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One more before I have to close. We're all driving home from Bluewater in caravan. Bennett and his date in front of me in his El Comino, I'm towing my Tunnel with my Ranchero an about a half mile back is Craig his girl and The Liberty guys. I'm zoned into the white line and Jeff in front of me when I notice that Jeff's car swayed a bit. That woke me up. Then as I'm looking at Jeff's car it takes a short right a quick left then a sudden right of into the desert. I slam on the brakes bail out of the car and sprint into the desert through the dust figuring I will need my boy scout first aid training. Just about then Jeff like an apperition appears out of the dust and said, " gee guess I fell asleep". After our hearts slowed down, we reversed course and went to a rat hole hotel where we all crashed on the floor (except for jeff, he needed the bed)

Last edited by Wizard612 : 03-15-2007 at 06:24 PM. Reason: spelling

03-15-2007, 08:01 PM

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Classic stories! Happy thanks!

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You'll notice no ride plate and shoe on the Rasberry. The snoot and up-down nozzel was from Jack. The action shots you can also see a fairly small little roostertail. All the more thrust heading in the right direction. That and the early Rodgers bottom made this puppy uber fast. Guys at the river with 300 yard roosters were just letting us racers know they were realy just dead ducks. Roosters had nothin to do with it. And how do you like that high tech motor? Earlier I said that Phaff did the first race engine for Rasberry. Craig told me, no the one and only Phaff engine went into Excalibur, the bubbledeck. We saw not much if any improvement so why use up the money when we could build our own. From then on Crag built the motors under the name of his shop, Nova Performance. But Nova stories will have to come later...

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That would explain this photo.....I never knew who Nova Performance was until now. 😊



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Mike

The liberty you posted looks like one of the earlier boats with that graphic design. Also with two riding by that point in time might have been an NJBA outing maybe even a powderpuff race. If so that's prably Steve Faller's wife at the wheel. Or...I could be full of dead brain cells.



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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!

So why did you only drive the one time, When did the team go there seperate ways.



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I can kinda see that as their posture is pretty good.😄

It looks like it is this boat.



SkiJet 891 - Liberty Boats s/n 0001 - Firebird Lake 1976

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How I remember the end

Mike D,

We all had our own reasons for hanging it up. Jeff didn't drive I guess due to his real interest in what was going on under the boat and the fact that the Rasberry was not a boat you just handed out to the crew every weekend for fun, after all it was the Millet family ski boat. Peterson stayed with the team right up to closing Nova's doors then went off to USC to start his professional life in Advertizing. Jeff as he said got his degree in aerospace. Since I was the oldest I had to crew part time while going to ASU for my Architecture degree. After graduation I built my own boat and Craig and I started a two boat team with the Eliminator tunnels. Craig and Jeff eventually moved over to Liberty where Jeff headed the boats and craig did the Compitition Marine side. I had my boat right up to the time I decided to settle down, seen too much heartake on the shore from wives and girlfriends to let my future wife go through it. Craig finaly said it was time to get serious and sold everything, went to school and became a lawyer (damn good one too), Jeff works on the Space Shuttle and Im an Architect designing schools. All in all a pretty good result from a bunch of crazy kids comming out of high school doing things we hope our kids never do.



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Quote:

Originally Posted by **MikeF**  View Post

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Here is another ad by Nova 



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wow

whats really cool is that even though the team split up ... you still managed to stay friends ... that doesnt happen all that oftenhell guys like you ..that dont have alot of money inspired alot of people to get involved in racing ...and still managed to keep it alive ... reading stories that you posted reminds me that even though times have changed the spirit of boat racing is still alive in my short time racing weve come up with some pretty good adventures ...and stories to tell.... i guess when it all boilsdown to it ...thats what its really about ... FUN..... keep thoes stories and pics coming ... 

just another day in tj.. 

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I know it's tough to remember these things but it's what makes us human, makes our lives worth remembering. Our Fathers had war stories and some of our friends talk about their time in Nam, but we had just as fullfilling experiences even if they didn't contribute to world history... it still became history, only of a different type. As this new generation of Jet boaters discover what we did (and I'm greatful for this opportunity) remember that your actions now become the stories for future generations. I only wish I could have heard my dad's stories while he was still with us. Enjoy this thread, I am

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I too learned the hard way that its a good idea to grab hold of moments like this before they are gone. I had a grandf who was on the front line of battle in WWII. I got some info out of him a few months before he passed, but it wasnt n

Anyways, it was nice meeting you, Mike F, on saturday.....I forgot to mention that Craig was going to give me that lib shirt so I could give it to you at the races, but I wasnt sure if I was going to go at that time, and I wasnt sure if you h mentioned if you were going or not. Plus I think it would be cooler if Craig gave it to you himself 😊

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **jbsurfin** 

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.

i mentioned this to harold while he was teching me this weekend. it really got a chuckle out of him.. he said that millett came over to him with this "thing" wrapped in a towel, and just said "don't tell -anybody- where you got this"... he said he picked up, like 8 mph with what was basically a stock ls7, and they were all screamin at him. funny stuff...

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OK GOAD what happened this weekend are you ready to put that "wrong-wright" on mothballs and get a fast boat on the water with the Raspberry or what. Give us all the skinny on the weekend results



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BP- Where is Mr. Bruce now, we only raced head to head only a few times but they were most memerable. Haven't talked to him since an APBA race in San Diego 1978-9.



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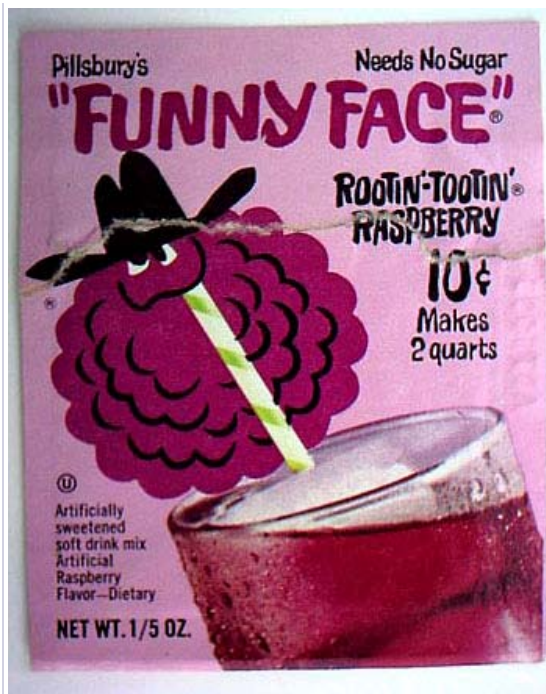
Quote:

Originally Posted by **Wizard612** 

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haha.....the 'wrong' is on its back with its belly up in the air getting sanded...I wasnt out there racing this weekend, just spectating and helping out a friend launching his boat.

Hopefully the gelcoat will get sprayed in the next few weeks on the wriedt and we can get it put back together within next couple of months so I can get the Rootin' Tootin' Raspberry project underway!



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Quote:

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what happend to the cool stories ?????? 

oh, im sure once I start working on the boat, more stories will come out as I find weird qweky things and start asking questions.

heres one.....why the hell is there a notch cut out of one of the stringers? its like a 1" wide by 1" deep notch cut into the striger at an angle just about where the rear motor mounts would sit. its cut right into the bare wood and not even sealed up

almost looks like someone cut it to make room for a cable. 

maybe it happened durring its years while it was lost and confused when someone decided to paint it flat black. 

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Location: se mass
Posts: 54

pancho is

👍 best thread i have seen

hey you guys,u have to keep this going,not a good week until i read this,faith in humanity is restored,i own a boat ive been around for twenty years and never realised all the camp fire storys would someday mean so much,the guy i bought it from owned it from 1967 to 2006 and we hung out alot,the boat was always a far off dream for me so the day he said he would sell it to me i had to go straight to pure oxygen,twenty years of no one else will ever own this boat,he was quoted many times it would be his coffin.the boat spent its life in eastern washington so it was pretty shocking for the locals back in 67 to see and hear it on the river,btw its a 63 stevens and back then there was nothing else like it for years to come,not like the socal scene.please keep the storys coming,the previous owner and his friends dont realise how much their back in the day storys mean to rest of us,again i want thank you for making my week!

yaap,thats my b😊😊😊😊

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396_WAYS_TO_SPIT

100% JERK

396_WAYS_TO_SPIT's

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I love the dumplines that are taped to the transom🍷 Now that is some old school schit😊

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **gqchris**

Hell, if everyone financed a boat payment at \$300 a month for 20 years, we could all be driving around in the "Bling Bling", Stripper Pole, 100,000 Watt Rolling night club machines! 🍷😊

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetaholic**

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Did we make sure the GPS was not on the eBay or the Craigs List setting?

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a few friends and myself are going to wire up the trailer tomorrow (and have a few cold ones while we're at it) so I can get the trailer down to the DMV to get it registered.....heres a few more detailed pictures I took of it...as you can see, I have my work cut out for me....











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Goad,

Have no Idea why the notch in the stinger doesn't sound like something we did. Just to make sure ask Craig. I't funny looking at your pix. Anyone that knows boats can see the quality cap that was done to your boat but that abortion of a paint job put over it puts in to question the viability of the human race.

One of my jobs on the race team was being in charge of the "Fine Shine" meaning after each heat to wipe everything down and keep it looking good. This was not a trivial thing because with a polishing cloth and paper towels at the ready we also walked around the boat with some of the standard size wrenches needed to check things like dach 8 braided hose fittings, fuel lines, looking for bent or browken parts even using a flash light to check under deck or the bottom under the trailer etc. Just cleaning was not the idea. If the boat was clean and we did our job right, everything was also in good mechanical order. I don't remember any of our competition doing this kind of overview. It also made the "boat cleaner" feel more important.



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Goad,

Is that notch at the top of the stinger or in the back bottom corner? Often the stingers were notched to allow for drainage to the center of the bilge for drainage.

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