



## Rolling Through Time

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### Who We Are

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska and the only dedicated roller skating museum in the world. We are committed to the preservation of the history of roller skating. With over 50 display cases, the museum educates the public on all aspects of roller skating, which dates back to the first patented skate from 1819.

### Curator's Corner

#### Derby Donation



The local Lincoln, Nebraska roller derby team, the No Coast Derby Girls, graciously donated a team jersey to our collection. This black jersey portrays a large logo of the franchise on the front with the back furnishing the number 76. It was then instantaneously added to our display case. Thanks again No Coast!

### Organ Donation

After discussions with donor Dominic Cangelosi, the museum will receive a Hammond organ during the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>.



Cangelosi has owned Moonlight Rollerway in Glendale, California since 1985. Prior to this he worked as an organist for the rink itself. He continues to play the above organ every Tuesday night session.

The museum is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Hammond organ. Stay tuned for any further announcements regarding the organ.

### Renewing/New Members

Edie Plimpton Fleeman  
Harry Walker  
Timothy Hunter

### Rink Photo

Gresham, OR



**Chicago Skate Company**  
**"How to Roller Skate"**



With a copyright of 1936, the Chicago Roller Skating Company distributed this pamphlet with the subtitle, "The proper method of roller skating and the selection and care of roller skates."

Under a section titled "What Parents Should Know About Roller Skating", Chicago states the following:

*Roller skating is one of the most healthful of sports. It gives proper physical poise to growing children; offers an incentive to spend more time in the fresh air; induces deeper breathing; affords just the right amount of exercise to every muscle of the body. Roller skating particularly strengthens the important muscles of the back, shoulders, upper and lower leg, and the ankles. It stimulates and benefits all the organs of the body.*

**"CHICAGO"**  
TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

with  
 Rubber Tires

No. 181  
 \$4.00

**New Model Super Skate**

Noiseless—High-Speed—Ball-Bearing

No. 181. Combination skate for Boys, Girls or Grownups, with high steel heel back. *Extra Wide Clamps* with wedge grip. *High Speed Rubber Tires* outwear steel and will not chip or pull off. Self-contained grade "A" ball bearings cannot get out of adjustment. Rubber-Cushioned Shock-Absorbing oscillating truck. Bright nickel finish. 8 inches long, extends to 10½ inches.

No. 183. Girls' Special, same as above, except equipped with leather heel cuff.

No. 185. Juveniles', same as above, except 6 inches long, extends to 8 inches.

"Now, that we have perfected a practical Rubber Tire roller, skating is absolutely SAFE for the smallest child as well as grown-ups" states Chicago about the above advertisement.

**CHICAGO SCOUT**  
 FLYING Roller Skates

**CHILD LIFE**  
 APPROVAL  
 stamp of approval

He Chose "Chicagos"  
 Now He Is a Champion

**A Wheel WITHIN A Wheel**  
 When the outer tread is worn out, a New Spare with a case hardened tread that will outwear the original one is Automatically installed.

No. 101  
**"CHICAGO"**  
 The WORLD'S Greatest Roller Skates  
 Lighter Stronger Faster  
 for Boys, Girls or Grownups \$2.25

Built Like an Auto—Strongest Chassis—Rubber Shock Absorbers  
 Oscillating Trucks—High Speed Ball Bearing—Free Wheeling  
 "Stop" with 4-Wheel Brakes

For HEALTH'S Sake . . . Roller Skate

No. 84 30c each  
 Rubber Tires  
 Outwear Steel  
 ROLL on Rubber

The most enjoyable of all sports develops physical strength and mental joy. A most exhilarating exercise for young and grown-ups. Endorsed by leading health authorities. If your dealer cannot supply you, tell us.

Demand "CHICAGO"—insuring "Quality" Roller Skates  
 or  
 "WARE BROS." Juvenile for Low Price

No. 75 15c each  
 "Triple-Tread"  
 "Triple-Ware"  
 Outwear other steel wheels 3 to 1  
 They're Different

*How to Skate* focuses on important ideas outlined by Chicago. "Selecting Skates" advocates the use of rubber wheels because of low noise and longer wear. "Body Position" emphasizes balance through forward inclination. "How to Hold the Feet" recommends keeping all four wheels grounded.

The next section deals with the physical act of skating and its steps. "The Start" deviates between ordinary skating and racing; each way the start differs. "The Stroke" maintains speed through a right and left rhythmic motion. "Acquiring Speed" gradually lengthens each stroke to gather momentum. "How to Stop" recommends dragging the back skate at a 45 degree angle with all wheels on the floor. "Care of Skates" advises oiling bearings and clamp screws, while keeping skates moisture free and nuts tightened. "Games Played on Roller Skates" gives the examples of racing, tag, sting goal, prisoner's base, dog catching its tail, hide and seek, and crack the whip.

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**ZEPHYR**  
 "Goes Like the Wind"

No. 173  
 \$3.25

No. 173. *New Model* equipped with Zephyr Steel wheels—extra long wearing tread mounted on two-row High Speed ball bearings (see cross section of wheel) strong interlocking corrugated channel arch—shock absorbing Rubber Cushions oscillating trucks; extends 8 to 10½".  
 Price \$3.25

No. 173X. With extra long channel arch extends 10" to 12½".  
 Price \$3.50

No. 73  
 Zephyr High Speed Steel Wheels built for longer wear and heavy loads, self contained, balls mounted on over-size, polished steel cones. 9/32" hole. Fits all makes of skates.  
 Price \$0.35 ea.



## Skate of the Week

First Inline, first quad skates



First patented inline skate: Petitbled, 1819  
First quad skate: Plimpton, 1863

## Wish List

1.) **Competition worn gear:** One of the most commented on parts of the museum collection deals with our event worn items. Whether dance costumes, speed uniforms, derby jerseys, hockey sticks, or specific skates, visitors like to see what people wear while competing in roller skating competitions.

The museum is most in need of items worn while competing for a national championship or a world title. If you have anything you feel meets the criteria and are interested in donating, please contact the museum at your earliest convenience.

2.) **Original Artwork:** For those who visit the museum, we have a small collection of original artwork with a roller skating theme. We have original oil paintings from the Chicago Skate Company from the 1940s. There is a life-size sculpture of two girls carrying roller skates. We showcase an original lithograph from Cheret, the father of poster art. These items, along with a few others, make up our original art collection.

If anyone has any additional artwork with a roller skating theme, please contact the museum. We are looking to expand this part of our permanent collection.

3.) The museum is always in need of **odd and unusual skates**. Visitors are drawn to our different types of skates, variations to the norm, and how others failed to conform to the typical skate. On display now are animals skates as well as motorized skates. With anything you might consider an ODD skate, please contact the museum.

## Rink Sticker Collection

The museum has an extensive collection of roller skating rink stickers. Many skating rinks used to produce stickers as both an advertisement and fun way to for skaters to interact with one another, comparing the different location in which they skated. These were even traded as collectibles both informally and formally, under the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange founded in 1948. Each newsletter, we will feature four different rink stickers. Here are a few examples of the numerous stickers in the collection and on display at the National Museum of Roller Skating.



Thanks for supporting the museum!

