

Rideau Ferry YC Regatta, Aug 17-18

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Once again the roar of race boats echoed across the water on this historic boat race site on the Rideau River just south of Perth. This vintage racing event is held semi-annually and attracts a good number of race boats on the water in many different classes.

Adam Gibb organized our impressive MLAOC land display of significant outboard racing motors and boats. Club members Brian Hendrick, Steve Wace & Mike Krzyzanowski all brought out some of their vintage racing motors for our exhibit. For the old time boat racers, seeing these motors brings a twinkle to their eye and the recollection of tall tales & true from their racing past. Younger fans are amazed that these primitive looking motors delivered the performance they achieved in their day.

We were very fortunate to have, three time Harmsworth Trophy winner, Miss Supertest III, displayed right next to our MLAOC display. This Canadian World Champion unlimited hydroplane always attracts a lot of interest where ever she is displayed. Also of high interest on the water was the running of three '60's vintage Switzer Wing race boats, all with twin 6 cylinder Merc power. Awesome.

Another highlight was Marc Rotharmel, Canadian Motor Sport Hall of Fame member, running his Merc powered Mod U tunnel hull at 80 + mph.

A great MLAOC display enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks Adam, Mike, Brian & Steve for making it a success.



Steve Wace's Mercury Mark 30H once raced to many wins by Wain Trotter.



L-R Mike Krzyzanowski, Adam Gibb & Brian Hendrick.



Mike Krzyzanowski & Adam Gibb with Adams Hal Kelly "Madcap" Runablout & 1956 Johnson "36" class motor.



Two of Mike Krzyzanowski racers. Left is a Johnson SR "alky" raced by John Willan & on the right a rare Stan MacDonald built Johnson PR "alky".



Ken Kirk & Brian Hendrick with Brian's early '60's "lay down" hydroplane And two cyl. Konig "B" race motor.