



Museum Newsletter

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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

Display Cabinets Filled



When entering the museum, visitors are now greeted with our new display cabinets filled with our great collections.

The first cabinet, as pictured above, contains information on Lincoln, Nebraska as the host city to more national championship competitions than any other city in the country. Each of the twenty-six years of events are commemorated here in the form of posters, pictures, and programs. The display also explains why Lincoln is such an attractive destination for these contests.

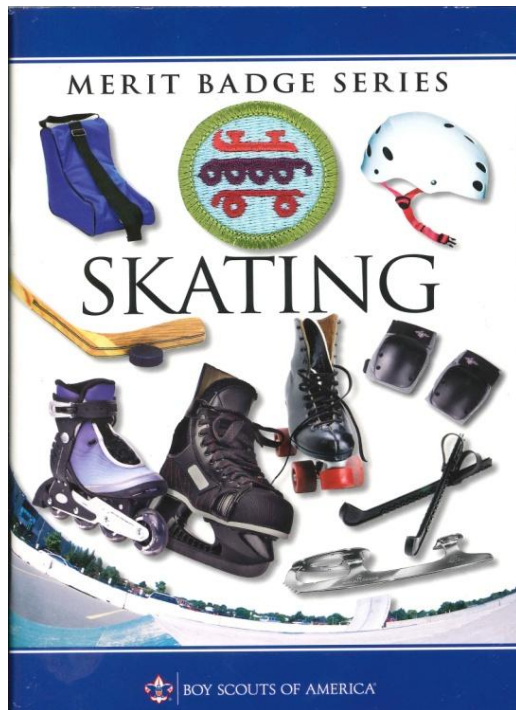


The next four displays incorporate the four disciplines of competitive roller skating: artistic, derby, hockey, and speed. Each is represented with varied items from the collection. They give an introduction to the discipline, a brief history, and how each sport continues succeeding before visitors move to the main gallery to learn a deeper understanding of the entire sport.



The final cabinets portray two topics: the evolution of the roller skate and roller rinks of Nebraska. The former quickly explains how the roller skate physically changed while the latter deals with a localized interest.

New Donation:



Rick Wolzen, a scouting memorabilia collector, recently donated Boy Scout information as it pertains to roller skating. The 2010 book above details instructions on achieving a skating badge.



Also part of the donation, Wolzen contributed a cub scout pin and belt loop set from 2010 along with a boy scout skating merit badge from 1973.

Renewing/New Members (Thanks for the support!)

Linda Miner Diane Gustafson
Paul Libke Sue Ellis
John Cawly

Special Memorial

The Michigan Chapter of USA Roller Sports donated money to the museum in the name of the following recently deceased: Bev Schien and Larry Fournier. Our condolences to the families.

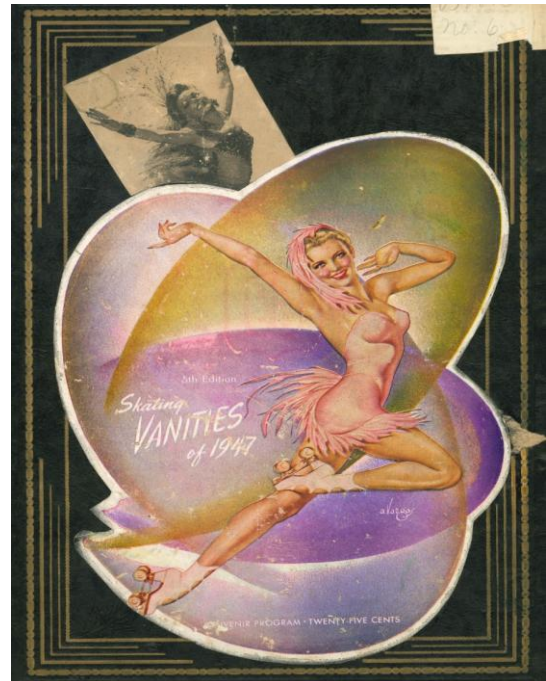
Estate Gift

We again give our deep sympathies to the family of Marvin Facher who recently passed this year. Marvin, who was one of the museum founders, generously named our museum in his will.

Roller Skating Firsts

- First and only time RSROA did not host a national championship, 1945.
- First of a record twenty-six times Lincoln, Nebraska hosted the national roller skating championships, 1962.

Library Feature Scrapbooks



The above scrapbook chronicles a Canadian tour of the Skating Vanities during the year 1947.

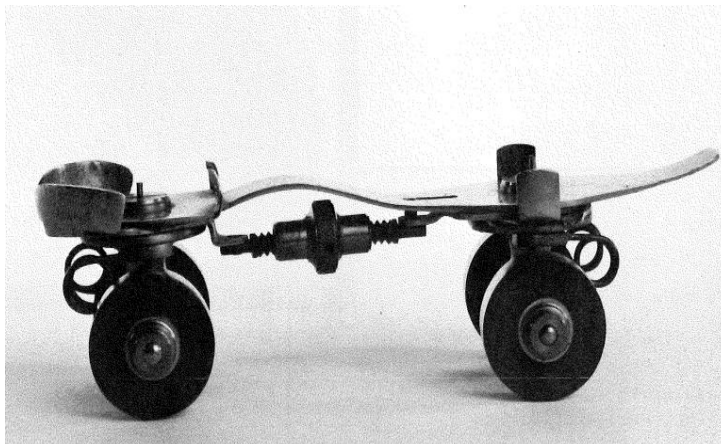
Rink Photo:

Shamrock Roller Rink, San Gabriel, CA



Photograph taken circa 1950 when rink operators were Lillian Bruetsch, J.J. Hower Jr., and W.G. McGillin.

Skate of the Week
Metal Quad Skate



Inventors F.C. Ireland and W.A. Leggo patented their skate in May of 1877. Different from the previous skates, this one has clamps to attach the skater's shoe instead of leather straps.

To keep the wheels parallel, there is a pair of springs at both ends that lie along the axles. Its springs press on the axle, which shifts the direction of the wheels and gives the capabilities to turn corners when the skater leans from side to side. There is also a turning screw under the plate that adjusts the clamps so the skate can fit the size and shape of boot worn by the skater.

Wish List

1.) **Rink Files:** The museum seeks to expand its roller rink files. In the archives, the museum houses files upon files of individual roller rinks from across the country. These files are used for research purposes.

The more rinks we have on file, the greater chance we have to help those searching for information. We are looking for photos, programs, ticket stubs, newspaper articles, and any other primary information about roller rinks.

2.) **Regional programs:** We need modern issues of all regional programs. For example, we need Northeast programs from '93-'00 and '04-present, Southeast '88-'97 and '05-present, and Eastern '86-'97 and '04-present..

The museum's goal is to have two copies of each issue for its permanent archives. With regionals now over, **please send copies of your regional programs** to the museum. Thanks in advance.

3.) The museum needs items from **jam skating**. DVDs, skates, programs, t-shirts, magazines, and anything associated with the sport are needed for the museum. Please contact us to see what you can donate.

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!



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FOR ONE'S ACTIONS AT THE RINK.

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