

MLAOC at ACBS Gravenhurst, July 9

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Photos: Sandy Kennedy, Adam Gibb & Ken Kirk

The crowds returned to Gravenhurst this July for the 41st Annual ACBS Vintage Boat Show. The MLAOC was there in full force with a display of outboards and related collectables brought together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the Johnson Outboard.

Adam Gibb coordinated our display which included 23 outboard motors and two vintage outboard powered water pumps. 21 of the motors shown were Johnsons. Adam showed one of the very oldest Johnsons in Canada, a 1922 Model A with Serial # 1095.

Members manning our display and providing motors included Sandy Kennedy, Dave Kennedy Stephen Fox, Bruce Reinhart, Bob Skinner and Ken Kirk. Sandy also provided a large assortment of vintage Johnson Outboard dealer signs and display materials adding to the nostalgic environment of our tent.

Other MLAOC members, including Ron Stevenson, Murray Parnell, Gary Judges, Wayne Robinson, Larry Bacon and Bill Sumner displayed outboard boat and motor combos at the Show.

Members Richard Shorney, Mike Kreckel, & Wain Trotter were set up in the vendor flea market.



Dave Kennedy with his collection of Johnson 3 & 5 hp motors, 1951 to 1961.

Member Scott Waites performed in the J-Craft Ski Show with his son Craig & 2 year old granddaughter Audrey. Amazing!

Larry Bacon won the "Founders Classic Glass Award" for the oldest fiberglass boat at the Show, with his 1957 SangsterCraft Outboard. Congratulations Larry!



Part of our display team at Gravenhurst, L-R: Bruce Reinhart, Dave Kennedy, Sandy Kennedy, Adam Gibb, Ken Kirk, Stephen Fox & Bob Skinner.



Gary Judges with his MERC 500 powered 1961 Larson "Falls Flyer".



Ron & Jeff Stevenson showed their Classic Magnum Missile Race Boat with MERC 1500 XS power.



Bruce Reinhart with his 1933 Johnson A-65 & rare Evinrude- Elto Foldlight.



L- R: Mike Kreckel & Peter Doey in the Flea Market. "Make me an offer".



Kenny B's Sea Hawk Step Hydroplane with 1956 Mercury 25, shown by Ken Bowler .



Wayne Robinson with his Evinrude powered 1960's Aqua Loop Personal Watercraft.



Sandy Kennedy's Johnson powered Belle Mead Fire Pump.



1931 Johnson 8 h.p. Standard Twin shown by Sandy.



Adam Gibbs's original condition 1954 Johnson 5.5



Stephen Fox displayed his 1922 Caille "Flash" Racer & on right, 1930 Lockwood Ace.



Vicki, Murray & Rob Parnell with their Murray restored 1958 Glastron "SurfLite" with Evinrude power.



L- R: Sandy Kennedy & Adam Gibb. Let the Show begin!



Wain Trotter with 1950's Mercury Super 10.



L- R: Ken Kirk & Scott Waites with vintage Johnson promo piece.