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# THE ANTIQUE OUTBOARDER



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## THE SMALLEST OLDEST CHAMPION

by Richard M. Jones

### SPECIFICATIONS

Weight	30 pounds
HP	Approx. 1.5
Bore	2 inches
Stroke	1 1/2 inches
Magneto	Eisemann
Carburetor	Tillotson
Speed	Are you kidding?



It was an easy motor to find but very hard to learn anything about. I bought it in Stillwater, Minnesota in 1966 from a garage man for twelve dollars. It looked different from other old Champs that I had seen but I didn't learn why until later.

I started restoring this motor early in 1968 and I became more curious as the motor came apart. For one thing, I had never seen a motor with just one piston ring. I don't mean one or two were left out, I mean it was built with just one! I also found the crank shaft had no key way on it to line up and hold the fly wheel. You simply line up two punch marks and the taper holds it in place. Imagine hitting a rock with this motor. Besides shearing a pin, you knock your mag out of time.

Among other unusual features of this motor are a cast aluminum cylinder and cast iron sleeve, an all sand cast aluminum underwater exhaust pipe, and a cast aluminum gas tank. Even the prop and prop nut are sand cast and they look just as rough as they did coming out of the mold.

I wrote to Dick Hawie twice about the little Champ and even with the magneto and carburetor numbers we couldn't date or identify this motor. Finally, with the help of pictures and lots of foot work my father, Wallace S. Jones, of St. Paul solved the mystery. He found one of the original builders, Henry Dolan of St. Paul. Mr. Dolan along with Sig Conrad and Dutch Witch had made thirty of these motors in 1927. They sold the name Champion Motors to Flour City Ornamental Iron Co. and it was produced in Minneapolis, Minnesota for many years.

I finished restoring the Champ in time to take it to the Dallas "Great Race" last August. It lived up to its name by winning the prize for Oldest Running Motor. I still don't know the horse power for sure but I would guess 1 1/2 to 2 depending on the condition of that one poor ring. So if you find a Champion that says St. Paul, Minn. on the rope sheave, grab it, because it's got to be a rare one.

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# LITTLE GIANT

OUTBOARD MOTOR

Easygo Mfg Co. Detroit, Michigan USA

**\$85<sup>00</sup>**      **1 1/2 HP**



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