

MLAOC at ACBS "Antique & Classic Boat Show"

July 6, Muskoka Bay, Gravenhurst

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Ken Kirk & Bob Skinner with Ken's 1916 Waterman Porto.

The 2019 ACBS Antique & Classic Boat Show at Gravenhurst was exciting and generated a renewed enthusiasm for both visitors and participants.

Our MLAOC display tent was full of interested people by 8:30 AM and the visitors didn't start to thin out until mid-afternoon. Lots of questions, conversation and motor leads. Adam Gibb and Ron Stevenson organized our display which featured motors ranging from 1914 to the 1960's. Eight MLAOC Members brought motors to display and many more volunteered to staff the display throughout the day. Jan & David Hymers signed up eight new members at the Show and distributed a significant number of Membership Application forms to prospective New Members.

One of the ACBS themes this year was to recognize 100 year old boats. Our display featured seven 100 year old or older outboards and included Ken Kirk's 1918 Evinrude boat & motor, the only 100 year old outboard boat at the Show.

Highlights of the Show included a renewed and refreshed Flea Market and Boats For Sale area plus a dedicated area exclusively for vintage outboards For Sale.



Hey, Hey the MLAOC Gang is ready for the BIG SHOW!



FOUNDERS AWARD WINNER:
Murray Parnell – 1956 Commando
Ranger with 1958 Elgin 40 hp. 

BEST PRESENTED BOAT AWARD:
Bill Sumner, 1959 Glastron with twin
Johnson Super Seahorse Motors. 

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All were very well attended by both buyers and sellers.

Other highlights of the Show included Ron Stevenson's recreated World War II Storm Boat with a restored original Evinrude, 4 cyl., 50 HP, war surplus storm boat motor. Ron had this in the water and running. Very impressive. A real piece of history and a great story.

Outboard boats and motors shared in the Sponsor Awards. The Founders Award for FibreClassics was won by Murray Parnell for his 1956 Commando "Ranger", powered by a nicely restored 1958 Elgin 40hp.

The Best Presented Boat Award went to Bill Sumner for his 1959 Glastron with Twin Johnson "Super Sea Horse" power.

Thank you to Ron Stevenson, Billy Hazlitt, Chris Merkley, Dave Kennedy, Sandy Kennedy Ted Moss, Ken Kirk & Adam Gibb for bringing motors, signs, and related paraphernalia to display. All of which takes a big effort and makes for a more complete and professional presentation of the MLAOC.



Jan & Dave Hymers welcoming visitors & selling MLACO Memberships.



Steve Lovegrove & Mike Kreckel in the very active Flea Market .



The "Boats For Sale" area was extremely busy.



Sandy Kennedy inspects vintage Switzer Wing, "Miss Diablo" with Twin MERC – 100 hp racing engines.



Margie Stevenson & Adam Gibb.

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Ron Stevenson's WWII Storm Boat re-creation with original/restored 50 hp, 4 cyl., Evinrude Storm Boat Motor. A piece of Canadian Military History.



Ted Moss & Adam Gibb



Larry Bacon & Wayne Robinson



Peter Gamblin & Peter Doey

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Dave Kennedy & Ken Kirk with Ken's 1918 Evinrude Row Boat Motor



Wain Trotter with his MERC KG 7 race motor.



Don Husack & Rob Abbott in the "Motors For Sale" Tent.



Sean Goodman with Ted Moss motors & paraphernalia. Ted's motors include an Evinrude 4 cycle twin & a Caille Liberty Twin.



Richard Shorney Flea Market vendor extordenair.