



Radon Team

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President's Message

FYI...

Our company is a member of the NMEA and ABYC.
Also, Jeremy McCune, our electronics
installer, is certified as a Raymarine technician.
Hope everybody has a great Fall!

Don Radon

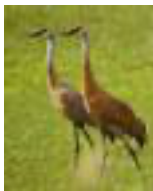
Featured Boat

New D.R. Radon 26' x 8'6" for sale - SOLD!

We have a new 26' for sale in our shop!

It is set up for twin outboards but could be changed to a stern drive
model with some modifications. Some of the features include an extended, enclosed cabin, full head
enclosure, two fish holds, dinette, fresh water tank, mini galley. 2007 pricing! If you are interested
please e-mail us at radonboats@aol.com or call our shop - 805 692-2170. This boat has been sold.





BIG news for the Radon family...

Kate and Jeremy get married!!!!

Tamarack Resort, Idaho, July 10, 2008 - with family and friends surrounding them, our daughter Kate and Jeremy McCune were married.

The wedding week festivities started off on Wednesday, July 9th, when many of the guests arrived in Tamarack.

Early on Wednesday morning, several of the guests braved the famed Tamarack Resort "zip line". The zip line consists of 8 lines which zig zag down the mountain and are varying degrees of difficulty. You get to the first zip line by riding up on the ski lift. I think most everyone would agree that the zip line that ended up in a 105' high platform in an old pine tree was by far the most difficult and the scariest. However, we all made it down the mountain safely and most of us agree that it was an experience of a lifetime.

That evening, Kate and her good friend Vanezsza hosted a taco bar at the chalet they were staying in at Tamarack. The guests included Jeremy's grandma, Jan, as well as Kate's grandma, Velma.

The next day was the wedding day. Kate and Jeremy were married on a platform above the Payette River on property owned by Jeremy's dad, Jeff. As you will see, the background in the photos is so beautiful that it almost looks fake! The bride and groom asked Kate's brother, Josh, to read a W.H. Auden poem before the official ceremony. The wedding ceremony, performed by Hersh, was really beautiful, and everything turned out perfectly.

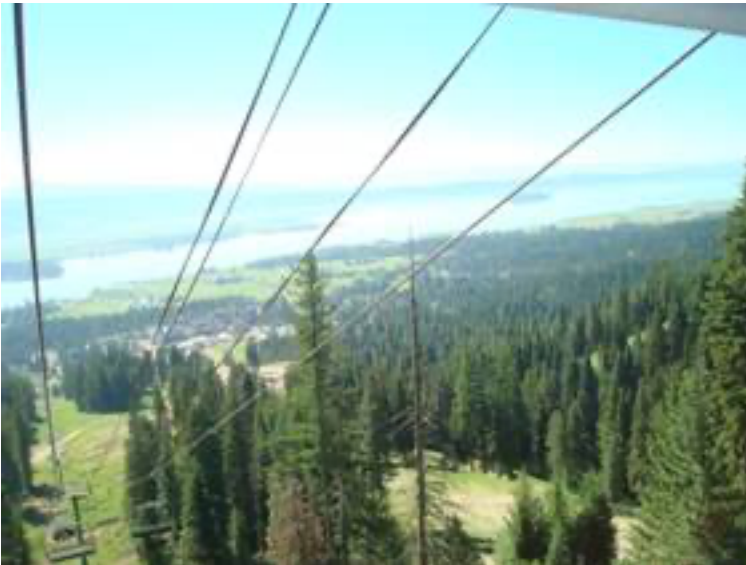
The day after the wedding a large group of guests were treated to water skiing, wake boarding, tubing and fishing on a pontoon boat as well as a ski boat.

Two days later Mr. and Mrs. McCune went on their dream honeymoon to Alaska for three weeks. They visited Jeremy's family there and fished to their heart's content! Lucky for us, they sent a lot of the fish back to Santa Barbara and we are now enjoying it!

A big "thank you" to Jeff McCune for his hospitality - he supplied the houses and our condo in Tamarack Resort for all of the wedding guests. Jeff's vacation rentals can be seen at www.idahoresortrentals.com.

Congratulations to the newlyweds! We hope you have many happy years together!

ZIP Line!



The view from the ski lift on the way up to the zip line - that is Cascade Lake below



Jeremy and Kate in their zip line gear - look how happy they look (that was before the zip-line terror struck!)



Kate and Linda



Jeremy zipping with Cascade Lake behind him



Don zipping off of the 105' high platform in the pine tree - there are about nine people standing on that platform!



Kate zips out of the tall pine tree



Linda zipping out of the tree



Here is Jeff McCune zipping out of the tree

The wedding day



Kate and Don before the wedding



Josh reading a W.H. Auden poem "Foxtrot From a Play" before the ceremony



The wedding officiant, Hershal, cracks a joke after the ceremony



Mr. & Mrs. McCune



Josh, Sarah, Kate, Jeremy, Linda, Don



Jeff, Jeremy, Kate, Joan (Jeremy's mom) & Bob (Jeremy's step father)



Miranda - Jeremy's sister



Jeremy with his brothers Jason (left) and Matthew



The whole group! From left: Bob Whitney, Joan Whitney, Jason Whitney, Matthew McCune, Jan McCune, Jeff McCune, Miranda McCune, Jeremy, Kate, Linda, Don, Velma Radon, Sarah, Josh, Vanesza Girard, Ryan Girard, Oliver Girard



Happy Fishing!
Honeymoon in Alaska!



With the halis they caught



...and the salmon



The Gap fire in Goleta was in full force the day before we left for the wedding...



and leaving made us a little nervous!

Featured Boats

#1

Castaic Lake Lifeguard boat #3

This is the third lifeguard boat we have built for Castaic Lake.



First sea trial in Santa Barbara



On Castaic Lake



The newest Radon is in front - behind it is boat #2

Dedication ceremony



From left: Don, Russ Guiney, Mike Antonovich, 5th District Supervisor for the County of Los Angeles, Hugo Maldonado, Chief Lake Lifeguard.



Mike Antonovich and Hugo Maldonado christen the new boat



Don after the ceremony



Don discusses the boat with Ralph Searcy

As always, the whole staff at Castaic Lake was very easy to work with!
A big thanks to everyone involved!

*#2
Maui Fire Department*



Running in the waters off of Santa Barbara before being shipped to Maui

This boat will be stationed at the Lahaina Fire Station in Maui. The boat's Name is Ka'alani, which means "rolling heavens" and refers to the winds of the Lahaina area that revolve from the land to the sea and back again.

Many thanks to everyone involved in making this boat a reality. It was a pleasure working with the whole Maui crew.



After the sea trial in Maui...



The whole crew washes the boat down afterwards



Assistant Chief Alan Pascua at the blessing ceremony



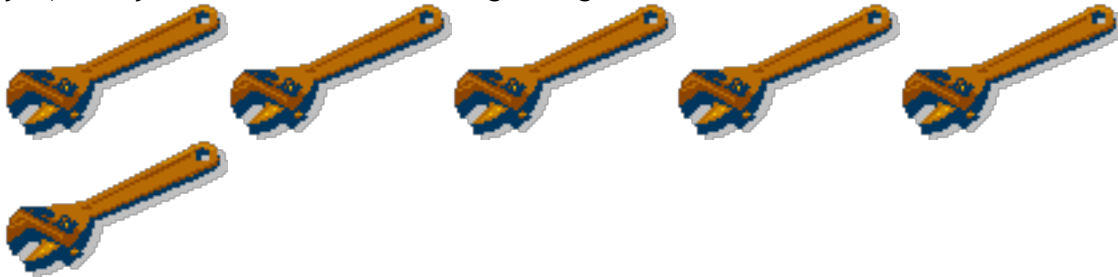
A beautiful Maui sunrise

Engine care, part seven:



Engine misalignment

If the U-joints in your outdrive or your inboard transmission seals and/or bearings seem to be wearing out frequently, misalignment may be the problem. If either of these are happening to you, have your mechanic check the engine alignment and motor mounts.



Scrimshaw Radon



Isn't this beautiful!?

Tony Hotchiss had this made for us! It was made by Tony's friend Peter Kinney of Brinnon, Washington. It looks a lot like Jim Short's 26' Radon!

Thank you, Tony!

Tony is also very communicative! Below is a great e-mail we received from him after Father's Day this year.

E-mail from Tony Hotchkiss

Hey guys,

Here is a photo a friend of mine took last Sunday. It's a long story, but the bottom line is I took my 83 yr. young dad over to Catalina on Saturday to have lunch and get a little paddleboard workout in and then head back the same day. On the way over I recalled that they were having a paddleboard race from the isthmus on Catalina to Abalone Cove in Palos Verdes, [a race I have done many times] I talked my dad into spending the night on the boat and paddling back as a relay team the next day. We had the best time!!!!!!!!!!!! What a awesome way to spend Fathers Day, here we are coming into the finish line after 22 miles. Aloha, Tony

P.S. thanks again for the repair work on the boat.



Swing Vote!

In July, we were invited to the Ventura premiere of Kevin Costner's new movie, *Swing Vote*. We went to a pre-premiere party at the Watermark restaurant in downtown Ventura, as well as getting to walk the red carpet going into the movie theater! *The movie was great!* It is a very timely movie considering we will be voting for our next President in November.

After the premiere, several blocks of downtown Ventura were closed to cars, and Kevin's band, Modern West, played for a huge audience. The music was awesome and Kevin kept the audience entertained with stories about growing up in Ventura between songs. Below are a couple of photos:



Here we are with Bill Kendig, Kevin's boat captain and all-around good guy (notice the Swing Vote poster above my head)



Modern West

John Grant's diving trip!

Leo Carrillo was very good. 15-25' vis with some haze and 57 degree water. I found two caves in 25' to 30' of open water that held 6 bugs, one weighed 3#! I've never taken six bugs during the day freediving before, so I was stoked. On the way in, I ran into a grey halibut dusted up, laying on the inside rock reef. He looked small so I layed my gun down to measure him. He was legal, but as I picked up my gun he was gone.

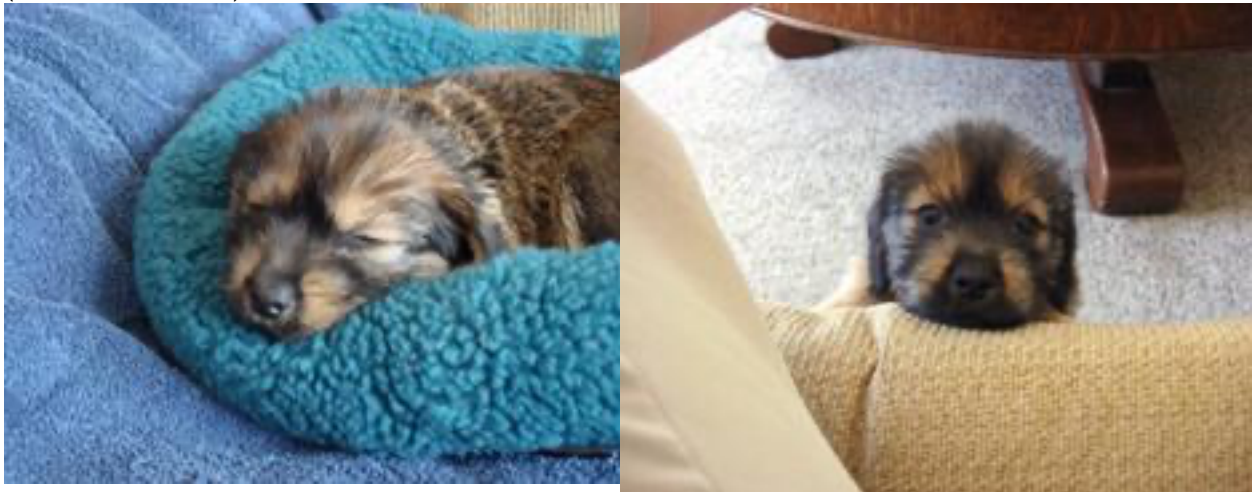
I then ended up on this guy in 5' of water. My mind was screaming he's going to bolt as I dropped the muzzle and pulled the trigger. He strung himself and actually gave me a little tug! He was almost 29".



February 2008

DOGS RULE!

Introducing Sawyer Radon, our new grand-dogger! He belongs to Josh and Sarah - guess who he is named after?
(answer next time)



And if getting a new puppy wasn't enough for one summer -they also bought a house! Here are Josh and Sarah in front of their new house on moving-in day.



Cassie and I walked down State St. (Don took photos) with the Dioji (D.O.G.- get it?) group in Santa Barbara's annual Big Dog Parade in June. It was tons of fun!
Dioji is a dog boarding facility in Goleta and they have taken care of our very own Cassie many times. They do not put the dogs in cages, have a web cam and a bone shaped swimming pool for the dogs to play and exercise in!





Below is one of my all time favorite boat and dog photos!



Don & Cassie fishing off the back side of Santa Cruz Island

Jim Short catches a big halibut!



Jim Short and his friend Doug Bradley with their halibut



Jim's halibut was a 33 pounder! He caught it using sardines off the Santa Barbara coast

A big "Thank You" to KEVIN and CHRISTINE COSTNER for their hospitality - we stayed at their house in Aspen for five days in March. We had a great time!

There were six of us at the house - Don and I, Josh and Sarah, and Kate and Jeremy. We rode tubes down the snowy hills, drove snowmobiles, snow shoed, skied, and Jeremy did some fishing in their lake. The house is beautiful and comfortable and the scenery is spectacular!



Also a thank you to Jeff, who took very good care of us in Aspen!

Photos from customers/friends/relatives



Jesse Barnett with a Dorado he caught off of Orange County. Jesse is the son of our friend and Fox Marine sales rep, Scott Barnett

Photo archive





Don spearfishing off Santa Rosa Island



1979 - Spike and Rudy's 24' Radon off of Santa Cruz Island



1986 - The Brooks Institute 26' Radon launching party - your editor is hanging off the side of the Brooks boat taking photos of the boat taking photos!



1982- a 32' Radon dive boat

Radon Team is finished for now! See you next time!