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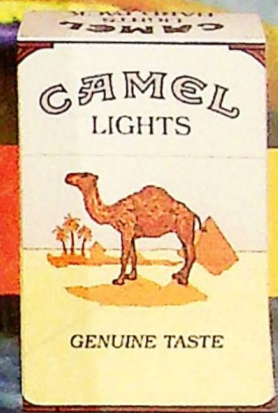
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- 1 - 3 p.m. Unlimited Qualifying
- 3 - 5 p.m. Unlimited Lights Testing
- SATURDAY, JULY 29**
- 7 a.m. Admission Gates Open
- 9 - 1 p.m. Unlimited Hydroplanes Qualifying
- 1 - 3 p.m. Over the River Air Show  
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- 3:15 p.m. Unlimited Lights Heat 1A
- 3:30 p.m. Unlimited Lights Heat 1B
- 3:45 p.m. Antique Unlimited Hydroplanes
- 4:15 p.m. Unlimited Lights Heat 2A
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- 5 p.m. Rose City Water Skiers

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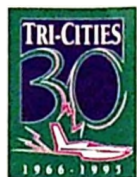


# 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1995 BUDWEISER COLUMBIA CUP

OVER THE RIVER AIR SHOW

ROBERT YOUNG & ASSOCIATES UNLIMITED LIGHTS



**KICKOFF**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 27**

Noon 30th Birthday Luncheon at the Tri-Cities Coliseum

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**

7 a.m. Admission Gates Open  
9 a.m. - Noon Unlimited Testing/Qualifying  
Noon - 1 p.m. Over the River Fly-bys  
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**RACE DAY**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 30**

7 a.m. Admission Gates Open  
9 - 10:30 a.m. Unlimited Hydroplane Testing  
10:30 a.m. Driver's Parade  
10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies with Fly-bys & Mira Slovak presented by Columbia Center Mall  
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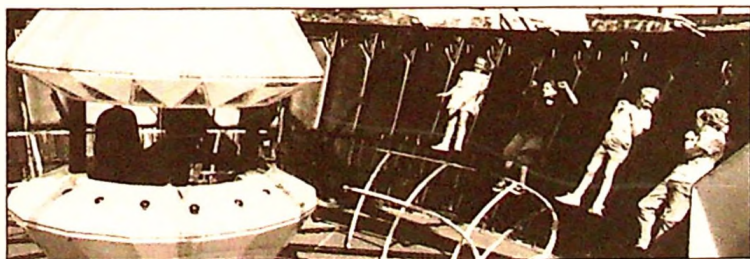
There's something for everyone at the action-packed 30th Boat Race Weekend. Expect great shows on and over the Columbia River.

### BUDWEISER COLUMBIA CUP

Ten to 14 of the world's fastest boats - the unlimited hydroplanes - compete at speeds over 150 m.p.h. for the Budweiser Columbia Cup. The Tri-Cities is just one of 10 sites in the U.S. these boats race.

### OVER THE RIVER AIR SHOW

A fantastic two-hour show on Saturday and between heats on Sunday. Action includes: Mira Slovak, a former Czechoslovakian air force pilot who drove the unlimited hydroplane Harrah's Tahoe Miss



in 1966; an F-16 demonstration; and numerous civilian and military aircraft from the past and present.

### ROBERT YOUNG & ASSOCIATES UNLIMITED LIGHTS

Automotive-powered unlimited lights add noise and racing excitement throughout the weekend. Twelve or more hydroplanes compete. Qualifying and racing on Saturday. Final on Sunday.

### PIT TOURS

The best guides of any race site take you through the pits. Learn about each boat and driver and see the boats and crew up close!

### DAVIS CARNIVAL

From the easy going kiddie rides to everyone's

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### ROSE CITY WATER SKIERS

Unbelievable stunts such as pyramids, twists, and tricks throughout the weekend. A crowd favorite!

### RADIO-CONTROLLED MINI HYDROPLANES

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Columbia Park Lagoon, adding more competitive racing to the weekend.

### ANTIQUE HYDROPLANES

50s and 60s favorites: the Hawaii Kai III and the Miss Thriftway are on display in the pits and running on the river throughout the weekend.

### PRICE CHOPPER/THRIFTWAY FAMILY FUN CENTER

Sunday only. Games for the kids and a great spot for the family to watch all the action! Located in the west end of Columbia Park.

### THE WATER FOLLIES BEACH BAND

Catch the band while it roams through Columbia Park taking requests. The five-piece brass band performs Sunday.



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"DAD DROVE IN THE TRI-CITIES' FIRST RACE BUT MITCH AND I WERE MORE INTERESTED IN THE BUMPER CARS AT THE CARNIVAL THAN BOAT RACING."

MARK EVANS,  
DRIVER OF THE U-99  
MISS ROCK

"YEAH, I REMEMBER THE RACES. WE GOT KICKED OFF THE BUMPER CARS."

MITCH EVANS, DRIVER  
OF THE U-3 MILL BAY  
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# Here's to 30 More Years.

As trophies sponsor for nine years now, we have come to appreciate the community of effort it takes to put on the Columbia Cup Races. In a sense, we can identify with the degree of teamwork required.

Congratulations to all those involved, and especially the fans, for making the races happen for us.

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# TRI-CITIES 1966 ATOMIC CUP

## A BRIGHT SPOT IN A DOWN YEAR

BY CARL HOLMQUIST

It's hard to believe that almost 30 years have passed since unlimited hydroplane racing experienced its most devastating season in 1966. Four top drivers were tragically lost at races in Detroit and Washington, D.C. Critics called for a ban on the sport, or wanted the rest of the season cancelled. But the racing schedule continued.

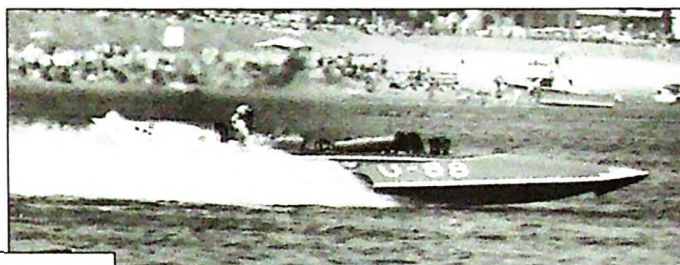
In the midst of this gloom emerged an "oasis in the desert" -- the 1966 Tri-Cities Atomic Cup.

After months of selling, planning and working on the newest and biggest event to hit the Tri-Cities, race day finally dawned -- Sunday, July 24, 1966. An estimated crowd of 55,000 people was on hand to witness the start.

Just a few of the race contenders included: Dollar Bill and Bill Muncey, on loan from the Miss U.S.; Smirnoff and Bill Cantrell; Miss Chrysler Crew and Bill Sterett; Wayfarer's Club Lady and Bob Fendler; Miss Budweiser and Bill Brow; Harrah's Tahoe Miss

Harrah's Tahoe Miss.

The unlimiteds that answered the starting gun for the six-lap fi-



Carl Holmquist



nal were: Miss Budweiser, Miss Chrysler Crew, Smirnoff, Wayfarer's Club Lady, Savair's Probe and Harrah's Tahoe Miss. Both

Budweiser and Chrysler Crew had to finish first to win the overall Atomic Cup title.

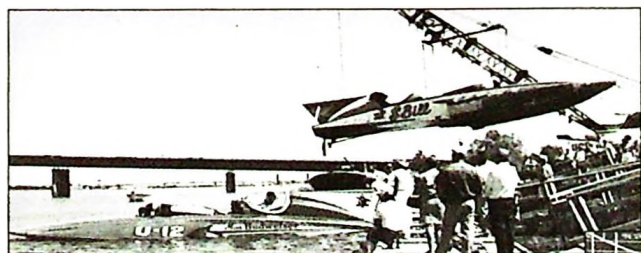
At the start, Bill Brow in the Miss Bud and Bill Sterett in Chrysler Crew charged hard towards the first turn. Bill Cantrell and The Smirnoff weren't far behind. Up the back chute, the Budweiser and Chrysler Crew raced side-by-side.

Suddenly, Chrysler Crew leaped from the water and lost power. Driver Bill Sterett threw both hands into the air indicating he was finished. It looked like an easy win for the Budweiser, but wait! Along came Mira Slovak in Harrah's Tahoe Miss.

Slovak passed Smirnoff for second place. He chased and passed the Budweiser. But just after starting lap four, the Tahoe Miss went dead, leaving Bernie Little's Miss Budweiser in the lead. And that's the way it stayed.

**"I'LL NEVER FORGET JIM RANGER COMING TO THE AWARDS BANQUET WITH A PIECE OF MY BUOY IN HIS HAND. HE HIT ONE AND HE RAVED HOW THOSE BUOY'S DIDN'T DAMAGE HIS BOAT."**

**JIM YAMAUCHI,  
1966 COURSE  
CHAIRMAN**



and Mira Slovak; Miss Tri-Cities and Bob Miller; Miss Madison and Jim McCormick; My Gypsy and Jim Ranger; Hilton Hyperlube and Bob Gilliam; and Savair's Probe with Red Loomis.

The elimination heats had thrills, deck-to-deck racing and the usual mechanical difficulties. In Heat 1-A, Harrah's Tahoe Miss went dead in the first lap, and My Gypsy was penalized a lap for destroying a buoy.

Driver Bill Sterett and his automotive-powered Miss Chrysler Crew put on a show that won the heat and excited the spectators -- everyone was ready for more!

Along with the Chrysler Crew, also victorious in the prelims were: Miss Budweiser (two heat wins) and



The 1966 Atomic Cup was the first career victory for the Miss Budweiser team. This year, they're pursuing their 100th team win.

Thirty years of unlimited hydroplane racing. Let's raise a toast to 30 more!

*Carl Holmquist, a freelance photographer and writer, is a member of the APBA Archives and Records Committee. He lives in Scottsdale, AZ.*



# REMEMBERING THE FIRST RACE

## MEMORIES ROLL VOLUNTEERS BACK TO 1966



"We were so scared that first race. We thought we had all the bases covered, but there was no way of knowing. Then on race day we had 10,000 more people than expected! Over 60,000 people turned out for that first race.

It was a blast!" Keith Bowers, Water Follies president, 1979 and one of the many Tri-Citians who helped bring unlimited hydroplane racing to the area in 1966; and volunteer for 30 years.

"About one of every four businesses thought we were absolutely, positively crazy, but they supported us nonetheless." Bob Loving, 1966 assistant course chairman and boat race volunteer for more than 20 years.

"I remember when I was approached to help with cranes. I didn't know much about hydroplanes, but I was immediately interested. I wanted to see these boats race!" Neil F. Lampson, President of Neil F. Lampson Inc., and Water Follies president, 1984.

"Five of us went down to Tahoe to see how it (unlimited boat racing) was done. We took a lot of photos, measured everything, asked lots of questions and convinced the APBA to put us on the circuit. That's when the real work began." Mark Pence, Tri-City Water Follies president, 1965.



Richland Y. We couldn't believe it -- people were still arriving at 3:00 Sunday afternoon!" Ken

Maurer, one of the "Founders" of the Tri-City Water Follies and the event organizer today.



"Now we're having our 30th unlimited race. It doesn't seem possible so many years have gone by ... The event has become bigger and better every year. This certainly confirms the 'Founders' belief that the Tri-Cities could be the best race course on the Unlimited circuit and, most of all, that it would continue to attract many volunteers to provide the leadership and manpower for sponsoring such a tremendous community event." Cliff LaHue, Tri-City Water Follies president, 1966.

**"WE TAPPED EVERY FRIEND WE KNEW TO HELP SIGN PLEDGES TO GET A LOAN."**

**KEITH BOWERS,  
WATER FOLLIES  
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## SUMMER IN THE CITY

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# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## ANTIQUE HYDROS BRING BACK THE THUNDER

Boat race enthusiasts will thrill to the roar of Rolls Royce Merlin, when antique hydroplanes come to town for the 30th anniversary of unlimited racing in the Tri-Cities.

Scheduled to be on display in the pits and taking a few laps around the Columbia River race course are: the Miss Thriftway and the Hawaii Kai III. An all-time favorite, the Slo-mo-shun V, has also been invited to join the exhibition.

The U-60 Miss Thriftway is one of the most winningest boats in unlimited racing history. She won 14 of 32 races entered, including two Gold Cups and three national champion titles. Bill Muncey drove her to his first Gold Cup victory in 1961. The Miss Thriftway retired from racing after competing from 1959 to 1963.

More than 70 volunteers, including original designer Ted Jones, took part in an effort at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum in Seattle to restore the U-60 Miss Thriftway to running condition.

The Hawaii Kai III was built by industrialist Edgar Kaiser and competed in the 1950s. She was driven by Jack Regas and, together, they won five



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consecutive races and the National Championship in 1957.

Called the "Pink Lady" for her rose and coral colors, the Hawaii Kai III set several speed records in 1957, including the fastest lap at the Apple Cup Regatta, clocking 116 mph. She ran only one race in 1958, the Gold Cup, and rode off with the trophy!

**"TODAY'S JET ENGINES ARE EXCITING, BUT 30 YEARS AGO, PEOPLE WERE IN AWE OF THE BOATS. THEY WERE NOISY AND HUGE."**

**RALPH SMITH,  
RETIRED  
TRI-CITY HERALD  
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# MIRA SLOVAK IS BACK

1966 DRIVER & PILOT RETURNS TO THRILL TRI-CITY RACE FANS ONCE MORE!

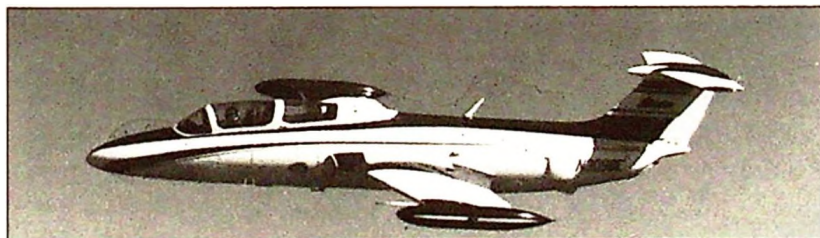
Tri-City race fans who are old enough to remember may never forget the dashing young Czech who drove the U-3 Harrah Tahoe Miss at the very first race in 1966. His name was Mira Slovak and not only did he drive the Harrah Tahoe Miss, he performed an aerobatics routine that will never be topped - between racing heats.



will be back to entertain the fans in the sky.

Though he won't be driving an unlimited, Slovak

Not too high over head, Slovak will be flying a Czechoslovakian jet, a Partenavia Spartacus, over the Columbia River. Since retiring from hydroplane racing and flying for Continental Airlines, Slovak has kept himself busy with his distributorship of these Czech jets.



"I REMEMBER THE TRI-CITIES AS HAVING EVERYTHING...FUN, SUN AND A BEAUTIFUL RIVER TO RACE ON."

MIRA SLOVAK,  
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# EXCITEMENT IN THE AIR

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planes joining the race. The Bud Light 200, 200 feet long, has a wingspan of 24'5", and weighs 850 pounds empty (nearly 50 percent of this weight is engine and propeller).

### WATTS BROTHERS FARMS PRESENTS T-6 TEXAN

The North American T-6 "Texan" is the most famous and widely used training plane in military history. Nearly all of U.S. World War II pilots were trained in the T-6.

### MIRA SLOVAK

Slovak became famous with Tri-Cities fans in 1966 when he drove the unlimited

Harrah's Tahoe Miss in a competition heat, turned around and flew a plane over the river (and under the blue bridge), and drove again in the final race.

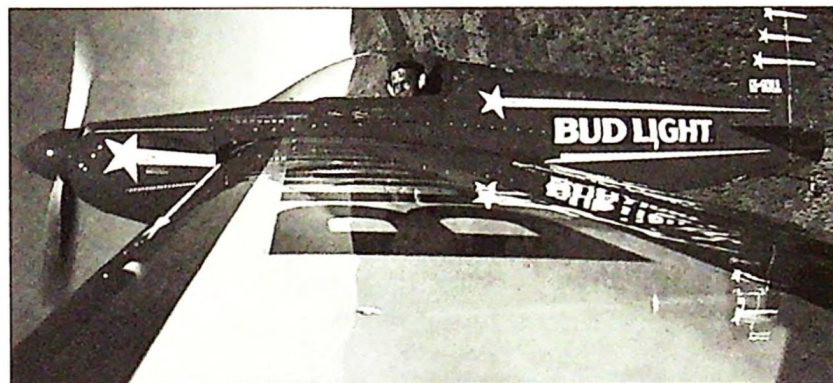
### SIKORSKY HH-60J HELICOPTER

A U.S. Coast Guard mainstay, the JHawk is used for search and rescue, off-shore law enforcement, and navigation support.

### GREG POE AIR ADVENTURES

Airshow audiences can expect a demonstration of competition-style aerobatics, gyroscopic or "tum-

bling" maneuvers, an inverted ribbon cut—plus a few surprises.



and most colorful airplanes winging through the air!

This year's air action is scheduled for two hours on Saturday and in between heats on Sunday. Fans will thrill as the most interesting civilian and military planes will take to the skies over the Columbia River.

### MCDONALDS PRESENTS THE ACROFLYERS AEROBATIC TEAM

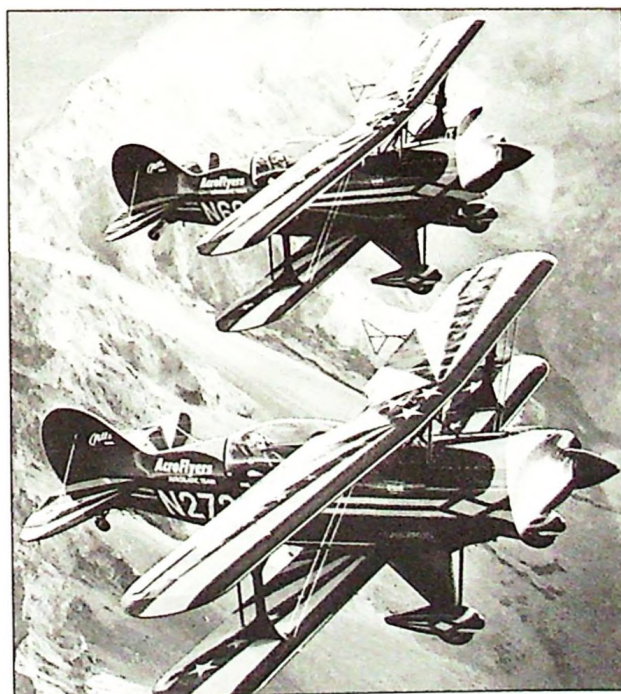
The AcroFlyers Aerobatic Team puts two Pitts S2B aircraft through a series of maneuvers that combine graceful formation aerobatics and hard core "Rock n' Roll" moves.

### F-16 JET

The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a single engine, U.S. Air Force multi-role fighter capable of flying at twice the speed of sound.

### BUD LIGHT 200

The Bud Light 200 features a 220-horsepower Lycoming engine. It has a top speed of 230 mph.



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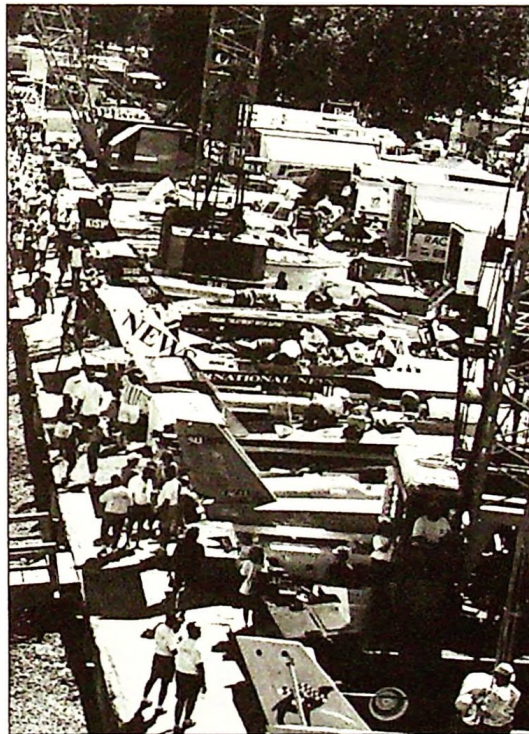
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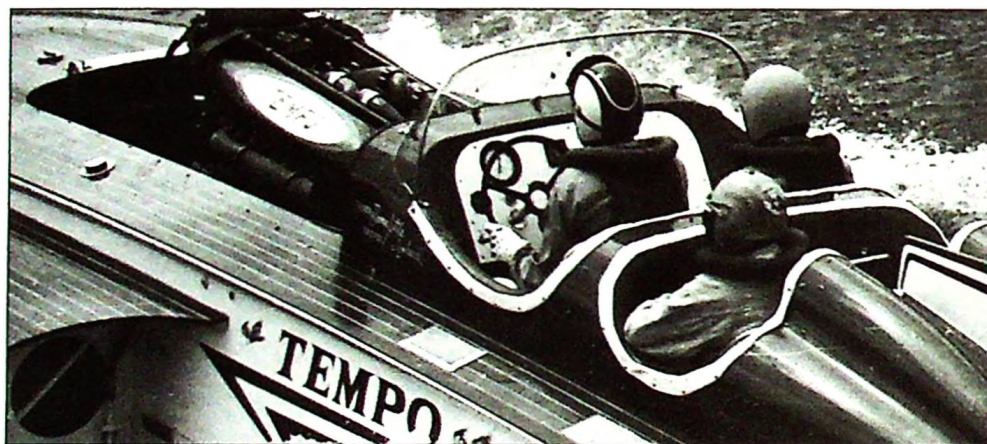




# BERNIE LITTLE

## SMART BOAT MOVES KEEP BERNIE LITTLE AND BUDWEISER WINNING

Bernie Little arrived in Gunterville, FL., with his first boat, a four-seat pleasure craft named Tempo, a product of his association with famous band leader Guy Lombardo.



"I thought racing meant buying gasoline," said Little. "But when I saw the Miss Bardahl trucks and the sophistication of the Gala racing entourage, I wondered what I was getting into."

Little's boat blew its engine, ending its chances of first-time success. A rival crew chief pointed out the Tempo's crankshaft had been installed backwards.

That made Little determined to become a winner in unlimited racing - and that he is - the winningest owner in history.

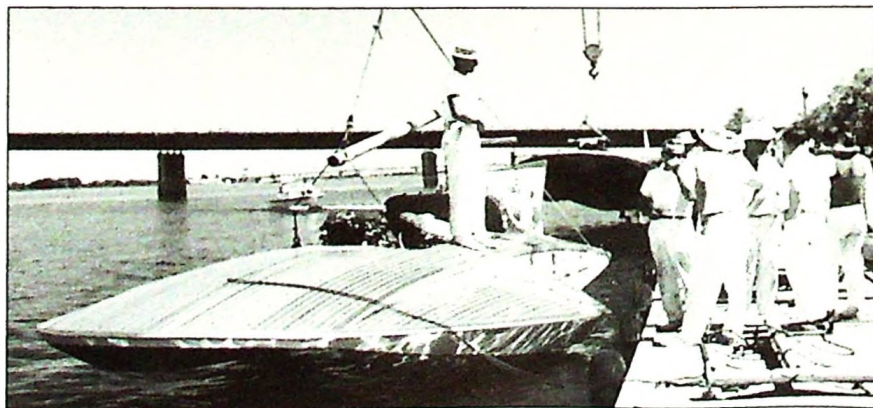
Three weeks later Little scored his first victory -- at the Atomic Cup in the Tri-Cities.

**1967:** The former Notre Dame hull was hastily recalled from mothballs to fill in as the Miss Budweiser while a new boat was built.

**1968-1972:** The 1968 Miss Budweiser was the team's first superstar. It raced for five years, won 11 races (including two Gold Cups) and captured three straight High Point Championships. Drivers Bill Sterett, Terry Sterett, Dean Chenoweth and Tommy Fults all saw action behind the wheel.

**1973-1975:** In 1973, Miss Budweiser bore little resemblance to her predecessors. She was wider, flatter, sported a pickle-fork bow configuration and came with plenty of speed!

**1976-1978:** On its first day in the water, the new 1976 Miss Budweiser hit 175 m.p.h. on the straightaway driven by Howie Benns. But at the 1976 Detroit Gold



**1966:** In 1966, Little made a full commitment to the sport. He purchased the Miss Exide, which had won seven races and was the first boat to qualify for the Gold Cup race at over 120 m.p.h. In the season opener, driver Bill Brow broke his shoulder. At the President's Cup in Washington, D.C., the Budweiser and relief driver Don Wilson collided with the Notre Dame, driven by Rex Manchester. Both boats were destroyed and the drivers were killed.

The fourth replacement Miss Budweiser was built in 1976.

Cup, she crashed in the final heat. A month later, the repaired flagship, driven by Mickey Remund, won the Seattle Seafair Regatta.

Miss Budweiser won the season High Point Championship in 1977. And in 1978, driven by Ron Snyder, Miss Budweiser won the Tri-City Columbia Cup.

**1979:** This year marked the first Miss Budweiser to use the powerful Rolls-Royce Griffon engine.

A backup hull stood in for the Griffon Bud at the first few races. But by season's end, driven by Chenoweth, the new boat was competitive. Unfortunately, while traveling at an estimated 226 m.p.h. - well over the existing record of 200.419 - the boat lost its propeller and rudder, and was destroyed. Chenoweth escaped with minor injuries.





# RIDING THE WAVE OF SUCCESS

**1980-85:** Lessons learned were incorporated into the 1980 replacement which became the most victorious hull of them all. The boat won 22 races during its career and, with Chenoweth at the wheel, took first place in its first 20 heats of competition, an all-time record. In 1982, during a qualifying run on the Columbia River, Dean Chenoweth was killed.

**1985-86:** A new, canopied boat made its debut in 1985. The famed "Bubble Bud" was the first to have an enclosed F-16 aircraft canopy on a new Ron Jones designed hull.

Its first competition was Syracuse, NY, when it was "chopped" by another boat in the final heat. The canopy saved Jim Kropfeld from injury. This was the last Miss Budweiser to use a Rolls-Royce Griffon. The boat retired in 1986 when Little began focusing on jet turbine power.



**1986-1987:** Hardly anyone expected the first turbine-powered Miss Budweiser to be much more than a test vehicle. Yet, this craft won another season championship.

**1987-88:** The Miss Budweiser team introduced a new high-tech Miss Budweiser for Little's 25th year in racing that overwhelmed the competition. Jim Kropfeld won five of the seven races and set a world qualification lap record of 155.172 m.p.h. on a 2 1/2-mile course in the Tri-Cities. The 1987 hull was retired and donated to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

After a bad accident in the 1988 season opener at Miami, hardly anyone expected the Miss Budweiser to repeat as High Point winner - but that is exactly what happened. And relief driver Tom D'Eath rebounded from a "blow-over" at Evansville to win.



**1989-90:** The new 1989 Miss Budweiser is remembered as the boat that snapped Chip Hanauer's (driving the Miss Circus Circus) seven-year winning streak in the APBA Gold Cup. Miss Budweiser, driven by Tom D'Eath, won the final heat at 124.593 m.p.h. while Hanauer's Circus Circus sat dead in the water.

**1991-93:** Scott Pierce took over for Jim Kropfeld, and the team drove to yet another National High Points Boat Championship in 1991.

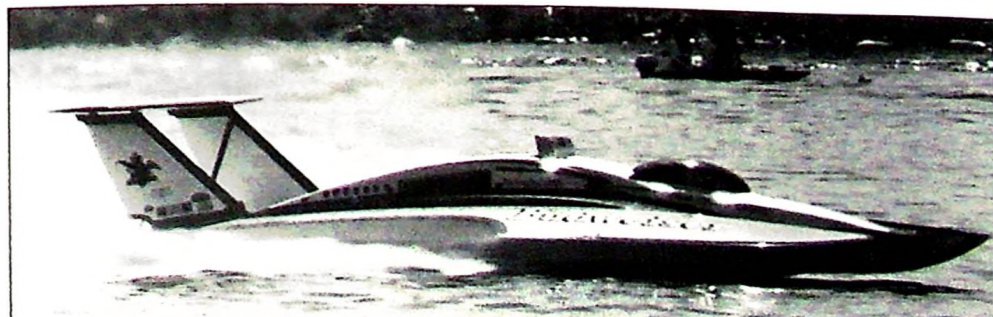
In 1993 the winningest owner in history, Bernie Little, and the winningest driver, Chip Hanauer, joined forces. Their success continued with another High Points Championship, and Little captured his 13th national championship.

**1994:** In 1994, the team unveiled a new Miss Budweiser. The boat combined the

ideas of crew chief Ron Brown and crew members.

**1995:** It's been an exciting season for the Miss Budweiser Team. If their streak continues, Little and the Miss Budweiser team will capture their 100th career victory, and Chip Hanauer may surpass Bill Muncey's winning record.

*Boat history compiled by Fred Farley, APBA Historian.*



**"WHEN I HEARD WE'D BE RACING IN THE TRI-CITIES IN 1966, MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS 'WHERE IS THIS PLACE?' AFTER CAPTURING MY FIRST VICTORY AT THE '66 ATOMIC CUP, I'LL NEVER FORGET IT...IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES TO RACE."**

**BERNIE LITTLE,  
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Cellular phones are donated to the Tri-City Water Follies by AT&T Wireless Services. They're used for a wide variety of reasons including first aid emergencies, communications between committee chair-people, logistics and set-up, security

and keeping volunteers on the water in contact with those on shore.



*Kimlai Yingling calls home to announce she has been crowned Miss Tri-Cities, 1994-95.*

"Phones make it easy for everyone involved," says Bernstein. "They give a feeling of security knowing that the pit office is just a seven-digit number away."

Also adding security are the two-way radios donated by Valley Communications and the Neil F. Lampson Inc. Last January, Chris Quinlan, Valley Communications, began organizing for this year's race.

"Communications is really the center of the races," says Quinlan. "Radios not only provide safety, they cut down on the legwork and help to keep the 'behind-the-scene' operations organized."

**"BACK THEN, I THINK WE USED THE FIRST PHONE ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL EVER INVENTED. NOW-A-DAYS PARK COMMUNICATIONS IS A LOT MORE SOPHISTICATED."**

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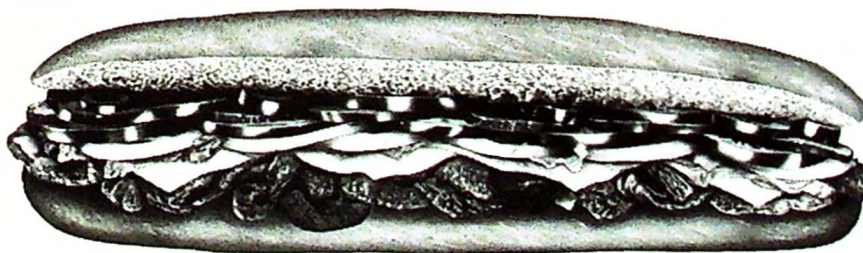


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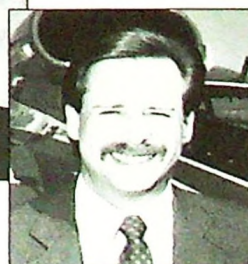
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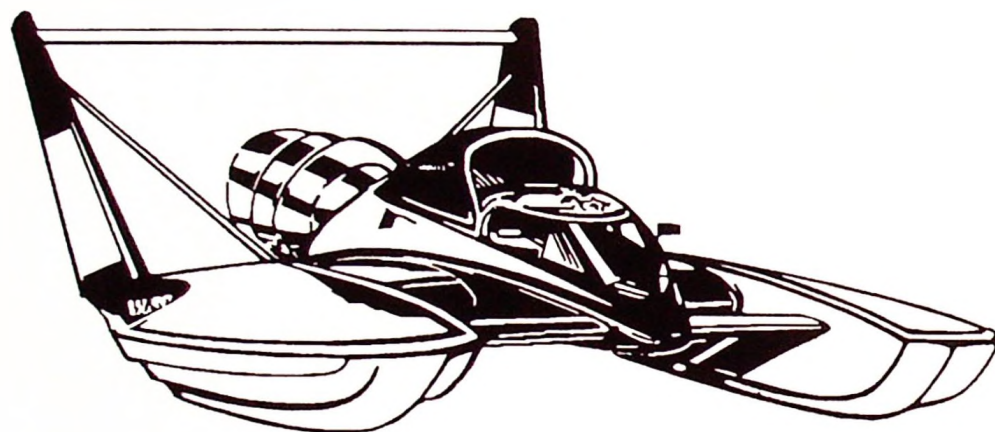
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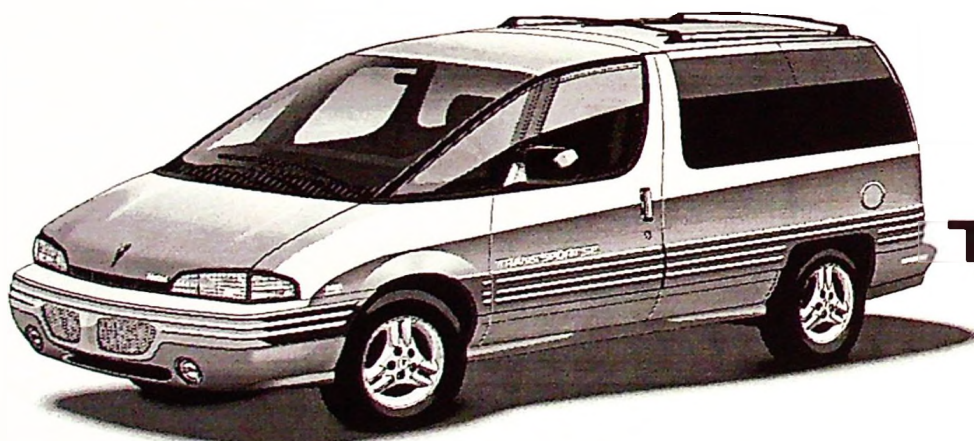
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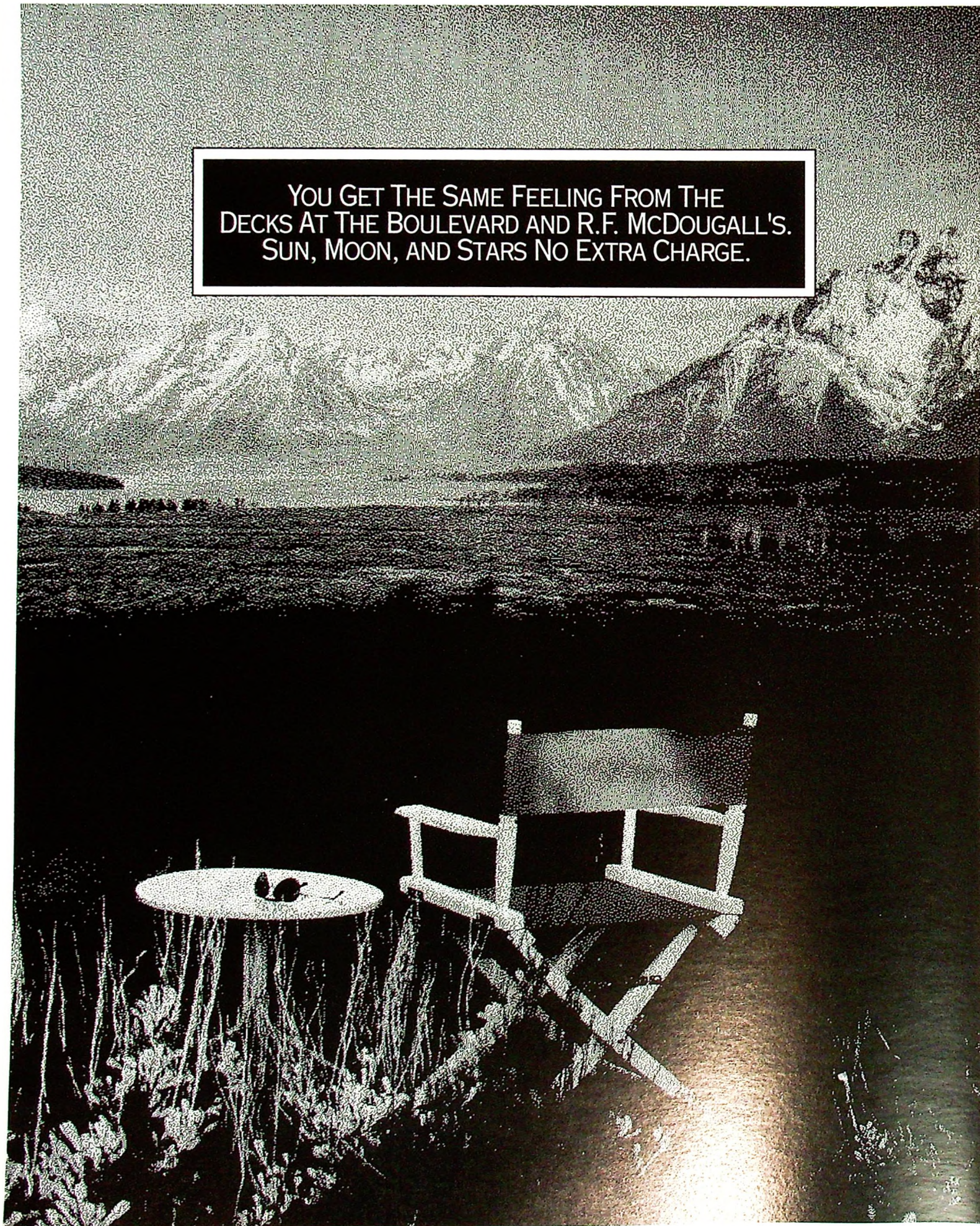
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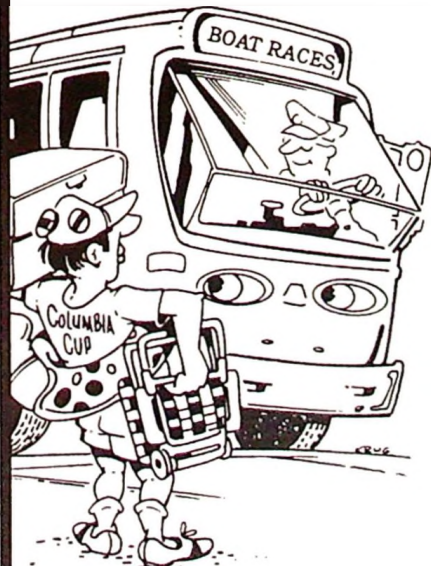
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To compete in the Budweiser Columbia Cup, turbine powered unlimited hydroplanes must qualify with a speed of 140 m.p.h. or faster. A piston-powered unlimited needs to reach 130 m.p.h.

Since the roostertails last flew in the Tri-Cities, a couple of rules have changed. The Last Chance Heat is now called the Provisional Heat and the selection of lanes has also been changed.

Heats 1A-B: Lane choice is by order of qualifying speeds. Heats 2A-B: Choice of lanes is by reverse order of finishing position in first heats.

Lane choice in the Provisional Heat is by cumulative points scored in preliminary heats. In the

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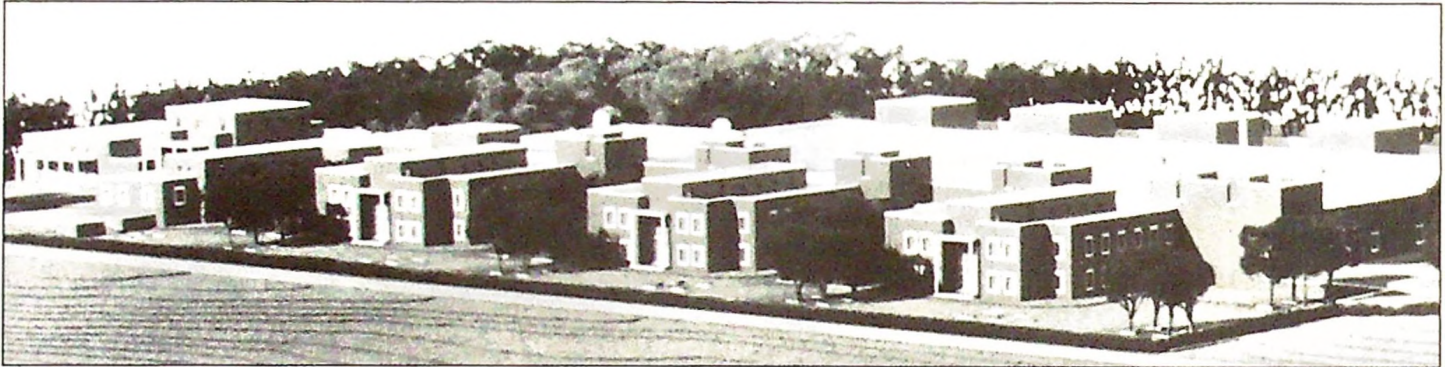
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At the inaugural Tri-Cities race, organizers worried the boats wouldn't show. By race day, Sunday, July 24, 1966, the pits were lined with magnificent machinery and charismatic drivers ready to compete in the first Atomic Cup.

What follows is a sampling of the boats listed in the first program and a few pieces of trivia from today.

## U-3 HARRAH'S TAHOE MISS

*Considered by racing buffs to be the hottest boat on the water when running well, Tahoe Miss has had a checkered career filled with high points and heartbreaks. She won this year's Gold Cup in Detroit. Mira Slovak, a Czechoslovakian air force pilot in the early 1950s, was injured at Coeur d'Alene in 1963 when Exide "disintegrated." He resumed racing this year with Tahoe Miss.*

Mira Slovak entertained first year race fans with an aerobatic show including flying under the Blue Bridge. He retired from unlimiteds in 1968 and still flies airplanes and jets.

## U-6 MISS MADISON

*The only boat on the circuit campaigned by an entire city. This yellow and white craft is sponsored by the little Ohio River community of Madison, IN. This is Jim McCormick's first go at the unlimiteds in the popular Miss Madison.*

The Miss Madison boat, still owned by the community, continues to race the circuit. This year, it's sponsored by Jasper Engines & Transmissions. McCormick is best remembered for winning the APBA Gold Cup with Miss Madison on the boat's home course.

## U-12 MISS BUDWEISER

*The Miss Budweiser racing here is a new boat, replacing the Miss Bud that was destroyed in the President's Cup in Washington, D.C. The boat is owned by Bernie Little. Bill Brow, the world's fastest milkman, is a Seattle dairy distributor during the weekdays and pursues hydro racing as a hobby on weekends.*

Bernie Little's first victory came at the 1966 Atomic Cup. He is now the "winningest owner" with 96 wins, and has competed in all 30 races in the Tri-Cities. Budweiser is the only sponsor who has continued through the years.

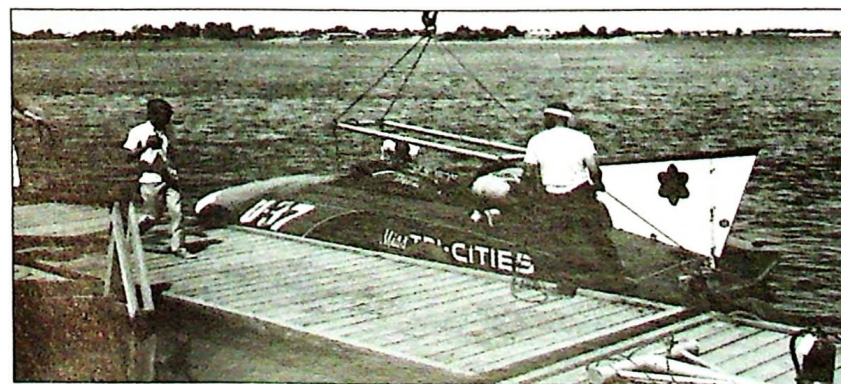
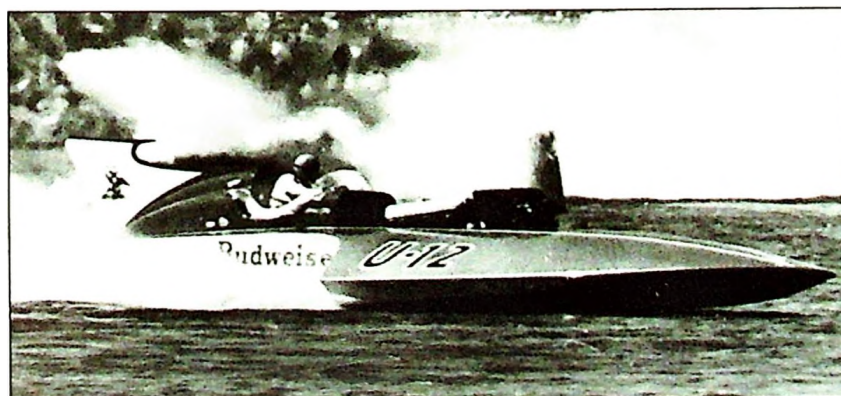
## U-37 MISS TRI-CITIES

*This is the second member of the Tri-Cities' "inland fleet". She is the former Slo-Mo-Shun V, winner of the Gold Cup in Seattle in 1951 and 1954. Miss Tri-Cities is sponsored by the Tri-City Industrial Council to promote the outdoor recreational advantages of the Tri-City area. Driver Bob Miller, Everett, is a machinist for the Scott Paper Co.*

Miss Tri-Cities raced only one more year, but the racing in Tri-Cities continued. Miller continued to drive until 1982. He seldom had much money to work with but was a tireless competitor, quite popular with colleagues and fans.



Gary Todd





# THIRTY YEARS AGO



Kirk Pagel

## U-80 SMIRNOFF

The new Smirnoff is the former Gales' Roostertail that raced this year at Tampa, Washington D.C., and Detroit. Bill Cantrell is a pro wrestler and an Indianapolis 500 driver in addition to his unlimited racing.

When Smirnoff raced in the Tri-Cities, Washington laws prohibited the Smirnoff bottle on the tail of the boat. It was covered by another bottle, A-1 Steak Sauce. "Wild Bill" Cantrell's career included 14 victories. Cantrell finished second at the 1966 Atomic Cup.

## U-88 HILTON'S HY-PER-LUBE

U-88 raced the Western circuit last year as the Tri-City Sun under the sponsorship of the three Tri-City Chambers of Commerce and the Tri-City Water Follies. Bob Gilliam is the only driver to have driven an unlimited on the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities. He brought his boat, then the Tri-City Sun, here for a test run last fall.

Jim Harvey, who was a volunteer for Bob Gilliam in 1966, now owns the U-2 Miss T-Plus Engine Treatment, sponsored by the same Hilton Oil Corporation.



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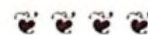
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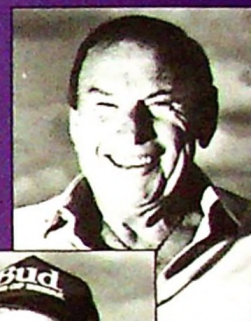
# Budweiser COLUMBIA CUP

## U-1 MISS BUDWEISER

Bernie Little, the only owner to have an unlimited hydroplane competing in all 30 Tri-City races, brings his championship team to town, competing for their fourth consecutive Budweiser Columbia

Cup trophy. Chip Hanauer, who captured his 10th Gold Cup this year, will be in the cockpit of the completely rebuilt 1991 Miss Budweiser hull.

Hanauer also won the season opener, at the Gila River Casino Unlimited Cup near Phoenix, AZ.



▲ Bernie Little  
Owner



▲ Chip Hanauer  
Driver

## U-2 MISS T-PLUS ENGINE TREATMENT

Expect excitement and surprises from the U-2

Miss T-Plus Engine Treatment team. On a test run in Phoenix, driver Steve David broke a skid fin while turning and beached the boat. David was uninjured and the boat suffered minimal damage. After all that the team placed fourth in the season opener.



▲ Jim Harrey  
Owner



▲ Steve David  
Driver

## U-3 LAKE BAY CASINO SPIRIT OF LAKE CHELAN

Famous as the "world's fastest piston-powered unlimited," the Spirit of Lake Chelan's best finish last season came before the home folks in Evansville, IN., when driver Mitch Evans placed fourth in the championship heat. Another season highlight came when Evans set a record speed, 133.017 mph, for piston-powered boats during the consolation heat at San Diego.



▲ Ed Cooper, Jr. & Sr.  
Owners



▲ Mitch Evans  
Driver

Carl Holmquist



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# COLUMBIA CUP FOR



Bob Hughes  
Owner/Rep.



Mike Hanson  
Driver



## U-6 MISS JASPER ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS

The Miss Madison team ran once last year before the hometown crowd, The Budweiser Indiana Governors Cup. This year, with the addition of the Jasper Engines and Transmission sponsorship, the U-6, owned by the citizens of Madison, is back in competition. Mike Hanson had an exciting season last year as the back-up driver of the Miss Budweiser for the first two races.



Mike Jones  
Driver & Owner



Carl Holmquist

## U-7 RACING INC.

In preparation for the 1994 season, the U-7 was converted from an automotive-powered engine to a turbine. The boat made its debut at last year's Budweiser Columbia Cup qualifying at 132.188. Owner Mike Jones will be driving the boat.



Bill Wurster  
Owner



Nate Brown  
Driver



## U-8 EXIDE

In 1994, The Tide team and driver Nate Brown were extremely competitive. The Tide placed second at the Detroit Gold Cup and finished third overall in the National High Points Championship. Owner Bill Wurster plans to run the hydroplane in the Tri-Cities, Seattle and San Diego this year.



# UNLIMITED HYDROPLANES

## U-10 SMOKIN' JOE'S

Last year featured a big beginning and a big finish for the beautiful purple and yellow Camel-powered Smokin' Joe's. Mark Tate won the Gold Cup in Detroit and Outrigger Hotels Hydrofest at Pearl Harbor. Tate barely missed the national championship by 46 points. In addition to the two wins, Smokin' Joe's also had three second place finishes.



Steve Woomer  
Owner



Mark Tate  
Driver

## U-14 COMPUTERS & APPLICATIONS

After fifth place finishes in the Sneaky Pete's Texas Hydrofest and the APBA Gold Cup in Detroit, last year's U-55 showed steady progress. In Detroit, driver Ken Muscatel was clocked at 131.912 mph during qualifying. By the time they reached Honolulu, the qualifying speed increased to 150.298. At the 1994 Budweiser Columbia Cup, the boat ran under the Pete's Wicked Ale banner.



Carl Holmquist



Ken Muscatel  
Owner & Driver

## U-19 SPIRIT OF SPOKANE

Bob Fendler has said "Aloha" to Honolulu and moved his boat camp to Spokane. Tom Hindley, of Spokane, will serve as the driver and team manager of the U-19. The Budweiser Columbia Cup will be the first race site for the team with plans to attend Seafair, San Diego and Honolulu.



Bob Fendler  
Owner



Tom Hindley  
Driver



# Budweiser COLUMBIA CUP



▲  
Ron Jones, Jr.  
Owner



▲  
Scott Pierce  
Driver



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## U-50 ROBERT YOUNG PRESENTS THE MISS TRI-CITIES

Making its 1994 race debut at the Budweiser Columbia Cup was the U-50 with Scott Pierce driving. The boat qualified at 152.553 m.p.h. and competed in the final heat, taking sixth overall. Expect the U-50 Miss Tri-Cities to be a favorite with local fans this year!



▲  
Fred Leland  
Owner



▲  
Mark Evans  
Driver



## U-99 MISS ROCK

The U-99 made five appearances during the season - the best finish came at the Pontiac Thunder On the Ohio in Evansville. At the 1994 Budweiser Columbia Cup, the boat suffered engine problems. The 1995 season promises to be different. In the off-season the boat underwent extensive work and veteran driver Mark Evans has been signed to drive.



▲  
Fred Leland  
Owner



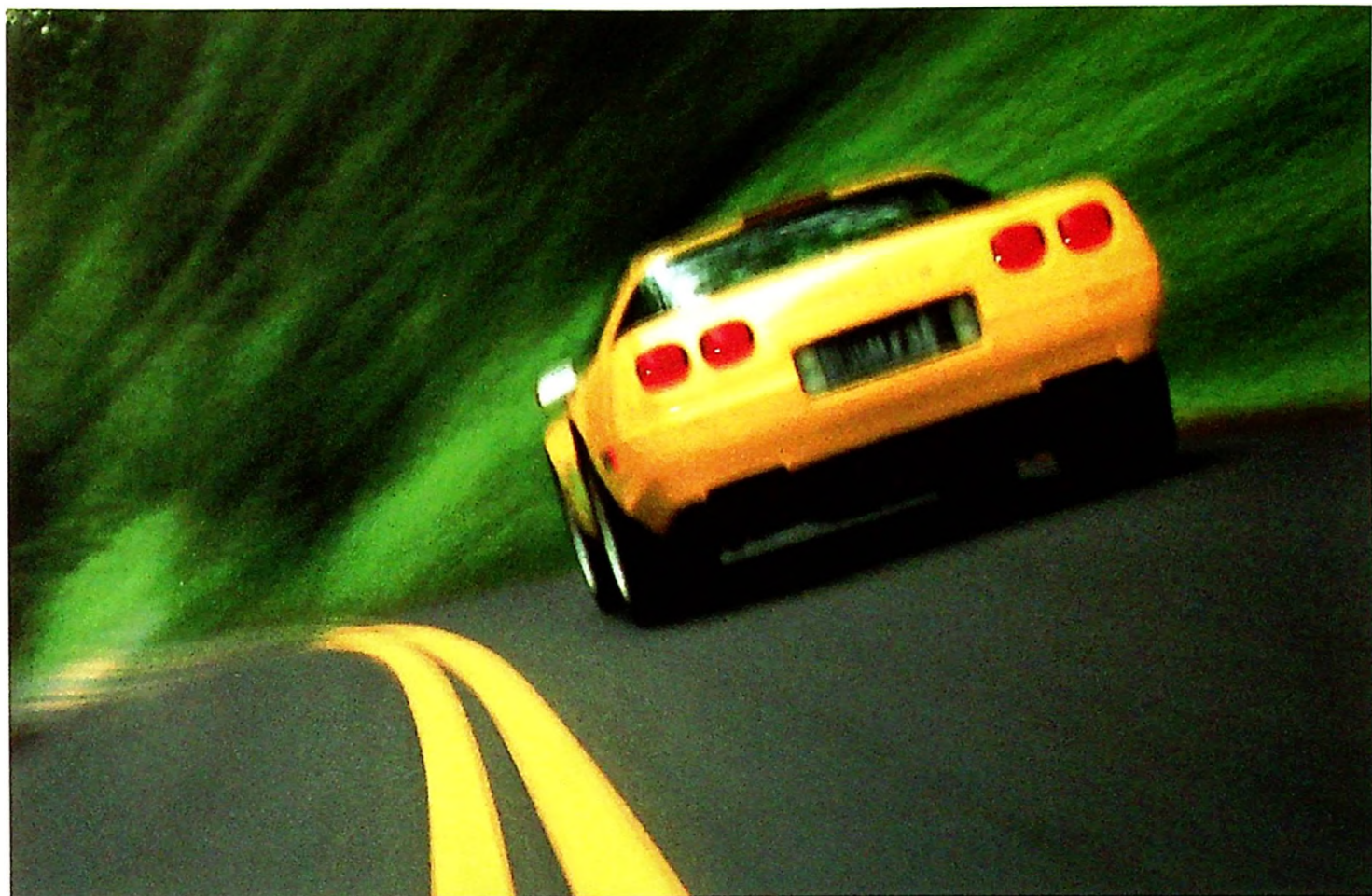
▲  
Dave Villwock  
Driver



## U-100 PICO AMERICAN DREAM

Last year's surprise will be one of this year's top competitors. After a series of bad luck efforts early on, everything came together with impressive, back-to-back victories in Seattle and San Diego. At the 1995 season opener, the team placed third behind Budweiser and Smokin' Joe's. This boat poses a real threat in 1995!





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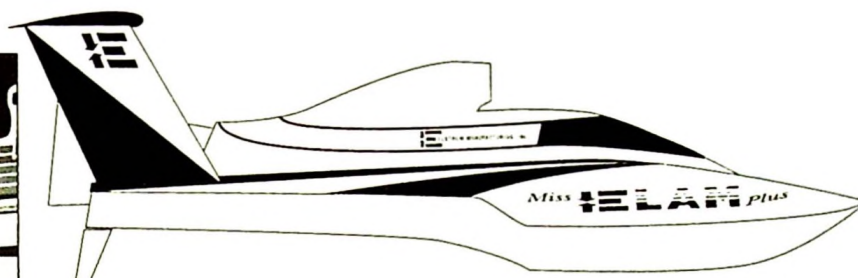
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# Budweiser COLUMBIA CUP

Ken Dryden  
Driver



## U-16 MISS E-LAM PLUS

The team that made their debut, but failed to qualify, at the 1994 Budweiser Columbia Cup is back with a brand new boat designed by Marine Technology Inc. Ken Dryden, who was injured in Seattle last year, will be back in the cock-pit at this year's Tri-Cities race. The 1995 Budweiser Columbia Cup will be the team's first race of the season.

# THE MUSCLES BEHIND THE MACHINE

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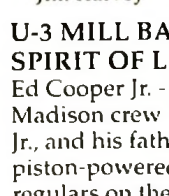
Ron Brown - Ron has been responsible for eight world championships and 44 victories during his tenure with the Budweiser race team. He joined the team in 1985 and is second on the crew chief all-time victory list.



Ron Brown

### U-2 MISS T-PLUS ENGINE TREATMENT

Jim Harvey - Jim started his boat career 30 years ago when he volunteered his time on Bob Gilliam's U-88 Miss Hilton Hy-Per-Lube crew. In 1987 Harvey became owner and has six victories to date.



Jim Harvey

### U-3 MILL BAY CASINO PRESENTS SPIRIT OF LAKE CHELAN

Ed Cooper Jr. - Ed Jr., first joined the Miss Madison crew in 1966. Eight years ago, Ed Jr., and his father Ed, Sr. purchased a piston-powered unlimited. They have been regulars on the racing circuit ever since.



Ed Cooper Jr.

### U-6 MISS JASPER ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS

Charlie Grooms - Charlie serves as the team manager for the U-6 Miss Jasper Engines & Transmission, more familiarly known as the Miss Madison. He is an 18-year veteran with one of the most consistent teams on the circuit.



Charlie Grooms

### U-7 RACING INC.

Bob Lewis - Bob is a veteran of many forms of motorsports and most recently unlimited hydroplane racing. Last year he served as the team manager and crew chief and has been instrumental in turning the U-7 hydroplane from automotive powered to piston powered.

### U-8 EXIDE

Dan Heye - Dan began his unlimited hydroplane career in 1979 and has been with the U-8 racing team for 14 years. He was instrumental in implementing the fuel restrictor into racing.



Dan Heye



Jim Lucero

### U-10 SMOKIN' JOE'S

Jim Lucero - Lucero's boats have won 62 races. Lucero is a member of the Unlimited Hydroplane Hall of Fame. His boats have won 12 Gold Cups. He designed and built the first turbine-powered boat to win a race.

### U-14 COMPUTERS & APPLICATIONS

Pat Berryman - Pat is an experienced limited boat racer and moves into the full-time crew chief position this season. He worked on the crew last year.

### U-50 ROBERT YOUNG PRESENTS MISS TRI-CITIES

Tom Anderson - This is Tom's first year with the U-50. In 1993, he joined the Miss Budweiser team as a turbine engine builder.

### U-99 MISS ROCK

Bill Hollister - As crew chief and an accomplished machinist, Bill brings experience and knowledge to the Miss Rock team. His extensive background with tools and machinery allows him to mend, fix and make boat parts on site and on demand.

### U-100 PICO'S AMERICAN DREAM

Dan Walters - Dan led the crew of the PICO's American Dream to two victories last season. He has been involved with unlimited hydroplane racing since the 1970's. He was on the Miss Circus Circus crew when it captured the national championship in 1990.



Dan Walters

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# A FIGHT TO THE FINISH

From the Gold Cup to Honolulu, the 1994 unlimited hydroplane season was definitely a fight to the finish. The 1994 season opened in Detroit and all eyes were on Chip Hanauer who was vying for his 10th Gold Cup.

During a test run on the first day, Hanauer was injured when



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the escape hatch on the bottom of the Miss Budweiser tore off. Hanauer was replaced by Exide crew member and former driver of the Kellogg's, Mike Hanson.

Hometown favorite Mark Tate drove the Smokin' Joe's to victory. Finishing second was Nate Brown in The Tide, Hanson in the Miss Budweiser placed third.

## SNEAKY PETE'S TEXAS HYDROFEST

Hanson, filling in for Hanauer, captured his first victory in the Miss Budweiser in Texas. Brown, driving The Tide, finished sec-

ond. Tate and Smokin' Joe's came in third.

## PONTIAC THUNDER ON THE OHIO, EVANSVILLE

Two short weeks later, Hanauer was back in the cockpit and winning.

Tate, driving Smokin' Joe's, was second and a surprising finish by Jack Barrie, in the Buehler's Buy-Low, was third.

Brown and The Tide flipped in the first turn of the final landing upside-down. Brown was uninjured but unable to run in the re-start.

## BUDWEISER INDIANA GOVERNOR'S CUP, MADISON

Hanauer won his second straight victory of the year at the Budweiser Indiana Governor's Cup.

It was the closest final heat of the year. Hanauer led by a boat-length over after one lap. Smokin' Joe's briefly took the lead, but after the second lap Hanauer won by a boat length.

Tate and Smokin' Joe's finished second and Brown, in The Tide, followed in third.

## BUDWEISER COLUMBIA CUP, TRI-CITIES

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On race day Sunday, Dave Villwock, driving the U-100 American Dream jumped out in front at the start and held the lead until the first turn when he suffered engine problems.

Rudder problems forced Hanauer to slow down, giving Tate the opportunity to pull ahead. Within moments, Hanauer regained control and took back the lead.

Hanauer won his third straight Budweiser Columbia Cup. Smokin' Joe's finished second and the Miss T-Plus followed in third.

## TEXACO CUP, SEATTLE

Problems that Villwock and the U-100 American Dream experienced at the Budweiser Columbia Cup were under control at the Texaco Cup a week later. Villwock captured the championship after a perfect day in the preliminaries.

It was deck-to-deck racing between American Dream

and Miss Exide with American Dream winning.

Hanauer started Sunday's race in the Trailer position after winning the Last Chance heat and finished fifth.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HYDROFEST ON MISSION BAY, SAN DIEGO

Villwock drove the American Dream to his second straight victory at the Southern California Hydrofest. Tate drove the Smokin' Joe's into second place and the Miss Budweiser and Hanauer finished third.

## OUTRIGGER HOTELS HYDROFEST, HONOLULU

Tate drove the Smokin' Joe's to victory at Sunday's Outrigger Hotels Hydrofest to wrap up the 1994 Unlimited hydroplane racing season. Miss Budweiser finished second and third was Miss T-Plus and Steve David.

Tate, who won the season opener and finale, just missed the national high championship by 46 points.

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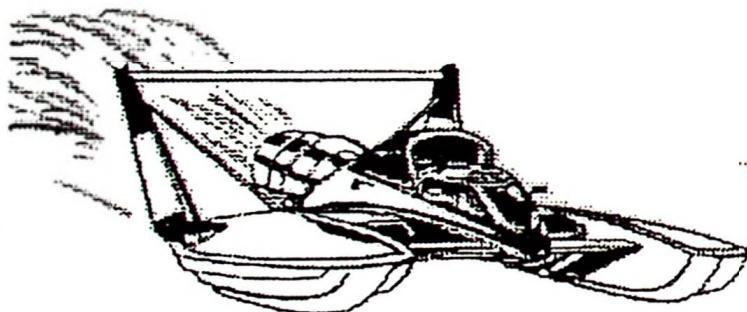


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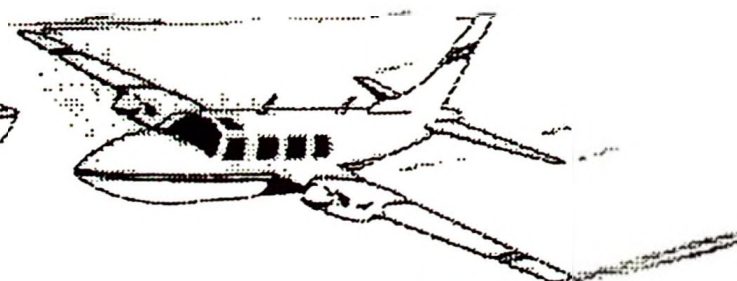
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Tri-City race fans are in for a weekend of plenty of noise and excitement as a new class of racing boats called the unlimited lights are coming to town. The "lights" are sponsored locally by long-time Tri-City Water Follies supporter, Robert Young & Associates.

Jim Kropfeld, former Miss Budweiser driver; Joe Tate, (Mark's dad) and Jerry Hopp of Hopp Racing are just a few names that ring a bell.

Other unlimited drivers, Steve David, Mark Tate, Nate Brown and Tom Hindley began their careers in the smaller hydroplanes.

The "lights" are a new class of smaller, automotive-powered hydroplanes, racing in conjunction with the unlimited hydroplanes.

The "lights" will race on a 1 2/3-mile shortened version of the unlimited hydroplane race course.

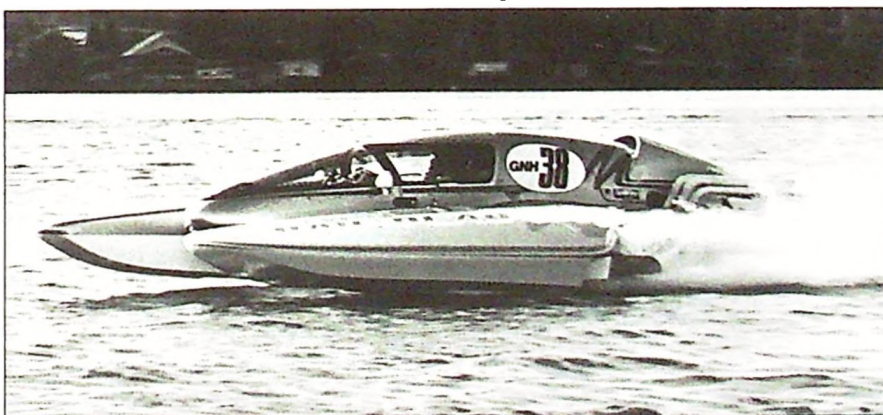
"There won't be a shortage of racing action on the

water with the unlimited lights," says Robert Young. "We're proud to be a part of the Water Follies 30th Anniversary and we're excited to be sponsoring this brand new class of racing boats!"

There are only three restrictions: The power plants are limited to a maximum of 468 cubic inches; all engines must be fitted with one, four-barrel carburetor and the boats must run on high octane

racing gas only (no methanol or alcohol).

The "lights" are 22 feet long and weigh 1,800 pounds. Because their design is similar, the "lights" appear as a smaller version of the unlimiteds. Their power plants are automotive-



based big block, high-performance marine engines manufactured by Ford, Chevrolet, Chrysler and others. The V-8 engines are extremely loud and produce 750 horsepower, enabling these boats to reach straightaway speeds in excess of 165 m.p.h. They average more than 112 m.p.h. in a five-mile heat.

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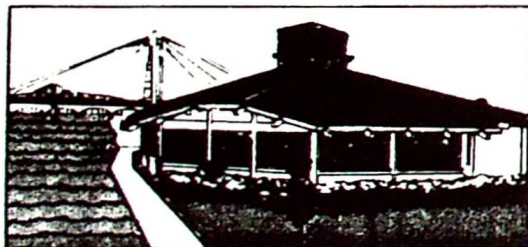
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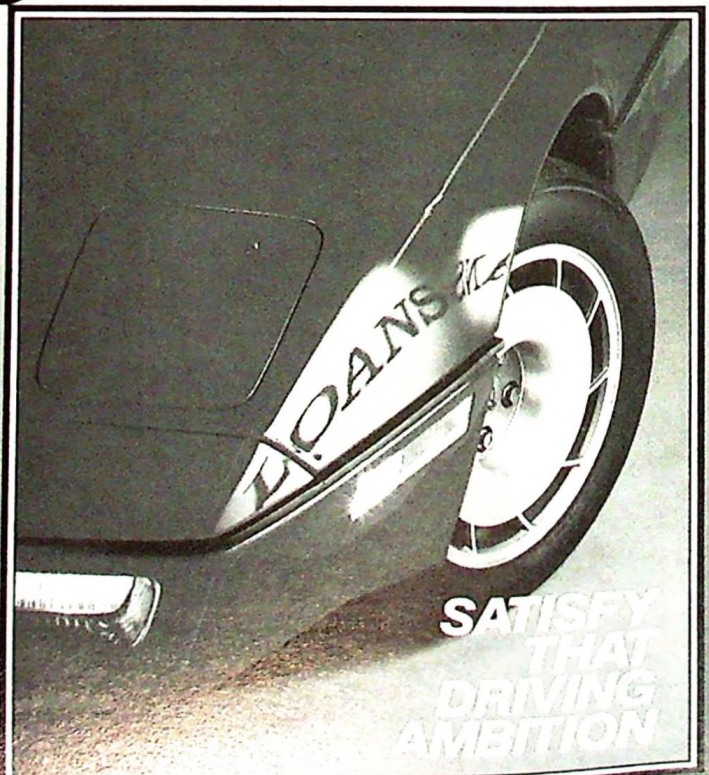
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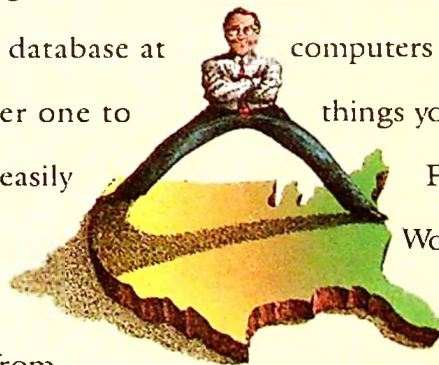
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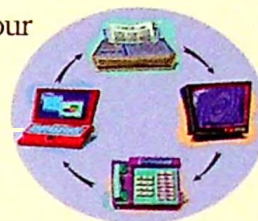
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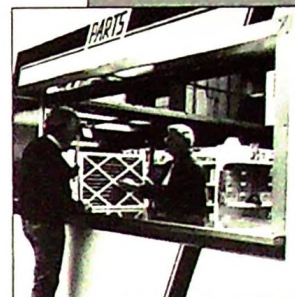
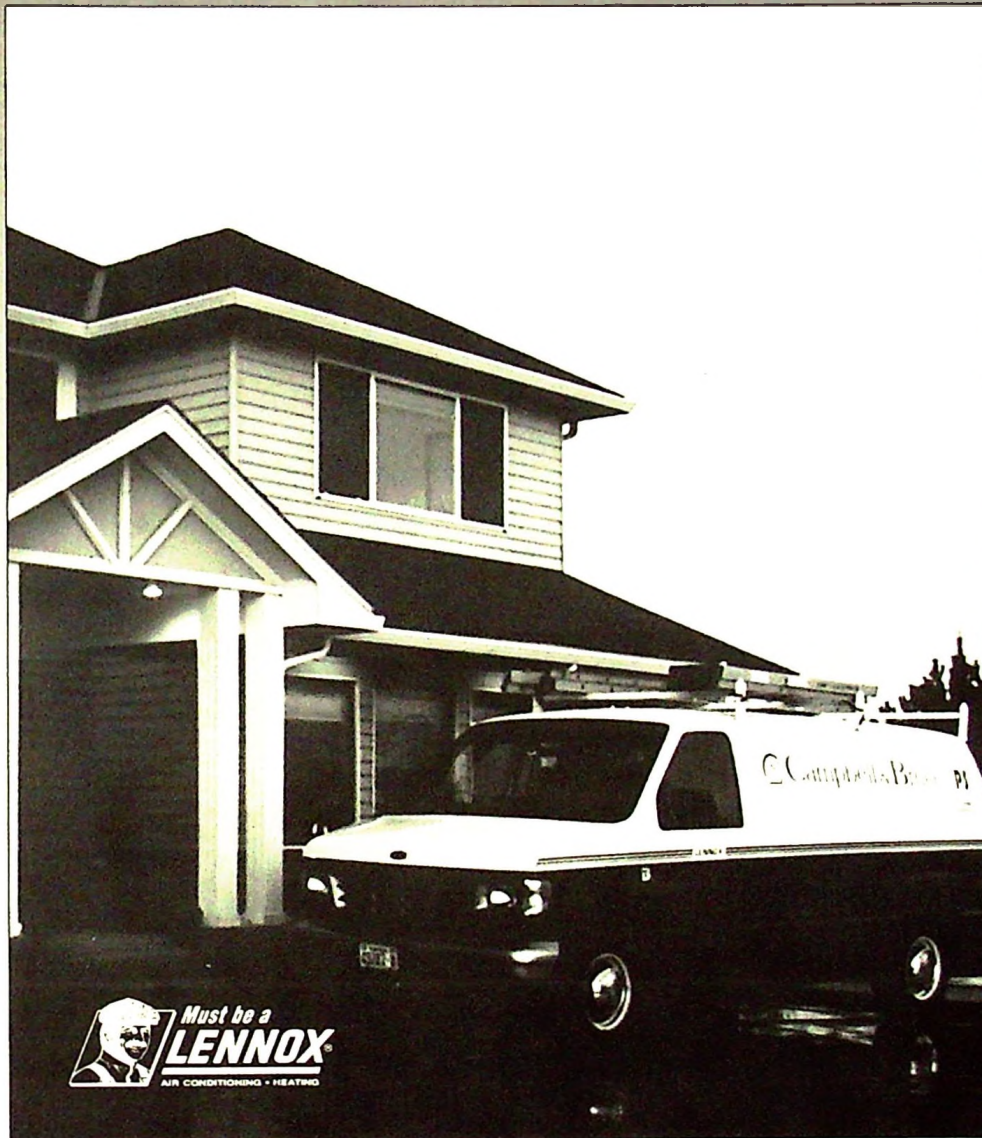
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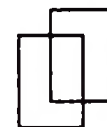
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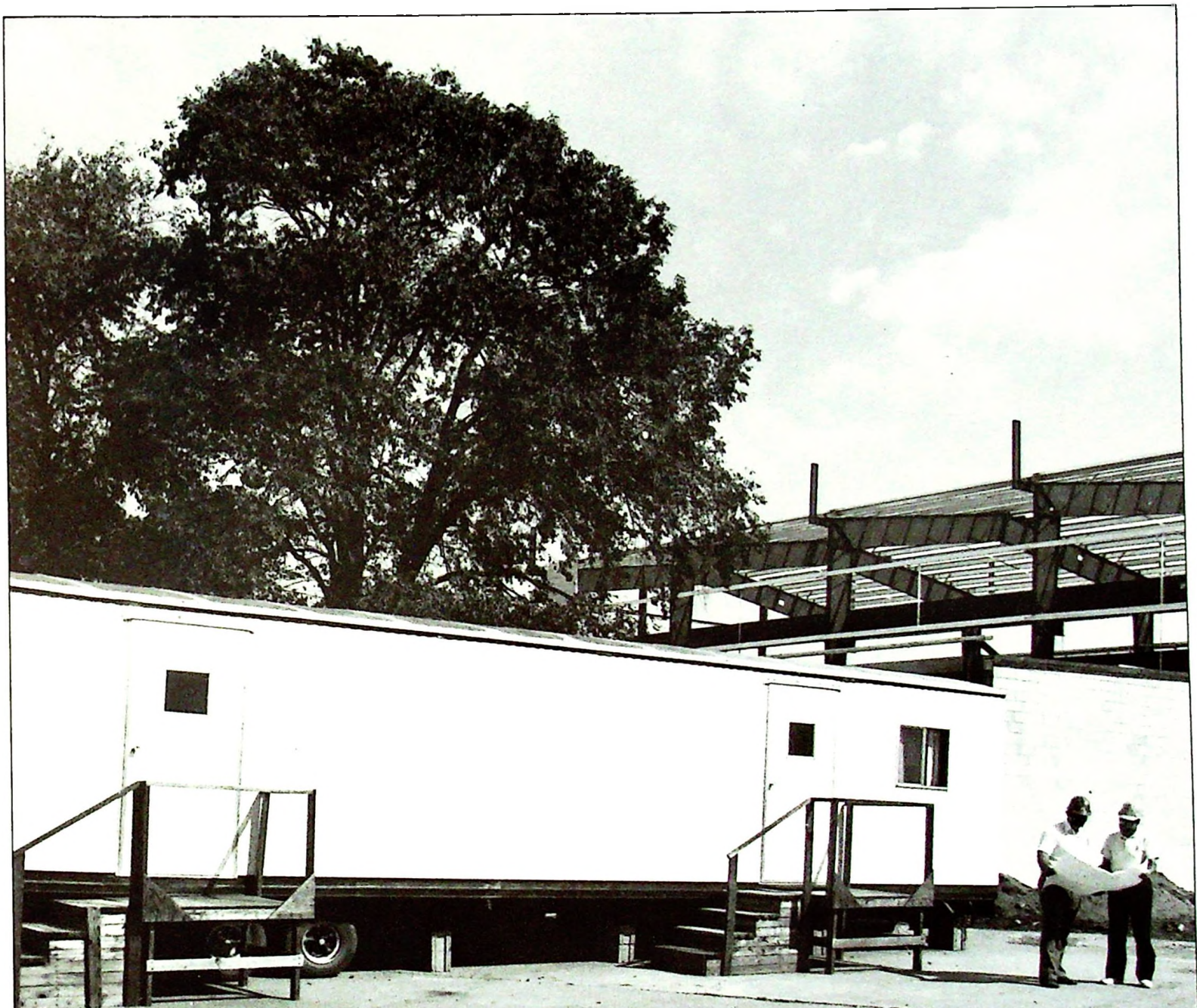
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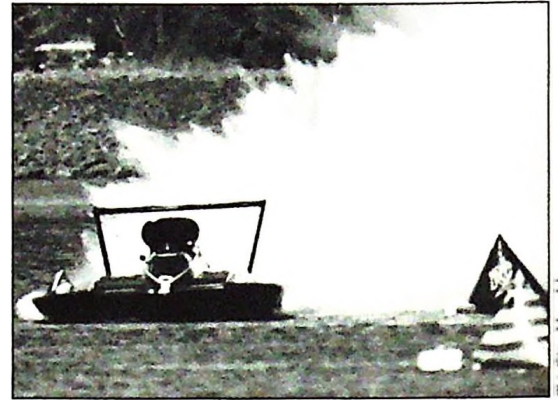
Each year, surveyors Dan Penwell, Larry Munnell and Ray Mandigo set the course on paper. Then they team with the

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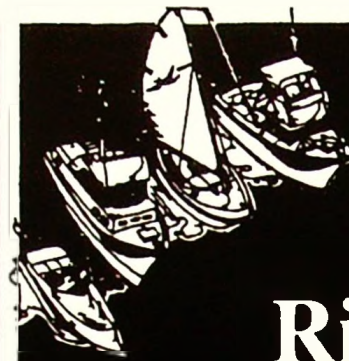


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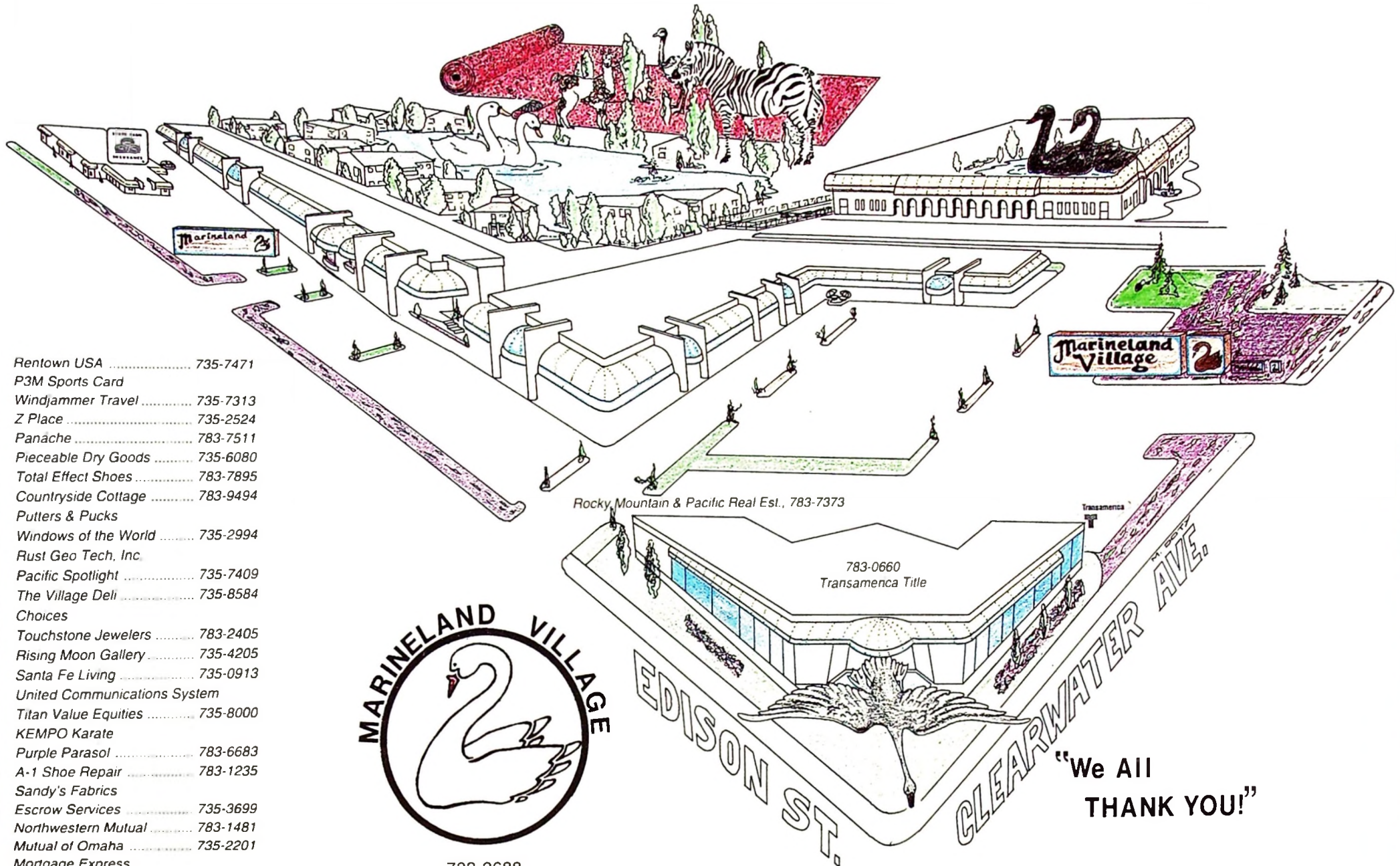
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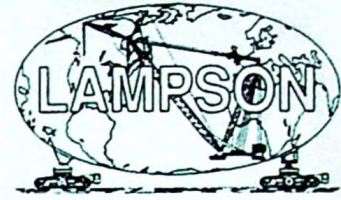
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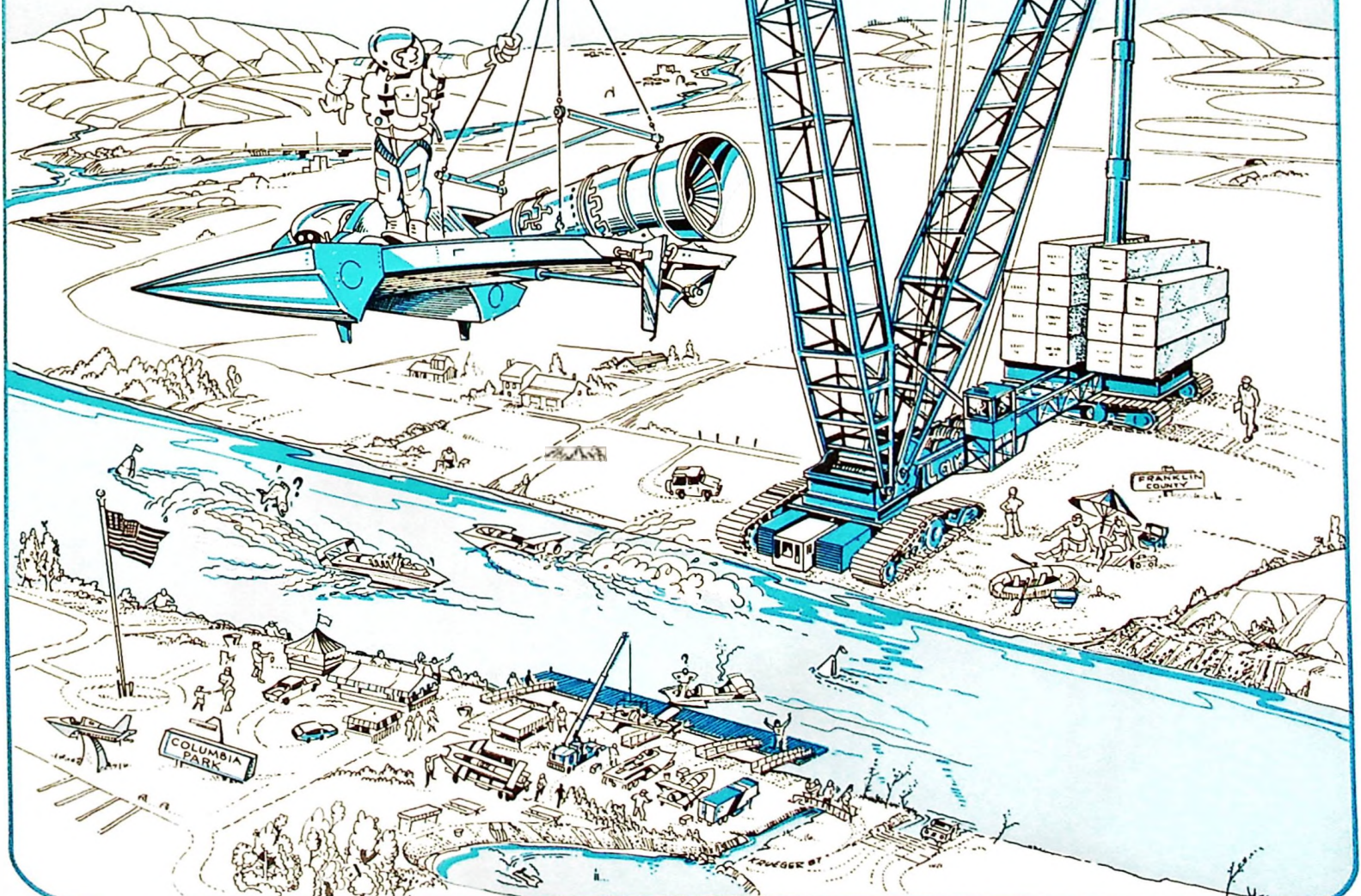
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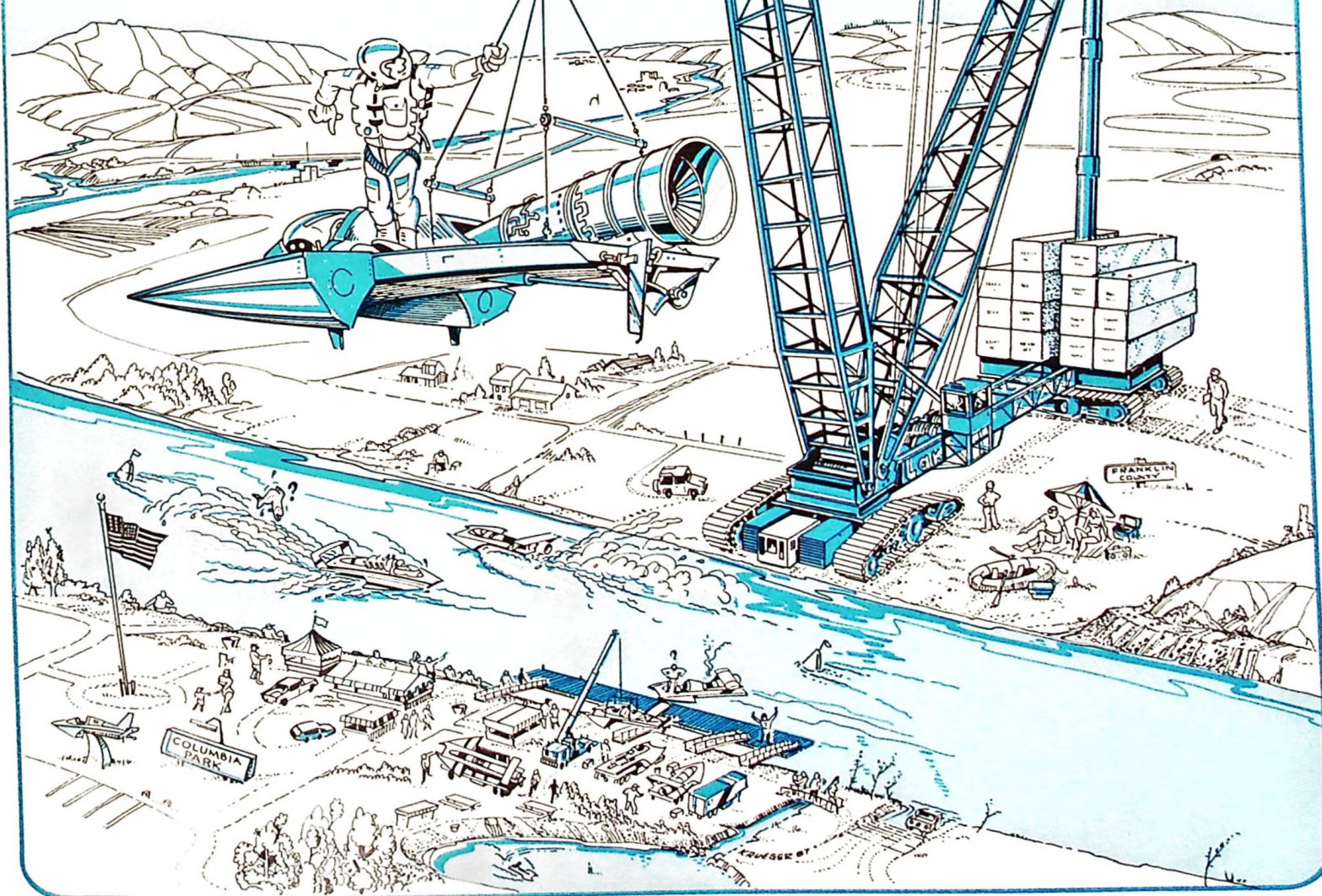
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