



SHOCKWAVE PARTY

It just keeps getting bigger and better every year. With more than 80 pre-registered participants, Shockwave Boats were the center of attention on Lake Havasu during a recent hot and humid weekend.

Saturday's inner-tube slide area was extremely popular as adults and kids slid down the water-soaked hill into cool water-filled wading pools. Gathering at Joker's Wild Cove, Shockwave boaters got their Saturday started after the 9 a.m. drivers'

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to do. Once the group photo is completed, the lineup starts for the individual boat runs to get a personal aerial shot. From the line at the photographer's booth later that evening, it appeared as if everyone had aerial photos of his/her Shockwave taken.

Three of the luckiest participants were George Clarke of Huntington Beach, California, Doug Reeves of Alta Loma, Cali-

fornia, and Richard Fiala, who took part in all the weekend's activities on a Shockwave that he had taken delivery of at 5:30 p.m. Friday night. Now, that's cutting it close!

During the Friday night registration, the tone for the weekend was set. Laughs, cheers, along with hoots and hollers were heard loud and clear as almost everyone took part in the Budweiser-sponsored Hot Wheels Race. "Shockwave boaters arrived at their regatta ready to have a good time," said Todd Taylor, owner of Joker's Wild Promotions, which handles everything from A to Z for the regatta. "The Joker's Wild team worked hard to make sure everything went smoothly for them."

Saturday's dinner and raffle took on a special atmosphere for the youngsters in attendance as Norco, California, residents Diane and Gary Farace donated enough toys so that every child who was there went home with a prize. In addition, through the generosity of Shockwave and



meeting with the group photo-shoot. Good-natured kidding with everyone cooling off in the lake was the norm as everybody waited for the helicopter to arrive. The screams, waves and general silliness really gets going once the helicopter arrives, and getting the attention of the photographer is something *everyone* tries

fornia, and Richard Mercado of Fontana, California, as their poker hands were the best of the day, earning them the respective top three places in the ever-exciting poker run. Kayla Franklin of Fontana, California, was named this year's princess, while young Cameron Constantino of Hemet, California, graciously accepted

the other vendors, all the adults also seemed have something in their hands as the night came to a close.

There's nothing better than spending a weekend on Lake Havasu with 450 of your best friends. That was the general consensus of those attending Shockwave's 2003 Regatta. ■