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MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

Skatopians at the Gate



Skatopia's dictator and chief, Brewce Martin has been seriously injured "with major head trauma in a freak accident at a tire shop near Skatopia. Apparently, he was standing next to the tire mounting machine and it exploded. All we know at the present time is that he's in surgery to relieve pressure on his brain." (Taken from the Slap message boards.)

TeamJaded wishes Brewce well, and hopes for his speedy recovery.

I did a three day shoot at Skatopia when I worked for Current. The shoot took place during Skatopia's annual "bowl bash" when hundreds of hillbilly punks and skaters descend on Skatopia for a few days of complete mayhem. It was one of the most intense field production experiences of my life. I often liken it to shooting video in a combat zone.

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During my short encounter with Brewce at his "anarchist resort," he came off like a compete lunatic, but a lunatic who was somehow in control of what looked to me like utter chaos. He gave my co-producer Allison Muir and I the standard Skatopia hard time. He even went so far as to tell us that we could film, but we couldn't keep the footage. In the end he not only let us keep the footage, he even granted us a short interview, AND signed a release granting us permission to use the footage on Current TV ...thus proving that he was a stern, but fair dictator. (Most of the footage never actually made it to air, but that's a whole other story.)

...Seriously Brewce, get well man.

In other Skatopia news, the documentary "Skatopia: 88 Acres of Anarchy" is finally set to premier on July 11 at Acefest 2009 in NYC. The trailer looks amazing. Allison and I had the pleasure of working along side the film crew for the three days we spent at Skatopia. They told us they had been there for months, and were staying for a few more after we left. I couldn't understand how any human would volunteer for that, but I knew it was going to make a great documentary. If you get the opportunity to see it, don't pass it up.

Below is an old trailer. There is a new one [here](#). I highly recommend watching it.



Photo taken from Skatopia's myspace.

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