

MLAOC 2ND ANNUAL TECHNICAL SEMINAR, Nov. 17

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Our 2nd Annual Technical Seminar at Whitby got underway at 8:00 AM sharp. Fortified with coffee, donuts and muffins the highly attentive and interested members settled in for a most informative morning.

Ron Stevenson took us through a hands on, step by step demonstration on how to rebuild the workings of a two hose, pressurized OMC fuel tank. Ron identified the pitfalls and potential problem areas as well as giving many helpful hints on how to make the tricky bits much easier. There is no substitute for experience and Ron passed along, to the members attending, many lessons learned over his many years of doing these rebuilds.

Ron was followed by Steve Silverthorn who took us through a demonstration of the process of rebuilding a typical 50's OMC mag plate for a two cylinder motor. This included the removal of the mag plate, the replacement of both the coils and the points and the setting of the timing when reinstalled. Steve also passed along information on the sourcing of some of the handy tools that are available that make replacing coils & points and setting timing much easier and more precise.

Large screen projection helped everyone in the room have a close up look at what the presenters were doing. Presentations were followed by Questions, answers, discussion and shared experiences.

Ron Stevenson had restored a sweet 1959 Viking 5 hp motor and donated it to the Women of the Whitby Baptist Church to be the prize in a fund raising raffle. I think everyone in the room wanted to win this motor. The lucky ticket holder was Dave Ferguson. He has himself a little gem. Congratulations Dave.

A great lunch, including the signature "potato & bacon" soup was provided by the Women of the Whitby Baptist Church.

Thanks to Ron & Steve and the ladies of the WBC for their time and effort to make this an informative and fun event.



Ron Stevenson with Dave Ferguson the winner of the 1959 Viking 5 hp restored & donated by Ron.



Don't take a bite of that Steve, ... it's a coil.



Great turn out for the 2nd, Annual MLAOC Technical Seminar.



Members inspecting the internals of OMC pressurized fuel system.