

# TSACBA Test & Tune on Chemong Lake

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The Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association held their annual Test & Tune Day on May 13 at Terry Philpot's Chemong Yacht Harbour. A number of MLAOC members attended and many are also members of TSACBA. There were more than 50 people in attendance.

A total of 15 boats launched for the round trip run from Bridgenorth to Buckhorn and after a brief lay over, looking for ice cream, they made the return trip back to Bridgenorth. Most of the boats were outboards. It was a bright sunny day, and the water was flat for most of the run. It was great to see a fleet of vintage outboard boats and motors making their way up Chemong Lake. Lots of smiling faces.

A big part of the day was spent enjoying Terry and Roberta Philpot's diverse collection of more than 20 vintage watercraft. The Philpots collection includes canoes, sailboats, skiffs, inboard and outboard boats and motors. All wonderfully curated in what once was the Chemong Yacht Harbour Dance Hall. There was also a 1922 Dispro, a 1936 steel hulled Mullins "Sea Eagle" inboard and a 1960 Dowty Turbocraft jet drive runabout. An amazing variety of vintage boats of all types.

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**Overview of Terry & Roberta Philpot's Collection of vintage watercraft.**



**L-R: Steve Silverthorn, Peter Johnston, Rob Abbott & Phil Henry prepare for run to Buckhorn.**



**L-R: Terry Philpot & Wally Hicks with Terry's 1950's Outboards.**



**Rob Abbott with his Ross Cedarstrip & Johnson Super Sea Horse 35.**



Terry's 1950's Ray Ogier built Hydroplane with MERC KG-7.



L-R: Prior Smith with our host Terry Philpot.

Among Terry's outboard treasures is a 1929 Johnson fitted with a rare McNab reversing device. These after market devices were designed to fit most outboards back in the days before outboards had reverse gear. Another unique item on view was an elaborate pedal powered outboard of unknown origin.

This factory-built contraption allows the operator to sit in the middle of the boat, facing the transom, then pedal the device with their feet and through a series of gears and shafts turn the vertical outboard drive shaft secured to the transom and subsequently turn the propeller. Terry plans to bring these two rare and "oddball" outboards for our MLAOC display at the Gravenhurst Antique and Classic Boat Show.



1929 Johnson with McNab reversing rudder device.



Vary rare early days pedal powered Outboard.

When the fleet returned from the morning run folks broke out their box lunches and enjoyed the sun and the fellowship of other members. After lunch the TSACBA held their AGM on the Philpots front lawn.

Thanks very much to Terry and Roberta Philpot for organizing and having an open house for viewing of their wonderful collection. Also thank you to the TSACBA for inviting MLAOC Members to participate.



The fleet of primarily Outboard Boats at Buckhorn.



L-R: Doug Barraball & Ken Kirk in Doug's racing runabout recreation.



Murray & Vicki Parnell in their 1956 Shepherd Outboard.