

MLAOC at Wayne's World, Port Perry, Sept 30

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Photos: Sandy Kennedy & Ken Kirk

It was a foggy morning on the shores of Lake Scugog as antique outboard boat and motor enthusiasts found their way to Waynes World on Island Road. Well over 100 people were in attendance plus 14 Swap Meet Vendors. This Annual Event was organized by the Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association and welcomed members of the Maple Leaf Antique Outboard Club & the Antique & Classic Boat Society, Toronto....all of which were well represented at the Event.

Outboards on display included two early Watermans, a Koban Twin, Evinrude 4-Cycle Twin, Johnson SR, PR & VR racing engines, a rare Lockwood Speedibee & Lockwood Racing Chief and a range of Mercury "H" series racing motors. A great collection of rare outboard motors that you just don't see every day.

Visitors were treated to 16,000 square feet of curated space featuring watercraft of every type...sailboats, canoes, race boats, cabin cruisers, mini boats, personal watercraft, inboards, outboards, wood and fibreglassics. Watercraft from 1918 to the 1970's were on display.

Waynes World is a great facility owned by MLAOC Member Wayne Robinson. It houses Waynes vast and eclectic collection of boats, motors, toy & model boats and nautical brass from big ships and ocean liners. Wayne is particularly proud of his collection of Aristo-Craft boats with Mercury outboards. He has also put together an impressive collection of mini boats and early days Personal Watercraft.

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L-R: Event organizers Wayne Robinson, Ken Kirk & Murray Parnell.



A foggy early morning for those who set up for the flea market.



TSACBA welcoming committee, Rhonda Ellis and Tom Davis.



Wayne Robinson's rare 1935 Johnson "Sea Gull" cedar strip boat built in Peterborough by Johnson Motors.

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The latest addition to Wayne's collection is a recently restored 1960's era Circraft originally designed and built in the UK. This rare PWC is outboard powered and has a speed control but no steering wheel. Turning is achieved only by the rider shifting his or her weight from one side to the other, much like steering a surfboard. The Circraft are rare because very few were sold in North America. However, today, a US company in Tennessee has acquired the rights and are starting up production and relaunching this unique PWC.

Also on display at Waynes World is Ken Kirk's collection of outboard boats & outboard motors including several historically significant outboard race boats. A highlight of the day for Ken was the attendance of father and son, Joe & John MacKay Jr.. The MacKays came to see "Mickey Boy", the 1929 Peterborough "Bullet" race boat that was raced by their father/grandfather, John MacKay Sr., in the first ever outboard races at the CNE in 1929.



L to R: Ken Kirk with Joe & John MacKay who's grandfather/father raced "Mickey Boy" at the CNE in 1929.

Sandy Kennedy with 1930 Jacoby once owned & raced by Bill Minett.



Don Andersons Custom Craft Manta Ray, Winner of the Ronny Haylock Best Classic Glass Award at ACBS Gravenhurst Show.

Later in the morning Mike Gridley, Past President of ACBS Toronto, and Boat Show Chair, presented four awards won at the Gravenhurst Antique & Classic Boat Show in July. The Platinum Award for best 70's-80's Outboard was presented to MLAOC Member Sean Goodman and the Platinum Award for Best 70's-80's Inboard was presented to Dave Dobbin. The Classic Outboard Gold Award was presented to Ted Potma for his Peterborough Royal. The Resto Mod Gold Award was presented to John Gullick for his MERC powered Leavens Victor, "Twizzler". Also on display at Waynes World was Don Anderson Custom Craft Manta Ray that won the Ronny Haylock Best Classic Glass Award at Gravenhurst and Mike Gridleys Checkmate MX-15 that was judged Best Restomod. It was great to see these boats again at Waynes World.

Congratulations to ALL the Gravenhurst Show Winners.

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L to R: Sean Goodman receives award for Best 70's-80's Outboard Boat & Motor from ACBS Gravenhurst Boat Show Chair Mike Gridley.

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Kathy Rhodes, an ACBS Toronto Past President, presented TSACBA President, John Gullick, with the Hagerty Insurance - ACBS Safety Award recognizing Johns' major contribution thru 15 years of writing and publishing articles relating to boating safety. Congratulations John!

Lunch time arrived and saw the Subway Sandwiches evaporate in short order. They were just the appetizers to set up the feeding frenzy for perfect Pizzas prepared by Nicky Robinson, Marg Dunbar and Lyn McLeod and cooked to perfection in a "Tuscan Chef" pizza oven right on the spot.

The swap meet/flea market area seemed to be buzzing with 14 quality vendors selling a wide variety of desirable boat and motor related items. The wheeling and dealing continued most of the day. Vendors, as usual, had mixed results. Some vendors found business a little slow while at least three vendors sold out. All enjoyed the day.

The organization and preparation for this event is a major undertaking. The lead person preparing the site and his collection is Wayne Robinson. Wayne and his crew chief Wayne Dunbar, work for weeks in advance to make sure all is in order for this event. Wayne also organizes the details such as morning coffee and sweets as well as lunch sandwiches. Nicky Robinson organizes the Pizza prep and Tuscan Chef team. I chip in to make sure my boats, outboards and artifacts are cleaned and prepped with proper signage so visitors can better understand and enjoy what they are seeing. The TSACBA team of Rhonda Ellis and Tom Davis handled the preregistrations and checked in people as they arrived on site. Murray Parnell oversaw the display of boats brought for the day by Club members. It's a great team effort and results in an event that seems to leave a smile on a lot of faces. Thanks to Wayne Robinson & the whole TSACBA team who made a big effort to ensure that this event was a success.

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L to R: John England and Owen Aho. John brought a truck full of vintage Mercury's and Martins. He SOLD OUT fast!



L to R: ACBS Toronto President Jeff Titshall with Josh Walker.



L to R: David Dobbin, David Moore and Prior Smith enjoying the Swap Meet.



Dana Torch & Mike Kreckel with Martin 100 Dana bought onsite.



L to R: Bob Muston and Tim Jackson look over Andy VanHarmelen's selection of vintage boat and motor ads.



L to R: Long time ACBS Toronto stalwarts Ken MacStephen, Greg Martin & Gerry Lodge.



L to R: Marg Dunbar & Lyn McLeod prepping pizzas.



L to R: Bill Hart and Sandy Beatty enjoying Tuscan Chef pizza.



L to R: Marg Dunbar & Nicky Robinson ready to pop pizzas into the oven.



Wayne Robinson's Aristo-Craft Funliner with his 1954 Chris-Craft Cabin Cruiser in the background.



Waynes recently restored 1960's Circraft. A very unique outboard powered PWC.



L to R: Glenn Weigel & Paul Thatcher with some of Wayne's waterski collection.



L to R: John Hendren, Sandy Beatty & Terry Philpot.



L to R: Pat Fry with MLAOC Past President Dave Morrison.



Wayne's great display of 1960's Outboards.



Bruce Reinhart explaining his rare Fageol V-I-P motor.



Wayne Dunbar and Tim Jackson beside Wayne Robinson's 1954 Chris Craft cruiser.



Ken Kirk's rare Koban Twin with rudder steering.



L to R: Michael Thompson and Sean Goodman with a rare Fageol printout.



L to R: Steve and Jeff Silverthorn having a good time.



A Waterman C-14 & C-16 from Ken Kirk's collection.



Wayne Robinson's 10 h.p. Chris Craft Commander.



Wayne's 1950's Gale Buccaneer 25.hp.