

Maple Leaf Antique Outboard Club 2018 Season Opener

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Our hosts, Marc Bennett & Ron Susman at Drivemaster Marine, Pickering.



Nicely restored 1930's Elto single with brass lower unit.

January 27th was the first MLAOC Event of this year. The "Hard Water" swap meet was held for many years at Mike Ounjian's Shop in Ajax, Mike has retired and has closed the shop. MLAOC is grateful to Mike for his dedication to the Club and offering his venue over the years. As a result of the closing of Mike's it was necessary to find a new host for our Hard Water Meet.

Drivemaster Marine Service at 1644 Bayly Street in Pickering was contacted by Ron Stevenson. Marc Bennett at Drivemaster agreed to open their shop to the Club and be our hosts for the day. The showroom and shop encompasses 5000 square feet with lots of things to look at. Jan (better half) took a particular liking to the J Craft in the showroom, I was trying to justify my need for the Scarab that was resting for the winter in the shop. They are also an authorized Quicksilver Parts and Accessories Dealer.

As tradition, there were lots of vintage parts and motors for sale, for trade and to converse over. President Ron gave a rundown of the upcoming events that MLAOC will be involved in this year and encouraged everyone to be involved. Sandy Kennedy organized the group photo, you see here.

One item that drew a lot of attention was the vintage inboard ski boat in the shop. Although, not an outboard it looks awesome and was the source of discussion and dreams about restoring it. Sure it will fit in the garage dear, ("Oh, you want to park your car in there?"). Discussion ended.

In closing, a big MLAOC Thank You to Marc at Drivemaster Marine for hosting our "Hard Water Meet". A great start to our exciting fun filled 2018 Schedule of Events.

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1. L-R: Bill Dixon, Ron Stevenson & Henry Dyck.
2. New member Jim Greig admires a restored 1950's Evinrude.
3. Murray Parnell & Bill Bryan. Hey guys....that's not an Outboard.
4. A BIG thumbs up by the gang to Marc Bennett & Drivemaster Marine.
5. Bruce Reinhart inspects a truckload of motors for sale.
6. Ed Comiskey from Goodwood enjoying the day.



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