



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 40 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

Grant Approved!

As you know, on Monday, Nov 19 the museum gave a short presentation to the county Visitor's Improvement Fund committee, asking for a grant of \$8,500 to create more display cabinets for the museum gallery.

Two days later the head of the committee called the museum to inform us our request was approved! The committee commented on how impressed they were with our enthusiasm and our desire to constantly improve the museum. They took an unofficial vote directly after the presentation and unanimously approved our plan.

The next step is for me to formally meet with the county to accept our grant. This should take place sometime in December. The museum will then receive the money from the county upon completion of the cabinets by the local carpenter. Very exciting news!

Regional Conference Meeting

At the most recent meeting the committee approved the travel schedule for our educational experience immediately following the last day of the conference. The itinerary includes visits to the American Museum of Speed and the Larsen Tractor Test Museum.

Secondly, we need a name for the tour. The name needs to include a common theme among all three destinations. The unapproved "Hot Wheels" seems to be the top choice thus far.

Renewing Members

Ed & Barbara Bolton
Nadine Meis
Anne Pals
Glenn Ramsey

Bill Sahly
Jim Turner
Elizabeth Woods
Mike Zaidman

Donations

1) Eric Wissing graciously donated some roller skating records from his collection. The music comes from two sources: Dance Tone Records by Phil Reed and Skating Rhythms featuring Glenn Davis. Dances include: polka, fox trot, continental waltz, and collegiate. All songs are performed with a Hammond organ.

2) Riedell came through with a donation of a skate and skate boot. These help us showcase modern skates. When visitors ask us what types of skates are used today, I typically show them skates from five or ten years ago; we can now point to this new Riedell skate.



AT THE SKATING RINK.

3) USA Roller Sports donated the above postcard finding it at an antique show recently. Postmarked in April of 1909, the photo depicts a couple conversing with a man on skates.

Rink Photo:
Cavalier Arena: Richmond, VA



Roller Skating Firsts

- First American organization governing the sport of roller skating: International Skating Union of America, 1907.
- First international organization governing roller skating: Federation Internationale de Patinage a Roulettes, 1924.

Skates of the Week
Early Inlines

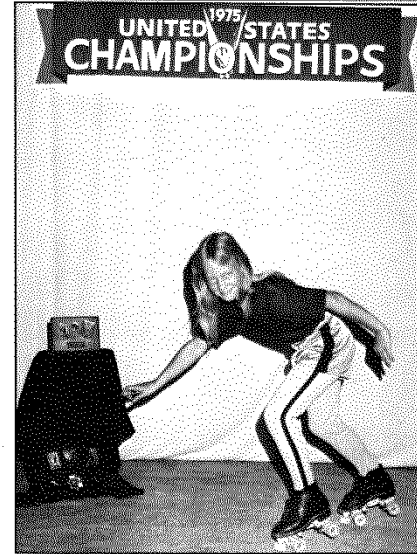


First patented roller skating: Petitbled of 1819.



Roller skate developed for the 1849 opera "Le Prophete". It was meant to simulate ice skating on the stage. The success of the stage show led to an increased interest in roller skating.

Library Feature:
Round and Round
Fall 1975



Edited by Merry Silva, *Round and Round* covered skating in the western United States, and as the magazine stated was "the most active skating area in the world". While the magazine covered mostly roller skating, it expanded its reaches some to amateur ice skating. Many great articles on roller skating can be found in this quarterly, then monthly magazine.

The cover photo depicts ten-year-old Sandy Dulaney of Santa Ana. She won the 1975 Juvenile Girls Speed National Championship by outlasting two time champ Kathy Kissing.

One article explains the local effort in San Rafael to help the Jerry Lewis Telethon for muscular dystrophy. Forty-five local skaters participated in a 12 hour skatathon. They raised a total of \$1200 for the cause.

Another divulges the results of the monthly dance contest at Moonlight Rollerway in Pasadena. The hometown pair of Billy Del Franco and Carrie Isherwood won the Secondary division.

George Bettencourt discusses the recent Cal-Neva contest hosted by Roller City of Sacramento. At this October 19 competition, Fantasia Skate Center won the High Point Award, accepted by Michael and Pat Jacques.

Other events reported on include the following: Bay Area Olympic contests, Group A Olympic championships, Figure & Freestyle Contest, Orange County Junior Olympic Contest, and proficiency tests.

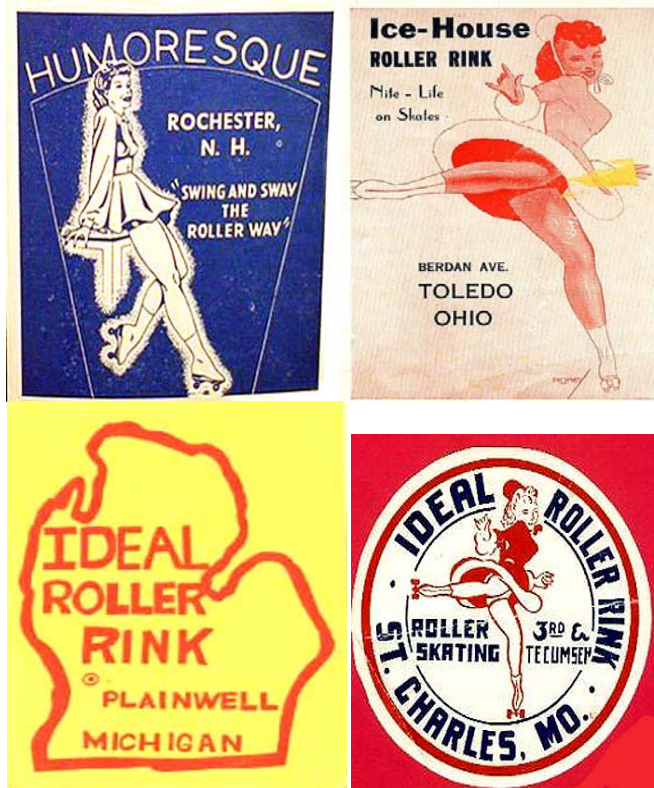
For those wishing to renew their memberships, we included the following form. Thanks in advance!

MEMBERSHIP FORM		
Name:	_____	
Address:	_____	
City/State/Zip:	_____	
Membership Level	1 year	2 years
Benefactor	___ \$500	___ \$950
Patron	___ \$250	___ \$475
Assoc Patron	___ \$100	___ \$185
Donor	___ \$50	___ \$90
Individual/Family	___ \$35	___ \$65
Additional Contribution	\$ _____	
Total Enclosed \$	_____	
Method of Payment		
___	Check to National Museum of Roller Skating	
___	___	MasterCard
Credit Card	_____	
Number	_____	
Exp.	_____	
Signature	_____	
Mail to: National Museum of Roller Skating, 4730 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506		
Fax to: 402-483-1465		

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.



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. *We recently helped a gentleman find photos from the Bal-A-Roue Rink in Medford, MA from our archives.*

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.

Thanks for supporting the museum!





1945 GRAND CARNIVAL

POLIO BENEFIT
SEASON

"MARCHES ON"

TOP OF THE NATION

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

RSROA Show February 27

INFANTILE PARALYSIS FUND BENEFIT

900 — SKATERS — 900

(Story Pages 4 and 5)

RSROA was a major supporter of finding a cure for infantile paralysis and polio, hosting numerous skating sessions nationwide to benefit the causes.