

IT'S A BOY THING...

SUMMER JOY TOYS

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE ON THE BEST TOYS FOR BOYS CAN BE AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FEAT. WITH SUCH A SHORT LIFE SPAN, CAPTURING THE ATTENTION OF THEIR OWNERS FOR LONGER THAN IT TAKES THEM TO CHANGE THE TV DURING A COMMERCIAL CAN BE TOUGH. DANIELA BONETTO INVESTIGATES WHAT MEN WILL BE PLAYING WITH WHEN THEY HIT THE WAVES THIS SUMMER...



EGO Semi Sub

Not many words are needed to describe how utterly awesome the EGO is. Developed by Raonhaje here is the world's first compact semi submarine. What does it mean? That one can step down into an underwater observatory and simply drive. No longer

bound by a tour guide's itinerary, EGO allows the power to navigate to where one's sense of adventure dictates. It is neither a submarine nor a glass bottom boat. Beneath ample deck space is an underwater glass observatory equipped with state-of-the-art

technology. Smooth driving performance is coupled with a clear view of undersea life. It's safe, easy and comfortable and with its cutting-edge design and technology, it brings a whole new meaning to compact, personal and pure underwater driving enjoyment.



SCUBACRAFT

To ride waves and explore the depths is what this vehicle wants you to do. It's a Scubacraft, the first self-contained submersible that's also a capable surface watercraft. On the surface of the water the Scubacraft SC6 can propel up to six passengers to 45 knots. But the real reason that you have to have one of these is because underwater exploration at up to 100 feet below the surface is just cool. The Scubacraft uses an internal-combustion engine to reach a dive site where it can descend to a maximum depth of about 100 feet. Underwater this device flies through the water at up to 3 knots. Battery operated and silent in the water, taking one of these for a spin will not disturb the fish. The price is available per request, but according to sources the smaller SC3 goes for about \$164,000.





AQUA JETBIKE

If speed, skill and sheer raw power are your preferences, then the Aquabike delivers all - in abundance - producing non-stop action and edge-of-the-seat racing. At least that is what it promises. This two-seater is a beast and requires jaw-dropping grit and determination to control; weighing under 220kgs, the 2600cc engine producing up to 350hp, propelling the bike across the water at over 150km/h. Offering a simultaneous front and rear steering mechanism will allow our drivers to actually plunge under the water briefly due to the extra power.



JETLEV FLYER

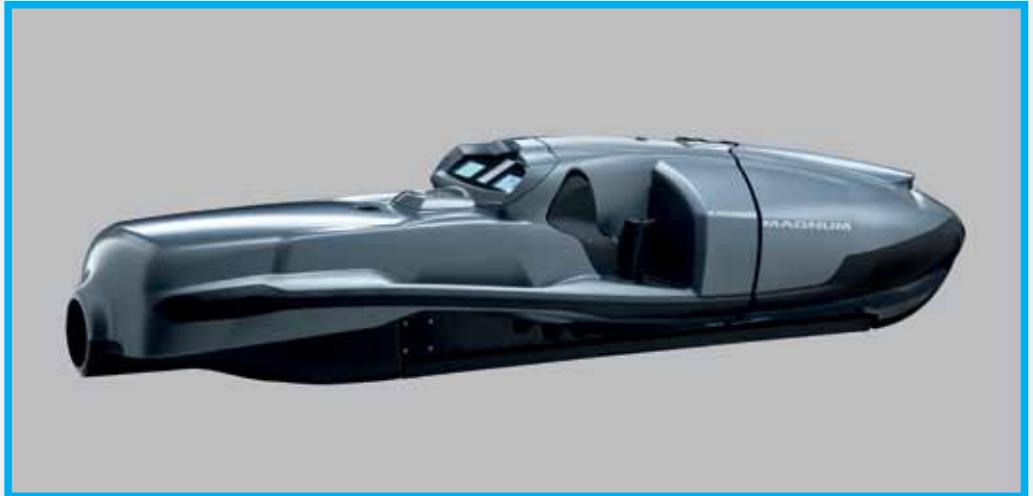
For those who will be spending their sunny days on their mega yacht the \$130,000 you will need to purchase a JetLev-Flyer is not much more than spare change. Made of the strongest and most reliable materials, every part of the Flyer is painstakingly made with great precision. To keep moisture out, critical

cables are protected with military style sleeves. Its inherent stability and effortless control combine with the simple, intuitive flight controls, which can propel flyers up to 10 metres above the water at up to 35km per hour. A flexible water supply hose delivers power to the jetpack with pressurised

water. It also serves as the tether, enforces a flight ceiling, discourages the pilot from flying over land, acts as a stabiliser; dampens vibrations, and maintains forward heading stability of the jetpack in flight. The smoothness, stability, control, performance and ease-of-use will surpass the wildest expectations.

CAYAGO MAGNUM

This limited edition super toy is truly spectacular. At a mere price tag of circa \$100,000, the Stuttgart-based high-tech manufacturer Cayago AG has added a little extra oomph to the already established Seabob—an ultra-modern and sophisticated water sled with that certain something in terms of lifestyle. But now presented is the ultimate toy in a limited edition called “Special Edition 100” where only 100 will be made. This special vehicle is equipped with state-of-the-art technology—of course. The Cayago Magnum features a cutting-edge sonar system for diving. Combined with the latest in compass technology, this high-tech toy can be navigated perfectly at high speeds under water and in poor visibility. The engine is fitted with 10 gears. The entire engineering of the sled and its masculine design results in keeping with Cayago’s motto, “Being special makes the difference”.



WATERCAR

Last but not least this little number can look a tad odd but we promise you it's another bad boy as well! A California company has combined a Corvette with a luxury speedboat and thrown in some jet ski to create a holy trinity of awesomeness called the WaterCar Python. For around \$170,000, you can pick up a Python rolling chassis and install a General Motors LS series engine of your choosing — from a used LS1 to the same mind-bendingly powerful



LS9 found in the Corvette ZR1. There is of course an additional charge depending on the level of insanity chosen. Once installed, drive the Python to the yacht club and stun your high society friends by driving the Python straight into the water, pressing one button to retract the wheels and another to start the jet. You'll be gliding on a bright blue highway in seconds. Far from a glorified Amphicar, this jewel can do over 90 km per hour on the water.

JOY RIDES

MEN WILL DREAM OF SUN AND SEA THIS SUMMER. FROM SLEEK WATER TOYS TO CHIC AND BREEZY ROAD JOYS, THIS SUMMER'S OUTDOOR GAMES ARE LOOKING FAR TOO ALLURING FOR LADIES LET ALONE THEIR GENTS. TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT THE ULTIMATE CONVERTIBLE JOY RIDES OF 2012.



Aston Martin Virage Volante

Beautiful, dynamic and prestigious, the Virage Volante combines outright sports car performance with luxury, comfort, refinement and open-top experience. Virage will be built in the same production facility as the DBS and DB9 and will be Aston Martin's tenth major new model to go into production at the UK site since Gaydon was opened. The car looks as if it was precision machined from a single billet of aluminum emphasising the

attention to detail and exquisite surface language. Contributing to the feeling of luxury, finely polished glass buttons adorn the fascia inviting the driver to select their desired setup or control. Aston Martin's design team have stayed true to the ethos of using material honestly where facias are really hand finished with polished woods, dials are milled aluminum, and leathers retain their patina and aroma years into their life.



Bentley Continental SuperSports Ice Speed Record Convertible 2012

Bentley announced a 100-run limited edition, the 202 mph (325 km/h) Continental Supersports "Ice Speed Record" convertible 2012 to celebrate the world's ice speed record. The 6-litre, twin turbo-charged W12 engine, produces 640 PS (631 bhp / 471 kW) - the most powerful Bentley ever - and 800Nm (590lb ft) of torque. Paired with a Quickshift six-speed automatic transmission, it launches the convertible 'Ice Speed Record' model from 0-60mph in 3.8 seconds (0-100km/h in 4.0s) and reaches 100mph from a standing start in only 9.5 seconds (0-160 km/h in 9.4s). The dramatic character of the four-seat Supersports 'Ice Speed Record' continues in the cockpit in which traditional Bentley craftsmanship and fine detailing are given an even more extrovert interpretation.

Traditional leather hides sit alongside a range of contemporary materials for a distinctly sporting style. This includes diamond-quilted Alcantara to

doors, quarter panels and seat facings, and 'soft-grip' leather on the steering wheel and gear lever.

Unique to the 'Ice Speed Record' model, the high-gloss carbon fibre on the dashboard, centre console and roof panel, features a unique red weave. The theme continues with Pillar Box red piping to seats and doors, and Pillar Box Red contrast stitching to seats, door casings, steering wheel and gearshift paddles.

The front seats and floor mats also feature embroidered 'Supersports' legends while the signature Breitling dashboard clock also has a red accent.

The Supersports 'Ice Speed Record', despite its ice racing pedigree, is clearly no 'stripped out' racer. Its highly specified interior has the highly advanced touchscreen infotainment system from the new Continental GT that provides rich map imagery and a 30GB on-board hard drive.





Porsche Boxter

The next-generation Boxster, also known as the 981, is being conceived almost entirely from scratch. The 981 will feature a new cab-forward design to better distinguish the model from the 911. Its dimensions will grow by 60mm at the wheelbase and 37mm in total length, while the height loses 10mm and the front overhang is reduced by 25 mm. The new cabin will provide more legroom, 18mm for occupants of its two seats.

The Boxster will also feature some unique styling cues on its front and rear fascias, its own headlamps and taillights, a new side air intake design and a steeper windscreen. But the really distinctive factor will be a new flat-four power plant that Porsche is developing that will be a flagship engine of the next Boxster and Cayman models. The four-cylinder unit will displace 2.5 litres and feature a larger bore than on the current 2.9 litre engine.



Almost all of the functions of the PCM can be controlled using the latest optional voice control system with word-by-word input. The menu item is read aloud exactly as it is displayed on the screen and the voice control system recognises commands or sequences of numbers, whoever the speaker. It then gives an audible acknowledgement and carries out the functions you request. There is no need to 'train' the system.

The optional electronic logbook enables automatic recording of mileage, route distance, time and date, starting point and destination as part of every journey. Once you have downloaded the logbooks from the PCM via Bluetooth® or the optional USB interface, you can evaluate the data on your PC using the software supplied. The new Boxster is scheduled for a debut at the Detroit auto show in January 2012.



Rolls-Royce Phantom

When a car costs roughly double the current U.S. median home price, chances are good the company building it won't do anything too radical. That appears to be the case with the next generation of the Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupe, set to arrive later this year. With a current base price of \$452,000, this 4-passenger convertible is due a makeover befitting its stature as one of the world's most exclusive cars.

The front grille appears smaller than before, and more smoothly integrated into the gently forward sloping hood and front fascia. The headlights are also updated,

along with the lower half of the front bumper. It's not much different than the current model but, generally speaking, the new face is more modern and fresh.

Too bad the taillights didn't get quite the same attention to detail. They're smaller than before, which is fine with us. But the clear plastic looks a little too import-tuner scene for a car like the Phantom Drophead. Then again, considering the level of customisation Rolls-Royce offers its clientele, a well-heeled customer could probably order anything their heart desires all in the name of having their personalised dream car.

