



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

Museum Donation Received



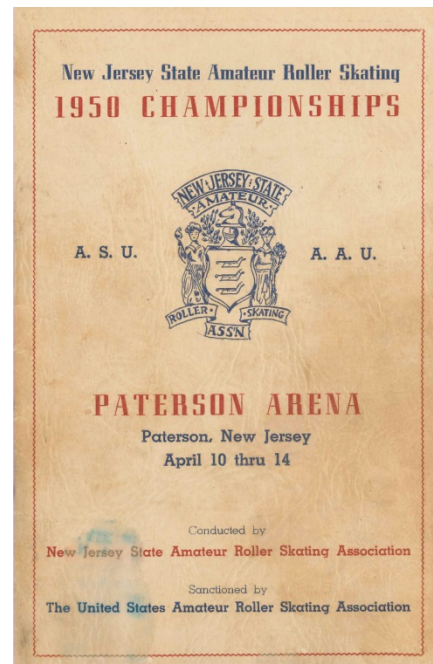
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Pam Burns recently contacted the museum to gage our interest in a potential donation. Her parents were active skaters in the Amateur Roller Skating Association. The skaters Doris and Al Dahl won many awards for their skating and saved many items from their skating days. This collection has now come to the museum.



Many items from American on Wheels were included in this donation such as many of their newsletter publications and even the above pennant.

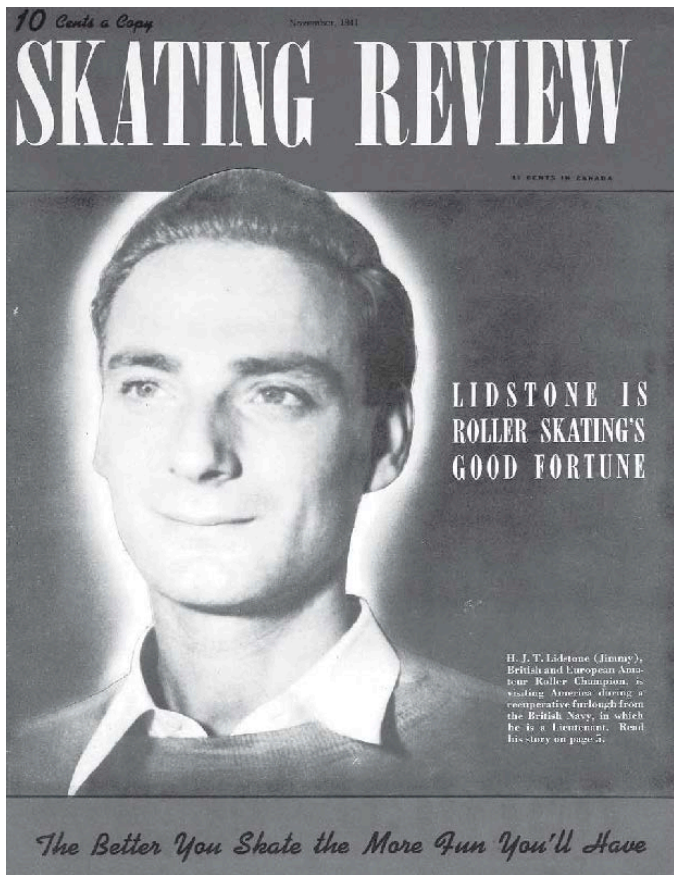


The museum gained great archival materials from this donation. Many individual awards and trophies were also included. Special thanks to Pam Burn and her parents.

New and Renewing Members

Erika Schaefer
Skate World West
National Skate Distributors
Pattison's West
Skagit Skate
Lynden Skateway

Featured Story
James Lidstone Advises on Best Dance Skate



James Lidstone was a dance and figure skating champion during the 1930s. He was the Roller Dance and Skating Champion of Great Britain 1933, 1935-37 and Roller Figure Skating Champion of Great Britain from 1935-39.

For the November 1941 issue of *Skating Review* magazine, Lidstone explains below how to properly choose a skate for dance competitions and what to look for mechanically in its performance.

I am sorry to say that this "tightness" bug really bit the American people. High tension of trucks in very detrimental to skaters wishing to learn high grade dance skating. This factor was pointed out by Perry Rawson. Undoubtedly Mrs Rawson was correct in his contention that this skate is unsuited to dancing for many reasons. But the tightness of trucks which I understand is charged to us by American copyists is really overdone. My trucks were never as tight as I find skaters using on my second visit to the United States. Whilst it is true that for jumps in free style skating a rigid landing is necessary, this can be obtained by use of a flexible skate which can be controlled by the skater, and not one which will do the reverse.

In 1939, one year later, several engineers in Europe, including myself in Great Britain, corresponded a great deal in an attempt to evolve a better skate. The result of our correspondence was a skate whose salient features

were a saw steel plate of high tensile steel, 1/64" in thickness, trucks made from duralium with pressed steel axles, and a 1/2" kingpin in place of the 3/8" now used in this country, smaller diameter wheels were used on larger diameter bearing races. This gave a much better ride to the skate. The difference in weight between a skate with steel drip forgings for hangers and 1/16" plate is obvious.

I was amused to discover that Mr. Rawson, ever since the 1940 Championships in Cleveland, has been carrying out a series of similar experiments in an engineering laboratory to those I conducted in 1939. The net result of his experiments was that in dancing, the skate required must be one which will follow the body. Mr. Rawson complains that the "trick skate" used does not follow through as it should. With this I agree. I notice the immense improvement that you have made here in dancing, but it appears to me that where the trick skate is used, the effort driving it is so obvious that an aesthetic fault develops for which the skater is blamed. If I were specializing in dance skating, the skate I would select would be one of narrow traction trucks with cushions of great resilience and, of course, a light spring steel plate. Narrow tread wheels are a decided advantage in skate dancing as they give the appearance of neatness and hence help footwork.

A very important factor in the design of a roller skate is the distance between the axle and footplate. The greater this distance, the less control the skater has over his wheels. This can be clearly seen by taking an extreme example. It would be very difficult to skate loops on skates attached to twelve foot stilts. This example should dispel the fallacy that the greater the axle-footplate distance, the greater the leverage. This is quite unfounded mechanically and scientifically.



James and Joan Lidstone

New Donation



The museum is in the process of accepting a large donation from museum founder and vice president Chester Fried from New Jersey. This donation will take multiple weeks to comb through and deals with mostly archival material but also skates, trophies, and other items from his many decades in roller skating. Great big thanks to Chester for this wonderful gift!

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!



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Lynden Skateway	Lynden	WA
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