

MLAOC at the Gravenhurst ACBS Show- July 8

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The MLAOC set up a display at the Annual Boat Show organized by ACBS at Muskoka Wharf in Gravenhurst. This is a fantastic setting for a Boat Show and this year was no exception. The weather was great, and the Show was very well attended. Our MLAOC theme was "Oddball" and store brand motors. Several Club members came forward to display some rare motor that are seldom seen.

Thanks to Rob Abbott, Rob Birks, Dave Ferguson, Stephen

Terry Philpot, Bruce Reinhart, Wayne Robinson, and Ron Stevenson for contributing to our display. Having so many members get involved made for a great display that was very well received by the Boat Show visitors.

Our tent was full of motors from mild to wild. Stephen Fox provided us with a nice Caille and beautiful Ferro RBM. Dave Ferguson's Martins showed a great selection of motors produced by the little know company.

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L-R: Sandy Kennedy, Ron Stevenson, Rob Abbott, Dave Kennedy, Stephen Fox, Dave Ferguson & Adam Gibb.



L-R: Sandy Kennedy & Bruce Reinhart with Sandy's Chris Craft Commander with racing gear foot & stacks.



Clockwise from Left:

- Ron Stevenson's Sea King Twin.
- Steven Fox Ferro rowboat motor.
- Bruce Reinhart's Fageol VIP with Supercharger.

Terry Philpot's unusual pedal powered device was a mystery to all. Rob Birks brought a Chrysler Stackerowned by Joe Panzint. My back will remember this motor long after the image of the chrome stacks fades. Bruce Reinhart's supercharged Fageol VIP unit was a hot topic of discussion throughout the day. Ron Stevenson brought his recently acquired Sea King twin as well as a Dragonfly air motor.

Sandy Kennedy displayed a nice Flambeau and a hot looking Chris Craft custom built race motor. Rob Abbot,

Dave Kennedy and I rounded out the display with some Gale products, Elto, Sea King and Viking flavours. Wayne Robinson's rare Kencat Mini Boat had everyone guessing how many people it could actually hold.

The flea market section of the show is making a comeback after the pandemic and our members had a great day buying and selling.

This is one of my favorite events. If you haven't been to the ACBS Gravenhurst Show, put it on your calendar for next year. You won't be disappointed. *Cont'd pg. 7*



Wayne Robinson Kencat Mini Boat attracted a crowd. Wayne is second from the right.



Tom Davis was stocking up on vintage marine engine oil.



Andy VanHarmelen had lots of outboard "stuff" in the Flea Market.



Dave Ferguson's' great display of Martin's from 2-HP to 20-HP.



Adam Gibbs' 1958 Viking 12, made by OMC, sold by Eaton's.



1925 Lakefield Cedar strip with 1924 Johnson Twin displayed by Paul Brochu.



Sandy Kennedys' Flambeau with part of original packing case.



Dave Kennedys' 1956 Wizard, sold by Western Auto, made by Mercury.



Adam & Dave about to motor nap Sandys' Clarke Troller.



Terry Philpots' early Johnson with rare McNabb reversing rudder devise.



Rob Birks with Joe Panzinis' rare Chrysler 135 Stacker race motor.



Outboard Award Winners At ACBS Gravenhurst Show, 2023

Outboard powered boats figured very prominently among Award Winners at the 2023 ACBS Gravenhurst Antique & Classic Boat Show. Many were MLAOC Members.

Congratulations to these Award recipients.

Ronny Haylock Best Classic Glass Boat Award

Don Anderson, 1959 15' Custom Craft Manta Ray

Best Presented Wooden Boat Award

Mandie Charlton, 1962 16' Gren-Ell Parisienne

Founders' Classic Glass Award

Drew Hayward, 1969 16' Chrysler Charger 183

Classic Outboard Class

"Platinum" - Jay Sproul, 1961 Glenn-Ell Golden Hawk

"Gold" - Ted Potma, 1956 Peterborough Royal DeLuxe

Classic Glass 50's-60's Outboard Class

"Platinum" - Bill Sumner, 1959 Glastron SurfLite

"Gold" - Drew Hayward, 1959 Chrysler Charger 183

"Silver" - Don Anderson, 1959 Custom Craft Manta Ray

Classic Glass 70's-80's Outboard Class

"Platinum" - Sean Goodman, 1987 J-Craft 19 Pro Ski

Restomod Class

"Platinum"- Mike Gridley, 1972 Checkmate MX-15

"Gold" - John Gullick, 1959 Leavens Victor

Mike Gridley took home the Restomod Award with his MERC powered 1972 Checkmate MX-15.



Don Anderson Mercury 1000 powered Custom Craft Manta Ray, Award Winner.



L-R: Bill Sumner & Ron Stevenson with Bills' Award winning 1959 Glastron with Twin Johnson Super Seahorse 35's.



Sean Goodman's J-Craft 19 PRO SKI with Johnson 225, Award Winner.