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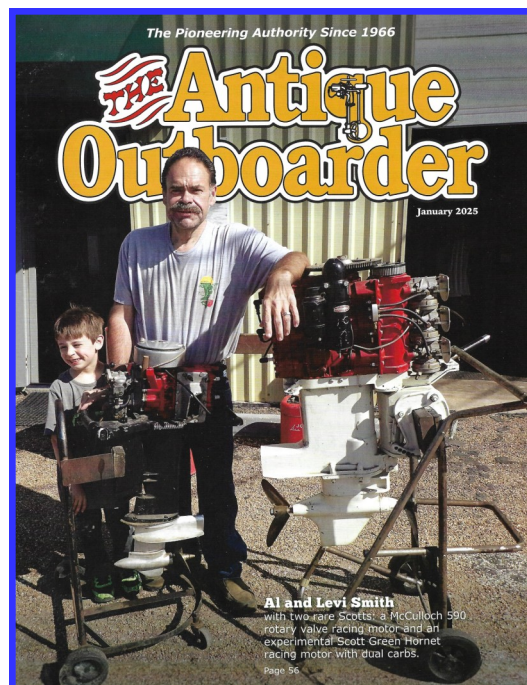
By Tom Oncken

First of all, I need to offer an apology for the tardiness of this issue of Texas Chapter News. Ordinarily, I would have prepared and delivered this issue by the beginning of the New Year. Unfortunately, my health as well as my wife's and my son's were tested at the end of 2024. Mike and I both had rough battles with kidney stones. In my case the right kidney was full of stones and was swollen. My wife is preparing for bladder surgery early in February. I learned that I have AFib and now I am scheduled to visit a "heart electrician" (whatever that is) early next month. Needless to say, my mind has not been on my hobby for quite a while now.

Regardless, I have managed to complete this issue and got it out before February. As I was gathering photos for the 30th Annual Houston Swap Meet, I discovered a great photo by Joe McCauley on Facebook that I decided I would use in my article on page 2. Imagine my surprise when that photo turned out to be the cover photo for the January 2025 issue of The Antique Outboarder. I would like to complement Joe McCauley on his great job of reporting our chapter meets to our club members through his continuing articles in The Antique Outboarder.

Many of our members do not realize the work that is involved in gathering photos, writing articles, and delivering all of that information to be published in the AOMCI's quarterly magazine. It involves a great deal of Joe's time and effort and he has to work with the editor and staff of the AOMCI publication. He must stay aware of deadlines and get all of the information in on a timely

basis. So the next time you see Joe, please take a moment to thank him for his work in this regard. His input helps keep the name of our chapter in the minds of the other members of AOMCI. After all, we are the "First" and "Original" chapter of AOMCI.



I want to remind all of our Texas Chapter members about Tony Robinson's swap meet coming up on February 28th through March 2nd. If you have not been to this meet, you really should make the effort. Tony's meet is usually combined with the local group of stationary engine collectors and it is definitely worth the time and effort. The details are given on the last page of this newsletter. Be sure to let Tony know if you intend to come to his 8th Annual Lipan Swap Meet. He truly deserves your support.

Our 30th Annual Houston Swap Meet

By Tom Oncken



Louis Rothermel

Weather had an enormous effect on our 30th Annual Houston Swap Meet. The meet was scheduled to run from Friday, November 8th, through Sunday the 10th. The week prior to the meet, the Houston weather was excellent with mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. Then, a few days before the meet, a front came through the area and the weatherman told us that it was going to be very wet all weekend long.

As I left my house on Friday morning, the skies overhead were very dark. Further down the road as I drove to the meet, the bottom fell out and hard rain poured down on me and my old Tank (1999 Suburban). Then something special happened. When I turned onto Star Lane, the rain suddenly stopped. For the remainder of the weekend, we had occasional sprinkles, but for the most part, it did not rain and eventually the sun actually came out. We still had to step over some puddles and avoid some of the mud in the parking area next door. Unfortunately, I am afraid that attendance was negatively affected for this meet due to the poor weather forecasts..

a Friday appearance. Overall, we had a count of 13 individuals on Friday which included two of Louis' neighbors and Morten Lovstad's guest, Jim Pusatera. Gary Keeney, Joe McCauley, Kent Peters, Rich Reich, and Glenn Seureau also braved the threat of bad weather on the first day. Louis made a trip to Pete's Finer Meats to buy hamburgers for our Friday lunch. Otherwise, from what I could tell, nobody got together for dinner after we closed down on Friday. In fact, everyone actually left early by 5:00PM on Friday afternoon. We usually do not leave until 6:00PM.



Jim Pusatera (Morten's guest), Morten Lovstad, Joe McCauley, and Tony Robinson check out a few motors displayed on Friday morning.

Saturday morning looked a little more normal for our Houston Swap Meet. Overall, we had 31 individuals come on Saturday which included a lot of friends and family members. Deals were beginning to be made and motor stands began to

Although the rain threatened all day Friday and Saturday morning, blue skies took over by late Saturday.



Some of our regulars made it on Friday morning. John Slator brought a load to show and sell as usual and then headed back home until Saturday morning when he returned. Tony Robinson made

Tony Robinson, Louis Rothermel, and Kent Peters visited while waiting for others to show up on Friday morning.



This is the photo borrowed from Facebook that became the cover of the January 2025 issue of The Antique Outboarder. Al Smith and his son, Levi, are showing off two very rare Scott products. On the left is an experimental Green Hornet racing motor with dual carbs. On the right is a McCullough 590 rotary valve racing motor.

fill up as more people showed up. Although water puddles were still on Louis' driveway, the sky actually became blue before the day was over.

As is customary, Louis and I traveled over to Pappas Bar-B-Q to pick up lunch on Saturday. Although there seemed to be a few less folks in attendance this year, the group devoured the all-you-can-eat buffet. Very little food was left over for Sunday. That turned out not to be an issue.



As usual, the line to the buffet table was busy. Barbecue beef brisket, potato salad, and beans were the main items on the menu. Needless to say, nobody left hungry,

President Adam Finn was not present at this meet due to a University of Texas at Austin class reunion. Accordingly, our Vice President, Mark Betner, addressed the members following the meal. This is just a reminder that chapter officer elections occur every two years. Accordingly, our next officer election will be at the 31st Annual Houston Swap Meet later this year in November.



Several members checking out some of the items that John Slator brought to this meet. Notice the puddles still on the ground.

As seemed customary for this year's gathering, after the lunch, everybody packed up and left by 2:45PM. Normally, Louis and I would stay until 6:00PM, but this year it did not seem necessary.



Gary Keeney checking out a 3HP Evinrude Ducktwin.

So, Louis and I began picking up and getting ready to quit for the afternoon. Fortunately, we were still sitting in the shop when Ann Graf brought her husband, John, to the meet while we were still there. John has been ill and we did not expect him to attend this meet, but it was really a pleasure seeing him. Thanks Ann for being his chauffeur. It was nice to get an opportunity to talk with John once again.

Over the years, Sunday has always been our "work on old motors" day. The bead blaster is ready as is the parts washer. Usually, there is smoke in the air and the sound of old motors running. I normally arrive around 8:00AM, but I decided to come at 9:00AM this year. Only Gary Keeney, Joe McCauley, and Glenn Seureau were there visiting with Louis. Otherwise, it was dead quiet and nobody had a motor they wanted to work on. At that point, our attendance was only 5 members and it stayed that way until 2:00PM. By that time everyone with exception of me and Louis had left for the day. We did have two late arrivals, Cornelia Kuffner and Bruce Henderson who came at 2:30PM. Needless to say, they quickly departed. So, Louis and I called it quits at 3:00PM and closed down early.

Hopefully the weather forecasts later this year will be better. We hope to see a larger turnout for Louis' 31st Annual Houston Swap Meet.



A view from Louis' shop at around noon on Sunday. Even the water puddles were gone. Time to go home!



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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.

8th Annual Lipan Swap Meet — February 28 through March 2, 2025

Tony and Andrea Robinson have once again volunteered to hold a swap meet at their home in Lipan, Texas. They live on the edge of town on 1.26 acres and have a nice shop area that is great for hosting a meet. There is also a large test tank for running outboards. The heart of this meet will be on Saturday, but individuals are welcome to arrive early on Friday to start the fun. There will be a catered lunch on Saturday for a reasonable fee per person. Tony has indicated that guests are more than welcome on Sunday; however, he will be attending church that morning. He also offers his camper to anyone wishing to use it, but you must call to reserve it.

Granbury, Texas is 18 miles from Tony's home and is a quaint destination town. Granbury has numerous restaurants, a town square, breweries, wineries, a marina on Lake Granbury, an opera theater house, and a railroad museum just to name a few things. You could easily stay a night in Granbury, have some fun, and then go to Tony's meet.

Tony is passionate about our hobby and is excited about hosting this annual swap meet. I encourage all of our members to bring something to sell and/or trade. Feel free to invite your friends. It is important that you RSVP if you plan to attend so that Tony can be properly prepared for everyone. We hope to see you all there!

Contact Information: Tony's Cell Number: [\(817\) 320-4278](tel:8173204278) / eMail Address: farmallm39@sbcglobal.net
Meet Address: [126 Sears Street; Lipan, TX 76462-2004](https://www.google.com/maps/place/126+Sears+Street,+Lipan,TX+76462-2004)

Spring Wet Meet at the Heart of Texas Lake Resort — April 25-27, 2025

It will soon be time for our Spring wet meet at Heart of Texas Lake Resort and we all have our fingers crossed hoping for good weather. This wet meet has proven to be great for running your boats and outboards. There are cabins, condos, campsites, and a very nice launch ramp with plenty of docking slips for our boats. Some members like to extend the weekend trip by arriving early on Thursday. We will have our usual picnic style lunch on Saturday night at the pavilion between the condos. If you have not done so, we recommend that you make your reservations soon because Heart of Texas Lake Resort is one of the more desirable locations for outdoor gatherings and they fill up quickly.

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[Make Sure to Identify Yourself as a Member of The Antique Outboard Motor Club]

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