

Sandy Kennedy's Motor Museum Open House – July 20

Report : Sandy Kennedy

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L-R: Ron Brechill, Sandy Kennedy & Chris Bullen.

The Kennedy Marine Motor Museum Open House was held on Saturday, July 20th. Warm weather and clear skies greeted the 80 + attendees who arrived by boat, car and foot.

The Museum was originally built in 2004 as a large garage for boat and car storage. However, once the garage was completed Sandy saw a different purpose and no boats or cars have ever been permitted inside the building. It became the permanent home to his extensive collection of antique outboard motors, rare inboard motors and vintage marine memorabilia.

The event was advertised as a multi club effort open to the public starting at 8am and concluding around 2pm. The first energetic participants arrived at 6:10am and the lights were eventually turned off just after 4pm. Many attendees were overheard saying things such as “ I have never seen anything like this !” and “ How did you get started ?” and “ How long have you been doing this?”



Visitors were in AWE of Sandy's sparkling Outboards.



On the left, Tamara Kennedy with Sandy and friends.

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As any serious collector will tell you, creating something unique doesn't happen just overnight. It started as a fascination, evolved into a weekend hobby and eventually became an overwhelming passion.

One of the benefits for Sandy was it forced him to complete many of his "must do" projects on his wish list, prior to the July 20th event. The bigger picture is that his Open House exposed a lot of new people to the hobby and showcased Canada's rich boating history in an organized and tasteful manner. Sandy considers himself the "Custodian" of these timeless treasures. They show an era of engineering that has long since vanished and are a window to our past.

A big thank you to all volunteers, attendees, the Antique and Classic Boat Society – Toronto (ACBS.ca), the Maple Leaf Antique Outboard Club (MLAOC.ca), the Gloucester Pool Cottagers Association (GPCA)



L-R: Jamie Smith, Sandy K, and Murray Walker



L-R: Visitor from Atlantic Canada with Peter Doey, Mike Kreckel & Nick Monastero



Steve Silverthorn with Sandy Kennedy



L-R: Gerry Lodge, Roscoe Statckuk, Ed Skinner & Sandy K.