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2024 Beginning on a Positive Note

By Tom Oncken

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well for the beginning of 2024. I have been told that our first meet of the year was very successful and was met with very favorable weather conditions. This was the 7th year that Tony and Andrea Robinson invited our members to come to their home in Lipan to enjoy sharing time and treasures with other members. Unfortunately, due to several personal family-related issues, I was not able to attend the meet this year. Hopefully I will make it to the 8th Annual Lipan Meet if Tony decides to host another meet.

a large growth of underwater plants has been causing a lot of problems with our boats at the docks. Several members had problems with plant growth blocking the water intakes on their outboards which actually led to one outboard overheating and becoming seized. Members were having to paddle to and from the docks to prevent problems like this from occurring.

During the months following our last meet at Valentine, an effort was made to treat the dock areas to eliminate the massive growth under the docks. According to member, John "Meatball" Murray, the plant removal was successful and we should not have any more problems with excessive plant growth damaging our outboards. If the weather cooperates, we should have our second successful meet for this year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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As can be seen in the photo above, one advantage of hosting a meet is the large amount of motors and related items brought to the front door. Tony acquired a nice 1962 Merc 700 full gearshift and short shaft model along with a Mark 35A. As you read the article about Tony's meet, you will find out that these were not the only goodies that ended up in Tony's collection.

Our next gathering will be on the weekend of April 19th through 21st at the Valentine Lakeside Resort in Kingsland, Texas. There were some concerns about this location shortly after our October meet. Apparently,



7th Annual Lipan Swap Meet

By Tony Robinson

We had a good time at the 7th Annual Lipan Swap Meet held on the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. There were 23 in attendance over Friday and Saturday from our Texas Chapter of AOMCI and the Granbury Flywheelers antique engine and tractor club. Attendance was smaller than prior years, but we had a good time with those who decided to make the trip.



New Texas Chapter member, Carl Rousseau, brought a drone engine (shown above), a nice 9.8HP Japanese manufactured Mariner, a 4HP Chrysler, a 1959 Johnson 35HP, and an early 60's Evinrude Lark III 40HP which he displayed to sell. John Slator purchased the drone engine and the Mariner. Ben McCauley picked up the Chrysler to look it over and was told it was his because he showed interest in it. The Johnson and Evinrude were both stuck, so guess what. They were left behind at the end of the meet. Just what I needed, more parts motors sitting around my shop.

Ben McCauley's toys. His new Chrysler on left rear, his Sea King on right rear, and his newly acquired 1939 Evinrude in the front. Nice!



John Slator brought a couple of 5HP Evinrudes from the 1960's and sold them to another new Texas Chapter member, Trey Adkins. John also brought a nice 6HP Johnson and a nice 6HP Evinrude, but they did not sell.

John Slator sold a 1939 Evinrude 3HP outboard to Ben McCauley. Ben had that motor running in the barrel in just a few minutes. John also brought a very clean and attractive Martin "40" that he had won in a raffle at the Houston Swap Meet which had been donated by Chip Rathbun. John gave it to our new Texas Chapter member, Trey Adkins. Trey is a young fellow who is about to graduate from medical school, and he has restored a couple of outboard motors and a 1957 Glastron Fireflite runabout boat. Later in the meet, John Slator sold his newly acquired drone engine to Greg Boyd of the Flywheelers club.



Trey Adkins showing off his incredibly nice original Martin "40" that he just added to his collection. Congratulations Trey!

Dave Samstag was in attendance again this year and he brought a lot of cool stuff. I got a Mercury floating key chain, a Mercury six cylinder tie tack, a Mercury fish cleaning knife, a Mercury lighter, and a Mercury coffee cup. Tom Felty brought a trailer load of Mercury outboards of which I think seven ended up staying in my shop.

Five Flywheeler members brought a very diverse

collection of antique stationary engines that we got to see run. Ben McCauley got several out-board motors to run in the test tank including the Martin "40" for Trey Adkins.

On Friday night, several of us decided to go for dinner at Maverick Grill in Santo, Texas to have a burger or two. At the meet on Saturday, we had pizza brought in. So, I do not believe anyone went home hungry or disappointed.



Dave Samstag always brings cool stuff!



Becky Samstag on left front side with her furry friend and our hostess, Andrea Robinson, on the right front side. Dave Samstag and John Slator are behind them.



Ben McCauley on the left and Tom Felty on the right discussing all of the Mercury stuff that Tom brought in his trailer.



As mentioned earlier, as a host for one of our meets, the host's collection may become larger without even trying.



Some of the outboards and other related items brought to the meet by John Slator.

Message from the Editor:

I wish to thank Tony Robinson for his continued performance in the Texas Chapter. He has taken over the Secretary/Treasurer position and still hosts a meet annually. I want to encourage all of our members to attempt to attend the next Lipan Swap Meet should Tony decide to do it again. He deserves to have members in attendance at his meets and we should make every effort to be there for him. He needs your support. Thanks.



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Upcoming Events

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The following dates are scheduled as of this printing and we hope there will not be any reason to change them; however, we may have to make unexpected changes as time progresses. If you have any questions about any given event, be sure to call and confirm before making any trip. We do not foresee any changes at this time, but it is always better to be safe than sorry. Thanks.

Spring Wet Meet at Valentine Lakeside Resort on Lake LBJ — April 19-21, 2024

As a result of the sale of the Heart of Texas Lake Resort, our bi-annual meets at Lake LBJ have returned to Kingsland, Texas just down the road from Heart of Texas. The Valentine Lakeside Resort is now owned by two very friendly ladies, Pat Muller and Susan Patten. There have been some recent concerns about the large infestation of weed growth around the docks at the Valentine Resort; however, according to Meatball Murray, the weed problem has been eliminated and we will once again have our Spring Wet Meet at Valentine Lakeside Resort. Valentine has 7 covered boat slips which are available to be reserved. Additional boats can be tied to the docks during the days, but must be returned to their trailers at night. If you have not already done so, it is recommended that you contact the Valentine Lakeside Resort immediately to confirm your cabin reservation if you are planning to attend this meet. We hope to see you all there!

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Fall Wet Meet at Valentine Lakeside Resort on Lake LBJ — October 2024

Currently, our next scheduled meet after the Spring Wet Meet in April will occur at the Valentine Lakeside Resort later this year in October. The specific date has not been confirmed yet, but it will be updated in a future issue of this newsletter. Our July issue of Texas Chapter News should have the new date listed.