada.

He stops the first person he sees walking down the street and says, "Thank you, Mr. Canadian for letting me in this country!"

The passer-by says, "You are mistaken – I am Mexican."

The Somali man goes on and encounters another passer-by. "Thank you for having me to such a beautiful country of Canada!"

The person says, "I no Canadian, I Vietnamese."

The new arrival walks further and the next person he sees, he stops, shakes his hand and says, "Thank you for the wonderful Canada." That person puts up his hand and replies, "I am from the Middle East, I am not a Canadian."

The Somali finally sees a nice lady and asks suspiciously, "Are you a Canadian?" She says, "No, I am from Jamaica."

He is puzzled and asks her, "Where are all the Canadians?"

The Jamaican lady looks at her watch and shrugs, "Probably at work."

A Little Airline Humour

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas pilots (marked with a P) and the Solutions Recorded (marked S) by Maintenance Engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like midget with hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.



No comment- sent to me by Jim Lumsden, our Glorious Leader. Probably the bottom picture captures Jim's feelings.

