

Historical Roller Skating

OVERVIEW

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Arena Gardens, 1942

CURATOR'S CORNER

I would like to introduce Mike Zaidman to the members of the National Museum of Roller Skating. Mike is the museum's intern and has been working on various jobs such as processing museum donations, helping to create museum displays, and cataloging the collection. He is currently working on his master's degree in museum studies at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Mike is from Chicago and has a particular interest in sports museums which is what led him to our door.

Be sure to buy your annual raffle ticket! They are on sale now at \$50 each. The grand prize is \$5,000 with a total of \$10,000 in prizes being awarded. The drawing will be at the 1995 RSA Convention. This year the winning tickets will be drawn during the President's Dinner! To get your ticket send check or money order to the museum. Please specify the check is for the raffle.

The museum unveiled two audio displays this year at the National Artistic and Indoor Speed Championships in August. One of the displays featured the earliest roller skates in the museum's collection. The other display describes the Skating Vanities display.

The museum would also like to welcome **Irwin Rosee** as a new honorary member of the National Museum of Roller Skating Board of Trustees. Irwin was voted unanimously to this position at the August board meeting.

This issue of the "Overview" features early roller skate racing. The early history of racing is loaded with interesting characters. We also received an impressive \$3,000 donation several weeks ago and we will recognize the individual who made this contribution to preserving the history of roller skating.

Best wishes (and Happy Halloween)



Scott Wilhite
Director & Curator

WISH LIST: The museum needs a 16mm projector! Does anyone have a projector that they would be willing to donate?

Q & A?

Art Snyder is interested in finding out information on a skate company by the name of Arrow Skates. Any information can be sent to the museum or to Mr. Snyder at 32 Rue Royale, Dayton, OH 45429-1463.



Mike Zaidman, the museum's new intern, in front of a display that he designed.

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GO SPEED RACER!

Profiles of early roller speed skaters.

Allie Moore - Ex-American Champion

The speed wonder of the age, who was recognized one time as the World's Champion. Mr. Moore went abroad in the early part of 1909 to compete in the Olympia Championships, held Feb. 26, 1909, at London, England. He won second place to Harley Davidson of St. Paul, Minn.

Moore took up speed skating in 1906 and made a wonderful showing at St. Louis, Chicago, and other places, and everybody that knew his ability picked him to win the World's Championship medal at London. He was raised at Charlevoix, Mich. He is a very clever boxer, as well as an expert swimmer and oarsmen and all around athlete.

His last race was when he competed in the world's professional championships at Detroit, Mich., March 12th to 25th, 1914.

Arthur G. Eglinton - Norfolk, England Former Amateur Champion of Great Britain.

This noted English roller speed skater held the amateur championship of Great Britain before coming to the U.S. He arrived in America in 1913, landing in Baltimore, Md., where he competed in many races before attracting attention from the American public. His first prominent appearance was at the World Amateur Championship meet in Detroit, Mich., March, 1914.

At Madison Square Garden, New York, March 16-17, 1915, in his first professional race with Roland Cioni, won the 24 hour team race, skating 304 miles, 5 laps. In the American Derby held at Convention Hall, Washington, D.C., March 24-27, 1915, with Cioni as mate, they won the 100 mile race, skating the distance in 7 hours, 10 minutes, and 15 seconds. He went to Chicago in the fall of 1915 and trained on the Riverview banked track, and it was while there that he made a national reputation for himself by winning many events and establishing several world's records. In the world's professional championship meet held at the same rink in April, 1916, he tied champion Roland Cioni in points. In the international championships held at Charleston, W.Va., August 26-September 4, 1916, "Egg" won sixth place. With the opening of the Dreamland Rink in Chicago, September 9, 1916, he was engaged on the rink staff. He is a perfect gentleman both on and off the track.

Frank Bacon - McKeesport, Pa.

Mr. Bacon was one of the fastest skaters in the country. He won the "Billboard" medal at Coney Island, N.Y., 1908, defeating a large field of fast skaters. He has competed in all the noted long and short distance races and championships held during the past 10 years, and is one of the greatest 24-hour skaters in the business. In the spring of 1916 he took to exhibition dancing on roller skates and put up a wonderful act. His first engagement was for 20 weeks at the Griswold Cafe, Detroit, Mich. He is an expert skate

man and knows the rink business from start to finish.

Jesse Carey - The Grand Old Man of Skating

Known as "Pop" and one of the oldest skaters in competition. He was born in Pittston, Pa., July 28, 1872, and started to skate October, 1888. March 16, 1889, he did trick and fancy skating at Pittston and won his first race the following day. 1889 to 1906 he won many races around Pittston. In 1906 and 1907 he won Luzerne and Lackawanna county championships. 1908 won the Southeastern Pennsylvania Championship. In 1909 he won many races from the most noted skater in the country.

In Paris, France, October of 1910, he was hailed the greatest skater in the world, when he won the 4 kilometers in 8:34; 50 Kilometers (32) miles in 1 hour 29 seconds. He won the 24-hour race at Paris, December 24-25, 1910, skating 4.79 kilometers 9.33 meters (280 miles) without a stop. In Paris, January 7 to 14, 1911, he won all European Kilometer championships, 1 to 50 miles. Brussels, Feb. 4, 1911, he won a 40-mile race from the best skaters of Belgium. In Antwerp, February 8, 1911, he won the championship of Belgium from 1 kilometer to 6 hours. In Paris, March 25, 1911, he won the 50 kilometers, in 1 hour 55 minutes. In Liege, April 16, 1911, he won the one-hour street race from 40 starters, skating 24 kilometers. He has skated in all big meets since returning to the U.S. He managed Luna Park and Armory roller rinks in Charleston, W.Va., 1914-15. Held World's Amateur Speed Championships at Luna Park, July 5-11, 1915. In the summer of 1916, with E.M. Mooar, took the management of Carsonia Park Rink, Reading, Pa. He is a grand little fellow.

Roy E. Templeton - Iowa-Nebraska Champion

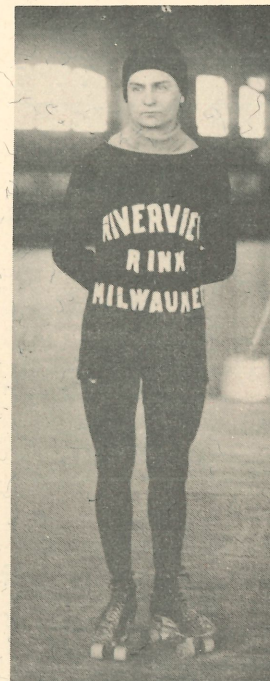
This speedy boy of Sioux City, Iowa, started skating on rollers in 1908. His first race was January 1, 1908, and during the winter defeated all local skaters. During the summer season of the same year he competed in 12 races at Riverside Park, Sioux City, winning them all, claiming the City Championship. During the winter seasons of 1908, 1909, he won 10 races at Riverside Park, defeating the best in that part of the country. In the summer of 1912, he won from all comers. Summer of 1913, Roy won 16 races, City Championship and claimed the State Championship. Summer, 1914, he challenged and defeated all comers up to one hour, winning 16 races and the Interstate Championship of Iowa and Nebraska. In 1915, at Riverside Park, he won every race he skated in up to the time of competing in the World's Amateur Championship at Charleston, W.Va, July 5-11. He won second place in the World's Championship and second place in both the Northwestern and Interstate Championship. Templeton was born at Alton, Ill., October 5, 1895.

EXCERPTED FROM *Skaters History on Ice and Roller Skating* published by the Western Skating Association in 1916.

WORLD'S ROLLER SKATING RECORDS

Abbreviations: (A) Amateur, (P) Professional, (F.S.) Flying Start, (B.T.) Banked Track, (F.T.) Flat Track, (h) hours, (m) minutes, (s) seconds, (U.P.) Unpaced (C.T.) Curved Track.

Distance.	Time.	Remarks.	Holder.	Place.	Date.
100 yards	10s	(B.T.)	Henry Becker	(A) Riverview Rink, Chicago	1910
¼ mile	36s	(B.T.)	Fred Tyrell	(A) Riverview Rink, Chicago	Jan. 3, 1909
¼ mile	1m:15s	(B.T.)	Allie Moore	(P) Riverview Rink, Chicago	1908
¼ mile	1m:14½s	(B.T.)	William Robinson	(A) Riverview Rink, Chicago	Feb. 3, 1910
¼ mile	1m:21s	(F.T.)	Harley Davidson	(P) Liverpool, England	Dec. 15, 1909
¼ mile	1m:26s	(F.T.)	William Robinson	(A) Coliseum, Chicago	1908
¼ mile	1m:14½sU.P.	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Feb. 25, 1916
¼ mile	1m:12s pac'd	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Feb. 4, 1916



Go Racers!



WORLD'S ROLLER SKATING RECORDS—Continued

Distance.	Time.	Remarks.	Holder.	Place.	Date.
½ mile	1m:11½s	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Apr. 11, 1916
1 mile	2m:45s	(F.T.)	Harley Davidson	(P) London, England	Dec. 15, 1909
1 mile	2m:53s pac'd	(F.T.)	William Robinson	(A) Coliseum, Chicago	1908
*1 mile	2m:37½s	(B.T.)	Harley Davidson	(P) Riverview, Chicago	1907
1 mile	2m:32s	(B.T.)	Henry Becker	(A) Riverview Rink, Chicago	1908
1 mile	2m:31s hdcp	(B.T.)	Fred Tyrell	(A) Riverview Rink, Chicago	Dec. 25, 1908
1 mile	2m:35½sU.P.	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Feb. 26, 1916
1 mile	2m:25½s	(B.T.)	Rodney Peters	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Apr. 12, 1916
1 mile	2m:24½s pac'd	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Feb. 4, 1916
1 mile	2m:57½s	(F.T.)	Leon Kimm	(A) Wayne, Detroit	Apr. 4, 1912
*2 miles	5m:25½s	(B.T.)	Harley Davidson	(P) Riverview, Chicago	1907
2 miles	4m:59½s	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Apr. 14, 1916
2 miles	5m:12s	(B.T.)	Henry Becker	(A) Riverview Rink, Chicago	Oct., 1909
2 miles	6m:15s	(F.T.)	Carl Carlson	(A) Wayne, Detroit	Apr., 1912
3 miles	8m:32½s Scr.	(F.T.)	Clarence Hamilton	(P) Coliseum, Kansas City	Aug. 17, 1909
3 miles	7m:55½s	(B.T.)	Allie Moore	(P) Riverview Rink, Chicago	May 15, 1908
3 miles	9m: 13 laps	(F.T.)	Nip Melzer	(A) Sans Souci, Chicago	Nov. 6, 1908
5 miles	13m:25s	(B.T.)	Roland Cioni	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Apr. 13, 1916
10 miles	32m:41s	(F.T.)	Harley Davidson	(P) Riverview, Milwaukee	Apr. 20, 1912
10 miles	29m:20½s	(B.T.)	Roland Cioni	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Apr. 13, 1916
15 miles	42m:16½s	(B.T.)	A. R. Eglinton	(P) Riverview, Chicago	Feb. 7, 1916

*Time figured on 9 laps to mile all other records made at Riverview Rink based on 8½ laps.

ENDURANCE TEAM RACE

Time.	Distance.	Remarks.	Holder.	Place.	Date.
1 hour	18¾ miles	(F.T.)	Carl Carlson	Sans Souci, Chicago	1908
12 hours	203½ miles	(F.T.)	Chick Keppler (A)	Englewood Rink, Chicago	Feb. 1, 1908
			Carl Carlson (A)		
			Hugh Gillice (A)		
24 hours	304 miles 5 laps	(B.T.)	Roland Cioni (P)	Madison Garden, New York	Mar. 16-17, 1915
			A. R. Eglinton		
24 hours	254 miles 6 laps	(F.T.)	Roland Cioni (P)	Palace, Detroit	Feb. 26-27, 1916
			A. R. Eglinton (P)		

INDIVIDUAL ENDURANCE RACE

10 hours	136½ miles	(F.T.)	Walter W. Osmun (P)	Fond Du Lac, Wis.	1885
10 hours	127 miles	(F.T.)	Harley Davidson (A)	St. Paul, Minn.	1892
12 hours	144 miles	(F.T.)	Frank Bacon (P)	Riverview, Milwaukee	Mar., 1913
24 hours	253 miles 12 laps	(F.T.)	Fred Martin (P)	Riverview, Milwaukee	Mar., 1913
72 hours (12 h. day)	780 mi.	(F.T.)	Walter W. Osmun (P)	Minneapolis, Minn.	1885

MARATHON RACE

Distance.	Remarks.	Time.	Holder.	Place.	Date.
8½ miles	St. Marathon race	35m:3s	Carl Carlson	(A) Chicago,	Nov. 26, 1908
10 miles	St. Marathon race,	57m:	John Stewart	(A) Kansas City	Dec. 25, 1908
15 miles	Rink Mar. race,	49m:15s	Chas. Maegdefessel	(A) Riverview, Chicago	Jan. 30, 1909
26 miles	385 yds Rink Mar.,	(F.T.) 1h:23m:15s	Stanely Keyes	(P) Wayne Rink, Detroit,	Mar. 10, 1916
26 miles	385 yds Rink Mar.,	1h:25m:8½s	Chris Driscoll	(A) Riverview, Chicago	Apr. 10, 1909
100 miles	(F.T.) 7h:10m:15s		Roland Cioni	(P) Convention Hall, Washington, D. C.	Mar. 27, 1915



MUSEUM RECEIVES \$3,000 DONATION

A very special donation was made to the National Museum of Roller Skating by Arnold Kueker in September. A \$3,000 donation was made care of Mr. Kueker from the American Legion Post 669 in Des Moines, Iowa. Post 669 is dissolving and the assets are required to be donated to non-profit institutions. As a long-time skating enthusiast, Mr. Kueker realized that the museum is an extremely worthy recipient of some of these funds.

Mr. Kueker's involvement with roller skating goes back 60 years to when he was a kid skating in Tripoli, Iowa. After enlisting in the Navy he was lucky enough to go to military school in the Chicago and Detroit areas which led him to Fred Martin's Arena Gardens in 1941. It was at Arena Gardens that he says he first started artistic skating.

After being transferred to Seattle, Washington's Naval Air Station as an aircraft technician, he started taking skating classes from Irene Nazzaro. It was through the classes and by being a member of several roller clubs, that his skating skills improved.

After seeing action during WWII on two aircraft carriers he ended up in Kansas City where he met John Sawyer, "a fine professional and rink operator. He gave me a lot of help on advanced skating. He trained me in Judges panel." Under Sawyer he entered amateur skating in an RSROA meet and won in Novice dance. A year later he won 1st place in Intermediate dance.

"I felt honored just to skate in the RSROA American Championship," Kueker says. "John Sawyer pioneered skating in the Kansas City and the Kansas area. Our panel always helped judge his test centers and the skating meets John held in that area."

In 1950 Kueker turned Pro at the Plamor Roller Rink, Kansas City, Mo. In his first year coaching his team won a 2nd place in the RSROA tri-state meet. He continued teaching and built large skating classes at the Plamor.



"My largest beginners class on Tuesday night was 120 skaters," says Kueker.

Kueker was also the chairman of the Kansas-Missouri-Oklahoma Tri-State contests. He set up meet events and also directed contests. With Ken Sherman of Nebraska and Tom Powers from Minnesota, he organized and set up Iowa-Minnesota-Nebraska Tri-State meets. He was chairman and worked these three state contests. Through the seventies he trained skaters and was involved with roller skating as an organizer and judge.

Mr. Kueker now resides in Norwalk, Iowa. The museum gratefully accepts and acknowledges

the donation of \$3,000. It is larger donations that allow the museum to aggressively expand its programs and improve the facilities which house our collection.

I would like to strongly encourage other members of the museum to think about how they can help insure that the museum will be here for many generations to come, preserving and expanding the largest collection of roller skate memorabilia in the world. Your tax-deductible donation is important to us in that it allows us to fulfill our mission as an institution dedicated to preserving roller skating history.

One of the simplest, and most overlooked, ways of making a donation to the museum is by stipulating that a certain amount of money be donated to the museum in a will. Or, perhaps you will find yourself in a position not unlike Mr. Kueker's, where an amount of money needs to be donated to a non-profit institution for tax purposes.

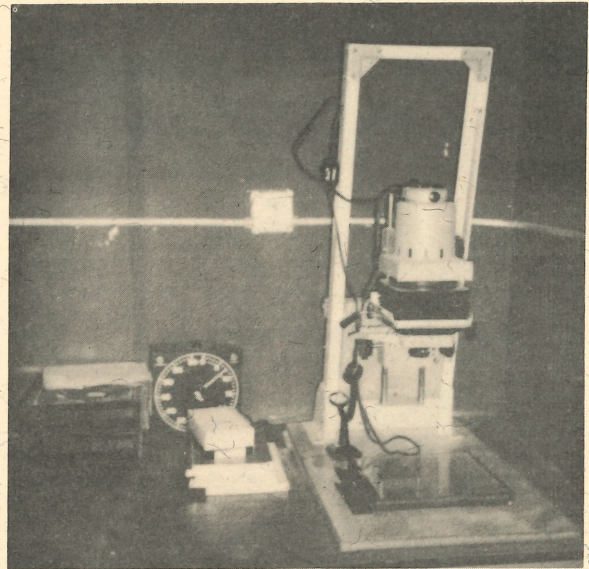
Either way, it is important to consider the museum as a possible recipient. There is no better way to show your commitment to roller skating. There is no better way to stand up and be counted as someone who cares about the preservation of our roller skating heritage. If you have questions or would like to discuss making a large gift to the museum, contact the director or one of the board members.

MUSEUM NOTES

There have been quite a few donations that have come in during the last few months. Many were dropped off by individuals who attended nationals in Lincoln. Pictured here are just a few of these items. Thank you to all those who donated!



John Davis donated over 30 pins and medals many of which were in excellent condition.



George Pickard donated many items for the museum's new dark room including the enlarger and timer pictured here.

A press information kit of the new one-hour sports action game show called Blade Warriors was donated by Andy Seeley, Sports Information Director at the United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating. Pictured at right are the cast of athletes who will be featured on the TV show which is to be premiered in October.

Other donations were made by: Johan M. Bennink, Beth Shields, Caroline Mirelli, Ailene Rowland, Robert H. Purcell, Carolyn Bowman Stebe, Ray Miller, Gary J. Noto, Rose L. Martin, Don Homans, Bill Thomas, Bob Campbell, Chet Hildebrand, Suzie & Leo Robertson, Joel Lau, and Marcelo Martinez.



PATRON MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The number of individuals being added to the Patron Memorial Plaque continues to grow! Five new additions were made including Kenney Sherman of Nebraska and John Sawyer of Missouri. Contact the museum director to have someone's name placed on the handsome oak plaque which celebrates individual contributions to roller skating history. This could include everyone from rink owners to athletes. A one-time fee of \$250 will place the person on the memorial which will be displayed permanently at the National Museum of Roller Skating.

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