



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

Museum Raffle

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ROLLER SKATING
2013 RAFFLE**

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PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE
Price \$50. Total of \$10,000 in cash prizes. Grand prize \$5,000!
Drawing to take place, May 8, 2013, at the RSA International Convention, Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, 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.
PLEASE RETAIN THIS TICKET STUB.
It must be presented to claim a prize. Use the back of this ticket to list the names of those sharing it with you.

The annual museum raffle takes place Wednesday, May 8 in Reno, Nevada. Tickets are \$50; all proceeds go to the museum. The Grand Prize is a check for \$5,000! Please consider supporting the museum with the purchase of a raffle ticket. You may call or email the museum during regular business hours. With only one week remaining, the fastest way to purchase a ticket is by phone using a credit card; we accept Visa or MasterCard. Remember, you do **NOT** need to be present to win. Winners will be contacted soon after the raffle. **Twenty-five tickets will be drawn.**

Cash prizes include:

15 winners of \$100
4 winners of \$250
3 winners of \$500
1 winner of \$1,000
1 Grand prize winner of \$5,000

The museum director will be attending the national roller skating convention beginning May 5 through the raffle drawing. If you wish to purchase a ticket on one of the last days, please contact the museum accountant at 402-483-7551 ex. 17. She will get your ticket information to the raffle so your ticket will be included in the drawing. Thank you for your considerations.

Sponsorship Found



Pictured above is the museum's new Gramophone, as mentioned in a previous newsletter. This musical device appeared in small roller rinks during the first part of the twentieth century, providing music for skaters.

The museum has been in search of a sponsor for our new Gramophone. We recently received a full sponsorship of \$500 from Bob Anderson, Annelle Anderson, and Nellie Lillie. This family continues to go above and beyond when it comes to supporting the museum. Special thanks to them for their continued support of our mission.

Featured Skaters:

Scott Myers and Anna Marie Danks
World Games, 1985



Featured Photo



This Illustrated London News cover shows summer roller skating at prince's ground, Brompton, England.
July 1874

Roller Skating Firsts



- First RSROA President: Vic Brown. The RSROA began in Detroit in 1937 with less than fifteen participating rink operators. Their goal was to clean up the industry and shake the negative connotation of roller rinks during that time period. Now 75 years later the RSA continues lead the industry.

Rink Photo:

Super Skate, Largo, FL



Renewing/New Members

Bill and Dorothy McDonald

Library Feature

50 Jahre

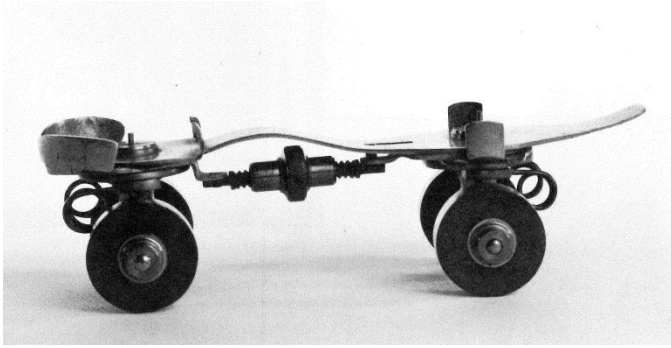


The collection of the museum does not consist solely of materials from the United States. Many international items appear in the archives. One such item is this booklet produced in Germany.

This booklet contains information on both ice skating and roller skating over a fifty year period. Photographs of German champions accompany descriptions of events in skating during particular years, including artistic, speed, and hockey.

Skate of the Week

Leggo and Ireland



W.A. Leggo and F.C. Ireland patented this skate, May 29, 1877. A pair of springs at either end rest against the axles, keeping the wheels parallel. When the skater leans to either side the springs bear against the axle, turning them out of parallel thus enabling the skate to curve in either direction. The turning screw mechanism centrally located under the plate adjusts the heel cuff which clamps around the heel of the shoe.

Wish List

1.) **Competition worn gear:** One of the most commented on parts of the museum collection deals with our event worn items. Whether dance costumes, speed uniforms, derby jerseys, hockey sticks, or specific skates, visitors like to see what people wear while competing in roller skating competitions.

The museum is most in need of items worn while competing for a national championship or a world title. If you have anything you feel meets the criteria and are interested in donating, please contact the museum at your earliest convenience.

2.) **Original Artwork:** For those who visit the museum, we have a small collection of original artwork with a roller skating theme. We have original oil paintings from the Chicago Skate Company from the 1940s. There is a life-size sculpture of two girls carrying roller skates. We showcase an original lithograph from Cheret, the father of poster art. These items, along with a few others, make up our art collection.

If anyone has any additional artwork with a roller skating theme, please contact the museum. We are looking to expand this part of our permanent collection.

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.



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