

NOTEWORTHY

PRODUCTS, PEOPLE, EVENTS

NITRO BEARINGS

Nitro Bearings welcomes three-time Overall World Slalom Racing Champion, Jason Mitchell to the team. Jason rode the Nitro Ceramics to the 1st place in many races in 2006 and has designed a new ceramic which bear his nick name: The Racer X nitrobearings.com



JONES SODA

We don't normally cover soda or any type of beverage, but this time, we couldn't resist. Way to go, Scott Starr.



LANIKAI



Lanikai produce boards and accessories for girls. Longboards and pool boards tried and tested by Vicky, Charlotte, Kristie, Hannah and Tori whom skate and own Lanikai. Three of the girls are sponsored by Lush Longboards in the UK already but really felt the five of them could combine to create something extra special. For more info and photos visit myspace.com/lanikaikateboards. Trade enquiries call YDNA Surf & Skate 44 1202 555 455.

OLD MAN JAM

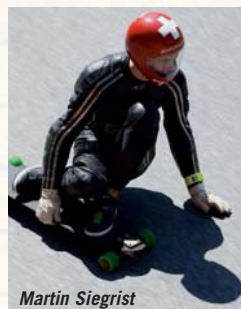


The Old Man Jam was held at Brooklyn's Owl's Head Park on Saturday September 9th. The turnout was represented by skaters of all ages. Those who "looked" 30 or older were given free "Old Man Jam" t-shirts and tons of other great giveaways were raffled off by the event host, JJ Rudisill. The main action was in the Wally Holliday-built pool. Allentown, Pennsylvania's John Babiarz was likely the oldest skater at the event, proudly holding up his AARP at one point. "JohnnyB" was also the lucky recipient of a Wes Humpston-signed 44" Bulldog longboard. Skaters enjoyed the all day snake session in the pool, which was highlighted with lots of grinds, some big airs, and a few good slams. All participants were left hobbling away with big smiles and hopes that this event becomes an annual gathering.

SIEGRIST ON FIRE

On August 19 and 20 of 2006, the third race of the French downhill championship was held at the Izoard Pass in the French Alps. The course was 2

kilometers long, with a lot of turns and it offered some spectacular views. The race was organized by the CND, Commission Nationale Descente who supervise all the French races. It was also a regional IGSA event. In stand-up, Martin Siegrist dominated. For more info go to izoard.net and descente.fr. Speaking of IGSA, the world championships were held in Scheid Switzerland this year. The road was one of the most challenging in the history of downhill skating. It was very steep and technical and favored lightweight riders. Over 200 competitors from 20 countries showed up to race. The winner in downhill stand up once again was Martin Siegrist.



Martin Siegrist

JAY BOY BOOK LAUNCH



The book launch for "Jay Boy" was held on Saturday, September 9th. Over 200 people met up at San Diego's Basic Bar. There were a number of notable guests including Jay's wife, Alisha, their new daughter, Venice and Jay's son, Seven. Jay's step-father, Kent Sherwood was on-hand to sign books. Other notable guests included, Paul Constantineau, Nathan Pratt, Wes Humpston, Dave Hackett, Steve Olson, Denis Schufeldt and Mr. Bennett. Special thanks goes out to the event sponsors – Michael Early of Pool King Skateboards, Mark and Debra Center of Z Sports Distribution, Buddy and Traci Carr of Tailtap.com, Greg Matson of Z Flex and the Basic Bar, who provided a great environment along with some terrific pizza. "Jay Boy" features images of California during the 1960's and early 70's. The photos were taken by Kent Sherwood and recently captioned by Jay Adams. The book was edited by Glen E. Friedman and is co-publishing venture between Concrete Wave Editions and Pool King Skateboards. It is available via tailtap.com

THE 4TH ANNUAL TORONTO BOARD MEETING

By Nick Pourgoutzidis

This year, I was lucky enough to witness my first Board Meeting. As I kicked into the parking lot I was in awe at the mass of riders converging. All were

dressed in collared shirts, with ties to match. A few had full-on executive attire. After a few proud (and quite ecstatic) words from Matticus, the newly appointed guide of this growing tour, 148 longboarders took to the streets. As we approached the first hill in our ride, the adrenaline in the crowd began to pump and the cheers became louder. Passers by gawked in amazement at the dozens upon dozens of bobbing and weaving heads that poured into the street, asking "what is this FOR?"

AMERICAN NOMAD BOARD MEETING



Photo: Michael Haller

Fred Smith, Bill Danforth and Jay Kelly

The 2006 American Nomad board meeting took place over September 23rd & 24th in South Windsor, Connecticut. Bill Danforth and Jay Kelly conducted break out sessions at Connecticut's more favorable skate spots, demonstrating new products by way of old techniques and creating much-needed stoke in southern New England. Barking dogs and pool coping could be heard throughout the neighborhood as Bill Danforth, Fred Smith and scores of others enjoyed watching skaters from across the east give a clinic in miniramp ripping, body slams, and deck heckling.



SLAC PASKAPOO DOWNHILL RODEO

The first annual Paskapoo Downhill Rodeo, an international downhill race put on by the Speedboard & Longboard Association of Calgary on Aug. 26th was a surprising success. The contest was hosted at Calgary's Canada Olympic

Park (formerly Paskapoo) was put together in just a couple months. The inaugural event went off big with a huge crowd of spectators and an international line-up of racers who took on the steep winding course with no holds barred. The electronic microchip timing system employed worked perfectly capturing racer's individual times and leaving no question in qualifying.

Buses to run the racers back up to the top of the



Photo: Jeremy Burke

Group shot of Toronto Board Meeting — over 145 skaters showed up.