

# MLAOC at TORC Races on Stoco Lake, June 10

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The Toronto Outboard Racing Club got their 2023 season off to a great start in Eastern Ontario, on Stoco Lake at Tweed, June 9, 10 & 11. Seventy-nine racers were registered for the three-day event. Friday was dedicated to training sessions for rookie and novice drivers. Saturday and Sunday saw exciting competition in 16 different outboard racing classes. Of particular interest to antique outboarders was the “B” Classic Hydro Class which ran on Sunday and is primarily for Merc Mark 20H Poppers.

On Saturday MLAOC was there with an exhibit of mostly vintage racing outboards and boats. Our display was organized by Dana Torch with members Ken Kirk, George Publow, Dave Ferguson & Dave Teasdale also displaying boats and/or motors.

George displayed his restored Bruce Crandell designed “C” hydro, “Blue Blazes”, that was originally built and raced by Hugh Folkard in the 1950’s. On the transom was the 1930’s Elto “Super C” that Georges father raced in the 1950 Albany to New York Marathon. Two great pieces of outboard boat racing history.

Dana showed “Carayne”, a “36” class utility raced by Lee Lyons with OMC power in the 1950’s. Dana displayed a 1953 Merc Mark 7 on this boat. Dana also brought out a pair of Konig race motors, a Merc KG-7 and a 1930 Lockwood Chief.

Dave Teasdale displayed six motors including a late 30’s Bendix air cooled single and a Bendix electric. Both unusual motors produced for only a short period of time in the late ‘30’s by the Bendix Aircraft Corp.

Dave Ferguson brought out a pair of beautiful Martin “200”s, one stock and one with the hard-to-find factory racing gear foot. Dave also showed his 1953, 2 h.p, Martin “20”.

Ken Kirk showed a pair of rare 1929 Caille factory race motors, both with unusual “tractor” lower units with the prop on the leading edge of the gear foot. One was the Model 36 Caille “Flash” with dual carbs, the other was the Model 34 Caille “Champion”. Ken also displayed a 1958 Konig “B-Racing” motor with longtail stacks.

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L-R: Lee Lyons & Dana Torch with boat Lee raced in “36” Class in the 1950’s.



L-R: Our MLAOC display team, Dana Torch, Ken Kirk, Doug Arney, Dave Ferguson, George Publow & Dave Teasdale



Dave Teasdale with his small black Outboards.



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A number of boat racers, past and present, dropped by to have a look at the old racing iron. Lee and Larry Lyons, Andrew and Rick Fralick, Dave Dalton, Don Dennis, Dave Greer and Kevin Coulson were some of those who came by.

Thank you to Will Hunter and all the TORC volunteers for putting on this great event and thank you for inviting MLAOC to be a part of it.



**Dave Ferguson with his stock & race Martin 200's.**



**This MERC Mark 20H Popper was raced by the late, great John Webster.**



**MLAOC member Brad Cooke with Kevin Coulson & Kevins' Merc Mark 20H Popper.**



**George Publow with Crandell Hydro, "Blue Blazes", and Elto "Super C" race motor.**



**L-R: Ken Kirk showed his 1929 Caille "Champion" with tractor lower unit, 1958 Konig "B-Racing" & 1929 Caille "Flash", also with tractor lower".**

