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Goad

Brad @ SoCalJetBoats.com

Goad's Avatar

Join Date: Jul 2006
Location: Foothill Ranch, CA
Posts: 1,079

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Goad is online

I just googled 'rootin tootin raspberry' and found this site....

<http://theimaginaryworld.com/ffpac.html>

they have pictures of all the flavors 😊

03-13-2007, 09:06 PM

SpiritCJ712

Registered User

Join Date: Mar 2007
Posts: 11

Too big for email

Send it by email??? Hell, I am not sure it will fit in my car, but I know it won't fit in an email.

Story: We used to caravan to races and everyone had a CB radio. One's handle was your boat name. So we would have Hi Jacked, Ballin' Jack, Honker, American Eagle, Wild Injun, Strictly Business, Underdog, Makin' Bacon, Going Places, Devil Don, Bad Moon Horizon, etc. with the hammer down in a line to Lake Ming or wherever.

You saw the long hair in the picture? Well, we went across country a few times to places like Texas for the Austin Aqua Festival. Texans are some of the nicest people in the world. We would bring Coors to trade for anything we needed--they could not get Coors east of the Rockies. Best currency around. A six pack of Coors could create instant friendship. They treated us great. **BUT**, once (only once) we also went to Ogden, Utah to race at Willard's Bay. Now, the natives of Utah thought we had landed from the planet Mars. (BTW, if the planet Earth ever needs a proctologist, he will begun his work at Willard's Bay.) We went thru Las Vegas to get to Utah and this was the first time Jeff Bennett and I had ever seen Vegas....but that is another story.

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To Liberty Mike

Liberty Mike:

Do you have any Liberty tee shirts? I might still have a couple. I may also have Competiton Marine polo shirts.

If I do, they are yours, if you want want them.

 03-13-2007, 09:19 PM

MikeF

Spiral out

 MikeF's Avatar

Join Date: Jul 2001
Location: S.C.
Posts: 2,590

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I want all of them! 

I'd be happy to horse trade if that'll make it more friendly too. 😊

Push the envelope.....watch it bend.

[Determined](#)

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MikeF

Spiral out

 MikeF's Avatar

Join Date: Jul 2001
Location: S.C.
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Jack let me scan some of his slides awhile ago. This is the only one that I could find w/ your boat in it. From 1973. 



Push the envelope.....watch it bend.

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **SpiritCJ712**  [View Post](#)

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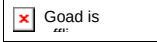
I am off work tomorrow and would love to swing by. I lack patience.

I will PM you and email you my contact info so we can set something up.

....the anticipation overwhelms me....

-Brad

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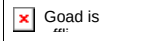
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looking forward to tomorrow!

-Brad

03-13-2007, 10:04 PM

mirrorimage
Registered User



Join Date: Aug 2004
Location: over the river and
thorough the woods
Posts: 442

mirrorimage is



this has been probably the most enjoyable threadEVER ON this forum..... adventure , excitement ... the works its like a novel for jet boaters one wordAWSOME..... id like to red about more stories ...for sure ..

just another day in tj..

03-14-2007, 12:29 PM

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Thanks Craig and Tom!

I got a chance to meet Craig and Tom today. They had many pictures and stories to share.

Craig even gave me a painting of the boat!

Heres a picture of Craig, myself and the painting:



These guys were really nice and it seemed like the amount of stories are endless.

Thanks again Craig for supplying all this stories and info! It's priceless

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03-14-2007, 01:03 PM

old rigger

Long Beach Speed & Marine



Join Date: Jul 2001
Location: Long Beach, Ca
Posts: 1,667

Now how fockin cool is that? Very nice.



 old rigger is offline

 03-14-2007, 03:17 PM

68_ROGERS

Registered User

 68_ROGERS's Avatar

Join Date: Mar 2007
Location: OC
Posts: 62

 68_ROGERS is

SWEET!! You have to be stoked on that.

 03-14-2007, 07:57 PM

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...im still on cloud 9.....



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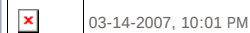
Schiada Time

Registered User

Join Date: Dec 2005
Posts: 971

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I wish my boat had that kind of history. Too bitchen.☺

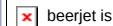
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beerjet

Pro duck hunter !

 beerjet's Avatar

Join Date: Nov 2005
Location: Rancho Cucamonga
Posts: 1,934

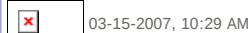
 beerjet is

Did you ever think that the empty hull you brought home would have this much history attached . You my friend have just hit jetboat lotto . I think .
Way to fockin cool . To top it off , how cool is it that craig is coughing up all this info . You lucky bastard ! Enjoy !

-beerjet-

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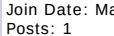


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jbsurfin

Registered User

Join Date: Mar 2007
Posts: 1

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This is a funny thread and brings back a lot of great memories. I would like to add a few details for these stories and add a new one.

First, it is true that I did ski naked from the Parker dam do Echo, but Craig left out the reason why. The girls (4 or 5) in the boat wanted me to ski naked and I said that I would only if they would run around topless at Echo where we were staying. It was the best deal I ever made! The ski ride got off too a bad start though when after a quarter mile or so, Dan Durham and his entire family were cruising up river right next to us. It was like running into our parents and very embarrassing! I pulled out and sprayed them though and we all had a great laugh.

The Harold Bruce scoop loan story was also funny. We had burned a valve in Excalibur and were on our way to Parker with the head to get a new valve installed and Harold (then a rookie) asked for some help so we loaned him a scoop and left for Parker. When we returned 5 hours later half the beach came up to us and were yelling at us, calling us backstabbers and we couldn't understand why. As it turns out Harold set a new speed record and the rest of the class was pissed at us for not loaning them the scoop first. Who knew that Harold would do so well? That started a friendship with Harold that continues to this day.

Craig's memory must have been severely impacted by all the crashes because I was the one in Excalibur when we crashed at Lake Casitas, not Craig Peterson. As it turned out, the rudder bent about 45 degree when we made the hard sweeping turn on the long back straight away. Had it broken off we would have been fine. We were running close to 90 at the time. Anyway, the boat got into a violent right left oscillation which resulted in the boat doing a barrel roll. Craig exited like a baseball being hit by a bat. I flew out, hit the water and bounced back into the boat completely under the deck. It was scary and difficult getting out as the boat was sinking in 200 feet of water depth. It is amazing how a single event can change your life, but that one did. As a result of that, I got into hull design and eventually got my Aerospace engineering degree and am still working in that industry today on the Space Shuttle program in Aerodynamics. The funny part of the story was that the doctor who stitched up my banged up leg (I still have the scar) was so pissed at me because he had to cut his golf game short to repair my leg; he made sure I felt every stitch he put in.

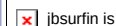
There was a funny and scary story about Craig Peterson I remember. We often stayed in Craig's (Millet) Dad's RV when we raced at Bluewater. What is now a casino was then a highway that was right next to where we parked. One night before an NJBA race, we all got so wasted but Craig Peterson surpassed us all and disappeared. When he was gone for some time, we got worried and ended up finding him passed out on the center line of the highway with the pit board used as a blanket. All this while 18 wheelers were whizzing by in both directions. Craig got really lucky that night!

The weekend Craig Peterson drove the Raspberry (the photo in this thread) to a victory in Ski jet; I also drove it in Mod jet and got runner up. It was my only race driving experience. I did however beat Steve (Wonder Boy) King in the semis. That was a highlight for me and the entire Raspberry team. That was one of the biggest upsets of that year. The Raspberry was the all time sleeper and was a very fast boat. We beat a ton of flatbottoms and hydros on that stretch of river. It was always so funny to see how upset the flatbottom guys would get when we kicked their asses!

Finally, the time Craig Millet and I were passing through Las Vegas for a few hours on our way to Utah. Craig is right; those people in Utah were weird! Anyway, we were followed around in Las Vegas the entire time by two hotties that kept asking us if we wanted to party. We were really green at that time, but we eventually figured out that the girls in the El Dorado were actually hookers looking for some business. We of course didn't have enough money to get into the Cadillac.

We had some of the most fun times of our lives during the Raspberry and Excalibur days. It is hard to believe that it was so long ago!

Jeff Bennett

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 03-15-2007, 10:51 AM

Wizard612

Registered User

Join Date: Mar 2007
Posts: 38

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Jeff great of you to join us in this thread. Long time... Got a Pix of Peterson using the Rasberry cushions and the pit board for a blanket. Remember those trips well. Until we all start talking together and then realize that we all have a variation on the same story. Did you co-ride with Peterson for a ski-jet or Modified race at bluewater? I have this great Pix of the boat pulling away from the rest of the field with the co-rider's fist raised in the air in victory. Craig said he never drove the boat in a race with only one carb.

 03-15-2007, 11:15 AM

abraman1326

Registered User

 abraman1326's Avatar


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Location: Vacaville, CA
Posts: 1,737

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Hey, you guy's. Keep this thread going. These stories are priceless. Some very interesting and funny stuff here. This is the best thread I've ever read on Hot Boat. Thanks for sharing...
BRA

Official BRA Checker... Skin to Win!!!



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sorry don't know why the double post must be something to do with scewing with boomers

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SpiritCJ712

Registered User

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Jeff is right!

I thought my memory was ok, but Jeff's is better! Tom told me yesterday that Jeff, not Peterson, was in the boat when we crashed at Casitas and at first I disagreed. But it started me thinking. And he was obviously right! Jeff has remembered a lot of other details that I had forgotten too. I forgot about Jeff's leg and that we weren't even there when Harold Bruce lit it up. Maybe I did get my bell rung more than I thought.

Remember how we tied Peterson to the trailer one night to keep him from doing his usual of drinking and wandering off.

Remember sleeping 4 and 5 to a room at the El Rancho motel in Bakersfield and something equally as "nice" in Parker, Arizona?

Or how about how we took the engine out of the Raspberry the first time: In my driveway, with a block and tackle from Tom and the frame of my then 7 year old sister's swing set. BTW, they don't make swing sets like they used to.

If we keep this up, we might have to get into the Bill Scotten stories.

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More pictures....

I will let craig share the story of this one 



and a closeup of the raspberry logo:



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Ah Bakersfield... I remember the Rancho very well. I remember going I think to Ming once and we stayed at the rancho. Like Craig said 4-5 in the room. We went to the airport to get some gas towing the boat behind the El Comino. The gas jockey really got into the boat and asked us if we wanted some Military Av-gas. The airport was a CANG (Cal. Air National Guard) facility and at that time they still had some piston planes. This stuff was 120 oct. and evaporated like acetone. we said sure and left with every container we had filled with the stuff. I think we ended up having to rejet the motor and the damn thing ran so cool we never got a good plug reading... but I think we won...

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Craig I think you did have your bell rung a bit... The Peterson tied to the trailer was a great bit but I think it was a bit of a yarn we propagated on the writer for the Hot Boat artical "Sleeping Bag Jet Boat Kid" that tried to explain some of our actions to the general public. As I recall we didn't really need to tie Peterson down. By midnight he was basically already there. The only reason any of us didn't like sleeping outside was because the girls were always inside... and you owned the motorhome so you were inside. That left the others to figure it out. With Peterson passed out that just made the decision that much easier.

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