



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

Year in Review

In January the museum expanded its gallery space by installing seven new display cabinets at the entrance of the building. The museum utilized this new space by showcasing more of our great collection to the public. Both new and old, our new displays' artifacts educate our visitors on all aspects of the sport.

By March the museum debuted a new instrument to our roller skating music collection. Procured by George Pickard and Richard Hawkins, both board members, the museum debuted its 1906 Gramophone. Used in smaller parlor rinks, the Gramophone played records by energy obtained through a hand crank. The Gramophone is sponsored by the Anderson Family.

In April, former world champion artistic skater Rob Ferendo agreed to donate six prints of his paintings to the museum. Ferendo used various oils and acrylics to compose roller skating themed paintings.



In May the museum held its annual fundraiser raffle. One grand gesture boosted the raffle ticket sales this year. Our long time board member Frank Cernik decided to retire from the board of trustees this year at age 85.

To "go out with a bang" as Frank put it, Mr. Cernik decided to match every ticket sold at the President's Dinner the last night of the convention up to 100. With the buzz of this announcement, the members of the RSA in attendance of the dinner really stepped up and came through for the museum. During the dinner the museum sold 117 tickets! Frank and his wife Phyllis then matched with a contribution of 100 as promised. This pushed the total ticket sales to 444 tickets sold, a number not reached in many years. A special thanks and our deepest gratitude go to both Frank and Phyllis Cernik.

In August our wonderful museum board member Dominic Cangelosi generously donated his personal Hammond B3 Organ to the museum; in addition he included a matching Hammond speaker and a Leslie speaker. After setting up the organ, he entertained a small crowd with a short concert, covered by the local news. Thanks again Dominic!!!



Beginning in mid September, the museum undertook a large-scale photograph reorganization project. It became twofold. First, George Pickard and I made sure each photograph in the collection contributed to a greater understanding of the sport and its storied history. Second, we organized the photographs into categories.

Finally the museum ended the year with a membership outreach. Most of our past members renewed for another year and some new names are entering as well. We expect a continued increase for our efforts.

To all of our members and supporters reading this newsletter: thank you for a great year at the National Museum of Roller Skating.

East Market Street Rink opening
Akron, OH 1906

PROGRAMME
East Market St. Rink



E. F. MENARD
General Mgr.

GRAND OPENING
Saturday Evening, Sept. 29th

SEASON 1906-7

In the fall of 1906 the Akron Skating Rink Company, under President W.F. Stickle, opened the brand new roller skating hall called East Market Street Rink.

The Akron Skating Rink Company put in charge of the rink five individuals deemed as the executive staff. These folks included:

General Manager: E.F. Menard (pictured above)
Assistant Manager: W.C. Kunzman
Musical Director: W.R. Palmer
Ladies' Maid: Mrs. Francies
Main Door Man: Ed Neid

The following are excerpts from its grand opening program:

Roller Skating in Akron

Having demonstrated last season that a high-class, moral, and properly conducted roller skating rink can be successfully operated, we will open our East Market Street Rink (the finest and most thoroughly equipped roller skating academy in the state) on Saturday evening, Sept 29th, with new Winslow and Union Hardware Ball Bearing skates, beautiful oriental decorations, and everything as nearly up-to-date as it is possible to obtain.

A Six Months' Carnival of Pleasure

The rink will be open continuously for skating every evening and Saturday afternoons during the month of October. Beginning with Monday, November 5th, afternoon sessions will be given daily (Sunday excepted) with an extra session Saturday mornings for ladies and children. Careful attention to all details in connection with the enterprise is guaranteed and every objectionable element will be eliminated. The patronage of only those who conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the strictest propriety will be solicited and none but those known to the management to be acceptable patrons will be allowed the privilege of the rink.

New Management with Efficient Service

The rink will be operated under a new management; our attaches have been selected with the greatest possible care and only those of irreproachable character will be employed. All those desirous of learning to skate will be given special attention by competent and trustworthy instructors. Gentlemanly conduct from the manager to the skate boy is the rule. The ladies' parlor will be in charge of a competent maid at all times.

Special Attractions

In addition to the regular skating sport there will be held, from time to time, appropriate and special skating contests, expert skating performances, mask and fancy dress carnivals, races and other unusually good vaudeville features. No effort or expense will be spared to make the season rich in pleasure and health-giving sport.

Hours and Prices

Sessions

Every Saturday afternoon during October	2:00 to 5:00
Every afternoon (Sunday excepted) commencing Nov. 5th	2:00 to 5:00
Every evening (Sunday excepted) commencing Sept. 29th	7:30 to 10:30
Saturday and Holiday mornings, commencing Nov. 3rd	9:00 to 11:30

Admission

Afternoon and Evening	10 cents
Saturday morning, Ladies and Children	Free
On Monday and Friday of each week (Holidays excepted)	Ladies admitted free

Skates

Persons using their own skates will be charged regular price of rink skates for use of floor.

Musical Program

The 8th Regiment O.N.G. Band will furnish new and popular music afternoon and evening, under the direction W.R. Palmer, musical director.

This East Market Street Rink Program was donated to the museum in 2002 by John Kaduck.

Rink Photo

La Fleur's Roller Rink in Sulpher, Louisiana (closed)



New Members

Beth Wahlig Nolan

Renewing Members

George Kolibaba

Judy Graves

Bill Sahly

Robert & Dianne Braun

Bill & Marian Spooner

Wish List

1.) Modern Inline Skates:

When asked by visitors what modern inline skates look like, the best we can show them is a Luigino boot or a complete Bauer speed skate dated 2001 with 80 mm wheels.

Since competitive speed skater graduated to 110 mm wheels the museum needs a better example of modern inline skates. Multiple companies are best so we can show the differences. We only need a single skate for an example but a set is appreciated as well.

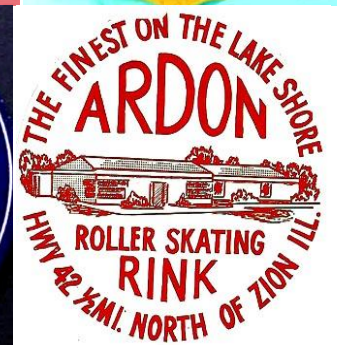
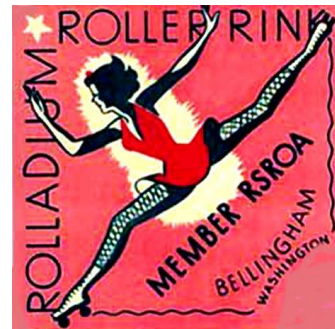
2.) Early Roller Derby Items:

Our collection keeps growing with the great donations from our modern roller derby teams. The goal of the museum is to represent as many derby teams as possible. While this continues, we want to reach out to those in the past who also participated in roller derby bouts and helped make it the popular sport that it is today.

We are expecting a large donation from an early roller derby individual in the next month; we will share that with everyone in our newsletter when it arrives. Until then, if anyone is willing to donate any memorabilia, equipment, or uniforms from derby's past, please contact the museum at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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!

