



## Rolling Through Time

By James Vannurden  
Director and Curator

Official Newsletter of:

**National Museum of Roller Skating**  
4730 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506  
(402) 483-7551 ex. 16  
@rollersk8museum

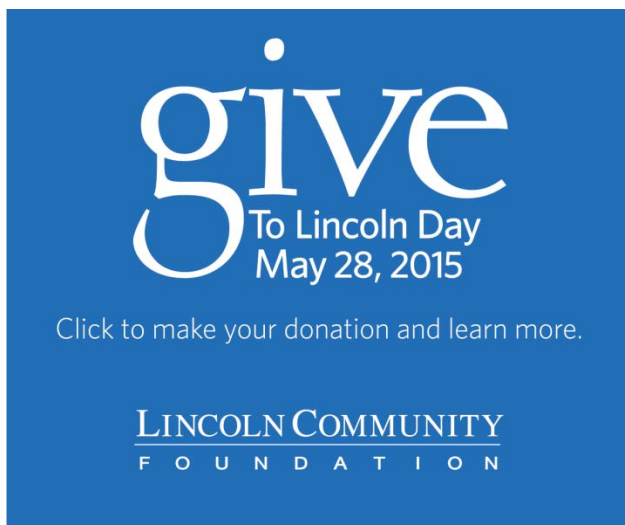
Bi-Monthly  
May 18, 2015

### 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

#### Give to Lincoln Day

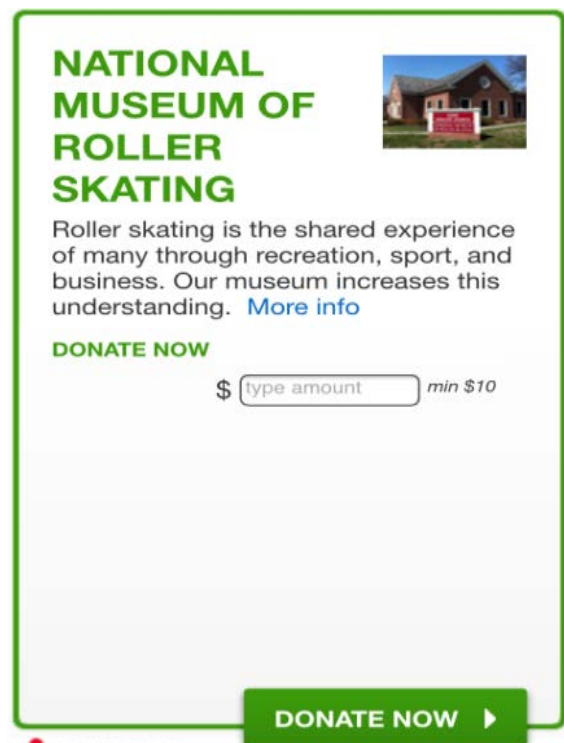


The museum will again participate this year in "Give to Lincoln Day". On May 28 for a 24 hour period, anyone in the country can donate to a participating Lincoln non-profit organization. These funds go directly to the non-profit as a fundraiser effort.

Sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF), over 330 different organizations will participate in this citywide event, gaining attention for all of the great charity work done throughout the community.

As with last year the LCF has pledged a \$300,000 match to be distributed on percentage basis to every participating organization. The larger the amount raised the greater amount LCF will match to that organization. Last year our museum received a 12% match from LCF.

Last year our museum supporters stepped up and made donations to our organization under this fundraising event. We had a total of twenty-two different donors give to the museum. With the final tallies announced, the museum received \$4,310 in donations. We hope to have similar success this year.



Please consider donating to the museum on May 28 for this fundraiser. Just go to our website's homepage at [www.rollerskatingmuseum.com](http://www.rollerskatingmuseum.com) and click "donate now" on the box pictured above.

Thank you for your support of the museum. We appreciate your membership.

### Special Thanks

We want to give a special thanks to Bud and Shirley Engle and the Roller Skating Foundation for funding the expenses to bring Chester Fried's collection from New Jersey. This would not have been possible without their help and support.

## RSA Convention 2015



Each year the museum participates in the annual Roller Skating Association Convention and Trade Show. Here we host our annual Museum Board of Trustees meeting, showcase a booth at the trade show, and hold our annual museum raffle fundraiser.

### Trade Show



At the annual Roller Skating Association trade show the museum produces a booth every year to keep our mission in the minds of the closest to the sport. We show old footage, display antique skates, sell raffle tickets, push for membership, and answer questions or concerns about the museum.

This year we brought five antique skates to display and received many compliments and questions. These skates included an 1880s Fenton cast-iron skate, a 1930s Best-Ever-Built inline, an 1880s Henley wooden skate, a 1930s Winston quad street skate, and a child's cowboy boot skate from the early 2000s. The cowboy boot skate received the most comments as the theme of the convention was "Rodeo Roundup."

It is always great to speak with rink owners and skate providers about the museum. Many help promote the museum by posting a link to our website on their homepage, including museum fliers in their programs for competitions, or simply following us on social media and sharing information.

We appreciate the RSA allowing us to exhibit at their annual convention and trade show.

## Museum Raffle

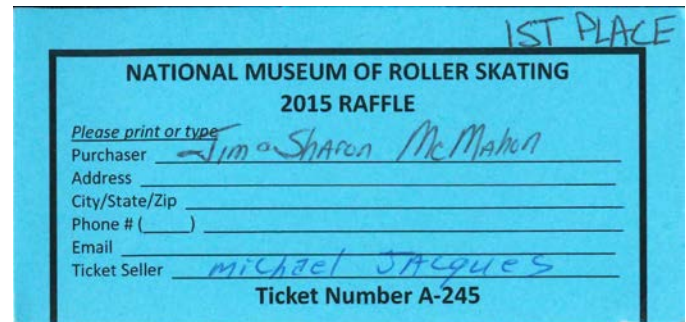
The museum had another successful raffle this year at the RSA Convention. Throughout the convention museum trustees and supporters did a great job selling tickets to their fellow RSA members.

Ticket selling finished at the end of the reception prior to the RSA President's Dinner. Museum members then collected all tickets and calculated totals and prize money.

The museum sold 242 total raffle tickets for a total of \$12,100. Half of this money went directly to the museum while the other half was awarded as prize money for the three raffle tickets chosen.

The raffle winners:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Brian Gamsby	\$605
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Dominic Cangelosi	\$1,210
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Jim & Sharon McMahon	\$4,235



Winning ticket

As if purchasing these raffle tickets in the first place were not support enough, each of the three winners donated back part of their winnings to further help the museum.

Dominic Cangelosi donated \$210 of his winnings.  
Brian Gamsby donated \$305 of his winnings.  
Jim & Sharon McMahon donated \$2,115 of the winnings.

This is an additional \$2,630 that goes straight to the museum. Adding this with the \$6,050 raised from our half of the proceeds, the museum raised in total for the 2015 raffle **\$8,680**.

We want to express our gratitude for all of those diligent folks helping us sell raffle tickets. You are all to be commended. And thanks to the RSA for allowing us to hold our raffle at your annual convention.

And finally, thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets this year; so many of you help support our raffle every single year. Your support is vital to our museum.

### New/Renewing Members

Tom Hughes  
Brian Gamsby  
Judith Young Link  
Jerry and Barbara Shores  
Jim and Sharon McMahon



## King of Color: The Story of Derby Star Wes Aronson

From the Aug 1941 issue of *Roller Rage*



*It was during a recent game at the Roller Derby that the announcer's voice cut into the general din with the announcement one Wes Aronson, who had been off the track for a time due to injuries, returned to competition.*

*Instantly, from some ten thousand throats, came a converted roar of appreciation. Seldom, if ever, had such a display of enthusiasm been displayed at any Roller Derby. For to those fans, as with millions of other Derby fans throughout the country, Wes Aronson symbolizes the Roller Derby at its best.*

*Considered the most colorful, if not the most capable skater on the track today, Aronson is, with one or two others, the best known of all Derby stars. His name, as though possessing magical qualities, carries news whenever mentioned. One of the very few remaining "veteran" skaters who started out with the Roller Derby in its inaugural meet in 1935, he has built his skating into one of the most brilliant careers known to roller skating.*

*Wes joined that first Roller Derby with the idea that he was "pretty good". Those old timers who were participating in that race soon knocked that idea out of him...after one or two nights of skating he learned that to get anywhere in this "babe of sport" you had to knuckle down and really skate as you had never skated before. It's that idea that quickly sent him to front ranks among Derby athletes-he never stops giving his best!*

*Now twenty five years old Aronson is at top form. He is six feet tall, has blonde hair, blue eyes, weighs 165 pounds. An especial favorite with the feminine fans, he has been dubbed the "blonde Adonis" by sports writers because of his striking good looks.*

*Wes was off the track for several months recently because of injuries received in competition. On his return he quickly and efficiently regained his former place as topnotch skater in his unit. Now again things are as usual-with Aronson skating his way to national fame in city after city, from coast to coast.*

## 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 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!



**Benefactor Museum Members (\$500+)**

Roller Skating Association	Indianapolis	IN
USA Roller Sports	Lincoln	NE
RC Sports	Lenexa	KS
Dominic Cangelosi	Glendale	CA
Judy T. Graves	Friedheim	MO
Linda Miner	Donora	PA
Charlene Conway	Lakeville	MA
Connie Wahlig	Hockessin	DE
Bud & Shirley Engle	Cleveland	OH
Jim & Sharon McMahon	Danville	IL

**Patron (\$250)**

Annelle & Bob Anderson	Fort Worth	TX
Alan & Judy Bacon	Richland	WA
Keith Brainard	Warren	OH
Chester Fried	South River	NJ
Harry & Lori Walker	Ft. Worth	TX
Crazy Skates	San Diego	CA
Gary Englund	Burlington	WA
Brian Gamsby	Sarasota	FL

**Associate Patron (\$100)**

Wheely Fun	Wilbraham	MA
Bob Babcock	Ray Township	MI
Bobby Bentley	Pensacola	FL
Audoire Christophe	Touvois	FR
Joe and Betty Ann Danna	Lakewood R.	FL
Edwina & Roger Hansen	Cologne	NJ
Bill & Tanya Hoefler	Hadley	MA
Linda Katz	Columbus	OH
Scott, Kathy, Lindsay Kleiman	Marietta	GA
Nellie & Rob Lillie	New York	NY
Nadine Meis	Sun City	AZ
Beth Wahlig Nolan	Newark	DE
Glenn Ramsey	Roanoke	VA
Sin City Skates	San Diego	CA
Cort Wahlig	Newark	DE
Leland Wells	Wichita	KS
George & Suzanne Pickard	Lincoln	NE
Todd Rendfrey	Edgewater Park	NJ
Patricia Hanaway	St. Louis	MO
Marie Walker	Wellsville	KS
RSA Section 2	Bakersfield	CA
RSA Section 1	Centralia	WA
Bob and Irene LaBriola	Fountain Valley	CA
Michael & Pat Jacques	Granite Bay	CA
LR Brown	Old Hickory	TN
Bill Sahly	St. Louis Park	MN

**Donor (\$50)**

Buggy Allmond	Harrisonburg	VA
Irene Ballard	Knoxville	TN
William & Dorothy McDonald	Independence	MO
John Miller	Greencastle	PA
Donna Rhodes	Newton	NC
William Schneider	Johnstown	PA
James & Faye Shoemake	Hendersonville	TN
Dennis Pickard	Liberty	MO
Janet Pavilionis	Lakewood	FL
Joseph Wagner	Algonquin	IL
Anne Pals	St. Charles	MO
Skate World West	Billings	MT
National Skate Distributors	Tacoma	WA
Pattison's West	Federal Way	WA
Skagit Skate	Burlington	WA
Lynden Skateway	Lynden	WA
Bill & Marian Spooner	Battle Ground	WA

**Individual/Family (\$35)**

June Bickmeyer	Gainesville	FL
Chris Cohen	Fond Du Lac	WI
Fleming Family	Northridge	CA
Doug & Christy Foual	Baton Rouge	LA
Mary Hayes	Northbrook	IL
Bob & Jeanne Housholder	Champaign	IL
Cecelia Kelley	Bloomfield Hills	MI
Tim Laskey	Colusa	CA
Gloria Manning	Miami	FL
Michael Nelson	Santa Rosa	CA
Randy Ray	Centralia	WA
Stacy Orta	Hollister	CA
Edie Plimpton Fleeman	Durham	NC
Kellie Reynolds	Huntington B.	CA
Gail Rushing	Dallas	TX
Lori Schade Shelly	Coopersburg	PA
Bill Sisson	Lubbock	TX
Kathy Tini	Douglassville	PA
Stephen Winbery	Memphis	TN
Mike Zaidman	Boca Raton	FL
Joline Zepcevski	Minneapolis	MN
Robert & Diane Braun	Helotes	TX
Patrick Meyer	Lincoln	NE
Elizabeth Novak	Waterford	MI
John Meszaros	Langhorne	PA
Carey Elder	Marlton	NJ
Eugene Keller	Altoona	PA
John Heffner	Delanco	NJ
S Poulsen	Basking Ridge	NJ
Janet Jordan	Voorhees	NJ
Allen Bell III	Reading	PA
Jeanne Sincavage	Reading	PA
W Frombach	Johnstown	PA
Tiffany Bogden	Lemoine	PA
Bill Graf	Delran	NJ
John Patton	Glenside	PA
Steve Hinkle	Voorhees	NJ
Ted Hanson	St Petersburg	FL
Louise Neal	Saylorsburg	PA
Mark Wright	Marlton	NJ
Victor Rodriguez	Voorhees	NJ
Chris Roemer	Vincentown	NJ
Maria McGee	Up. Chichester	PA
Jackie Ryfsnyder	Reading	PA
Susan Lippolis	Springfield	VA
Sandra Lindsey	Santa Ana	CA
Sylvia Haffke	Covington	GA
Cheryl Mahon	Grand Prairie	TX
Cynthia Gates	Newmarket	NH
Linda Wood	Sacramento	CA
Marion Cherubini	Marshfield	MA
Floyd Terry	Fairbanks	AK
Ann Saccomano	Memphis	TN
Sue Filo	Stuart	FL
Carlos Ferreira	Boca Raton	FL
Richard Sholes	Cranston	RI
Robert & Jacqueline Kane	Houston	TX
Ellie Shattuck	San Francisco	CA
Chrissy Ellis	Douglasville	GA
Marilyn Roberts	New York	NY
Katie Znamenacek	Oak View	CA
Erika Schaefer	Lincoln	NE
Susan Geary	Surprise	AZ
Judith Young Link	Mays Landing	NJ
Jerry & Barbara Shores	St. Joseph	MO
Tom Hughes	Anchorage	AK