



## 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

#### Donation

The museum is continuously in need of programs from the many skating events around the country. Our latest edition comes from the Brookpark Skateland in Ohio.



Both current and past programs are welcome. Please contact the museum if you are interested in donating any programs. Thanks in advance.

#### Holiday Need

With the holiday season closing in, the museum would like to showcase some of its holiday ornaments. We are accepting donations of skating ornaments through the rest of the year, especially those from specific rinks. Please contact the museum to donate an ornament.

### Collection feature

The Laser Company created skate plates made of nylon. Soon the museum will feature a display covering this unique plate material with many examples. All Laser skates were donated by Brad Brandner.



Nylon Laser skate



Nylon Laser Slider model



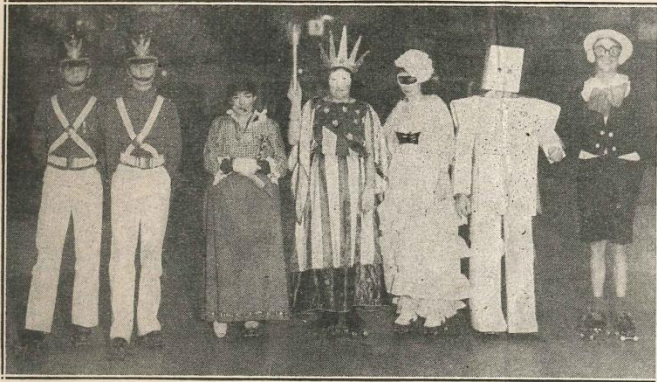
Nylon Laser Meteorite model



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

### Mineola Rink, Long Island *Bums and Falls*

#### *Prize Winners of Hallowe'en Party*



Left to Right: Johnny Maxson, Wally Gomez, Carol Gerber, Henrietta Kerner, Mae Carr, Morton Weinberg, Earl Swall.

Pictured above are the results of the costume contest held at the Mineola Rink and posted in the November 5, 1936 issue of the rink newsletter *Bumps and Falls*. The following statement is quoted from the newsletter about the contest:

#### *Halloween Masquerade Costumes Finest Ever Mae Carr Again Leads the Field*

Miss Mae Carr just never fails to win one of the prizes at our costume parties. Mae must know it pays to spend a little time on them. She won the fifteen dollars Saturday night for the finest costume worn by ladies. She wore a very attractive pale pink old fashioned dress. Her dark beauty and beautiful form while skating made her the standout of the evening.

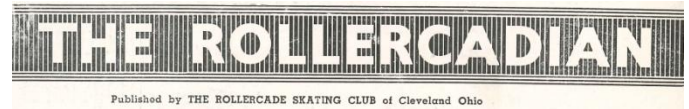
The men's first prize of fifteen dollars had to be divided between Mr. Johnny Maxson and Mr. Wally Gomez. They were both dressed as West Point Cadets.

Mr. Morton Weinberg wore one of the most original costumes seen in many a day. He came as a Robot. It was a clever piece of workmanship. Morton received a ten dollar prize for the men's most original costume. Mrs. Henrietta Kerner was dressed as the Statue of Liberty. Hers was a very colorful costume and received the ten dollar prize for the ladies' most original costume.

Mr. Earl Swall created a sensation with his comical makeup. Those eyes and ears were the funniest things seen in many a day. He received the ten dollar prize for the most comical men's costume.

Miss Carol Gerber made up as a very funny lady, and easily won the ten dollar prize for the most comical ladies' costume.

### Cleveland Rollerblade *The Rollercadian*



The Cleveland Rollerblade in Cleveland, Ohio regularly hosted holiday parties. The following example is from their Halloween party in 1941 as reported by the club newsletter *The Rollercadian*:

#### *Record Crowd Attends Masquerade Party*

A large number of skaters attended the Halloween Masquerade party given to the Rollerblade Friday, October 31, 1941. Many unique and funny costumes were displayed which gave the judges a hard time to pick the winners. The following were judged the winners in the respective classes:

*Best Dressed Gentleman: Bob Unkefer*

*Best Dressed Lady: Dorothy Rigler*

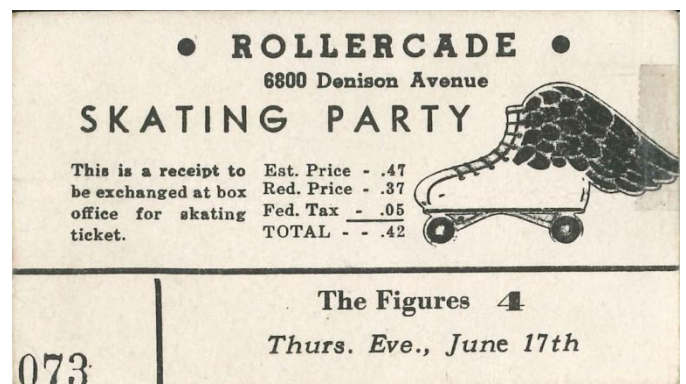
*Funniest Dressed Gentleman: Clarence Holler*

*Funniest Dressed Lady: Vernie Gorris*



*Prize winning costumes of the  
Halloween Skating Party.*

After the judging and the grand march noise makers and paper hats were passed out to the skaters. A good time was had by all the skaters skating until midnight.



Example of a party ticket



## Donation



During nationals this plaque was donated to the museum. This award is given to the supporting staff at each speed national championship. The honor has been presented since 1986. The award was renamed the Bob Caldwell memorial award to commemorate the work that Bob performed as a supporting official for many national competitions.

The award is usually given at the end of the national championships to the person who did something that made them stand out in the minds of the rest of the staff. For example – Mike Wong received it one year because he always led the groups down to the awards stand. He received the award that year for having all his “little duckyies in a row”.

A special thanks goes to the supporting staff during the speed national championships for donating their Rubber Ducky Award to the museum.

If anyone has a possible donation for the museum, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

## October: National Roller Skating Month

The month of October is known as National Roller Skating Month. While normally pushed aside for Breast Cancer Awareness month, also a great cause, we want to make sure everyone is aware October is a great month to remember roller skating and all the wonderful memories associated with our sport.

During the month of October the museum will host an online fund raiser. All of the proceeds will benefit our museum, the only museum in the **world** dedicated to the history and education of roller skating.

Simply visit our website [www.rollerskatingmuseum.com](http://www.rollerskatingmuseum.com) to donate. At the bottom of the homepage click “donate now” to finish the process. You are helping us in the preservation of our great sport. 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!



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