



1925 St. Louis Meramec Canoe Co. Canoe



Owner: John & Dorothy Strasser

Restorer: Dave Osborn

Home Port: St. Louis, MO.

The St. Louis Meramec Canoe Company (Meraco) was founded by Alfred Wickett in the early 1922. Wickett had previously worked for the Old Town Canoe Company from ca.1900 to 1914, and he had founded the Penobscot Canoe Company (Pecaco) in 1915.

In 1930, the name of the company was changed to St. Louis Boat and Canoe Company. The company ceases to manufacture canoes in 1978. Also in 1930, Alfred's son Lawrence "Chummy" Wickett formed the St. Louis Boat & Motor Company.

The most distinctive feature of Meraco canoes is the "arrowhead" deck, which is a refinement of the "spearhead" deck Wickett patented while running the Penobscot Canoe Company. Unlike other makes of canoe, where the inner gunwales extend to the stems, the inner gunwales of Meraco canoes are cut short at a taper, and the the deck is notched to receive them such that the tips of the inwales are captured.