



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 Researcher

Over the past few weeks the museum has welcomed in a personal researcher who is studying early roller derby. Her goal is to write a historical fiction novel dealing with early roller derby. The museum has accommodated her with access to its archival collection.

This is just another way our museum assists those with questions on the history of roller skating and provides for them a place to gain the necessary information.

RSA Convention

Next month the museum again will be present at the annual Roller Skating Association convention. Hosted in Reno, Nevada the museum is provided with a booth to help remind everyone of the importance of the museum and what we have to offer.

Our annual fundraiser at the convention is the museum raffle. As in previous years, the museum raffles off money to those who purchase tickets. Each ticket costs a \$50 donation to the museum. Twenty-five tickets will be drawn, ranging in prizes from \$100 cash to the grand prize of \$5,000.

Tickets will go on sale soon. Please contact the museum with any questions regarding our raffle or to purchase tickets. Our newsletter will also continue to provide the necessary information.

Donation

Museum Vice President Chester Fried most recently gave the museum an original 1943 pennant from the RSROA national championships held in Detroit, MI.

Featured Skaters:

Clarice Martin and Bernie McKay

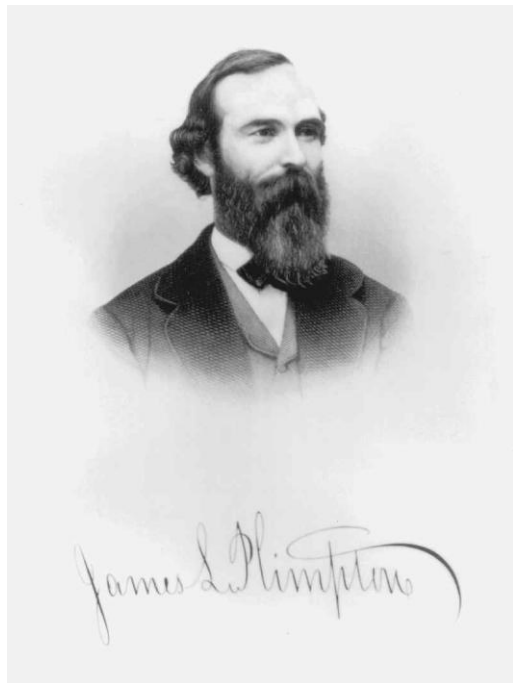


The Chicago Coliseum hosted the very first Transcontinental Roller Derby match. This 1935 race pitted twenty-five teams against each other with the goal of skating a total of 3,000 miles. The team with the fastest time to this allotted mileage was declared the winner. Each team needed to skate a certain mileage per day or risk disqualification, and one member of each team had to be skating at all times.

Of the twenty-five teams to compete, less than half were able to complete the challenge. Injuries and fatigue set in leaving some pairs unable to finish. The winning pair, Clarice Martin and Bernie McKay, finished with a time of 439 hours, 12 mins, and 39 seconds. The team who finished in second place did so more than two days later.

Renewing Members
Rinksider Magazine

Featured Photo
James Plimpton
Father of Modern Roller Skating



Developed the world's first quad skate in 1863.

Roller Skating Firsts

- First amateur roller dance champions of Great Britain: J.G. Blaver and Miss J. Garth of Holland Park, 1922.
- First amateur roller pair skating champions of Great Britain: John Hargreaves and Miss Rhoda Peel of Batley, 1939.
- First professional roller dance champions of Great Britain: E. van der Weyden and Eva Keats of Holland Park, 1923.

Rink Photo:
Indian Lake Roller Rink, Ohio



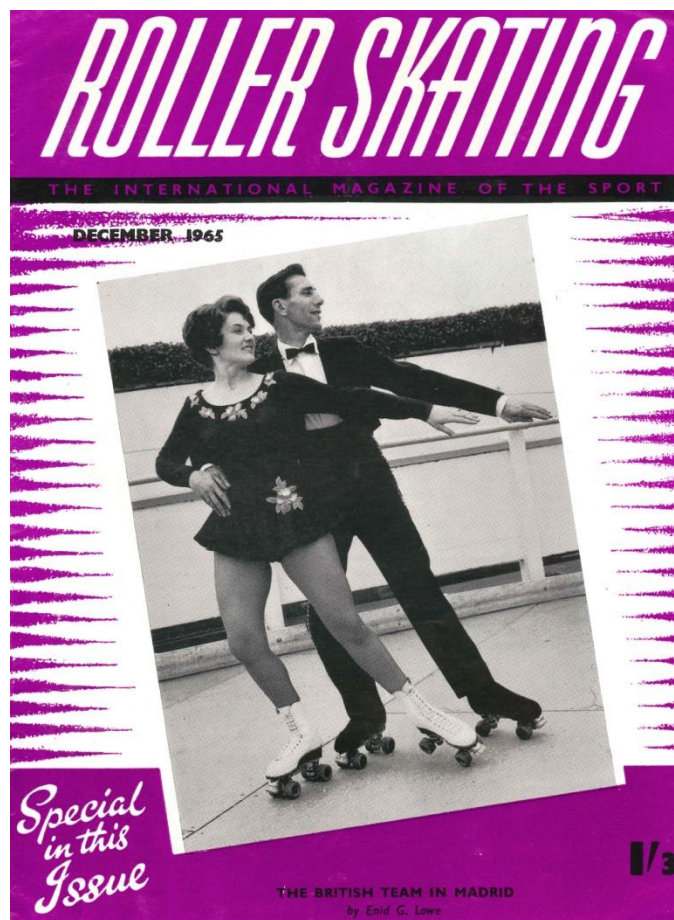
Skate Company History
Samuel Winslow Roller Skate Co

Here is a brief story on the history of the Winslow Roller Skate Company as told by our book *The History of Roller Skating*:

The Samuel Winslow Roller Skate Co, founded in 1857, manufactured ice and later roller skates. In 1880, Samuel Winslow introduced the "Vineyard Model" roller skate, which became the most popular skate of the 1880 boom period. By 1886, Winslow produced 260,000 pairs of skates annually; 40 ice and 15 roller models. Under the leadership of Winslow's son, Samuel E. Winslow, the company continued to develop until 1930. It was the largest seller of skates in the world, over one million pairs a year. Many noted the Winslow skate had a good action, with boxwood or maple wheels, a durable plate, and an oiling system via a hollowed out axle.

Library Feature

Roller Skating: the International Magazine of the Sport
December 1965



Published in Margate, England *Roller Skating: the International Magazine of the Sport* describes news specific to competitive roller skating in the United Kingdom. From annual skating shows to international competitions, these publications allowed readers to follow the current activities in British roller skating.

Skate of the Week

Patins "Jack"



Made in France, this three-wheeled skate has the name *Patins "Jack"* imprinted on the toe plate. This adjustable skate has two rubber wheels in the front and one in the rear. Acquired in 1990 as part of the Ludascher collection, this metal skate dates to the 1960s. Leather straps attach to the toe and heel; printed on the rear strap read the words *Le Challengeur*. Fastened to the front is a small, square, rubber toe stop.

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.) **Gramophone sponsor:** As headlined in our newsletter the museum recently acquired a 1906 gramophone. The museum purchased this with our operating funds. We are seeking the \$500 used to offset our cost of the purchase. Please contact the museum if interested. We will put the name of the donor on the descriptive plaque.

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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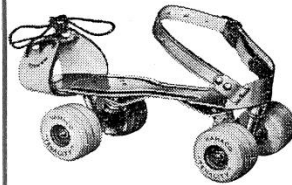
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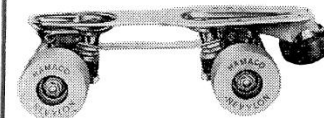
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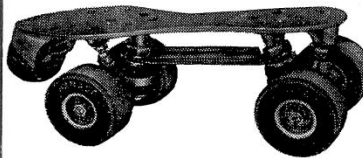
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1965 Advertisement for Hamaco skates