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Posted by Paul Braun on Thu, 25 Jan 2007 02:24:17 GMT
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wanted to up the horsepower a bit and add a second card possibly.

I think I have a motherboard and a reasonably fast Athlon on the
shelf, so building a windows pc wouldn't cost that much.

Yeah, a HD recorder would probably be easiest and lightest, but
ultimately, considering what I already have, a lot more $$$.

But I'll consider it.

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Posted by Paul Braun on Thu, 25 Jan 2007 02:24:52 GMT
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On 25 Jan 2007 12:51:22 +1000, "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com>
wrote:

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Posted by Paul Braun on Thu, 25 Jan 2007 04:50:49 GMT
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up the road rig to a Sawtooth or Quicksilver.

The Marathon piece was nice, but cost almost as much as the cpu, and apparently they've gone out of business anyway.

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