

Auction for the Late Ted Moss

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Sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted the 60+ attendees at the Tag Auction for the late Ted Moss of Utopia on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

The auction featured Teds extensive collection of antique outboard motors, rare outboard parts, early inboard motors, multi meters / testers , vintage literature and old boats from 1920's up to the 1960's.

The highlight of the auction was the sale of Ted's fully restored Indian Siver Arrow "hard tank" outboard and a highly detailed Indian miniature outboard.

The rules of a Tag Auction are simple, the highest written bid on the tag at the end of the bidding time wins that item. Much like ebay bidding, many people waited until the last few seconds to bid but extra time was then added to give everybody a fair chance.

Many items sold above what was expected but as usual, there were some bargains to be had as well.

A big thank you to Ted's family (especially Teds brother-in-law, Bill Noseworthy) with the organizing and hosting of this very successful event. Also, MLAOC members Peter McDowell and Sandy Kennedy who helped keep the event on schedule.

Ted's larger than life personality is greatly missed at MLAOC events but I think he would be very happy with the results from this auction.

RIP my friend.



The late Ted Moss with a favorite Johnson Tremblay Pumper.



Long time Collector Bob Skinner contemplating bid.



Peter McDowell taking a well-deserved rest after a day of auctioning.



Just a portion of the wide variety of Outboards up for Auction.



Sandy Kennedy, center, with Vic Priestly, inspecting a Caille.