

Bill Paterson 1930-2018

On April 18, 2018 we lost a long time member and active contributor to the Maple Leaf Antique Outboard Club, Bill Paterson. Bill had been battling cancer for 14 years.

Bill first joined our Club in the late 1980's. During his 30 years in the hobby Bill collected and restored many outboards and proudly volunteered to display them at various Club exhibits at major shows including the Toronto International Boat Show and the early days of the Cottage Life Show. His favorite event however was the Bowmanville Maple Festival where he organized our Club display year after year. Bill was a long time member of our MLAOC Steering Committee. He initiated our first venture into golf shirts and hats bearing our Club logo and ran our Club Apparel program, which also included name tags and Club logo decals. He carried on in this capacity until his health prevented him from continuing.

Bill also researched and developed a long list of outboard brand decals that he made available to all Club members. He was particularly interested in reproducing the correct decals for outboards made in Canada. This was an invaluable asset to all members who wanted that final touch to a motor restoration.

Condolences go out to Bill's wife Nonie, and to his family. Thank you Bill for your fellowship, generosity and friendship from all of us who knew you in the world of old outboards.

A donation has been made in Bill's name, by the MLAOC, to the Georgian College Marine Engine Program.



Bill with an Evinrude Lightfour Imperial at one of our early days exhibits.