## "Hard Water" Meet - Mike O's

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L-R: Past President, John England with our Host Mike Ounjian



Ron Morissette checking out a Mercury offered for Sale at Mike O's.



Lorne Mann admiring Jeff
Stevenson's restoration work on
MERC 1000 race motor.

The Maple Leaf Antique Outboard Club started our 2017 Season with our annual visit to Mike Ounjian's Shop in Ajax on January 21st. As tradition goes the trading, buying, selling and free advice was ample. Club members proudly showed off some of their newest acquisitions and projects. The coffee and goodies were enjoyed by all. Jeff Stevenson gave a buffing and polishing demonstration, there was certainly no shortage of parts that were anxious to get a taste of that magic Stevenson shine.

Once again Mike O conducted his "cup of gas" competition. Forty members threw five dollars each into the pool to predict how long Mike's Evinrude Sportwin would on a cup of gas. The Sportwin ran f or 1 min & 40 sec. Paul Walker had the most accurate prediction. Some new members were in attendance and were amazed by the comradeship and friendliness of our club. They all said that this would not be their last meeting. President Ron Stevenson, introduced the Steering Committee and went over the upcoming Club events for 2017. As a Club, there are a lot of planned activities, Please consider volunteering to help at one of the events, it is a great way to get some leads on motors and expand the circle of friends who share in our passion. Think of it this way, every motor you drag home is a win-win. It keeps it out of a landfill/scrapyard and your partner knows that you're in the workshop covered in grease and not out spending the grocery money at the local pub!

Ron also complimented Sandy Kennedy on our new website. If you have not checked it out, please do so, every sweet. In closing, a BIG MLAOC Thank You to Mike O for opening his shop to the Club, showing his collection and arranging the classic "Subway" sandwich lunch. See you all soon at our next meeting.



L-R: Bill Bryant & Dean Manderson inspect Bruce Reinheart's rare 1917 Indian Model "O".



Terry Campbell Selling a 1937 Elto Pal.

## More Photo's from the "Hard Water" Meet - Mike O's



Left: August Sapinet intently watching Jeff Stevensons buffing technique.

Right: Richard Vieira & Mike Kreckle talking over Mike's table of goodies for Sale.





Left: Wain Trotter & son Wes with their table full of MERC & racing items for Sale.

Right: Jeff Stevenson with Mercury 1000 factory racing clone he has just completed for Sandy Kennedy.





Left: Membership Chair Peter McDowell, Sandy Lupo & President Ron having a laugh.

Right: Barry Shorthill admires Ron Stevenson's rare EFFZETT Row Boat motor, made in Germany.

