

MLAOC at Wayne's World, Port Perry, Sept 24

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A massive turnout of more than 120 members and guests of the Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association and our Maple Leaf Antique Outboard Club turned out to see a large and truly unique display of watercraft and nautical memorabilia.

Members were treated to a 16,000 sq. ft. indoor display of more than 35 antique and classic watercraft of all types plus outboard motors, marine collectables, toy & model boats, and marine related promotional material.

Our host, Wayne Robinson's, well curated indoor display featured eleven wood boats plus ten rare 50's/60's era Mini Boats and early days Personal Watercraft. Wayne's wood boat collection includes five award winning Aristo-Craft boats with Merc power plus a 1958 Century Coronado, Lakefield Canoe and a 1930 Jacoby hydroplane powered by a Johnson SR race motor.

Wayne's comprehensive collection of restored Mini Boats includes rare and unusual craft that are seldom seen anywhere else.

Wayne's collection, on display for all to see, also included his vintage Johnson, Evinrude and Mercury outboard motor displays with related advertising signs and promotional material.

Wayne has also spent a great deal of time and effort creating and presenting additional themed display areas at Wayne's World. Special themed displays have been organized for Peterborough and Lakefield watercraft, Chris Craft boats and outboards, water skies and aqua boards, toy and model boats, plus, vintage nautical instruments and accessories.

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The oldest Johnson on display at Wayne's World was Adam Gibb's 1922 Model "A" Water-Bug.



L-R: Organizer Murray Parnell, host Wayne Robinson & contributor Ken Kirk with 1930's tin sign promoting Johnson Boats.



Terry Philpot registering members on arrival & signing up NEW members for both TSACBA & MLAOC. The TSACBA Lakefield "Half & Half Boat" is in the back ground.



The oldest Canadian produced Johnson at Wayne's World was Rob Abbott's 1928 Model "K-40".

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All of this is supplemented at Wayne's World by a portion of Ken Kirk's boat and outboard collection. On display were 14 of Ken's outboard boats and a total of 30 outboard motors. Boats included Ken's rare 1918 Evinrude boat and motor combination and nine outboard race boats including "Mickey Boy" which raced in the first ever outboard races at the CNE in Toronto in 1929. Ken's outboards on display included two Waterman's, a Koban, Lockwood Racing Chief and two Konig race motors. Lots of rare and interesting outboards on exhibit.

Outside... the event continued to impress. There were fifteen vendors in the Flea Market/Swap Meet. A large volume of quality outboard motors and parts were offered for sale. Boat hardware and accessories, controls, gas cans and gas tanks plus a good selection of oil cans...all available. Also, a good selection of hard-to-find boat and outboard sales and service literature.



Wayne Robinson's Collection of Award Winning AristoCraft Boats.

Displayed outside was Ed Malthaner's 1960 Leavens "Sportster" powered by a 30 hp, 1960 Mercury 4 cyl. The outfit was towed by Ed's 1955 GMC ¾ Ton Long Bed Pickup with 1st Series DeLuxe Cab. A very sharp looking combo.

Also displayed outside was Doug Barraball's 1948 Thompson 15' cedar strip boat with a 1957 electric start Evinrude. This sweet boat was sitting on a restored 1957 Tee Nee trailer and was pulled by Doug's 1929 Dodge Restomod that was a real head turner.

The TSACBA displayed their Club project boat, the "Half & Half". This cedar strip boat with Johnson QD, 10 hp, motor has been restored on the starboard side and left totally original on the port side. Murray Parnell says he gets some strange looks from pedestrians and other motorists when he is towing the "Half & Half" to a Show.

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Ed Malthaner's 1960 Leavens "Sportster" with 4cyl. 30hp Mercury.



L-R: Mystery man, Doug Barraball, Bob Holmes, Prior Smith & Dave Moore with Doug's 1948 Thompson Cedar Strip with electric start Evinrude.



Sandy Kennedy & Wayne Dunbar with Sandy's Vintage Johnson sign.

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In recognition of the 100th year since Johnson Outboards sold their very first motor, two initiatives were undertaken. First, we brought together two Canadian Johnson Boats built by the Canadian Johnson Motor company in Peterborough. Only three of these rare boats are known to exist and we had two of them at Wayne's World. One is a 1936, 16' Johnson "Sea Scout" cedar strip owned by Adam Gibb. The other, a 17' Johnson "Sea Gull" owned by Wayne Robinson.

Ken Kirk gave a short talk on the history and the differences between the Johnson Boats built in Canada and the boats made in in the US during the early 1930's. Adam Gibb then explained the Model and Serial Number sequencing used on Johnson outboards and different ways to determine where and when various motors were manufactured or assembled.

The second initiative was to encourage members to bring out their oldest Johnson outboard to display at Wayne's World on Sept. 24. **Cont'd pg. 8**



Wayne Robinson's Johnson Outboard tree!



Ken Kirk's 4 cycle, 4 cyl, Fageol 44.



More of Wayne Robinson's Outboard Collection.



Ken Kirk's Mercury KF9 & Mark 30H.



Active Flea Market/Swap Meet with good selection of motors For Sale.

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Also to bring out and identify the oldest Johnson outboard produced in Canada.

The oldest Johnson produced in Canada was Rob Abbott's model K-40 Standard Twin built in Peterborough in 1928.

The oldest Johnson brought to the event was Adam Gibb's 1922 Model "A" Water-Bug. Congratulations to Rob and Adam. Thanks for bringing out these landmark outboards.

A day a Wayne's World would not be complete without the lunch time Pizza's prepared by Nicky Robinson and her team, on the spot, in the Wayne Robinson designed "Tuscan Chef" Pizza Ovens.

A very big THANK YOU from MLAOC to Wayne Robinson and his team for preparing such an outstanding display.

Also much appreciation and thanks to the TSACBA for organizing the event and facilitating new memberships and renewals for both TSACBA and for MLAOC at the event entrance. Much appreciated.



Ken Kirk's 1929 Penn Yan "Marathoner" with Johnson PR.



Wayne Robinson's 1957 AristoCraft "Torpedo".



L-R: Vicki Parnell, Nicky Robinson & Marg Dunbar preparing pizza for lunch.



Two scoundrels trying to escape Wayne's World without paying for lunch!

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3-time Canadian "C Service" champion DeSilva hull with Stan McDonald Evinrude "Alky" Speedytwin.



L-R: Long time MLAOC Members Owen Aho, Bruce Reinhart & Dave Teasdale.



L-R: Kelly Robilard & Jeff Argue with Ken Kirk's Lockwood "Speebee" race motor.



Murray Parnell & Ken Lavalette, two Captains at the Helm.



L-R: TSACBA web administrator, Tom Davis with Clancy Goodfellow



Wide assortment of boat & outboard parts & accessories available for sale.



L-R: Sandy Kennedy, Steve Silverthorn, Dean Manderson & Peter Johnston in the Flea Market.



L-R: Ken Kirk talking Johnson Boats with Prior Smith, Dave Moore, Rob Abbott & Don Husak.



Overview of Wayne Robinson's extensive Collection of Mini Boats.



Wayne's Aqua Loop, early days, personal watercraft with Evinrude power.



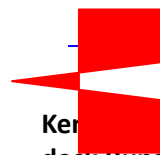
1920 Peterborough "Bullet" with Lockwood Racing Chief. Raced in the first ever boat races at the CNE.



1965 Sid-Son "B" Hydro with Mercury Mark 20 H. Part of Ken Kirk's Collection.



Kyle Hubners 50's era Mini Boat with 15 HP Viking outboard.



Ken's Peterborough "Mercury" center deck runabout with Mercury Mark 55.