

Subject: Re: Aloha!

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>> From: nunujk@hawaii.rr.com Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2005 08:02:54 -1000 To:

>> contact@grainsurfboards.com Subject: Aloha!

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>> Mike and Rich - This is fabulous! Your making surf boards of wood. I read
>> the article in this morning's newspaper here in Hilo, Hawaii and it brought
>> back some great> memories. Surfing at Waikiki in 1946.....using a huge
>> "hollow" board, about 12-14 feet long.> It took two of us wahines to carry it
>> to the ocean. No skegs, when you wanted to turn your board, you put your
>> foot in the water. You stood up, just like the "Duke" showed us when we were
>> kids. No fancy cuts and moves, for we wanted to look like him. Those days,
>> surfing was crowded if 5 people were out at "Canoes" waiting for waves to
>> catch. I favored my redwood balsa board the most, but did like surfing on
>> hollows too. Never wanted to surf with one of the heavy redwood planks.

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>> Thank you so much for bringing back and improving the sport. My brother made
>> his hollow board a few years ago, and it brings back super memories for him
>> too. I wish you all the success in the world. joan kaaua

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> Hi Joan,

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> As you might imagine we are getting tons of emails regarding our
> boards. Everything from price inquiries to on-the-spot orders. All great to be
> sure.

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> But what you might not imagine is that your email stands out as the most moving
> and gratifying one we've received.

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> As relative newcomers to surfing, we long for the kinds of experiences you so
> fondly describe (we're not that young, and we've been doing it for years, but
> we know we're stuck being late arrivals in the evolutionary history of it
> all). They sound simple, true, and maybe most notable for sounding so vivid in
> your memory. I can understand why. Those early experiences must have been
> amazing!

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> As for us, we already feel a certain amount of success. We get to ride these
> boards on a daily basis (provided there are waves of course).

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> And on second thought, emails like yours make us realize that maybe
> we're already living a similar experience. One that we'll draw upon one day to
> inspire the stoke in the next generation.

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> So thank YOU for your kind and inspiring words.

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> I feel proud to be the recipient of your email. So much so that I'd like to
> share it with the surfing community via our news page.

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> Would you mind if I did that? I can not include your name if you wish.

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> Cheers and warmest regards.

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> Rich Blundell

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Rich No problem sharing. Kind of think you might get some more "oldtimers"

contacting you. Including name is fine. We go so far back in years, Waikiki was OURS and there were only 3 hotels then. Slept under the canoes in front of the Outrigger Canoe Club site when the surf was up so we could try to catch the waves first. Be proud (ha'aheo) of what you are doing for surfing. jk