



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

"Give to Lincoln Day" wrap up



This week the Lincoln Community Foundation, which sponsored the annual "Give to Lincoln Day" event, hosted a closing reception for all 302 participating non-profit organizations. During this reception the Foundation awarded its promised matching funds to each institution. The Foundation pledged \$300,000 to be split between each participant on a percentage basis, based on what each organization raised.

After our museum raised a total of \$4,310 during this event, the Lincoln Community Foundation awarded our museum a \$708.96 match. Thanks again to all of those who contributed during this event.

Cornhusker Kiwanis Club

The Cornhusker Kiwanis Club invited me to speak at their weekly meeting. During my 30 minute presentation I focused on the story of early roller skating. I also informed every one of our wonderful museum and its mission. This is just another way for our museum to spread the word through community relations.

Donation

While visiting the museum before participating in the rink hockey national championships, James Jost donated a pair of roller skates he received years ago.



The plate is stamped with the word "Ha-Go" on the toe plate. Under the word "Standard" is stamped "ges gesch" which is German for "registered". The two-wheeled, metal skate has two hard rubber wheels on almost a spherical shape. A skater attached the skate through two red, leather straps at both the heel and toe.



New and Renewing Members

Bob and Annelie Anderson

Janet Pavilonis

Connie Wahlig

Patrick Meyer

George Pickard

Elizabeth Novak

Susan Lippolis

Todd Rendfrey

Dennis Pickard

National Championships Venue 1938



With the National Indoor Roller Skating Championships beginning this week in Lincoln, NE, we want to highlight a former venue that hosted the event in the past.

In 1938 the Sefferino Rollerdrome of Cincinnati, OH hosted the Amateur Speed Roller Skating Championship Races from April 2-3. The Rollerdrome emphasized their club teams within the event program:

With a membership of over 5,000, the Rollerdrome Club is one of the largest clubs in the skating world. It is unique in that it offers its members decided and numerous advantages without dues or assessments of any nature. Its purposes and aims are to foster interest in roller skating, nationally and locally, and promote good fellowship and friendship among its members, as well as to encourage the same attitude toward those who only visit us occasionally. In these objects it has been eminently successful and it is fair to say that the Rollerdrome Club's membership comprises as loyal, courteous and devoted a group as can ever be assembled in one organization.

The Junior Rollerdrome Club is for the younger skaters and in the club the element of safety on the streets is stressed constantly. Cooperating with local safety units to the fullest possible extent, the Junior Rollerdrome Club continually admonishes its members against street hazards, such as skating in the streets, etc, and loss of membership in the club is penalty for violation of the injunction against street skating.

Tom G. Steinfeld was Chairman of the Executive Committee and Secretary; C.V. Sefferino, President; and Jack J. Katzenstein, Vice-President of the Rollerdrome Club.

Museum Membership

As you have witnessed through our posting of renewing members in this newsletter, supporters of the museum continue to give. They realize the importance of our mission as the only facility to protect and display the history of our great sport. Once again we want to say a big THANK YOU to those members who year after year maintain support to our cause. It is through people like you that help us remain the top educational center for roller skating.

We now look to grow that base of support through new memberships. Anyone can join the museum to help support roller skating history. Please consider sharing this newsletter with someone you know who may have an interest in helping us preserve this great history.

Membership includes:

Bi-monthly museum e-newsletter

A 30th anniversary pin,

Access to PDFs of all national championship programs since 1937 and *Skate/USARS* magazines since 1940, one year subscription to *USA Roller Sports* magazine, and a 10% discount on store purchases.

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Membership Level	1 year	2 years
Benefactor	___ \$500	___ \$950
Patron	___ \$250	___ \$475
Associate Patron	___ \$100	___ \$185
Donor	___ \$50	___ \$90
Individual/Family	___ \$35	___ \$65

Method of Payment:

___ Check payable to National Museum of Roller Skating
___ Visa ___ MasterCard

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Signature

Membership Info:

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THE UNITED STATES
AMATEUR SPEED
ROLLER SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIP RACES
APRIL 2nd and 3rd, 1938

More from the Gerry Murray collection



Gerry Murray, Helen Liske, and Blanche Lopez:
Brooklyn, NY 1950.



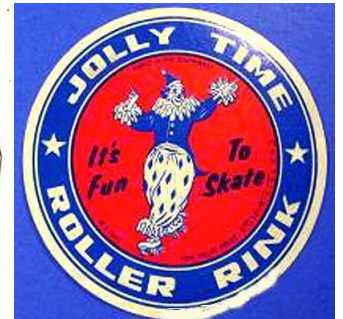
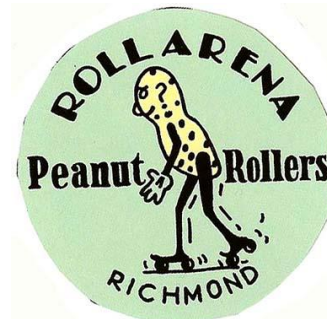
Marge Farrell and Gerry Murray in Brooklyn, NY 1954.



Gerry Murray and Ann Jansen in Brooklyn, NY 1960.

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!

