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This newsletter keeps getting better. Most of that is because of you! More people sent photos and stories for this issue than ever before. That's why this is our biggest issue to date! When more people get involved *Flight* becomes more of an accurate reflection of what the sport truly is. While this is the first time we have heard from top riders like Geno Yauchler, Chip Reihl, and Scott Honkala, there are still plenty more riders out there who need to contribute. Keep the pictures and stories coming! The most exciting thing of all is that this sport is growing, and people everywhere are excited to ride.

Tony Klauich, D.C.
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Fly-Ins

After a few years of no Fly-ins, this year had several. Major Fly-Ins were held this year in Crane Lake, Canada, the Brazos River, TX, and on the Parker Strip, AZ. A couple other smaller ones took place.

These good time gatherings are important for foilers, and were largely successful because of the Hydrofoil Listbot (see story this quarter).

Here's a report from the Texas Fly-In by Todd Kyser:

Well, the Texas fly-in is over. :(

It was great! We had perfect weather all weekend. Some of the highlights included Mike's cabin cruiser that throws a 3' roller (at least), I landed a few big back rolls off of it. Jon stuck one double D after another and then went for a TRIPLE. It ended up being two and a half. Thomas Freeman, a local rider who goes huge, came 1/8 of a revolution from riding away from a double gainer, and Leland Speed threw several FRONTS off of this monster wake, and rode away from a few of them. I wish I got a better chance to meet Leland but he was flying his Air Chair at tree top level all weekend. This guy was sailing through the air non-stop, he



made me tired just watching. 10 year old Katy worked her way up to clearing both wakes on her jumps, and the best video clip in my book is 4 year old Ivan, who got a big cheer from the beach, then looked over and gave them a big thumbs up. Two riders to look for in the future are DJ and Dustin (DMV). Don't get me wrong about that future part, these two are really good now. The thing is, they have learned a lot in a short time and most important, they ride together and push each other, so I bet they continue to progress fast.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped us to put this thing on: Air Chair, Waterski America,



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The Fly In on the Brazos Brought Riders Together From All Over the Country

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Flitz Polishing Products, Murray's, Air Junky for putting up an info page for us, Kody Moore for designing the shirts, Paul Hicks and his wife Denise for doing all the grocery shopping and cooking, and everyone who brought a boat (I counted 16 boats with either an extended pylon or a tower!).



I'd also like to send out a HUGE thank you to Mike and Barbie for letting us use their place on the river. They welcomed all these strangers with open arms and invited us all back next year. I also must thank the riders. There was some really awesome foiling talent on the Brazos River that weekend, but regardless of talent, there were some really great people. It was really great to meet the people from the listbot (several times before I got their names down) and put faces to the names I've been reading about. And on that note I have to add that we would all never have heard of each other if it weren't for the list, so thanks Bill.

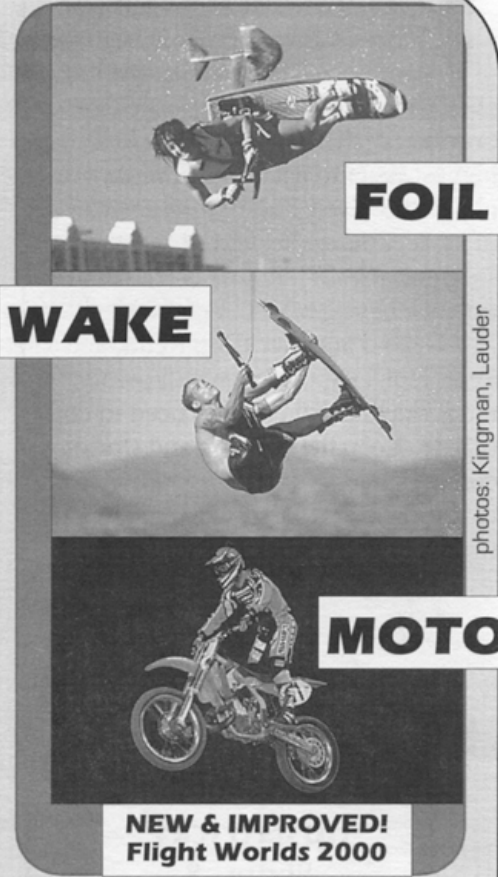
There were so many riders there, my only regret is that there were many people I didn't get much chance to talk to and ride with. Over all, I think it was a great event and I am looking forward to next year!

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Flight Worlds 2000 Update

Exciting news for big air fans: the Flight Worlds 2000 will feature 3 of the most extreme air sports. Hydrofoiling, Wakeboarding, and Freestyle Motocross will be headlining the show. Of course some incredible exhibitions are planned too. The tentative dates are in September (we are waiting to avoid conflict with other related events). The site is the same as last year; the Lake Elsinore inlet channel at the crossroads of Southern California. Hydrofoiling will be the main focus with practice on Thursday and qualifiers (Free Ride) starting Friday. More riders than ever will qualify into the finals! We will be adding at least one new class (juniors: up to 18) We are also *thinking* about a women's novice (depends on number of pro women's entries). Look for the Spring 2000 Flight for a complete update on rules, divisions, and a complete trick list (new tricks must be submitted and in the Spring 2000 Flight to be used in the Tricks format at the Worlds).

Over \$5,000 in cash and prizes will be up for grabs to hydrofoilers. Wakeboarding will be run a bit different this year. 4-6 pro riders will be automatically seeded into the semi-finals on Saturday. The balance of the field will qualify from a challenge round held on Wednesday. The survivors will ride for cash on Sunday. The boarders who go the biggest will also be invited to participate in the "Unlimited" Big Air Contest (foils & wakeboards). Freestyle Motocross is an exciting new discipline for this year's Flight Worlds (X-games format). The sport was pioneered in the SoCal area, and the world's best moto riders live in the surrounding area. Brian Deegon is leading the way and five more of the sport's elite will be in flight on Saturday and Sunday. Ramps and dirt ramp landings will be made, and these guys will be ready to go off! The Moto site is directly adjacent to the watersports area. It also looks very good for TV this year. We are currently in contact with several networks who are interested in broadcasting the event this year. This will be the biggest hydrofoiling event to date, so don't miss it!



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Homebuilt

About four years ago I saw a picture of the original Air Chair in a magazine and thought it was really cool. Coming from a construction/engineering background I thought it would be fun to try and make one. I talked about the idea with my brother Nick, who is a carpenter by trade, and we began working on it. While I had some of the ideas on how it could be done, it was my brother who made it all happen. I have to give full credit for the construction of our first homebuilt to him.

The deck of our first homebuilt is actually made from two water skis that were cut down and spliced together. If you were to look at the deck now you would think it was actually one piece of wood.



**Jamie Flying His Design...
Inverts Coming Soon!**

The metal parts, including the foils, T-bar and seat assembly are all made from grade 6061 aluminum. The seat itself is the type of seat you would buy for a fishing boat. The boots are simply 1/8" thick rubber loops without heel straps and the belt is similar to what you would find on an older model kneeboard. Since we did not know the specifics on the angle that the foils should be in relation to the deck, we allowed the deck to pivot in relation to the T-bar to allow for different angles. I'm happy to say that after four years of riding our first homebuilt is still going strong and still turning heads on Devil's Lake in Michigan.

This summer I was excited when I was given the opportunity to ride an older version of an Air Chair. After riding it, and looking at it closely, I realized I could improve on my homebuilt version. Once again though, I can not take full credit for building our second homebuilt. This

time it was my dad, who is also a carpenter by trade, that provided the hands on skills.

The deck of our second home built is made from a standard 2x12. We cut 9 individual pieces out of the 2x12 to make it curved, and then laminated them together similar to a butcher block.

This curved shape was a huge improvement over our original homebuilt because it allowed us to recover from sudden drops, which had usually resulted in face plants. The second biggest improvement was the T-bar attached to the deck and seat assembly with two ball bearing spring pins. You simply pull those two pins and the whole thing comes apart (our

first model required wrenches to take it apart). Once again we used 6061 aluminum. The boots are still the same rubber, but now we are experimenting with different types of heel straps or ankle leashes. The seat belt is made from an emergency tow strap with Velcro adjustments and an airplane seat buckle for quick release. We completed this second homebuilt on Labor Day weekend this past summer and the first time out I was able to get huge jumps right away (huge for us anyway). It rides smooth when cruising (22-25 mph) and recovers well after jumps. I have begun attempting dismount gain-



Homebuilt Foils For Fun And Enjoyment

ers on it which has prompted me to come up with some sort of heel straps since I practically flew out the first time I attempted one.

All in all it has been very rewarding making and riding these homebuilts. It has also been rewarding seeing others ride them as well (as long as they don't get better than me!). Almost all my friends have tried them and most have done very well. As I said before, I'm addicted to hydrofoiling now. While I'm sure I'll own an Air Chair or Sky Ski sometime in the future, I'll always have my A2K.

(Antoszew "ski" 2000)
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Upcoming Events

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The Leading Edge

Jon Wilborn: 222. After numerous attempts and countless crashes, Airborne Wilborn finally landed a mid-air double back flip and rode it away! He used the wake of an approaching boat to launch himself skywards. Unfortunately the 222 was not captured on tape, and Jon has made only one to date. By the way a 222 is also an over the counter Canadian pain killer.

Ron Stack: Method Air Wrap. Call it cheese if you like, but this is one stylish move. Stack goes wide, jumps, and grabs method (on the rail near his front foot). The air wrap follows the grab. Stack pulls the rope around his side and lands in the wrapped position.

Tony Klarich: Undertaker Gainer. Performing either a gainer or undertaker alone is tough enough, now Klarich is pulling off both at the same time with high consistency. While pictures are not yet available, look for an undertaker handle grab (arm under both legs) while completely inverted.

Geno Yauchler: BS Combo Roll to Skidder. Here's what you get when you cross a combo king with a great skidding foil. Geno recently used this one to impress the judges at the "World's Greatest Skier" contest.

Thomas Freeman: Double D dismount (without kick up wake). The difference with Freeman's move is this version of the mid air double back flip dismount is done *without* the aid of another boat. He cuts out into the flats and goes for broke. Can riding away from a double without a second boat be far behind?

John Clemmons: Twisty 540. This move was scored the best trick in the Novice Division at the last stop of the INT hydrofoiling competition in Lake Elsinore. Barefooter turned hydrofoiler, Clemmons jumps and spins the handle like a baton 1½ times before landing.

DMV: Cross Rocket Tail Grab. Check this one out on the new CAN Fly-In tape. Dustin jumps and grabs the tail of his board, reaching down and across to the opposite side. Looks great!

The Great Canadian Fly-In - Video Review



Agony & Ecstasy
Jon Wilborn is the
Star of this Show with
His "Double D"



photos: Lauder

If you have never been to a Fly-In, this one hour video will give you the feeling of being there. On the beach, hanging out, and on the water, the CFIV covers this event in great detail. It's nice to view footage of riders we don't normally see, from all ability levels. You will be able to compare yourself to what's really happening out there. One super highlight in this event video is the documentation of 11 foilers behind one boat...a new world record! The tower used to pull this amazing feat is a work unto itself. Would you have the guts to get out there in the middle of all that hardware? This video also documents (in detail) Wilborn's breakthrough Double D. Pain and pleasure combine into a video montage that shows what Wilborn continues to go through to perfect this awe-inspiring move. He hits a few perfect ones that could have you thinking this trick is easy. A couple of slow motion 1½ rotation tip first wipeouts brings everybody back to reality!

Another highlight is footage from the show performances on Saturday and Sunday night. The best foilers (and a few others) take their shot at impressing the good sized and energetic crowd. The long days and beautiful sunsets make for exceptional shows.

Finally, what would a hydrofoiling video be without crashes. Jake takes the cake as he catches the rope on a backroll and goes in hard. Fans of Foiling will enjoy the 1 hour running time. See Flight Marketplace or a Flight Video Flyer for ordering information. Don't miss it!

Insurance and the INT-League

More and more hydrofoilers are requesting that hydrofoiling be added to the INT-League competitions in their area. The holdup is insurance!

Hydrofoiling is still considered to be new and insurance companies have been hesitant to provide coverage. To help move things along, *Flight* has drafted a letter to the insurance carrier for the INT-League. In part, the letter states that there have been over 40 foiling competitions with no reports of serious injuries or claims. Hopefully this letter that explains the history of foiling competition will help to dispel the myth that foiling is a dangerous sport! While injuries can and do occur in any watersport, just compare the risks of foiling vs. wakeboarding.

Currently only Southern California has plans for foiling completions for the year 2000. To get foiling in your state it takes action. Contact your state coordinator and/or the INT and tell them you want foiling!

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As with any outside jump, a wide set up and takeoff will give you the best hang time and float to pull off the move. Cut out fairly hard so you get at least 45 degrees from the back of the boat (60 degrees out is even better for advanced riders). The trick to wide jumps is to get a “long and strong” pull followed quickly by a dip and pop. Hesitating too long before throwing the jump will cause you to get unwanted lift and throw off your timing.

with Tony Klarich

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Get a Good Set Up,
Nice and Wide



Dip and Pop
Stay Focused Ahead



Get a good jump
before trying to twist.
Keep the line in
with tension.



Release with your
outside hand. Keep
your shoulders level.
Keep your head
straight and look for
the landing

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TWIST

As your ski climbs, twist it to the inside by crunching and twisting with your stomach. Throw your knees in to the boat without letting them drop (pushing your feet). Simultaneously let go of the rope with your outside hand. Keep the handle near the knees, always aware of the tension in the line. Your elbow should be slightly bent. In this Shifty variation your outside hand is flung outward to counter-balance the lower body.



Line tension will bring you back. Control it. Use your free arm for balance and shoulders open. Try to relax!



Swing your arm back in and pull the rope. Try to land in the same direction you are travelling.



Get both hands on!



BACK SAFE

Float the trick while keeping a check on the line. As you start to come back down, your major means of returning is by pulling on the line. Move the handle even further to the inside to help move your knees outside. Use the regular landing technique: try to land in a line with the direction you are travelling, get your shoulders forward as the foil hits, and get both hands on the handle.

Here's a variation of a wide jump that looks good and is fun to do. Mike Murphy originally did the Shifty in 1994 with a slightly different variation. He does his wide jump and twists his whole body into the boat. He also turns his head even further and looks backwards during the peak of his move. The variation here is a bit easier and relies on handle control and arm position to complete the move.

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Good and Long

with Tony Klarich

One of the unique things about foiling is that you can get into trouble fast. Too much speed, too much height, or a host of other traps can sneak up and slam you. The good news is that you can greatly reduce those tough crashes by riding smart. Take your time learning new moves. If you try to go for it right away you may learn faster, but there is a much higher risk of injury. In the long run most riders will be further behind. I know a few riders who tried to jump too high too fast and took a painful fall, only to loose the taste for foiling.

To advance the smart way take your jumps up in steps. Don't over-extend yourself. You have to know your limits and ride within them. Don't try to learn rolls if you are still mastering jumps. Most of the time I ride at about 85% of my capabilities. That is, I could pull a move another foot higher or lay it out for a longer time. If I am having a good ride I will extend it up into the 90% range. Rarely will I push to the limit of my riding abilities. The

old phrase "get too close to the fire and you will get burned" applies here. I see a lot of riders constantly riding above their level. That may be o-kay in the short run, but it will severely limit your longevity in this sport.

Keep the speed down until you need it. Most riders can learn jumps at 20-23 mph. Stay here until you build confidence. Increase your speed, not the boat speed. One way to do this is to work into wide jumps with a cut. If you get the boat speed up too quick, then when it comes time for inverts you may feel dependent on the extra mph. Most riders can learn inverts at 22-24 mph. Falls at this speed are a lot less demanding than at 28 and over.

Another fall saver is to know your set up for a trick. For example, if you want to learn a wide air gainer the set up is to take a cut (from the same spot) out wide on the boat (past 45 degrees from the stern). You let up on the cut and flatten the foil out to get ready for the back flip. You lean forward to keep the foil down. There will be a 2-4 second period of little or no line tension. This is the best time to throw the move so that the line does not pull you off axis. A person who gets to know the set up will work on just

Consistency Counts

with Geno Yauchler

No matter what you do on the water, try to be as consistent as possible. Your boat driver will attest to that, as will your ego in a tournament, and your show director in a ski show. Falling is not fun! So how do you minimize your tumbles into the water? Well, practice is the most obvious ways to accomplish this, but if you don't know what to practice, here are a few pointers.

I feel the most important aspect of hydrofoiling skills has got to be air sense. If you know where you are at all times, you know what kind of motions you have to make to get the foil back under you for landings. When we are talking about inverts, you have to get your eyes focused on the landing area as soon as possible. If you notice people's eyes when they are upside down, you can tell whether or not they know where they are by there by the look they have. If they look lost, you know a crash is on the way. But if the eyes have definite purpose, they most likely will make the trick. Another way to build consistency is to always finish the trick you set out to make. Even if you don't think it is possible to pull it

out, don't give up. I can't tell you how many times I pulled out of a trick and thought, "how the heck did I make that?" And a lot of times the people in the boat say the same thing. Positive thinking helps too. This is an area where we all could use a little boost. Now I don't mean you have to walk around with a chip on your shoulder and portray yourself as invincible, or attempt things you have no business attempting. But having an inward confidence is the minimum what you need to complete your run with-

out falter. A wise man once told me, "If your thinkin' is stinkin', your performance will be too". I believe that goes for all aspects of life. One last item, for what it is worth. Give your boat driver the instructions, and make sure he knows what you want, and you are on the same page with hand signals. After that, don't worry about errors on his part. If the speed is a little off, deal with it. Consider it a challenge, and if you can still ride away, it will make you that much better. Trust me, if you get too picky, you may have to find another driver next time. Especially if it's your significant other! Keep on foilin'!



Geno knows a little something about consistency. He holds the record for continuous inverts without falling or stopping at 1,416. That was one 4½ hour ride!

the approach 30-50 times before even attempting the gainer. Learn the set up, and try to do everything the same each time. After a while you will know when everything feels right. Only then is it time to try the gainer. If anything feels funny or off balance during any part of the approach, don't try the trick. You just saved yourself an unnecessary fall. Learning the approach goes for any trick, not just the gainer. Finally, use the appropriate safety equipment, especially when learning new skills! A helmet, wetsuit, and thick vest go a long ways! I hope that some of these tips help you to ride longer and help cut down on your falls. It has worked for me and my students.

Quick Tips for Longevity

- ◆ Ride within your ability. Don't overextend yourself
- ◆ Learn the basics before moving on. Be patient!
- ◆ Master new skills before moving on.
- ◆ Warm up and use safety equipment.
- ◆ If your approach feels off, don't try the trick.

Get Higher

with Chip Reihl

When I ski, I try to always have a mental list of a few fundamentals that I am going to focus on during that ride: cut, dip, handle position, body position, etc. I also vary my riding speed significantly. I practice jumps and flips at all speeds from just under 6 mph to just over 35 mph. Throwing tricks at different speeds helps you become consistent at landing every thing. When you



One of the Big Boys

change your speed, your body learns to adjust in the air for different take-offs and thus increases your percentage of landings. Practicing the mechanics of riding helps to increase your air. Another way to make major improvements in your riding is to take a video such as the "Flight Worlds" or the Sky Ski promo video and watch it in frame by frame in slow motion to study all facets of the cut, dip, and jump. My personal goal is to be 1-2 feet higher every year. - By the time I'm 50... hmmm.??!!

Q&A - the Bucking Bronco

with Bill Kinnison

Q: I'm a new rider with my arms straight out and leaned forward slightly. Is that right? My problem is that I hit a slight bump and my arms move with the bump. I know it's "Arms move up ski goes down... arms move down ski goes up". I still sometimes get an uncontrollable oscillation and end up launching 3 feet in the air and doing a half gainer. What works for you?

Ross via the Hydrofoiling Listbot

A: The bucking bronco (up and down oscillations) is the effect of all your skiing through the years. You have WAY too much action going on in your feet. Keep it to a minimum. SMALL movements tend to do a lot. The hand position you describe is right, but if you move them with the bumps, then you can expect to start bucking. I don't care how good a rider is,

if their hand position is too high on a trick, they will go out the front. And if they hold onto the handle too long, it's gonna be an UGLY faceplant! So learn the lessons here, & don't go through the painful learning curve most of us have. Steer with your feet by

pointing them where you want to go. If you fall to one side, steer into it, SLIGHTLY (big movements will do way too much), just like riding a bicycle. When you rise to the top of the foil, lean forward SLIGHTLY to move back down. If you lean too far forward, you're goin' down. The same applies to fly the foil up, lean back SLIGHTLY...too far & you're goin' skyward, like it or not. Also, seat position is important. It should always be consistent. Use your hand to check that your back is even with the back of the seat. When you ride, your butt should always be in that same position. And when you get up, you should be sitting straight up. If you're leaning too far forward, then you need to shim the rear of the rear wing with a dime.



photo: Lauder / rider: Murphy

**Avoid Ugly Faceplants.
Keep your handle low
during Jumps!**



There are many styles of riding a hydrofoil. Some choose to go for air, others for inverts. Another style of riding that's getting a lot of attention lately is adding cheese to your run. What is cheese you wonder? It is going out and doing something new. Even if it is something as small as adding a one hander to a jump. Your plain old wake to wake jump has just become a fashion air. Add a tower grab to any one of your tricks and you are a cheese whiz! If you have never tried cheesing up your run it is great fun, and is an entertaining way to add style and flair. But don't laugh too much, after a while these tricks really add up, and sometimes open a new pathway to a cool looking "real" trick.

Today's undisputed "Big Cheese" is Ron Stack. With grabs galore, tweaks a plenty, and floaters flying, it only

takes a few seconds of watching him ride to see he has his own unique style. He currently goes 22 mph and has a fairly short list of inverts. But that doesn't keep any foiling fan from gluing their eyes to his every move. One of Ron's signature moves is a floater. He got the idea from this one from the motocross move called a "no hander" were the rider jumps and lets go of the handlebars. The basic move was a real breakthrough. No one in any discipline of skiing had done anything like it! But Stack never just settles with the basic move. Enter the Cheese. Grab the back of your head while doing a floater and you get a "Lazy Boy". Spin the handle while in a floater and you have a "Spinner". Do you see the pattern?

Ron's biggest partner in pushing the cheese envelope is Tony Klarich. Ron and Tony often go out and have a friendly challenge to see who can be the big cheese for the day. For example, one day last summer Klarich went out and tried to do a jump with a mid air handle wrap and recovery. Stack wondered why have the recovery at all and on his next turn simply jumped up, pulled in the rope and landed in the wrapped position. The "Air Wrap" was is born. Not a breathtaking trick in itself, but combine it smoothly with a Colonel Saunders or Wake Heli and you are stylin'! The next question for makers of the air wrap was if you can jump and wrap in the air, why not jump and unwrap? Stack figured that one out too, and he calls it the Swinging Door. The handle actually does a floater. One great thing about Swinging Door is the surprise factor. Klarich will cut out wrapped to do a wide air heli (or so they think) ...Surprise!!

Another offshoot of the Air Wrap was just done at this Fall's Sky Ski fly in. Ron jumped and grabbed method before going into the air



One Hand it with a Fist, Peace Sign, Hang Loose or #1

riders: Mack, Patty Clothier

wrap. This one looks super stylish. Do you see how the cheesy tricks can really ad up? (P.S. Ron is always good for adding a grab to a trick and calling it cheese!)

At that same Fly-in (and same set) the Stack-Klarich connection produced another gem. Stack was on this kick to not go inverted all weekend. On his second ride out he was messing around with all kinds of whacked out stuff. The brand new Method Air Wrap, floater variations, etc. At one point he was cutting out and going undertaker without the jump. That is super cheesy, but also a source of inspiration for Klarich. On his next ride Klarich did Ron's non-jumping undertaker, then added his own exclamation point. Klarich cut out,

(Continued on page 21)



Randy Babcock

Cheesy and Scary: the "No Peeky"



photo: Kingman / rider Jake Kinnison

Chicken Gainer, with Sound

"DOUBLE-D"

In the first issue of Flight, Jon Wilborn expressed his desire to be the first rider to intentionally land and ski away from a double invert. In May of 1999, he accomplished this monumental feat. Jon's drive to achieve this began a month earlier, in April, after Damon Moore called to say he had landed a 7 roll combo and off-handedly mentioned that George Gallegos was throwing double wake rolls with brutal crashes. That's what fired Jon up to be the first to land a double. The next time Jon and Bobby Taylor went skiing at Lake Elsinore, Jon threw a double wake roll, and crashed brutally!

The next month Chip Reihl and Jake Kinnison spent the weekend with us in Parker, AZ. The subject turned to the double and Jon decided it was time to quit talking the talk, and start walking the walk. On Saturday, with Jake driving, Jon made several tries at double gainers off the wake of his own boat. Because he continuously landed on his head (1 1/2 spins) the pain was minimal. But as he got closer to two full rotations, the pain increased. Fortunately, Jake had a supply of "222"s on board for Jon to get through the pain.

On Sunday afternoon, with the Temecula Valley Hydrofoilers (Bob and John Rowland, Joe Viscano, John Bennett, et al) standing on the docks, Jon threw double dismount gainers off the wake of Taylor's oncoming boat. On about the 5th try he made the two full rotations and landed the first double dismount gainer, the "Double D"!

Soon Jon took the Double D a step further by holding onto the rope while skiing at Canyon Lake, CA with Mike Murphy. It was no dice.

In October, Jon and Jake went to the Texas fly-in, where Jake met and skied with a young rider named Thomas Freeman. When they were getting ready to leave Texas, Jake turned to Jon and said, "Shake the hand of the guy who's going to land your trick." Jake then explained to Jon that on Thomas' third attempt he almost landed it. That's when Jon told Thomas to have respect for his elders and to not land the trick before he did. Thomas just turned away with a chuckle!

Two weeks later with a new fire, Jon, Jake, and Bobby set out to land this trick. With Jake driving the towboat, and Bobby throwing the roller, Jon, after about four attempts, landed the first double gainer and skied away with the handle in hand!! Jon has since watched video footage of his doubles, and with each viewing the trick becomes more clear to him. He feels certain that he'll land the double using the towboat's wake eventually. With his determination, nothing is impossible!

Jon attributes this feat to the support and encouragement he received from his friends and fellow foilers. He feels that without their faith in his abilities, the trick would have taken much longer to achieve.

That night it was decided that the hydrofoil listbot members should name the trick. A contest was held with the winning trick name announced at the Parker Fly-in, which was held in late October. The credit for the naming of the trick went to Tony Klarich, who submitted the name "222." Obviously Jon felt this was most appropriate! Thus, the double gainer is officially known as the "222."

*Teresa Wilborn,
Sky Ski
team rider'*

The Amazing "Double D"

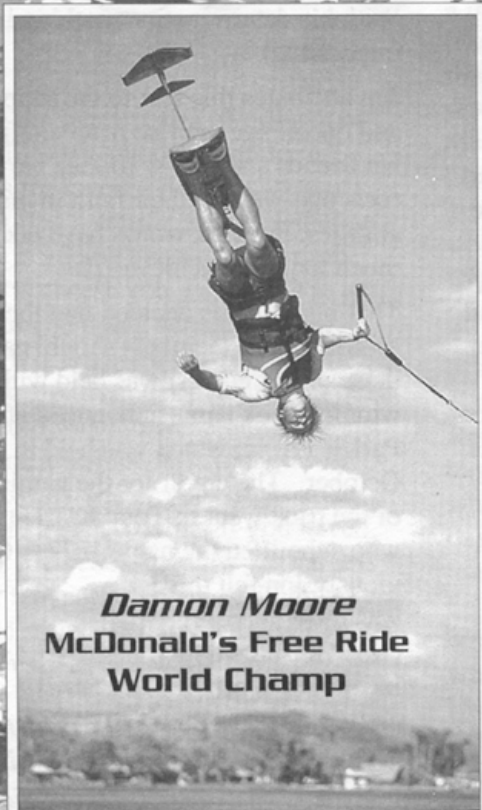
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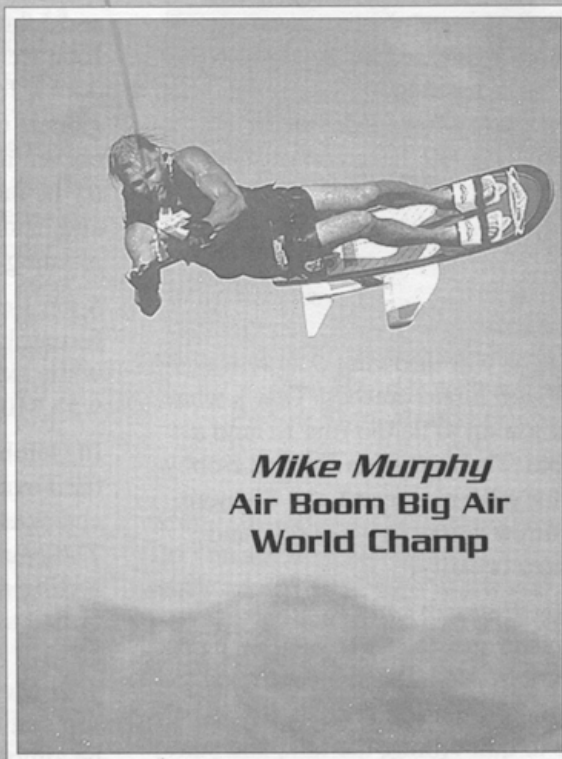


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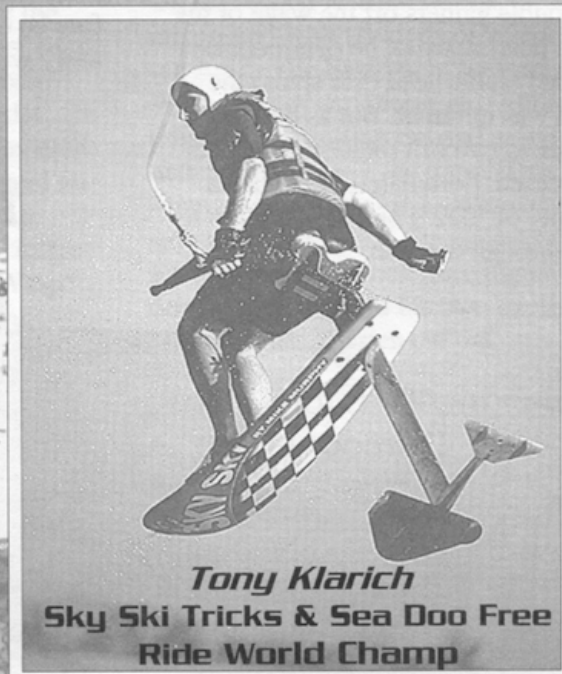
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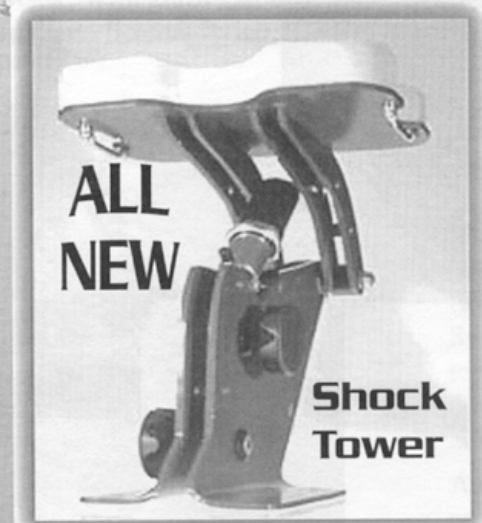
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The future of any sport depends on the youth.

Recently there has been a rise in the number of young riders, and that is fantastic for hydrofoiling. Some come from wakeboarding, some from skiing and kneeboarding, others started riding because their dad did it. Whatever the reason, it won't be long before these "underage" riders flip and spin their way into foiling's consciousness, and more importantly, the mainstream media. This group represents who will be taking foiling to the next level. The future's looking up!

Ivan Honkala, Age 4

"My name is Ivan "Murphy", and I've been hydrofoiling since I was 3!" our youngest foiling star says with a smile. You can't help but love him! Ivan gets his inspiration from dad (top foiler Scott Honkala). Scott ordered a cut down Sky Ski, but it's still too big, and Ivan's legs are totally straight. Nevertheless, Ivan cruises across the wakes. With a cue from dad he throws a "front flip" (all in his head), then "lands it" and gives a big thumbs up or peace sign. He is actually getting the start of a dismount gainer, jumping up and landing on his back at the end of his runs.

Ivan is not the only young Honkala that is interested in foiling, Scott pulls his 2 year old son Ian across the living room floor on a Sky Ski (without the foil of course). Ian's limited vocabulary includes all the essential words such as dad, boat, Sky Ski... what else is there? Daughters Jessica (6) and Barbara (8) also enjoy foiling. Mom does her part too, and has just added daughter Emma

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Don't Let His Size Fool You, Ivan Can Work a Crowd!

Mae to this foiling family. With a dad as dedicated as Scott (he has flown from NH to just about every foiling event and contest the past two years) this family of 5 kids (and growing) will be showing us all how it's done!

Kinnison on Ivan:

"Ivan and his dad showed up at the Texas Fly-In, and they each have foil bags. They each start getting their gear out of the bags and organized. His dad even has him take off his plywood travel foils off and put on his metal foils using the Allen wrench! Pulling him was a blast. He rides at 15, and he comes right up. A few times, he was ready before I was (I'm still in Wilborn's driver education class), and he was back there yelling 'Giddeup' every couple seconds! By the time he can sit on the seat (he can't reach it so he leans against it), he's going to be jumping and probably flipping."

Katy Haulotte, age 10

I started Sky Skiing when I was 8 years old. I got up on my first try! Before Sky Skiing I kneeboarded, played soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball, and liked to jump on my trampoline. I just started jumping the Sky Ski this summer. By the end of the summer I can sometimes clear both wakes on my jumps and can jump higher than my mom! My dad jumps higher than me and can land a gainer sometimes! My brother Bobby is 5 years old now. He started riding on my dad's lap when he was 4 and he likes it a lot. Ever since Bobby saw a picture of Ivan, the 3-year-old riding by himself he has wanted to try it too! I started trying dismount gainers after the Canadian Fly-in. I have gotten about 3/4 of the way around but still have not been able to complete one. One of my recent accomplishments was killing 11 fish at one time when I was Sky Skiing a few weeks ago at Table Rock Lake. This is one record I hope I don't top because I hurt my arm a little when it happened! I like hydrofoiling because it is something we do as a family and we all enjoy it. We usually go camping and Sky Skiing on the weekends. We usually go to Truman Lake, the biggest lake in Missouri.

We took a vacation and drove to Canada to my first Fly-in. It was a lot of fun I got to meet a lot of pros and a bunch of other people too! My dad and I have also got to go to the Texas Fly-in and The Parker Fly-in they were great too! Everyone at all the Fly-Ins has been very helpful and nice. My mom doesn't like to go after summer is over, but dad and I go whenever I don't have a game if it's sunny. We went last Saturday after Thanksgiving and had a lot of fun. I hope we can go to some more fly-ins and the Flight Worlds 2000!

Randy Babcock, age 12

When my son Randy was 10, I bought an Air Chair and he immediately wanted to ride it. I was apprehensive at first because of his size and weight (4'3" & 75 lbs.).

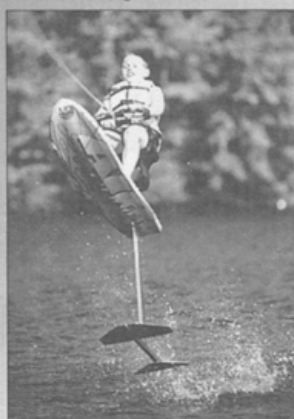
Randy's legs were simply too short to reach the bindings when he was buckled into the seat. So I bought another set of bindings, cut them back to make them smaller, and mounted them behind the original ones.

Randy got up his second time, much to the chagrin of his mother and friend who tried 20 or 30 times with little success. His second summer Randy watched me jumping and he said he wanted to give it a try. He pulled it off the first time! He even proved that he wasn't just a flash-in-the-pan by making his 2nd, 3rd and 4th tries as well. By this time he was 11 years old, 4'4" and 80 lbs. You should see the body English he puts into it to get it up there. It just can't be easy when your feet are in that close and you haven't got the body

weight. One good thing about being a smaller rider is that his recoveries from botched landings are a lot smoother than mine are. Today he gets about 2 feet under the foil outside and about 3 feet off the wake. He uses a 75' line off the extended pylon at 22-23 mph.

Currently Randy's almost the height where he can get in the normal bindings. I suspect it won't be very long before Randy wants to up the ante again by going inverted like dad. I'm sure he'll do fine.

Doug Babcock - proud dad



Randy is a Natural Jumper

Marlin Snow, Age 13

Great skiing is in the genes of the youngest person to ride away from an invert on a hydrofoil (13 years, 8 months). Marlin's dad worked at Sea World and Cypress Gardens, and now directs "Bubby's Water Ski Show Team", based in Ohio. Marlin started skiing at age 3, foiling at 7, and barefooting at 8. He also does wakeboard, slalom, doubles, and builds pyramids. Besides skiing, Marlin enjoys all kinds of sports, especially outdoors ones. He wrestles, snowboards, and even takes his dirt bike over small jumps.

Marlin was trying to roll for two years (since he was 11). This last summer he got serious about his riding, going out once a week with Chip Reihl. Marlin also just switched to Sky Ski and soon after started making his rolls "The Sky Ski gave me

more time to complete my flip", said Marlin excitedly. "That and Chip's coaching were the difference. It felt awesome!" Marlin also says foiling is great fun and he loves to get air! The just turned teen can now do both wake and air BS rolls, and spends most his time working on getting them consistent. "I would like to learn the Skidder and Gainer for next year, and do them all in our Ski



Smile Marlin, You are the World's Youngest Flipper!

Andrew Pilkington, age 15

Andrew, AKA "Airdrew", is getting some seriously sick air across both wakes and out to both sides. He does grabs, shiftys and puts in some serious cheese. He's attempted a couple gainer dismounts and did a wild wake helicopter that looked more like a wake flat spin, but it was very impressive looking. He didn't ride it away, but I've never seen anyone try anything like it. With a background in kneeboarding and wakeboarding, Andrew's focus has been solely on hydrofoiling since August and he has made remarkable progress in a very short period. Andrew is looking forward to the Flight Worlds next year and plans to participate in the Florida Fly-In (March), and Tennessee Fly-in (late May or early June). Andrew has the best fundamentals I've ever seen. His body position, ability to adjust in the air and instincts are very impressive. He'll be "Da Man" when he's old enough to be a man! ;-)

Rob Plamondon



Andrew Having Fun On a Jump





Ryan Stenderup, age 15

They call him "Flipper", and it was 1999 that he tried his first invert on a Sky Ski. Prior to this Ryan was a casual rider for about two years, taking a few foiling sets with his father Andy. Like many of today's teens Ryan was more interested in wakeboarding. He still considered himself a wakeboarder even though he had already gotten a taste of high-end hydrofoiling by landing 3 out of 10 backside rolls in his first set (of inverts), and 10 for 10 in his next session!



Ryan is Making his Mark as the #1 Jr.

Later that same day he learned air rolls, and made all but one of those!!! Enter the Southern California INT-League tournament. He spent the day before the tournament skiing with Jake Kinnison and learned 3 new tricks: wake frontside rolls from both directions, and a reverse backside roll. During the INT tournament Ryan not only won the Intermediate Division in Hydrofoiling, but also landed every trick he learned the day before from Jake. The next day he won the Advanced Wakeboard Division, but that was the "end" of his wakeboarding. After that contest Ryan decided to concentrate on hydrofoiling!

John Clemmons, another recent crossover rider (from barefooting), has also really helped Ryan along. Clemmons recently moved to Canyon Lake and has invited Ryan out for several sets with the top local riders. In early November, Ryan started landing front flips and is now about 50%. He also makes jump to backside roll combos. He is currently working on more combos, helicopters, and air front flips. Ryan skis one day a week on Sunday at Lake Buena Vista in Bakersfield with his father and his friends. Watch out Open Men!!!



At 15 Ryan Makes Front flips and Combos

Cameron Moses, age 16

The youth are coming on strong these days. Cameron Moses is in the top ranks of these new young riders venturing into the sport. Cameron lives in Parker, AZ with his house lying right along the banks of the infamous Parker Strip on the Colorado River (lucky guy)!

He's too modest to boast, so we will instead. Cameron learned his first gainer at age 14, and now has a trick list which include various one handed rolls, gainers, big air jumps, super tweaks, body slides, and lots of "cheese". A natural born hydrofoiler, he learned most of these tricks with relative ease, making his first roll after only a few attempts.

Getting a regular ski session is often difficult due to his tight schedule: football at 8AM, golf at 10AM, then off to work at Paradise Café (his family's restaurant) at 5PM. Not to mention difficulties keeping their boat afloat; finding your boat tied to the dock with only the bow above water tends to

inhibit any skiable speeds! Hopefully his boat troubles are behind him now and we will see him at Flight Worlds 2000. One last word of inspiration... Cameron talks about doing a front flip - any bets he'll have it down by next summer?

Cheryl Roberts



Cameron Performing One of His Many Inverts

Nathan La Russo, age 16

Nathan gets a nod for one of the fastest learners of the bunch. He has only been foiling for four months. Before that he was a recreational wakeboarder (no inverts). Nathan spends most his riding time on the Parker Strip of the Colorado River. The amazing thing is that he learned the wake roll after riding for less than two months! After recently learning dismount gainers at the wake, Nathan has landed his first gainer hanging on to the rope. According to his teaching mentors Jon and Teresa Wilborn his jumps are HUGE. He also messes around with grabs, releases, skidders, and around-the-boats.

"I started hydrofoiling with a friend and I got up right away", says an enthusiastic Nathan. "Then I saw Jon Wilborn on the River and it got me excited to ride. I went out and bought a foil, and hooked up with Jon. I owe a lot to the Wilborns, Without them I couldn't have done it." Inspired by his mentor, Jon Wilborn, Nathan says he wants to learn the double D. As a parting shot Nathan offered, "hydrofoiling is where watersports are going. It's so smooth and easier on your body. Besides, there's no way I would have ever got that high on a wakeboard."

Plug In to Hydrofoiling's Listbot

The Information Superhighway is living up to its name in the world of hydrofoiling. You can now join the hydrofoiling listbot online, and get daily fixes of everything hydrofoiling. If you know how to use email, the hydrofoiling listbot is simple to use. Posts from subscribers on the list appear in a subscriber's e-mail instead of on a private website. Riders can write generic messages to the list & all its subscribers or directly to each other. And although it is moderated, it's uncensored. So the content can be controversial, even argumentative, as long as it's clean & no one's taking shots directly at someone.

The first steps in developing the hydrofoiling listbot came in 1999 when Ian Lauder and I started the Sky Ski website. One of our first challenges was to find a way to quickly e-mail a notification to people about updates on the website. We found it in a free e-mail list offered by <http://www.listbot.com>. We discovered that we could use our new listbot in a whole new way that would benefit riders worldwide. It quickly became an uncensored forum for riders to BS about the obsession that we all have in common. Membership doesn't require you to be of any ability level, a customer of any one company's, rider of any particular foil, or from any particular location. Content is about how to do tricks, polishing foils, preference of boats, pylons, ropes, helmets, etc. etc.

At the time the list got going I knew that biases would come out, but what has surprised me is the readers' interest in NOT hearing about the biases at all. They just don't want to hear the negativity. Which is great, & I think it has helped to draw people closer. People

are getting together in all parts of the country because of the list, REGARDLESS of what they ride! Some didn't even know there were other foil riders nearby.

Every time someone hooks up with a new friend, or lands a new trick because of the list, I get a huge grin on my face. I feel like I've helped that person get better. The Canadian Fly-In was a huge success, partially because the list helped spread the word in a short amount of time. Event organizer Ron Young had 100 Gath helmets there to sell to the attendees was because he saw the interest on the list. People wanted helmets, they said so, and Ron hopped on it. List members also planned the Minnesota event this summer. When it was over they came back to the list with a TON of good news about it.. Other Fly-ins this past summer in Texas and Arizona were also helped along greatly by the list. They'll tell 2 friends, & they'll tell 2 friends, and so on, and so on...

The list, combined with the how-tos on the Sky Ski website, is a great coaching tool. It allows me to coach a guy riding in the Midwest from Seattle! He doesn't have to go

through all the trial & error that we did. He gets his tips on his computer from a variety of people, goes out & tries them a few times. After an on-water session he goes back to his PC, reports his progress to his coaches, gets a few more pointers, then goes back out & tries it again. He has an entire coaching staff at his disposal. Maybe one coach won't be able to help as much as another. Riders no longer have to travel half way across the country to get coaching on how to land something. Now he can go to an event & show everyone an entire run full of tricks that he's learned, partially because of these resources!

Last July the list had its 100th subscriber sign up. Today (December) the list has over 200 subscribers & it continues to grow daily. This past October the list turned 1 year old & has had over 4,000 messages distributed worldwide. Subscribers include riders from all walks of life, & from every corner of the world.

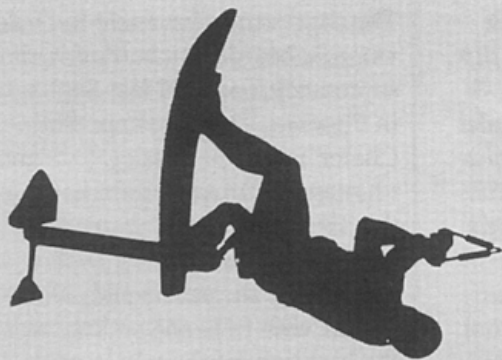
Early on I was the only person to post to the Hydrofoil list daily. It made me wonder if the list would survive. Now there are dozens of people who regularly use the list. When one of them misses a day, they are missed by other subscribers so much that people post messages asking if they are OK. I think it's safe to say that the Hydrofoil List will not only survive, but I hope it helps draw the hydrofoil riders around the world closer together.

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I have enjoyed reading and commenting on the hydrofoil listbot for over a year now. The best part about the listbot is the global community it has created. With members from all over the world (Canada, Switzerland, Mexico, Sweden, England, Taiwan...just to name a few countries) hydrofoilers can keep in touch and develop a network of colleagues and friends to ask advice from, or get moral support when needed. This network also comes in handy when riders are traveling and want to ski somewhere new, or merely meet up with riders they corresponded with on the list. The subjects discussed range from tips for beginners, novice and advanced riders, which products are used or preferred, to weekly updates on riders' progress. There's also a great sense of humor and fun that takes place every day. The listbot is also a great way to keep abreast of future get-togethers, or "fly-in" activities. For example, last July the Canadian members of the list hosted a fly-in and announced it on the list. As a result, the attendance was phenomenal. Likewise with the Parker Fly-In last October. It was great to get to meet fellow list members and put faces with names! The point I'm trying to make is this: Join the listbot now...you'll be introduced to a whole new source of daily information related to the sport we all love...foilin'!

Teresa Willborn - #1 Poster Gal



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World's Greatest Skier Contest

The WGS contest in Winter Haven, FL was an incredible weekend. My wife Laurie and I took our ski boat to witness the best in the world do battle to be crowned #1 overall skier. Both days we had good weather. The site was Lake Summit (a 1 minute boat ride to Cypress Gardens). Although 15 skiers were invited, more than half declined for various reasons. The six riders who did come to this groundbreaking event competed in 8 disciplines. Saturday started off with slalom, traditional tricks, and was followed by distance & freestyle jumping. Hydrofoiling (free ride) was the last event on Saturday. Sunday started with barefooting then wakeboarding and finally the wild card.

The wild card was the best! It was 10 minutes of anything you wanted to do. Jeff went first with a 10 minute flight on the Gardens Kite at about 1000' feet up with a perfect dry landing. Curtis did a clown act on a disc that was very funny. Matt Dance (winner of this year's Lynn Novakovski award for the top show skier) mixed it up with Wakeboarding and ramp jumping. Murphy drove for Tony and I had the pleasure of getting Tony his lines as he switched. Tony did a variety of disciplines starting with the air board. He cruised, jumped and did mid-flight board grabs. Then he did kneeboard slalom at 22 off then we switched him on the fly to 28 off (all at 24 mph). Man he slaloms like a rocket ship on a kneeboard. Next we switched lines again as Klarich went to kneeboard tricks. He slammed every trick including various rolls, fronts and 540s. Upon

coming in for a landing at a different dock, Tony found a boat in his way. He yelled for it to be moved while on the fly. Never losing his cool he then calmly changed to his hot dog ski. He finally had his first fall on a wrapped heli dock start. He also fell on his front flip but stood up all his other hot dog tricks including a back deep start right in front of the judges. 10 minutes of intense skiing like this would tire any youngster! Geno was second to last doing incredible stuff too. He took his wakeboard and did some awesome jumping and inverts off the ramp while inverting on the turn arounds to go off on the ramp again. Changing to shoe skis he went off the ramp again and nailed a gainer. He also did long dives (jumping out of his skis) off the ramp. His triple front flip was very impressive, landing on his feet and butt. Geno ended his run with a backward barefoot start off the top of the

ramp. Last was Zane Schwenk. This man must not be missed. He did a run on a single freestyle jump ski that looked like he was riding a wakeboard. Next was a mind-blowing run on shoe skis. He did wake back rolls, tantrums, front flips, and even a Raley. I have never seen such skiing! It was killer to see so many tricks I have never even seen, or even dreamed of! Insane Zane ended his run with some comedy and a blind barefoot start off the ramp. Just when you think you have seen it all a skier like Zane comes along and drops your jaw watching him go off. Zane won the contest hands down. He is the man. Sunday he took first in all events. The Trophy was awesome a multiple glass piece with etched copy and logo on it. Next year they want to have 10 skiers with 10 events and the skier can drop 2 events. Klarich is happy that kneeboarding will be included as a regular event next year. The scores for Hydrofoil went as

1. Geno Yauchler 90
2. Tony Klarich 89
3. Zane Schwenk 74
4. Jeff Schmick 68
5. Matt Dance 62
6. Curtis Rabe 5

In the Hydrofoil event there were quite a few raised eyebrows as Murphy, Shonna, Laurie, myself and even Geno thought that Tony had won the foilin' event but the judges saw it a different way. K2 couldn't change their mind either. Hehe! Tony did 3 variations of helis and 5 different combos. I feel he did more tricks than Geno and didn't fall. Geno did a great run too, with the best air of the day, but fell once on a combo. He did nail a triple combo and double combo to skidder. Geno finished his run with a single gainer dismount while Klarich stuck a perfect gainer combo and coasted to a stop. All in all it was a sight to be seen.

Phil Dixon

WGS Hot Moves

Slalom: *6@35 off* - Tony Klarich
Trick Skiing: *Rolls and a front flip* - Zane Schwenk
Distance Jump: *149'* - Curtis Rabe
Free Style Jumping: *One ski back mobius* - Jeff Schmick
Discombobulator 1 ski roll with a 180 turn - Zane
Foiling: *Combo to Skidder* -Geno:
3 heli variations - Klarich:
Barefoot: *front flips, 180s* - Zane
Wakeboard: Whirly's, rolls to blind. All huge! - Zane
Wild Card: WOW!!! See Story.

Banana George Statue

The Water Ski Hall of Fame in Winter Haven, Flight:, recently acquired a life-size wax statue of one of the barefooting's most enthusiastic and well know ambassadors. Unlike many of the wax figures on display throughout the country, this statue is a lifecast mold of Blair's body. The figure was constructed of a plastic blend, and detailed with 10 layers of intricate artwork and human prosthesis eyes.

"I was amazed when we opened that huge box at the Hall of Fame, "Blair said. "I didn't know I looked like that!" Jennifer Calleri (former Women's Barefoot World Champion and now girlfriend of Zane Schwenk) told me she came into the museum and though it was me until she heard me talking in another room. She said it was eerie"



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Air War

The first competition to pit hydrofoils vs. wakeboards in a battle for air supremacy was held last September in Phoenix. The pro shop "Ski Chalet" has been putting on a great tournament for two years now, and this time foils were included. HO/ Hyperlite rep Greg Dick was on hand to see the action and said, "the big air with foils and wakeboards was the highlight of the whole contest. I have never seen hydrofoilers go that high before, I and I loved it. At first I thought the Sky Skiers would blow the wakeboarders away. Everyone was suprized."

Even pro wakeboarder Ricky Gonzales thought it would be no contest. He (and a few other wakeboarders) wanted their money back, and had to be talked into competing.

In the end the wakeboarders stepped it up and ended up taking first and second. Thomas Freeman took third overall, and was the highest foiler. Mike Murphy also placed high in the overall scores.

Wakeboarding won round one of this battle, and it is a good thing! Now these guys will be more willing to open up more of these type events. The good news for foilers is that big air riders Damon Moore and Jon Wilborn were not in attendance. Everyone will get their chance again next year. In addition to the big air event, Ski Chalet is considering adding a hydrofoil event next year. ofoil Free Ride or Tricks next year. Stay Tuned...

Results: Ski Chalet Big Air Contest

1. Shawn Watson - wakeboard
2. Ricky Gonzales - wakeboard
3. Thomas Freeman - hydrofoil

Reverse Osmosis

Can it be that hydrofoiling has influenced wakeboarding? It appears so. Ron Stack has been pulling floaters (and multiple variations) on his hydrofoil for three years now. The December issue of Wakeboarding Magazine features two riders doing floater variations. "New School" rider Chase Heavner does what he calls a Suicide



(wake jump floater) that gets its name taken from a similar move in Motocross). Shaun Murray has really blown minds with his incredible Osmosis 540. 1½ turns across the wake with a floater in between. Now it's time to bounce it back to foiling for an osmosis heli!

Billy Rossini Crossover

The kneeboard-hydrofoil connection is alive and well, with another top kneeboarders making the jump. Rossini is known for his pioneering of freestyle kneeboarding (tall pylons, huge wakes), and double front flips attempts on the kneeboard. In his own words Billy says, "I've been out around fifteen times on a hydrofoil, with the last eight times on the SS. The Lazy boy and a decent Skidder are fun to play with. Presently, I'm just trying to build a strong foundation for basic riding and control so when I decide to let loose, my level of confidence and awareness will be higher than if I went for more radical tricks right off the bat. It's the same route I went with kneeboarding and I can't complain. Just ask Jonathan, Yates, David and Mario how bad I spanked them at events over the last few years without doubles in my run. (I can brag because I can back it up. Kneeboarding is still cool.)". The way Billy rides, kneeboarding is still very cool!

Rossini follows other outstanding kneeboarders who are avid foilers including Tony Klarich, Damon Moore, and Mark Ritchart.

PS: the night before *Flight* deadline: Billy landed his first BS rolls and air BS rolls and says he's "hooked for life!"

K2 Sponsored

Not yet one year old, and this California kid already has his first product endorsement and a signature foil. Mike Mack and his parter Gordy are soon to be releasing their own ski skimmers, kids trainers and junior's skis. Thanks to Mike Mack, K2 is their first sponsored rider. Mack has an extensive background in teaching young kids to ski at his school on the Colorado River. Gordy is a consummate professional, and has been instrumental in running the shop. Their new Ski Skimmers will have quick release bungy bindings, and adjustable rope that attaches directly to the ski. For more information on a great way to get kids up and skiing contact Mike Mack at 520-667-4399. K2's great uncle, Mike Murphy, also has plans for a sized down kids Sky Ski. The board to be called the K2 for "Kids Too".

K2 could not be reached for comment, especially since he only speaks one word at a



K2 will have a signature Sky Ski and a Ski Sponsor

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grabbed the handle under his legs and then threw a gainer. After a few tries to learn out how to do a gainer without throwing your shoulders back, Klarich had it pegged. The handle transfer back to regular riding comes after coming over the top. The "Undertaker Gainer" (AKA T-back) was born. (A gainer with undertaker while inverted).

The lesson to be learned in all this talk about coming up with new tricks is to keep trying new moves. Who knows what new path your cheese will lead.

Here's some examples of cheesy moves:

Mike Murphy: "*Flying Chicken with Sound Effects*": the first person to add sound effects to a move. Just fly, flap, & cluck!

Ron Stack: "*Typewriter*": Do a wide jump and alternate moving your hands up and down on and handle

Chip Reihl: "*Flippin' Chicken in a Pan*": A laid out gainer with a Flyin Chicken Half around landed in a skidder.

Scott Honkala: "*Double Grab Floater*": Start with the jump, then grab method on the rail. Next, release the handle for a quick floater and at the same time quickly grab the tail.

Tony Christian: "*Method McThruster*". Start with a method grab on the rail near the front foot, then lay it pack into a McThruster.

Todd Kyser: "*the Rodeo*" It's like the undertaker, but instead of reaching under both legs for the handle you reach between your legs to grab the handle. Then you throw your free hand back to hit the classic bull rider position and give the audience a good "YeeHaa!" before landing.

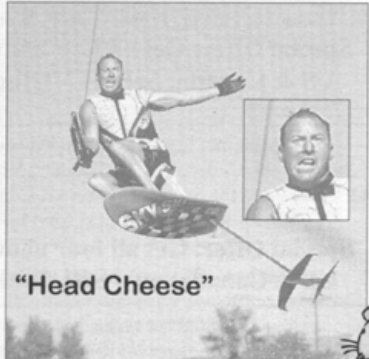
Ivan Honkala: "*the Mike Murphy*" Cuts back and forth as fast as possible, with a lot of facial expression and some pretty funny body English.

Ways to be Cheesy:

- Let go with one hand!
- Combine two elements into one trick
- Do tricks in a new spot (example: inside-out jumps)
- Try anything new, no matter how silly it may seem
- Add a grab (tower or board)



21 rider Klarich / photo Kingman



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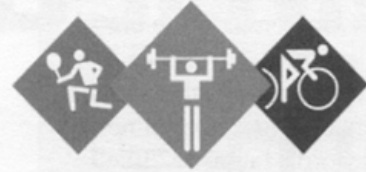
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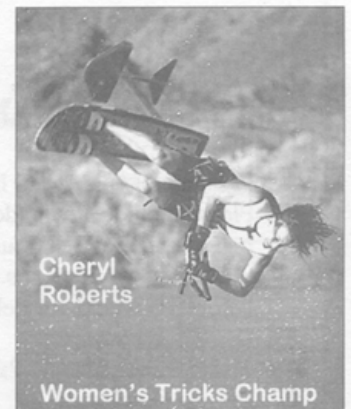
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