



Rolling Through Time

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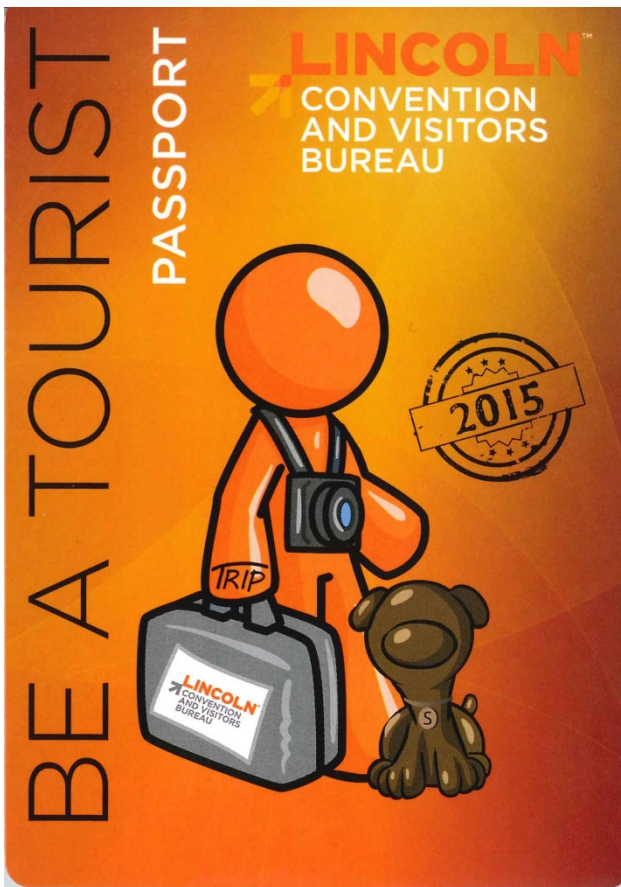
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Who We Are

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

Annual Tourist Program Starting Next Week



The Lincoln CVB is partnering with 32 Lincoln area attractions, locally owned restaurants, and events in its eleventh year of the "Be a Tourist" Campaign. To coincide with National Tourism Week, the award winning program kicks off May 5 and will continue through August 29.

The "Be A Tourist" program is simple. Participants can pick up a passport at participating Lincoln passport stops or the Lincoln Visitors Center, and they can also be downloaded at www.lincoln.org. Each location has a designated spot on the passport which will be stamped when a person visits the location. Participants are asked to visit at least six of the locations and turn in completed passports for a chance of winning one of the many prize packages.



Each year the museum participates in this program. We get many new visitors because of this, but also regulars who visit every year because of the program. It helps that our museum is one of the only places on the list that does not charge admission. Each year thousands of passports are turned into the city by the end of the program.

This low cost program promotes local museums, attractions, and events and helps showcase Lincoln to both the local citizens and out-of-town visitors. "Be a Tourist" helps people take an active interest in their community, experiencing all Lincoln has to offer.

New and Renewing Members

Nellie and Rob Lillie
Bill and Marian Spooner
Gary England

Featured Story Chester Fried Collection

In mid-April I flew out to New Jersey to accept a large donation to the museum from our Vice-President and Co-Founder Chester Fried. Chester has become a great proponent and collector of roller skating over his many years. He continues to educate and write about the sport he loves. Chester had always promised his collection to the museum when the time came.

It will take several weeks, and perhaps months, to comb through Chester's entire donation. I will now highlight a few items we have found so far.



This wooden skate case has "Queens Roller Rink" written on the face and "Lindy" on the back.



These pair of stilt skates raises its skater 18" off of the floor. Chester loved traveling with this pair of skates and showing them off during his many rink visits.

The skates comprise of Betty Lytle boots by Hyde mounted on model 175 Gloria Nord plates by Cleveland Skate Company. These very unsafe skates do have toe stops attached of the Van Horn model. Rounding out the skates are two sets of Cleveland wheels.



This is the New York State Senior Pairs award known as the Ruth Heesemann Challenge Trophy.

During the coming weeks, the museum will continue to process and organize the many boxes of items donated by Chester. We intend to share more of these items with our readers in newsletters to come.

We want to thank Chester Fried for donating his life's collection to help enhance the museum.

Derby Poem, 1956
By Joyce Glass of Bayside, Long Island



Gerry Murray is her name,
 Elected into the Hall of Fame.
 Her hair is red, eyes of blue,
 Better known as "22".
 She joined the sport back in '38,
 Now Captain of the Chiefs, well, she's just great!
 As the skaters round the track,
 Gerry always leads the pack.

Museum Raffle

PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE
 Price \$50. Three prizes will be awarded based on total amount sold.
 First ticket drawn receives 5% of total ticket sales.
 Second ticket drawn receives 10% of total ticket sales.
 The third and final ticket drawn receives 35% of the total sales.
 Total prizes are 50% of ticket sales.

Drawing to take place, Wednesday, May 13, 2015,
 at the RSA International Convention, South Point
 Hotel, Casino & Spa, Las Vegas, Nevada during the
 President's Dinner.
 Ticket holders need not be present to win. All
 proceeds benefit the museum.

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a publicly supported,
 charitable organization.

Every year the museum hosts a raffle as the prime fundraiser for the year. This year, as a sales incentive, the raffle will be conducted on a 50/50 split of the proceeds. Three winners will be drawn at random and awarded a split of the total sales. The third place winner receives 5% of the total sales, second place receives 10%, and the grand prize winner receives 35% of the total sales. **The grand prize winner should easily receive over \$5,000.**

To purchase a raffle ticket, please contact the museum. All proceeds go to preserving 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 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!

