

# Eastern Ontario Swap Meet

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**Photo's: Dana Torch & Ken Kirk**

It was perfect Swap Meet weather on the south shores of Stoco Lake, just south of Tweed. Once again Dana Torch, along with his mom Dale and father Rick, opened their home and property to host our MLAOC Eastern Ontario Swap Meet. Dana was proactive in personally inviting some of the Senior Senators of our hobby as well as turning out Members with some very rare and unique outboards and boats.

It was good to once again see longtime outboard collector Ron Tackaberry. Ron is legendary in the hobby. A prolific and very knowledgeable collector, Ron hosted many Wet Meets and Swap Meets at his home on Charleston Lake in the early days when our hobby was just taking off. Ron was back in buying mode and even scooped up a vintage Personal Watercraft.

Another outboard collecting pioneer, Mike Krzyzanowski, brought a recent barn find, a 1929 single step hydroplane probably built from published plans. The boat was in a well-preserved state having been well built to begin with and tucked away many years ago in a dry space where it did not deteriorate. Hanging on the back was a 1930 Johnson SR, Canadian assembled, factory racer in original "as found" condition. Mike is spending far too much time in barns.

Boat racer turned collector, Brian Hendrick, was there with a truck load of rare Konig racing parts and pieces.



**Brian Hendrick with host Dana Torch & a truckload of Konig Racing parts.**



**L -R: Chris Scratch, Bill Wilson, Peter McDowell & Mike Kreckel. Seated: Ron Tackaberry.**





Neil Richardson looking for a treasure.



L-R: Bill Wilson negotiating with Dana Torch while Chris Modotto takes a closer look.



L-R: Billy & Adele Hazlett negotiate for a Caille with Stephen Fox.

Yet another longtime collector Stephen Fox from Ottawa was there with three very collectable Caille outboards for sale... a Liberty Single with flywheel magneto, an early single row boat motor and an opposed twin. These are the types of early motors that just don't become available very often. If you weren't at Dana's you missed a great opportunity.

Chris brought a number of rare and unusual outboards. Motors included an iconic 1914 Waterman Porto and a seldom seen 1932 Evinrude-Elto Electric Outboard that was manufactured using surplus inventory of electric starter units originally designed for use on early electric starting outboards. Sticking to the electric theme Chris also brought a circa 1905 Submerged Electric Outboard which few members have seen in person as well as a late 1930's Clarke Troller. All great motors to examine up close.

A highlight of the day was "Blue Flame", a "C" class hydro designed by Bruce Crandell, built and raced in the 50's by Hugh Folkard of Northport. The boat was meticulously restored by George Publow right down to the detailed "as original" Blue Flame paint scheme. The motor, a 1930's Elto Super "C", was raced by George Publows father in many races including the Albany to New York Marathon in 1950. If this motor could talk. Another highlight was the display of rare and unusual motors by

Rounding out the day was the announcement that long time member, Dave Teasdale, had donated \$200. to MLAOC. Dave had made a recent sale of one of his prize collectables and was donating the proceeds 100% to our Club. Thank you Dave for your generosity and support. A perfect end to a great day in Eastern Ontario.



L-R: Chris Scratch with his Clarke Troller, 1905 Submerged Electric, 1914 Waterman Porto & 1932 Evinrude – Elto Electric.



"C" Class Hydro, "Blue Flame" raced by Hugh Folkard in the 50's & restored by George Publow.



1930's Elto Super "C" raced by George Publow's father in the 1950 Albany to NY Marathon.



Collector/Restorer George Publow, in blue, collecting lunch!



Don Husack with his beautiful 1957 Johnson Javelin on a rare fibreglass boat built by the Canadian Canoe Company. Sold NEW as a package in 1957.



L-R: Glenn Weigel & Murray Parnell. Where is the rest of the boat?



L-R: Wayne Robinson & Ken Glover. Let's make a deal on a ships wheel!



Mike Krzyzanowski with his circa 1929 single step hydroplane, barn find, powered by a 1930 Johnson SR-50 factory racer.

