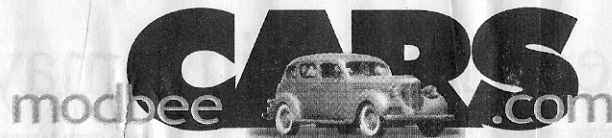


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What a DREAM BOAT



The Owner: Mark Maral of Ripon

His Favorite Boat: A 1976 Keaton 18-J

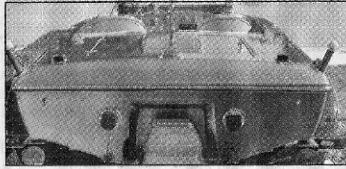
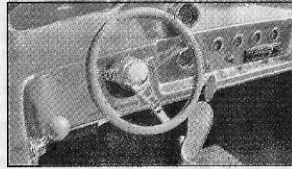
What Sparked the Interest: Being young at heart, Maral felt his name was written all over this boat. "When we purchased this boat in 2005 we bought it from the original owner who lives in Oakdale. The styling and color were so '70s and being a teenager during that period this boat was like it had been in a time capsule," he said. The boat is completely original and had only 81 hours on the Oldsmobile 455 engine when he bought it.

"Not knowing anything about the history of these boats I started a journey to learn as much as I could," he said. Now he's come across over 50 Keaton enthusiasts and has learned that Keaton produced four different models from 1959 to the mid-'90s, although the 18-J is the most prevalent of these. "I organized a Keaton Reunion in early September with 20 boats represented and we were extremely fortunate to have Jack Keaton there as well," said Maral. He's also created a website to chronicle these boats. You can find more information by going to www.keatonboat.com.

A Favorite Memory: "The boat is a fabulously designed and elegant boat. I just love driving it and talking to anyone about it and Keaton boats," said Maral.

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Mark Maral of Ripon with his 1976 Keaton 18-J

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