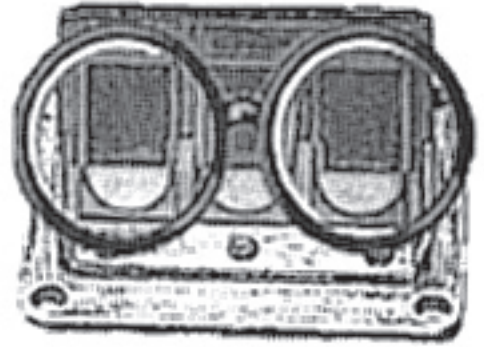


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Message from the President:

For those who voted, I want to thank you for your show of confidence. My goal as President is to increase participation in club meets. We can measure this by meet attendance. Why is participation important? Increased camaraderie (more friends)...increased flea market size (more stuff)...increased display of motors (more to see)...increased events (more fun)...increased running of boats (more cruises)...increased membership (more funds)...more friends...more stuff...more to see...more fun...more cruises... what do ya think? Let me know and most of all please "HELP".

So that we get to know each other, please wear your nametag to the meets (it pays). When Ed Moyer comes to sell his 50/50 tickets, it's buy one, get one free if you have a nametag on. Tags will be available at sign in. By the way, when possible, it should say "your name".

Looking forward to a great year,

Sincerely, Don

Old Town Meet

July 16-17

Yellow Jacket Campground Suwannee River



The Summer Suwannee meet on July 16 & 17th is a great meet with lots of folks attending. There is always a river trip and a good array of outboard items for sale and trade. The river is wide & deep here and fresh water so bring your rigs to get in some running. Dinner Friday night will be at Salt Creek Restaurant in Suwannee. Lunch on Saturday will be prepared by one of our excellent chefs, Ron Lamonica.

I've been talking with some of the local fishermen and they say the fishing is still good on the river and on down in the flats. You can camp at the campground or stay in the cabins. Call Bibi at Yellow Jacket Campground for reservations. 352-542-8365. Their website is <http://www.yellowjacketcampground.com/> Old Town and Fanning Springs have plenty of motel accommodations. One that has gotten good reviews at the past meets is Cadillac Motel (\$46) Fanning Springs (352)-463-2188.

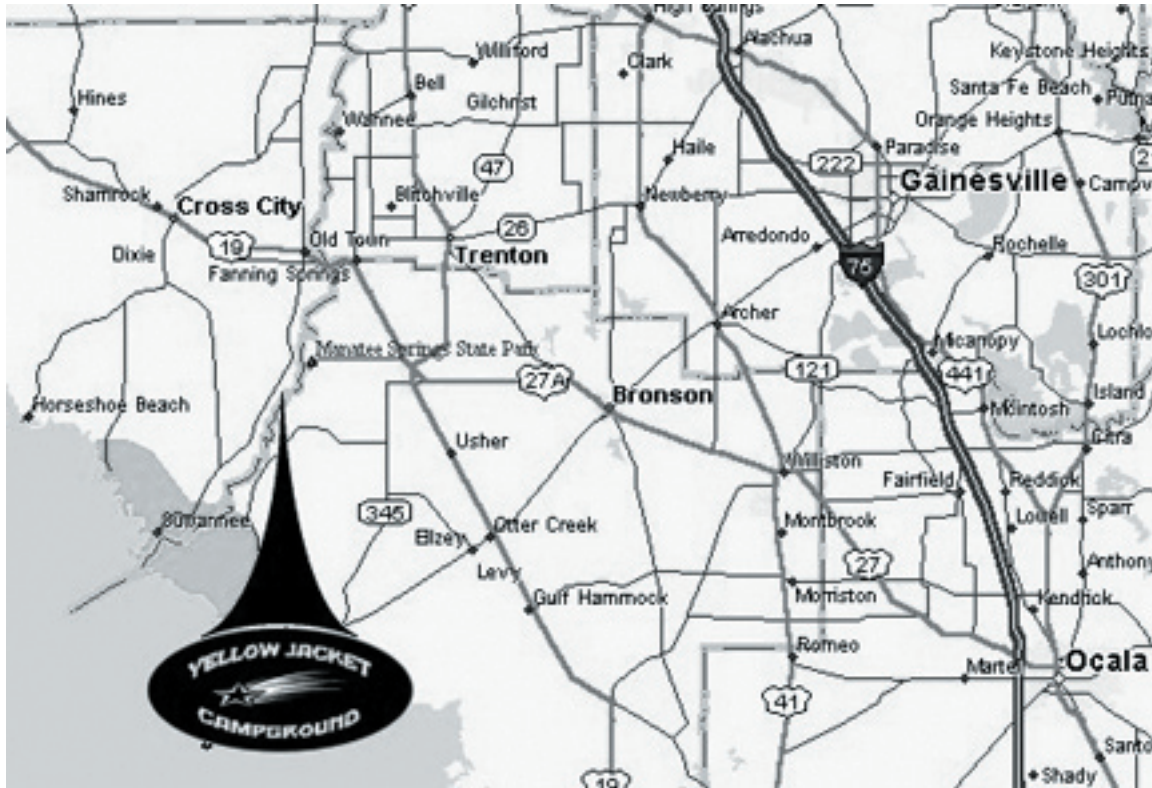
See you there...Greg Sefton & Don Abel, meet hosts.



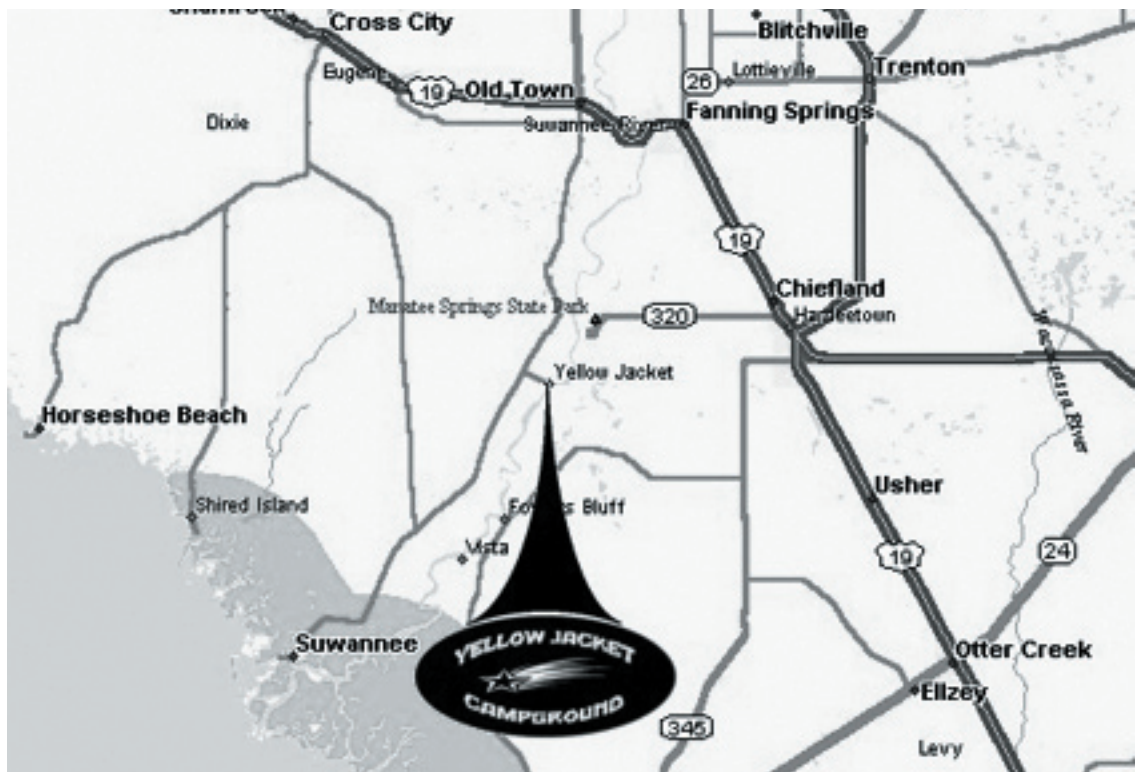
Directions to Yellow Jacket Campground

From I-75, Exit 76, travel 40 miles west on Highway 26 to Fanning Springs. Turn right on Highway 19 and travel west about 3 miles to Old Town. Go south (left) from Old Town on Highway 349, 9.6 miles, watch for our sign. After turning left at the sign, follow our road about 1/2 mile to the Campground office.

On I-75



On US-19



Looking Back

Trimble Park, Mt. Dora June 19, 2004

HOT..HOT...HOT!! That is the best way to describe the meeting at Trimble Park. With temperatures soaring into the 90s, members laid low and spent most of their time in the shade on the shores of beautiful Lake Beauclair. Thirty four members attended the meet with about forty five persons in attendance in all including guests. The club would like to welcome new members Tim Haney from St. Augustine and Jim and Elizabeth Savage. Also joining us were Tom Goepfrich who just moved here from Indiana and old friend RC Hawie who is in the process of moving here permananly from Connecticut. Special guests were Snapper Schofield's son-in-law Shane Mackey and grandson Ryan Lawhead, Mike Hodes' son Ben and Bill Milligan's granddaughter Jessie. It was niced to see missed members Carlyle Baumgartner and Wayne and Pam Richards (Pam was put into service counting votes for the election). We missed seeing Bob and Geri Parkinson, Wes Lilly and Bill Bishop. Our thoughts are with Tom Sheldon and Jim Music at this very difficult time. Special events for the meet were the election of officers and sharing of the cake for the outgoing officers. A wonderful lunch of hot dogs, red beans and rice, chili and baked beans was prepared by Sarah Bell and Jerry Gray. The 50/50 was won by Bruce Bolton who gave his winnings back to the club...thanks Bruce! Boats and motors were displayed by Art Renfrew, James Powell, Hank Wendt, Rick Geary, Ed Moyer, Ed Nelson, Joe Maier, Dave Dolive and Bob Leduc. Flea market items were displayed by Roger Kernan, James Powell, Tom Goepfrich and Ed Moyer. Special thanks to meet host Dave Dolive, Don Abel for the cake and gifts, James Powell for judging and Ed Moyer for handling the 50/50 sales and sign in sheet. Awards are as follow:



Most Unusual Pre-War Champion 2-cylinder Tom Goepfrich



Most Unusual Classic Cal-Jet Joe Maier



Best Original Classic Rick Geary
Merc 60



Boat Motor Combo Bob Leduc
14' Luger with Mercury MK58



Cooks Sarah Bell and Jerry Gray



Don Abel and Carlyle Baumgart-
gartner ponder a weighty issue



Bob Walwork and Dave Dolive
pose for the camera



Bob Peterson, Bill Milligan and
Art Renfrew enjoy lunch



Dave Dolive's Motor Exhibit



John Gauci and Tim Haney examine a flea market motor



Ed Moyer and his 1930s Elto racing motor



Dave Harrell finds sometimes a plan just doesn't come together

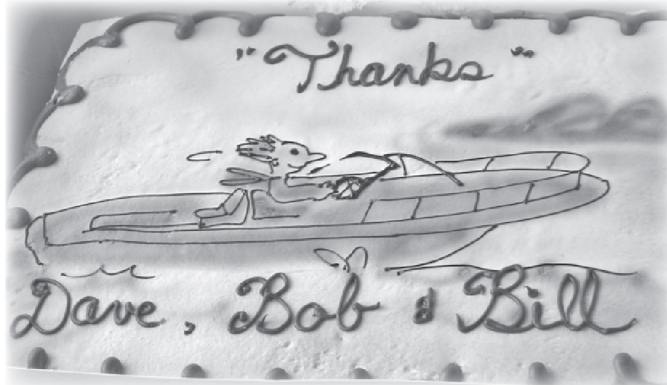


RC Hawie makes sure a calibration is just right



George Emmanuel makes a point to Dave Dolive

Election of New Officers



New officers were elected by the members at the June meeting at Trimble park. The officers are as follows:

President: Don Abel
Vice President: Bob Leduc
Secretary: George Emmanuel
Treasurer: Bruce Bolton

Directors:

Class of 2004: Paul Adams, Jim Hunt, Wes Lilly, Greg Sefton
Class of 2005: Bill Bishop, Dave Dolive, Bob Walwork, Hank Wendt

Retiring President Dave Dolive thanked the members for their support and incoming President Abel outlined his plans for the year. Outgoing officers were given a token of appreciation and a cake was shared by all.



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Left to right: Bob Walwork, Dave Dolive, George Emmanuel, Bob Leduc,
Bruce Bolton, Hank Wendt and Don Abel.
Missing: Bill Bishop

More from Trimble Park

Boats in the water at Trimble Park included Mike Hodes' 1993 Stauter with an Evinrude Big 4 (who performed a late afternoon rescue of incoming VP Bob Leduc and wife), 12' aluminum boat with 6HP Johnson piloted solo across the lake by Snapper's grandson Ryan Lawhead, Bill Milligan's 1961 12' Grummond with 1956 7.5 HP Johnson, hydroplane piloted by Dave Harrell (after a slow start) and Feathercrafts owned by Snapper Schofield, Shane Mackey and John Gauci. Boats on shore included James Powell's Lone Star with 25 HP Super Power Wizard and Bob Leduc's Luger with Mercury MK58. Art Renfrew also had his converted dory, Dave Dolive displayed his Orlando Clipper and George Emmanuel had something he kept under wraps all day.



Jessie in Bill Milligan's 1961
12' Grummond



Ryan Lawhead in his 12' aluminum
boat on his first solo piloting trip



Snapper Schofield's Feathercraft
at the dock



James Powell's Lone Star / Wizard
Combination



Dave Dolive's Orlando Clipper

Looking Back

More from Lake Stella, Crescent City April 23 & 24, 2004

New member Ed Nelson (pictured below) won an award at the Crescent City meet but his picture was left out of the last newsletter...many apologies Ed sold this Scott-Atwater 5HP Bail-a-matic when it was new from his dealership in Connecticut to an 11 yr. old boy. Several years ago, he received a call from this young man asking him if he wanted the motor back agin. It had been in salt water for many years, but has been completely restored and is better than brand new.



Ed Nelson with his Scott Atwater



Ralph Clayton's 14' Old Town Cedar strip boat with 15 HP Evinrude



Dick Hines in front of his display of motors for sale.



Dick Hines and James Powell
Motor: Evinrude 38 9.7 HP



14' Canadian built skiff

Upcoming Meets

The board has been working very hard over the last few weeks to put together a list of events with special activities at each meet. It is the hope of the board that this will entice the members to bring themselves and items to share, show and sell at each meet. Listed below is the tentative list of events, activities and chairmen. There are still some openings for meets and/or co-chairs for the activities at the meet. If you are interested in hosting a meet or working on an activity, please contact Bob Leduc.

Date(s)	Location	Meet Host/ Chairmen
August 21	Lake Panasofkee	Bill Bishop (352) 860-1780
Accommodations are available at Lake Panasofkee at the Pana Vista Lodge		
September 18	Lake Hamilton	Bruce Bolton (861) 421-4225
October 22-24	Lake Shipp	Don Abel (941) 746-0933 Bob Walwork (941) 722-3136 Bob Leduc (941) 748-3434
<i>Activity:</i> International Meet Reunion. Dinner Cruise on Saturday night on paddle wheel steamer – tickets are \$15/person – Awards banquet for awards from meet and other club awards. Plan to attend. Make your reservations early so you don't get left out!!		
November 20	Melrose	Tom Sheldon (352) 475-1401 George Emmanuel (352) 378-5172
<i>Activity:</i> Aluminum Boat Extravaganza		
		Snapper Schofield (941) 753-3841 Bob Peterson (941) 625-3932
Bring your aluminum boats. Judging and special awards for aluminum boats.		
December 4	Location and details to be announced at later date	

