TORC Swap Meet – Apr. 29

Report: Ken Kirk Photos: Sandy Kennedy, Ken Kirk & The Canadian Race Boat Hall of Fame

The Toronto Outboard Racing Club held their Spring Shop and Swap Meet, Apr. 29.

The event was hosted by TORC Vice President and boat racer Jim Hunter at his business site near Gravenhurst. MLAOC members were invited to attend, and a good number of our members were there.

It was a rare treat to see Jims amazing collection of vintage racing outboards. There were the Mercury H series motors including a number of Mark 20H "Poppers" and a rare Mark 75H. Also, a number of Quincy Loopers, German Konigs, Champion "Hot Rods" and even a British Anzani race engine. Also displayed was a very rare Harrison "B" Alky. Truly one of the finest collections of vintage racing outboards you would find anywhere.

The day was also focused on the Swap Meet activity with a significant number of parts, props & accessories available for sale. There were also a few Motors on offer. Dave Dalton was a prime vendor with a large assortment of quality pieces.

Yet another highlight of the day was a presentation to the assembled group by the newly formed Canadian Raceboat Hall of Fame & Event Centre. The leader & visionary for this major project is Murray Walker. With Murray were his colleges Harry Wilson & Jamie Smith.

Construction has now started on the 16,000 square foot Hall of Fame building located on Hwy 118 between Bracebridge and Port Carling.

The Hall of Fame will be the permanent home of Canadas most famous and historically significant race boats. Three-time Harmsworth Trophy winner, Miss Supertest III, will be the centerpiece of the Museum. Also featured will be Guy Lombardos' last boat, Tempo VII, and Harold Wilsons Miss Canada IV.

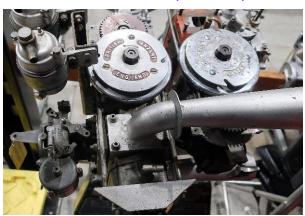
There will also be a prominent space in the Hall of Fame to recognize Canadians who were prominent in Outboard racing and to display historically significant outboard race boats and motors. A great opportunity to present Canadas important but lesser-known history in outboard racing. Thank you, Murray, Harry and Jamie, for your dedication, commitment and extraordinary effort to make this dream a reality.

Thank you, Jim Hunter, for hosting this fun and informative day and thank you TORC for inviting MLAOC Members to attend. We appreciate and respect the relationship between our two Clubs.

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Our host Jim Hunter...Racer, Collector, Restorer.



Up close with two British Anzani Race Motors.

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- L-R: Jamie Smith, Harry Wilson, Murray Walker presenting plans for the Canadian Raceboat Hall of Fame.
- L-R: Ken Kirk & Wayne Robinson searching for the rest of a Johnson Stinger.
- Flywheel view of a rare Harrison Alky Racing Outboard.
- Jim Hunter's roster of 2 & 4 Cyl. MERC Racing Outboards with 3 Quincy Loopers in foreground.
- Sandy Kennedy with Jim's rare MERC Mark 75H.







