

ST. AUGUSTINE LONGBOARD CLUB

NEWSLETTER

We open this newsletter with a SPECIAL THANKS to Ron Davis for letting us use the North Beach Surf Shop for our May meeting. We had a crock-pot full of chicken & rice along with chips & Salsa. There were enough brewskies and cokes to go around and Rob Autrey brought a new longboard movie; "The Re-Birth of Cool". After the meeting was over, everybody just sat around, shot the bull and watched the movie (hoping for some of the SAME kind of waves featured). If you haven't made it out to one of the meetings you need to make plans. O.K., so it ISN'T like a large executive board meeting of a big corporation; but it IS fun to get together, laugh, joke and enjoy the company of OTHER PEOPLE who share the same passion for surfing (especially on longboards) as you do.



There was a rather somber period at the meeting when we considered the situation of Caleb Bartlett, up in Jax. at University Hospital, suffering from a broken neck, the result of a pool accident. He's the son of Steve and Shelley Bartlett (Steve was in last years' Longboard Contest and the brother of Sue Autrey), so the relationship is sorta close. Caleb is a good kid and loves the waves, but the broken neck has left him hospitalized for awhile. He's also suffering from complications set in because of pneumonia. There's going to be some GIGANTIC hospital bills that this

family is going to stagger under, so if you can help, please consider any contribution to the "Caleb Bartlett Assistance Fund" set up at First Union Bank (ask about the fund, they'll know what you're talking about). There's also going to be a "fund-raising" raffle sometime in June. Among other things there's going to be an Autrey Longboard, boogie boards, some gift certificates from a couple of the local restaurants, surf togs and a month-long membership to the Anastasia Health Club. Tickets are \$1.00/ea. or 6 for \$5.00 (CHEAP ENOUGH TO BUY SEVERAL CHANCES). ALL proceeds from the raffle will go to the family for expenses. If you need more info, call "Joint Venture Leather Shop" at 824-5185 or Burgess' home, 824-8783. This is pretty heavy stuff and all you have to do is put yourself in their place to sense a LITTLE of what the family is going through. I'm sure they'd appreciate your thoughts & prayers.

As a gesture of our concern from the St. Augustine Longboard Club, at this past meeting, club members present voted on a motion to contribute 25% of our EXISTING club funds to the special fund set up for Caleb Bartlett (the vote was unanimous)

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On a softer note; LONGBOARD CLUB MEMBERS (you know who you are), if you haven't gotten your newest club T-Shirts; YOU NEED TO DO THAT!!! If you can, pick yours up at the next meeting or call Burgess. Those of us who have them are stoked over the picture.