

MLAOC AGM & Swap Meet

Report: Ken Kirk

Photos: Sandy Kennedy & Ken Kirk

ON Oct. 14, more than fifty MLAOC members braved a crisp morning for our MLAOC AGM & Swap Meet in Aurora.

The Swap Meet was extremely active. The early birds were on hand at 7:00 AM. Almost everyone brought something to sell or trade. The weather did not deter the enthusiasm of the buyers.

The Tag Auction, to raise funds for the MLAOC, was organized by Mike Kreckle. The Auction raised \$280. for the Club. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Auction and thank you Mike for organizing.

MLAOC Past President, Dave Morrison, captured everyone's attention by running his air-cooled Eglin.

A great lunch was laid out by the ladies of the Aurora Legion. Plenty of food and deserts for everyone and seconds were offered up.

After lunch our AGM business meeting got underway. President Ron Stevenson welcomed all and extended a well deserved thank you to Scott Waites for organizing the day.



Ron extended a special welcome to MLAOC past President Dave Morrison & to Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boast Association President John Gullick. Ron also asked any NEW members to stand and introduce themselves.

Ron advised that MLAOC had been invited to participate with ACBS Toronto in a display at the Toronto International Boat Show in January. Ron asked for a volunteers to take on the roll of Chair for this event. (Subsequently no member came forward & it was decided that MLAOC would not participate in TIBS).

Ron then introduced the various Committee Chairs for their Reports.

Ron reported on behalf of Membership Chair, Peter McDowell, that the current number of paid-up members was a healthy 215.

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50 plus members turned up on a brisk Fall day for the MLAOC AGM & Swap Meet.

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L to R: Sandy Kennedy, Dana & Rick Torch.

Treasurer, Margaret Weigel reported that Club revenues for the 2023 Fiscal Year had exceeded expenditures by \$1,917.40. Revenue was derived from Membership Dues, clothing sales, Silent Auction & donations. Expenses were primarily the Newsletter, Website & Insurance. Hard copies of the Treasurers Report were distributed to the Members attending. Any Member wanting a copy of the Treasurers Report can contact Margaret at gmweigel99@gmail.com

Ron advised that it had been concluded that no increase in Membership Dues was required for 2024.

Webmaster, Sandy Kennedy, reported sustained heavy traffic to our Website. The Trading Dock was the most active component and interest in the Outboard Racing Videos was also high. Sandy encouraged Members to post their "For Sale" and "Wanted" items indicating that items were getting a lot of exposure and action.

Social Media Chair, Dana Torch reported we have more than 800 active MLAOC Facebook participants. The Facebook page is extremely active with two or more new posts almost every day. An effort will be made to convert those participating in our Facebook page who are not currently members, to join MLAOC. The newly created "Members only" Facebook page now has 73 members.

Newsletter Editor Ken Kirk thanked those who had contributed pictures and content for the Newsletter. Ken invited members to forward any interesting stories, histories, photos, technical or restoration articles to him in order to keep the Newsletter content full. Ken also invited suggestions from the Membership for topics they would like to see covered in the Newsletter.

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Vintage Mercury banner celebrating the brands 25th Anniversary in 1964.



August Sapinet even had a woodstove for sale.



L to R: Geoff & Peter Gamblin with Nick Montesano.

President Ron advised that no new nominations had been received for the Steering Committee positions for 2024. All of the current Steering Committee had been nominated. Therefore, the current Steering Committee was elected by acclamation for the 2024 year.

Steering Committee, Executive and Chairs for 2024 are as follows:

- President: Ron Stevenson
- Secretary: Glenn Weigel
- Treasurer: Margaret Weigel
- Membership: Peter McDowell
- Website: Sandy Kennedy
- Newsletter: Ken Kirk
- Apparel: Mike Kreckle
- AGM & ACBS Relations: Scott Waites
- Social Media: Dana Torch
- SCM at Large: Rob Abbott, Sean Goodman
Steve Silverthorn, Adam Gibb

The final order of business was the presentation of the MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award. Ken Kirk made the presentation to this year's Award winner, Dana Torch. A full account of Dana's long record of contributions to the MLAOC over the past few years is set out in a separate article on Page 16 of this Newsletter.

President Ron thanked all those in attendance for coming out. Ron announced we would soon be able to release our aggressive schedule of Swap Meets and Events for 2024. The AGM was adjourned.



Doug Muston with lots of literature for sale.



L to R: Adam Gibb, Ron Stevenson, & John Gullick.



L to R: Wayne Robinson, Larry Bacon, Don Anderson & Ken Kirk.



L to R: Scott Waites hits up Wayne Robinson for lunch money.



Great variety in the "Swap Meet".



MLAOC Past President Rob Abbott.