

Movius Masters 800

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The 18th running of the Fairbanks Outboard Association's Yukon 800 Marathon River Boat Race was won in a record breaking time on Sunday as Miss Tesoro, piloted by Jim Movius,

flashed across the finish line in 14 hours, 31 minutes and 56 seconds.

A full hour and 12 minutes faster than last years time of 15 hours, 43 minutes and 47 seconds set by veteran racer Jerry Evans in his Lindsay II.

Movius said, "Good weather, high water and another year of experience" all were conditions adding up to the incredible win. Placing second was defending champion Jerry Evans who crossed the finish at Pike's Landing in 14 hours 49 minutes and 4 seconds beating his own previous time by just under an hour. Both Movius and Evans along with Dale Hayward are two time winners of the race and will be looking for another win next year to take the trophy

home.

Out of a starting field of 15 boats 11 made the Fairbanks-Galena round trip. Of the four that scratched, Ed Gustafson in his Ms. AIA II was a favored entry. He was put out of the race with a ruptured fuel tank shortly after starting.

Placing third was Bill Page in Ms. AIA III. His total time was 14 hours, 52 minutes and 19 seconds. Also beating last years time.

Sam Demientieff in Break-thru 77 came in fourth with a time only 3 minutes slower than last years winner. It was Demientieff's first year running his new boat.

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Scene at Yukon 800 . . .

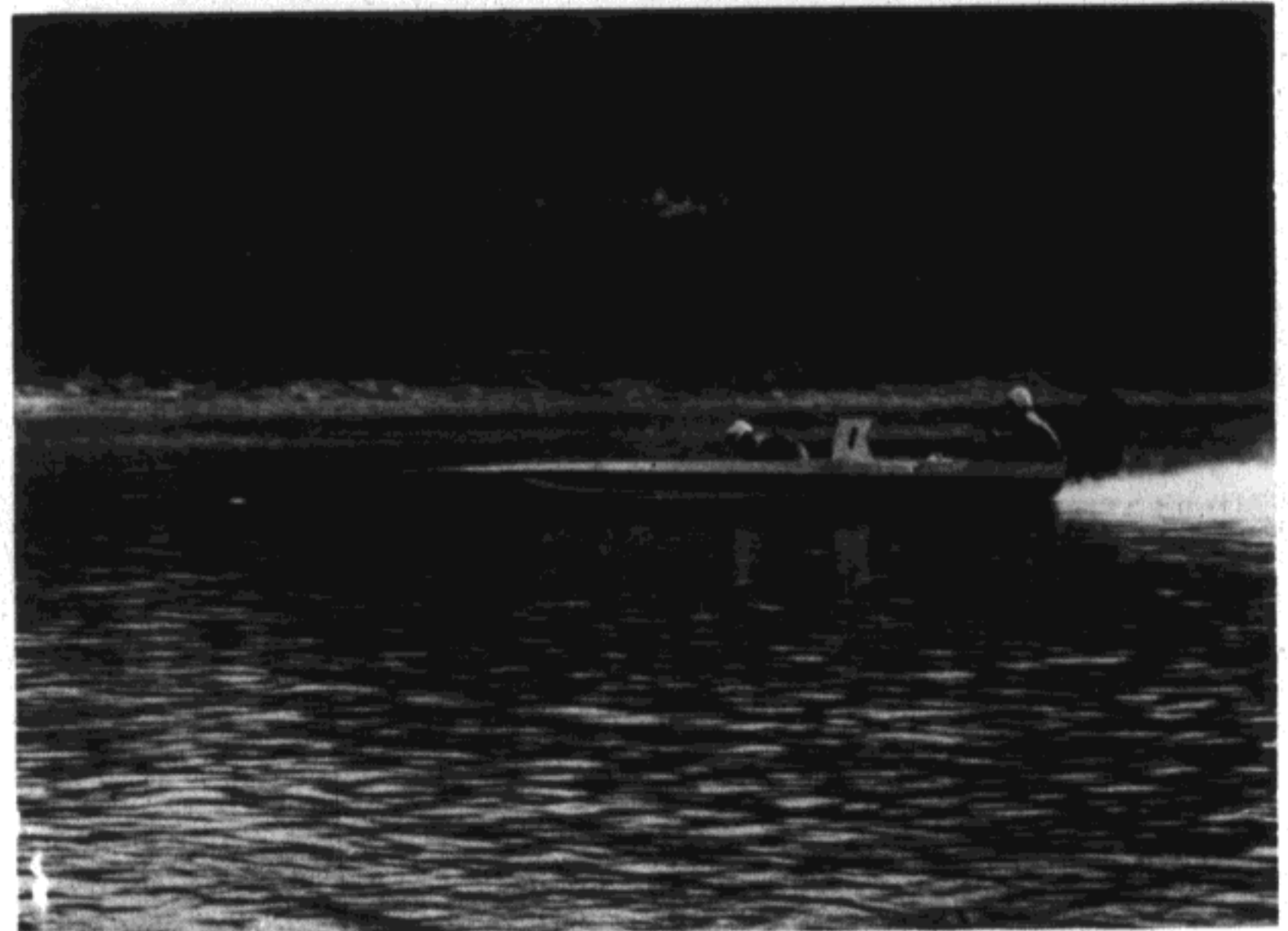


TROPHY--The Fairbanks Out Board Associations Yukon 800 Marathon winners trophy would go to any of the three boats that have won the race twice previously. On the third win the trophy will be retired and a new one bought. Two time winners are Jim Movius, Jerry Evans, and Dale Hayward.

Photos by Bill Ares



OFFICIAL START--A boat gets the green flag at the start of the 1977 Yukon 800. Ollie Anderson of Fairbanks has started many races for Fairbanks Outboard Association.



MISS TESORO III--With Jim Movius at the helm and wife Toni, navigator, in an earlier race this year. Movius was the first to make it to Galena in less than seven hours.