

Eastern Ontario Swap Meet by Ken Kirk

Photos: Sandy Kennedy, Dana Torch & Chris Scratch

On Saturday Sept. 18, more than 60 fully vaccinated MLAOC members and guests travelled to the south shores of Stoco lake at Tweed for the first MLSE event since COVID restrictions curtailed our activities in March of 2019. This important event was organized and hosted by Dana Torch with the considerable help of his parents, Dale and Rick.

Many members travelled long distances to be there, renting accommodation at nearby motels so to be on hand first thing Saturday morning when the “buy and sell” action got underway.

The scope of our Club was evident with Chris Scratch coming all the way from Windsor to the west and Adam Gibb travelling from Montreal in the east.

Chris Scratch brought an outstanding display of four rare row boat motors plus an Elto Super C with Eclipse Inertia Starter. Row boat motors included an iconic 1909 Waterman Upright, a 1914 Gray Gearless and a 1910 Evinrude DRBM believed to be the second oldest Evinrude in Canada. Chris also brought out an early, 1914, private label outboard, called a Hiawatha, built by Spinaway for Montgomery-Ward.



Our hosts, Dana, Dale & Rick Torch.

This was a rare opportunity for many of our members to see first hand some of the very earliest outboards developed by the outboard industries pioneers.

The majority of attendees brought vintage motors, parts, accessories, vintage hardware and controls, steering wheels, advertising and sales & service literature, to sell or trade an abundance of interesting and collectable items changed hands.



More than sixty happy MLAOC Members & Guests showed up for our first event in 18 months.

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Racing stuff offered for sale included a 1950's Coots Hydroplane and a truck load of Konig racing engines, parts and throttles.

As in previous years the Torch family had coffee, muffins and assorted sweets laid out for the early birds, some of which arrived at 6:30 AM to set up. This was followed at noon by a spread of hamburgers, fantastic sausage on a bun and all of the condiment choices one could imagine.

A special thank you to Dale, Rick and Dana for preparing and setting out such a first class assortment of food and beverage. It was all delicious.

Dana rounded out the day with tours of his own extensive collection of outboards, accessories, oil cans and the promotional and advertising materials that made the outboard industry even more interesting and colorful. Dana's collection also includes an interesting array of fishing tackle.

Thank you to Dana and his family for organizing a fantastic day in Eastern Ontario to help break the grip of COVID and give us the opportunity to meet and mingle once again while abiding by the rules and behaving responsibly. It was FUN. *Cont'd pg. 8*



L to R: Geoff Clarke, Barry Randal, Mike Kreckel, August Sapinet, President Ron Stevenson, Dave Teasdale & Darrin Clarke



Bruce Reinhart's 1950's Champion "Hot Rod" race motor.



Chris Scratch with his rare 1909 Waterman Upright.



Dana Torch & Sandy Kennedy with Sandy's vintage Outboard packing crates for sale.



No end to the treasures offered for sale at the Eastern Ont. Swap Meet.

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L to R: Doug Arney, Ken Kirk & Larry Healey with Vintage Peterborough Aqua Board.

Two vintage Konig Race Motors offered for sale.

L to R: Bruce Reinhart & Glenn Weigel at Bruce's display of his casting work.



Dana Torch's impressive collection of outboards, fishing lures, oil cans, advertising & marine collectables.

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Sean Goodman with a large assortment of motors, parts & accessories for sale.



Dana Torch's sweet display of gold & green Scott Atwater Motors.



L to R: Jim Hunter, President – Toronto Outboard Racing Club, with August Sapinet, Dave Dalton & Adam Connolly. Hydro is a 1950's Cootes offered for sale.