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Anniversary Editorial

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!! Whew, three years old. Actually, a little more than three years. Some of you may remember the first issue called "Skateboard Racing News" that came out on Black Hill at La Costa in January of 1976. The next issue was then called the "National Skateboard Review" — thanks to name choosing guidance by Keith Hagen outside the bank as I was about ready to open the checking account. Then, in May, the green issue was released at the Cow Palace Contest in San Francisco.

Early support from Skatepark Constructors, John O'Malley and Jack Graham (they built Carlsbad) helped the fledgling publication really get on the road.

The quarter-folded tabloid you see before you now didn't take that form until June of '76. Since that time, the NSR has been printed by the fine folks at Poinsettia Printers in Encinitas, California.

Early creative input was predominately by Dawn Dominy. Although offering her critique on a "suggestion" basis, her comments greatly improved the appearance of the paper. Her recommendation of Gail Stevens brought me the best help on the paper I've ever had. Gail is the talented lady who does the paste-up of the paper and adds her personal creative touch. The super covers you've seen show up this year were all her creations.

Constant reliable contact with skateboarders and non-skating skateboard "addicts" from all over the U.S. bring you the local info. from each state in the country. I continue to attend, evaluate, and write the articles on major skateboard activities (shows, contests, meetings, etc.). In this way I can let you know which ones were good, and why; and which ones were bogus, and why.

Although I am getting more into using my own action photos, I rely heavily on a volley of free lance photographers to give you a good visual account of skateboard happenings. Free Lance Smith is my earliest and most frequent contributor. He's still getting better and better. For the latest, did you catch his shot of Strople on last month's cover? Dyno!

Jim Goodrich found an outlet in the REVIEW in his early free lance days. The experience was good for him — he is now on the staff of "Skateboarder," and has been for a while. Tim Stahl also provided early pictures for the NSR. He now has a good job with a custom photo processing studio. Spot is a new face to the NSR. His background is roller skating and a zillion rolls of b/w film. He has a good eye for critical action shots — you'll be seeing more of him.

LATE ADDITION . . . a few last minute realizations have led me to decide this will be the last issue of the REVIEW. The people I've mentioned above are too good to just disappear — you will be hearing from them again.

A special thanks to Judy Cohen for being such a reliable shipper - she's super!



BILL SCHROCK testing a new speed control device.

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The REVIEW is intended to reflect skateboarding on the local level. I rely on contributions from skateparks, retail shops, contest directors, and individual skaters who want to be heard. To be your voice I need to hear from you. Write: N.S.R., P.O. Box 2204, Leucadia, Ca. 92024.

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- 13 — San Diego, Ca; **OASIS EASTER CLASSIC**; Amateur; roller skating pool and bank riding; call 714/298-8876
 14 — San Diego, Ca; **OASIS EASTER CLASSIC**; Pro; pool riding; BBQ Dinner for entries only; call 714/298-8876
 15 — Del Mar, Ca; **CONTEST**; Del Mar Skate Rancho; Amateur; call 714/481-0242
 21 — Lakewood, Ca; **GALE WEBB**; at MacDonald's; call 714/894-0830
 21 — Cupertino, Ca; **NO. CAL. SKATEPARK AMATEUR CIRCUIT**; at Spinning Wheels; three events; call 408/732-1111
 21 — Campbell, Ca; **'79 HESTER SERIES #1**; at Winchester Skatepark; Pro Pool Riding; \$1000 for 1st, pay to 5th; doubles and carves, too; call 714/455-9587
 28 — Santa Monica, Ca; **DOG BOWL POOL CONTEST**; Pro; at Marina del Rey; Directed by Ray Allen; call 213/821-9997

MAY

- 5 — Grand Rapids, Mi; **ASTRO SPEEDWAY POOL CONTEST**; Amateur; \$3 entry; Directed by Chris Yandall; call 616/457-5089 or 313/626-9500
 13 — Pebble Beach, Ca; **DOWNHILL RACING SOCIETY SPEED RUN**; must be 18 years; \$100 entry; \$1000 purse; call 408/373-8272
 19 — Stockton, Ca; **NO. CAL. SKATEPARK AMATEUR CIRCUIT**; at Inland Surf; three events; call 916/445-7203
 20 — Berkeley, Ca; **4TH ANNUAL U.C. BERKELEY CONTEST**; done by Team AlotAflex; for skateboarders: freestyle, downhill, jump slalom, GS, and vertical ramp (10 feet of vertical); for roller skaters: downhill with jump, doubles freestyle, vertical ramp riding; \$5 entry; call 714/675-3151 for information

JUNE

- 9, 10 — Gainesville, Fla; **2ND ANNUAL SENSATION BASIN-PEPSI TEAM CHALLENGE**; pool, vert riding, slalom or cross country; call Jim Skiles 904/377-9503
 10 thru 16 — California; **SKATEBOARD SAFETY WEEK**
 16 — Rohnert Park, Ca; **NO. CAL. SKATEPARK AMATEUR CIRCUIT**; at Empire Skatepark; three events; call 707/584-7233

JULY

- 21, 22-28, 29 — Oceanside, Ca; **OCEANSIDE PRO-AM**; by the ISA; call 714/646-0258

AUGUST

- 12 — Ontario, Ca; **SKATEBOARDING MARATHON**; for the Heart Assoc.; call 213/984-0001

LETTERS

Dear Di,

It was a real pleasure finally getting the chance to meet you at the Trade Show (Fla.) after corresponding with you for so long. Hey, what happened to you on the way back? I was ready to give you a tour of Sensation Basin on skates and introduce you to our new Florida otter that's taken up residence in our lake. He (I believe its a boy by the way he follows the girls around) really puts on a show for the skaters and really creates a scare when he pops out in front of an unsuspecting skater.

Bill Posey, of Motoboards, did stop by, and I had my first ride on one of his boards. After speeding around the skate trail several times we realized what an ideal layout we had for races. Bill may have an answer to those needing fast transpo to the skatepark.

The 2nd Annual Sensation Basin-Pepsi Team Challenge is scheduled for June 9-10. This contest last year turned out to be one of the most energetic sessions held and we will be expecting the second one to be even better! Companies interested in co-sponsoring this event or skaters interested in competing should contact me here at Sensation Basin (Ed. Note: see listing in "Calendar" section). More info. later!

From the Basin,
 Jim Skiles, Manager
 Gainesville, Florida

P.S. SIO (Barry), Markel (Mark), and Sensation Basin (Jimbo) had our first roller hockey game last weekend. Mark and I found out why Barry believes in safety equipment (spending more time down, than up pursuing the puck). Sensation Basin challenges your companies to a re-match. Name the date!

Dear Jim,

My return to Cal. from the Fla. show was a gen-u-wine banzai run. Two things I REALLY wanted to do on the return: the first, was roller skate your run around the lake (THE neatest roller skate area I've ever seen!); and second, stop in Dallas to see Don and Elaine Singer. I missed both stops. They wondered about me too. Sorry about the lack of communication but the drive was driving me.

Set up to get me photos of your June contest. I've put it in the Calendar. Thanks again for the good, and constant, information that you send.

Later, Di

REMINDER:

We suggest
 you use
 your helmet
 strap —
 without it,
 the helmet
 doesn't
 work.

This Anniversary issue is the last of the NATIONAL SKATEBOARD REVIEW. Due to a lack of financial support by those involved in skateboarding, the REVIEW is now part of it's history.

Those of you who worked so closely with me are well aware of the impact my decision has on me — I cried real good last Friday night. But, it has to be done. Since I moved to Corona del Mar, finding new artists, new typesetters, new camera people, new printers, and all within my budget has been near impossible. I'm sure you all realized how late this issue is.

I'm still receiving contributions from all over. I deeply regret no longer being able to provide you all an outlet for your contest efforts, your photos, your writing, your dreams and experiences. I've just received a "retirement" letter from Chris Foley that I am unable to print. Also, some excellent photos submitted by Craig Snyder of the Rainbow Wave contest, a letter from Troy Jones of Ridge Rider Skatepark in Tulsa, OK, about his bad experiences with a California pro. Pat Wachter sent in an exclusive photo from a pool session at Getaway Skatepark that I can no longer share with the rest of you.

Maybe in its absence, the industry will feel what a gaping hole was filled by the NATIONAL SKATEBOARD REVIEW. If the need for a publication aimed at "real life" skaters arises then maybe I/the REVIEW would be important enough to support. Not likely. The REVIEW came from a very special place among some very special people. It grew to become a family of hard working, imaginative, productive, dedicated, real people all over the U.S. I thank you all for all you've given. It scares me to think I'll be losing contact with all the friends I've made while publishing the NSR. But . . . onward, and upward. I'll be in touch. So, HASTA LA COSTA . . .

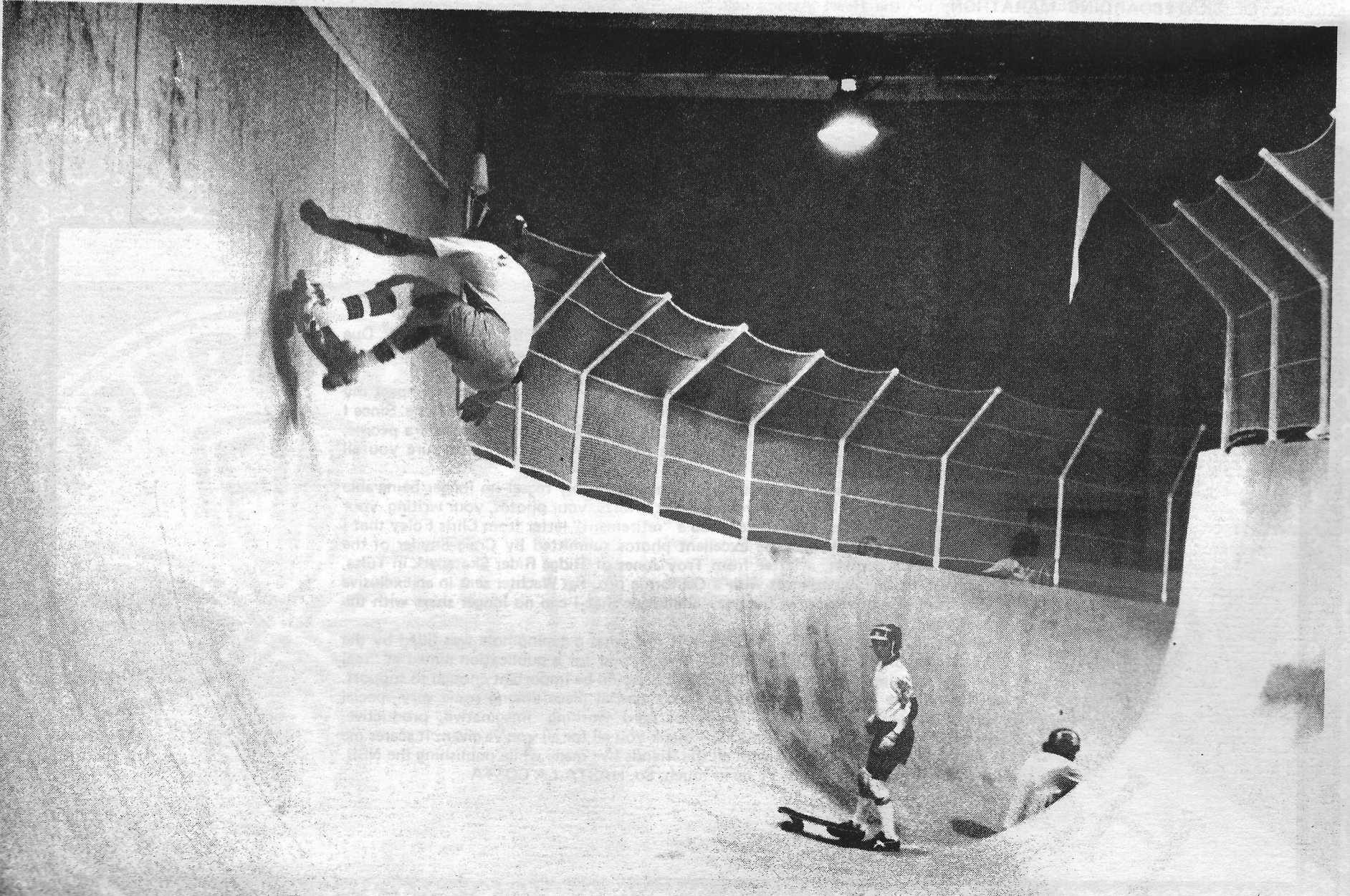
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Good work out at ODYSSEY SKATEPARK in Mission Viejo, Calif.
 Photo by Peggy Darnell.



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DUANE PETERS rock and rolling at Lakewood. Photo by Spot.

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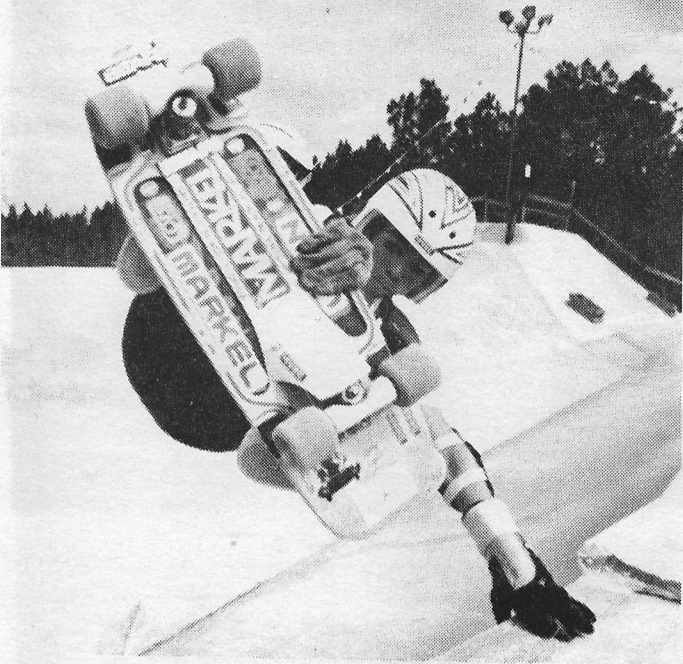
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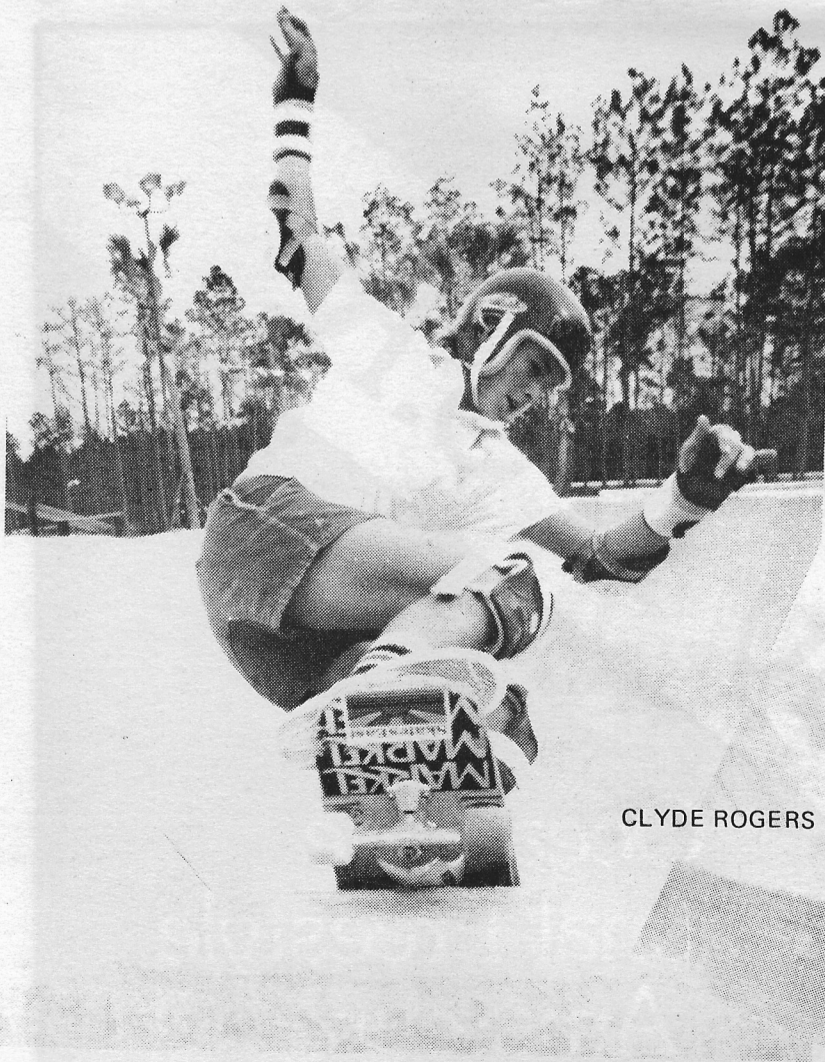
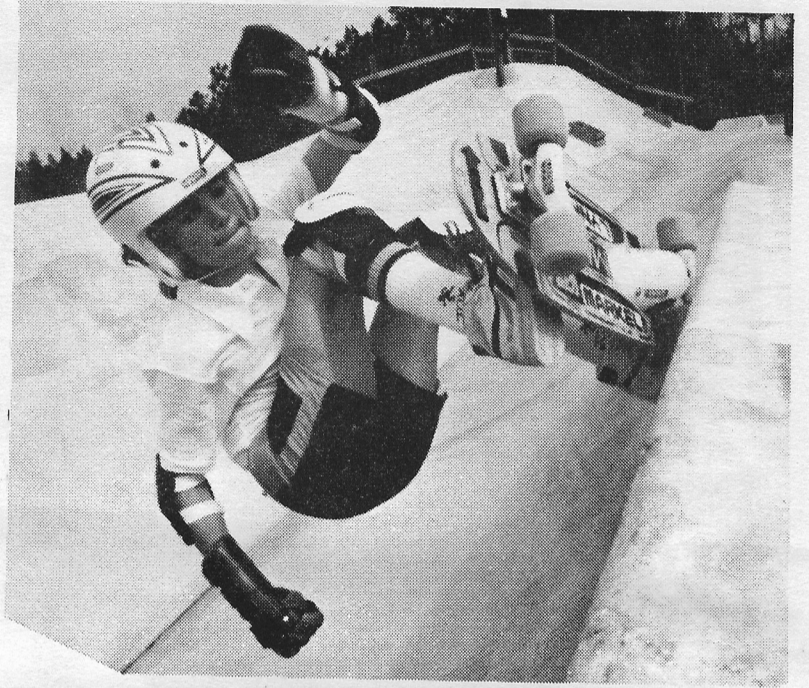
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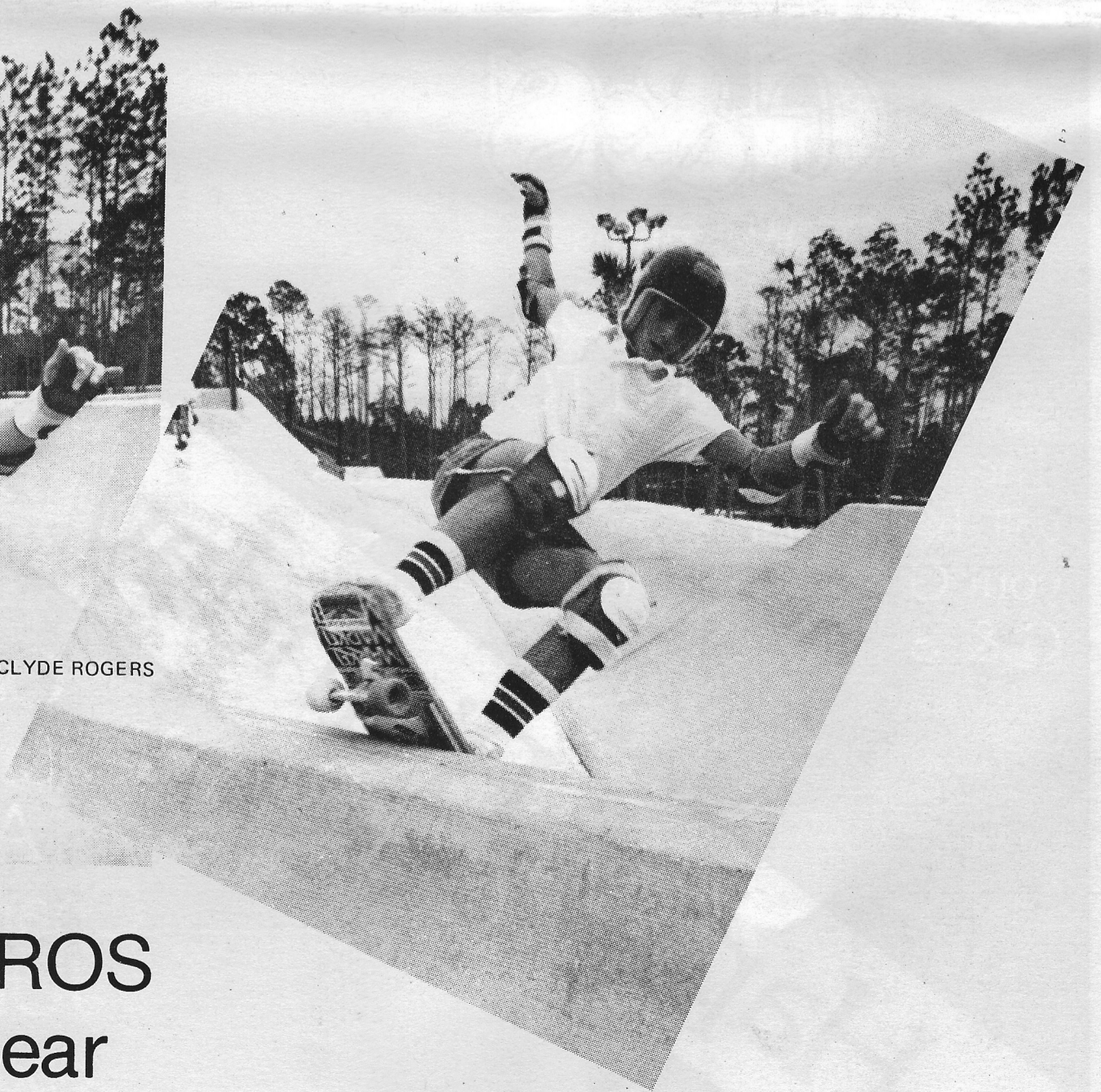
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Photos by Bear



Tight slalom by TR. in Box Canyon.

LA COSTA RESULTS

Racers gathered again at Box Canyon on Feb. 18 for a Tight Slalom Tighter Slalom, and a little Speed Running. Tom Ryan set a course that he called a G.S. that looked like a Tight one to everybody else. Gib Lewis again provided the electrical timing for all the races that day.

TR set the next course also and this one was a Tighter Slalom than the first. Bill Shaffer of Rad Ramp was there and put up \$20 to tease the Pros into a better race.

Don Baumea finally got his Speed Runs timed by Gib's system. Don had been talking it up for months but the timer never had the extra time and there really weren't any other Down-hillers interested. But this time it all came together well. We can expect it to happen again.

TIGHTER SLALOM

1. James Korten	9.21
2. Scott Hostert	9.30
3. Tom Ryan	9.39
4. Paul Butler	9.62
5. Gib Lewis	9.82
6. Beau Brown	10.32
7. Steve Otamura	10.49
8. Don Baumea	11.62
9. Mark Schmid	11.85
10. Squeak Haynes	11.86

TIGHT SLALOM

1. Tom Ryan	15.84
2. James Korten	15.85
3. Scott Hostert	16.10
4. Gib Lewis	16.15
5. Paul Butler	16.37
6. Greg Taie	16.45
7. Steve Otamura	18.26
8. Larry Crow	18.80
9. Don Baumea	19.20
10. Rick Ringler	19.54
11. Mark Schmid	20.20
12. Squeak Haynes	DQ
13. Pay Haynes, Jr.	DNF

SPEED RUNS I

1. Don Baumea - L*	4.59
2. Rick Denton - L	4.70
3. Dave Perry - L	4.84
4. Gib Lewis - S	4.86
5. Pat Haynes, Jr. - S	5.95

SPEED RUNS II

1. Don Baumea - S	4.81
2. Gib Lewis - L	4.83
3. Rick Denton - L	4.87
4. Dave Perry - L	4.91
5. Pat Haynes, Jr. - S	5.67

* "S" or "L" indicates Stand-up or Lay-down.



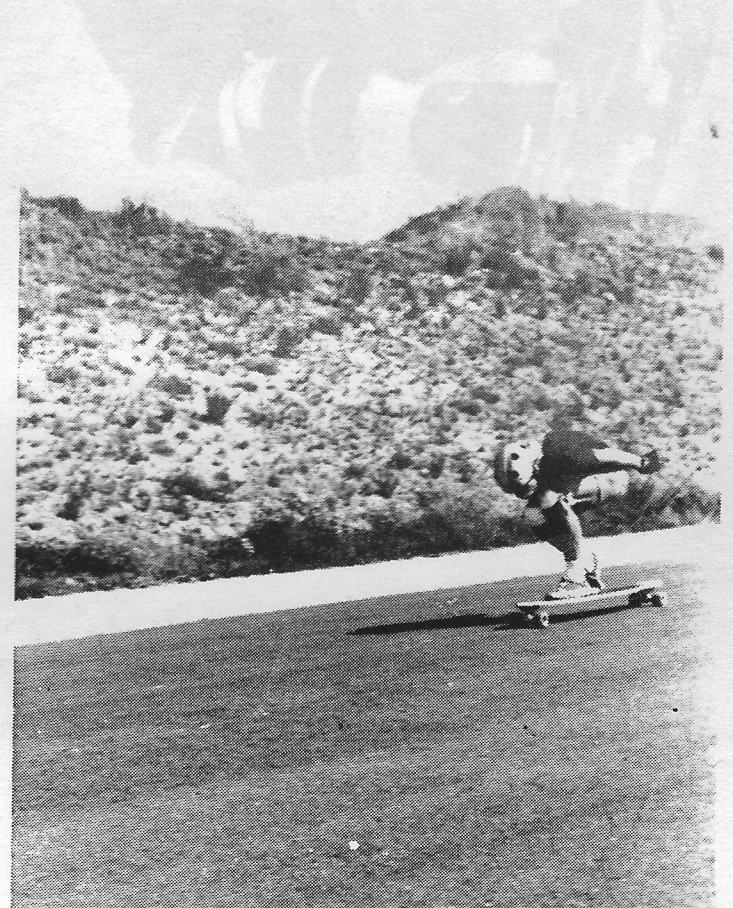
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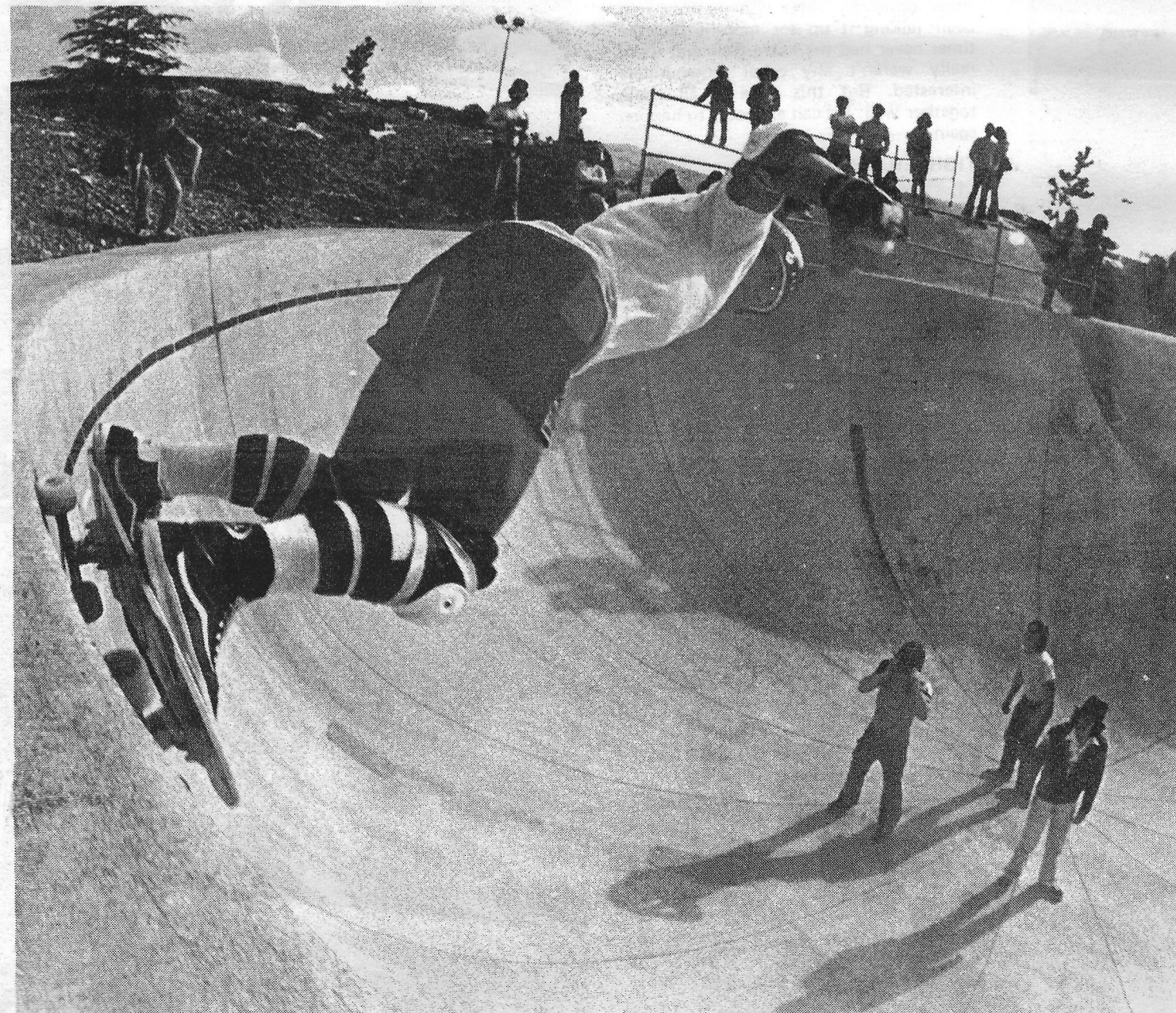
SCOTT HOSTERT



Finally, downhill races timed on La Costa Sundays.



MIKE MELLO at Clayton Valley.



MIKE MELLO, 18 years, carves the edge of Sierra Wave's "Monster Bowl."

Sierra Wave Contest

Sierra Wave photos by Bill Golding

The Northern California Skatepark Amateur Circuit was started officially on March 7, 1979 by skatepark owners in Northern California. They have, in relatively quick time, planned and begun their '79 competition season. It, basically, is a series of contests at member parks. Each hosts a contest of three events — which three depends on the best features of each park.

The first event, planned for February 24, was rained out and re-scheduled for March 3. Hosted by the Sierra Wave Skatepark (2905 Rojtiers Rd., Sacramento, Ca.) the events were half pipe, banked slalom, and carves.

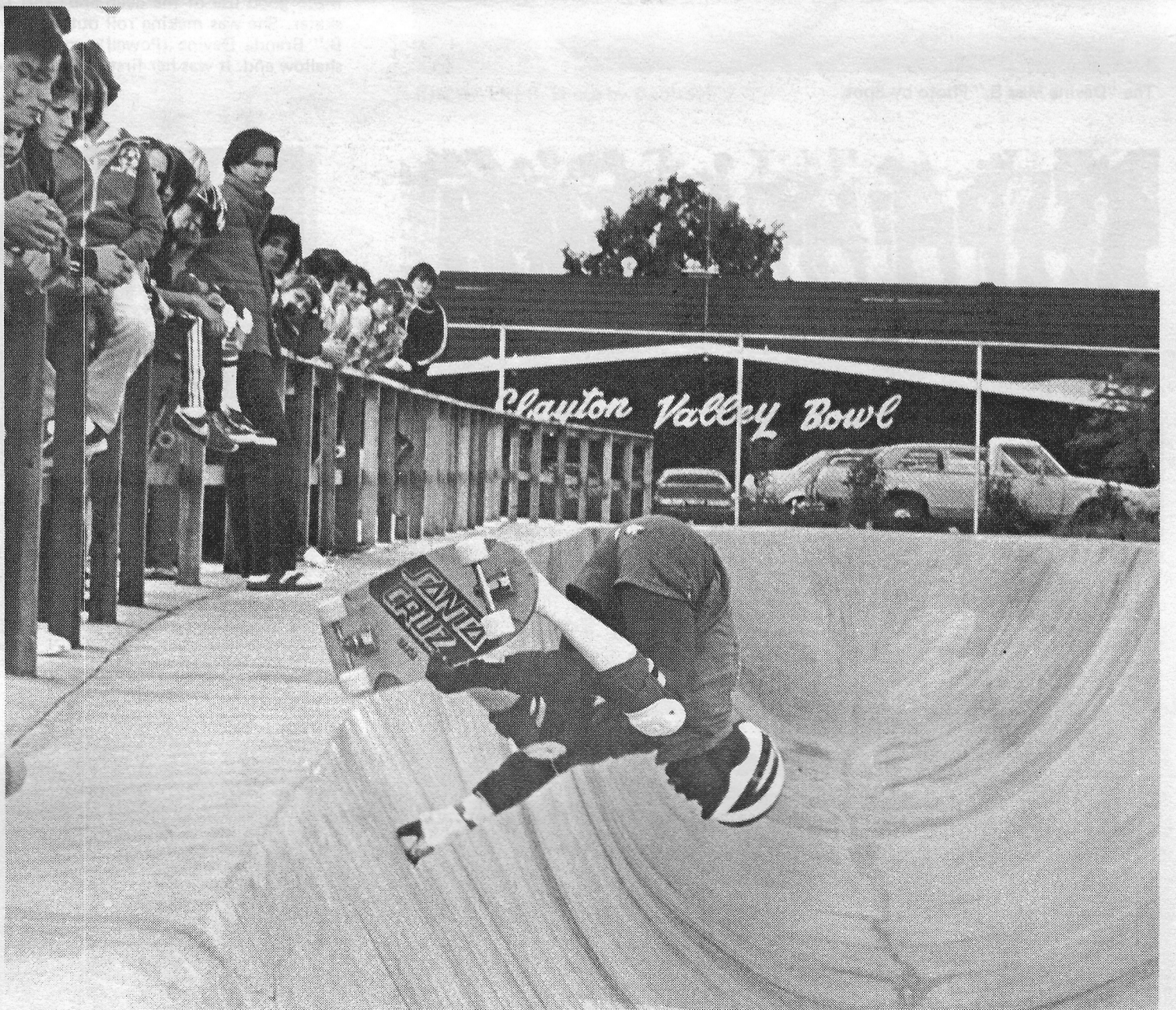
Over 70 amateurs entered. Six teams were represented. More teams were expected but the postponement from February to March lost more than a few. Those teams who persevered were: Empire, Soquel, Campbell, Clayton Valley, Sierra Wave, and Rim Rider.

The organization wants to develop all-around skaters, not specialists. So, all entries had to enter all events or none. The age divisions were all grouped together into one Open Amateur class.

The half pipe event was judged by three prominent Pros of the No. Cal. area: Don Bostick, Paco Prieto, and Tim Marting. Scott Foss, of Campbell Skatepark, took 3rd and earned 24.5 points for this event. Clay Townsend, also of Campbell, took 2nd and earned 25 points.



SCOTT FOSS, 14 years, gets air at Sierra Wave.



CURTIS BRYANT, 14 years, handplants firmly in Clayton Valley's half pipe

Steve Caballero (cover photo) took 1st in the half pipe and earned 28.5 points, out of 30 points possible. These three skaters are fast making themselves known in Southern Cal. as well — see the article on the USASA National Championship.

The banked slalom course was set by Sierra Wave local Gunnar Wolff. No one was allowed to run that course until the contest — and they enforced it!! Mike Rice of the Sierra Wave, took 3rd with 19.99 seconds and earned 29 points. Clay Townsend took another 2nd with his time of 19.80 seconds; he earned 29 more accumulative points. Troy Ahyc from Sun City (formerly known as the Spinning Wheels Skatepark) ripped to 1st Place with 19.69 seconds; he earned 30 accumulative points.

The long carve event was held in Sierra Wave's 14 foot deep bowl — the one with 3 feet of vert. The carving line was marked 18" from the coping. Some part of the board had to be on the line at all times. Clay Townsend (we keep hearing his name) carved 25 feet for 3rd place. Gary Herbst, of Soquel, carved 26 feet for 2nd Place. Collin Godbey, of Empire, took 1st by carving 28 feet.

After the first two contests (the No. Cal. groups held a "pre-season" contest in Dec. at Campbell), Clay Townsend had 159 points. Watch these kids...they're cookin'!!

Lakewood 1st Annual Pro

The 1st Annual Lakewood Center Skateboard World Pro Halfpipe Contest (Whew! What a name!!) was held Feb. 24, 25. It was, park manager, Glenn Smith's first major event and he can well be proud of it. He hosted 25 pros with no protests or crowd control problems. He even made a little money on the deal. The spectators had a great time, a great view, and photographers got some dyno photos.

The rules were printed for all to see and a rider's meeting cleared up any questions. Judging by Curtis Hesselgrave, Don Hoffman, Denis Shufeldt, Bongo, and Mike Williams was structured around a grueling format. Composition of each routine in the pipe made up 50% of the score; degree of difficulty made up the remaining 50%. Scoring was on a 1 to 10 point scale with decimal increments. Skaters were penalized a half-point for every fall. Boy, you should have seen those pros clean up their runs after the trials!

In the trials, each rider got two 1-minute runs; the best of the two counted. Heats were made up by drawing names. In the Quarter Finals, the top 16 were cut to the top 8. Each rider got two 1-minute runs and again the best score counted.

In the Semi-finals, the field of 8 was cut to 4. Each skater got three 1-minute runs and **ALL THREE SCORES COUNTED**. Riders had to skate better, faster, longer, and cleaner at a time of the contest when they would be slowed down by fatigue.

Dan Harkins announced the event stretched out in the Spring sun on his low-rider lawn chair from the shallow/high end of the 140 foot long half pipe. The pipe starts out 8 feet deep, and ends up 14 feet deep just as the 14 foot bowl opens up around the end. A high score depended on using all of the pipe's surface.

From the field of 25, the following riders made the cut to Quarter-finals: Mike Weed, Stacy Peralta, Darryl Miller, Steve Alba, Steve Olson, Frank Blood, George Orton, Ray Ritter, Rodd Saunders, Brad Bowman, Shogo Kubo, David Andrecht, Jon Walker, Mickey Alba, Doug Saladino, and Ray "Bones" Rodriguez.

In Heat I of the Quarter-finals, Peralta and Saladino looked the strongest. D. Miller and Steve Alba looked best in the second Heat. In the third Heat, the best looking runs were made by Ray Ritter. In Heat IV, Shogo, Walker, and M. Alba all looked great.

Advancing to the Semi's (in order of lowest score to highest) were: M. Alba (8.36), Peralta (8.42), Andrecht (8.44), Saladino (8.48), Shogo (8.78), S. Alba (8.98), and Jon Walker — the only entry to pull 9 point-plus scores: 9.08.

In Heat I of the Semi-finals, David Andrecht (Sims) scored highest with 8.97 points in spite of a poor second run. Stacy Peralta (Powell) won 8.77 points with his clean lines and infinite variations of slides. Stop action photos don't catch Stacy's action. You need to see a film, or... be there!

Mickey Alba (Kryptonics) won 8.76 points. His runs were clean with good altitude to his aerials. Doug Saladino (G&S) won 8.51 points. Two falls in his second run marred an otherwise good run that included a foot plant.

The second Heat of the Semi's finished with Jon Walker (Sims) the highest man up — 9.03 points. Jon was bionic! Between his bio-air, and strong aggressive moves, his showmanship was a gas! Behind Jon was Steve Alba (Alva Skates) with 8.96 points. Steve's snappy runs with l-o-n-g carves to his favored Devo music were excellent.

Shogo won 8.55 points with his almost flawless precision lines. His rock and roll went so far as to nose tap the tip of the wall before his re-entry. His lower score was most likely due to his failure to work the entire length of the pipe.

At this point, the three women pros took some practice runs before their event. The Men's Finals required three 1-minute runs that **ALL COUNTED**. The break let them rest up.

Leilani Kiyabu (G&S) was nursing a knee that she hurt during the warm up. Her routine had less push than usual, although she did make a trick with a toe touch and made good use of the deep end. Teri Lawrence (Alva Skates) was obviously the best skater. She was making roll outs, edger stalls, and nice quick carves. The "Devine Miss B," Brenda Devine (Powell) worked the pipe mostly with kickturns and favored the shallow end. It was her first pro contest and a good start for future competitions.



The "Devine Miss B." Photo by Spot.



STACY PERALTA. Photo by Spot.



Back to the Men's Finals. Advancing in fourth was Stacy Peralta (surprise! surprise!!). Stacy, who competes with his own preferred tricks for his own enjoyment, was pleasantly surprised that his personal competitive style suited the judging format of this event. Steve Alba advanced in third place, David "Raver" Andrecht moved on in second. All the while, Jon Walker moved on, sitting in first. His "trouble" with amateur status last year is obviously behind him, he was definitely on top of it.

Walker fell in his first run which, being docked .5 points per fall, finalists can't afford to do. Peralta and S. Alba both fell in their second run. In his second run, Walker pulled it together to do a roll in with acres of air and flying rock and rolls. For his third and last run, Peralta kept whipping off his slides.

Alba worked the deep end, the center section with some good slides of his own, and was ON...until he fell. He restarted slowly in the shallow end at which point a soda can rolled into the pipe. Steve called interference and was allowed a re-run by the judges.

Andrecht took his run and made outrageous jump axel stalls, good work in the deep end, front side roll outs, and more roll outs and axel stalls back to the shallow end. Walker made rock and roll 360's and giant aerials in the shallow end. On Alba's re-run, he made laybacks, grinders, and maintained his contest winning "poker face."

When it all came down it wasn't over until after a judge's conference concerned with Steve Alba's fouled run. There was some questions over whether or not to add the fall penalty to the re-run since the interference happened some time after the fall and because there was a question on the cause of the interference. After much debate, Steve was not penalized for the fall.

During practice for the aerial event, a bad fall by Frank Blood scared everybody there. He explained later that his mistake was when he drew a line too far from the wall. As he came down, his back trucks hung up and he fell air born from 16 feet up. He was tired but still working hard at that time in the day. He tried to correct his move but couldn't. He hit the bottom with the side of his face (thank God for helmets) and was out until he arrived at the hospital. He is fine now; suffering a broken arm which is in an albow cast that he'll wear for six weeks. He plans to leave the cast on an extra week — a safety margin. But, then again, he also plans to ride in Hester's first contest in April.

The Aerials event did go on, but in a very sober mood. Bobby Valdez took first for his jump of 3'8". His competitors were George Orton, Brad Bowman, Darryl Miller, and Ray Bones.

RESULTS

Men's

1. Steve Alba, Alva Skates — 9.31 points — \$1000
2. David Andrecht, Sims — 9.25 points — \$500
3. Jon Walker, Sims — 9.15 points — \$250
4. Stacy Peralta, Powell — 8.80 — \$125

Women's

1. Teri Lawrence, Alva Skates — 8.03 points — \$500
2. Lani Kiyabu, G&S — 7.86 points — \$250
3. Brenda Devine, Powell — 7.70 points — \$125

Air

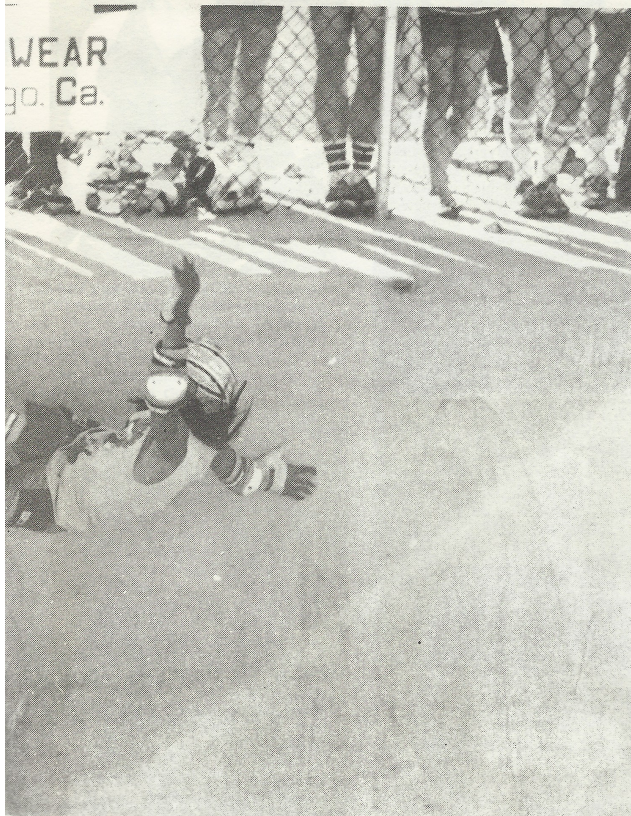
1. Bobby Valdez, Powerflex — 3'8" — \$100



DAVID ANDRECHT. Photo by Spot.



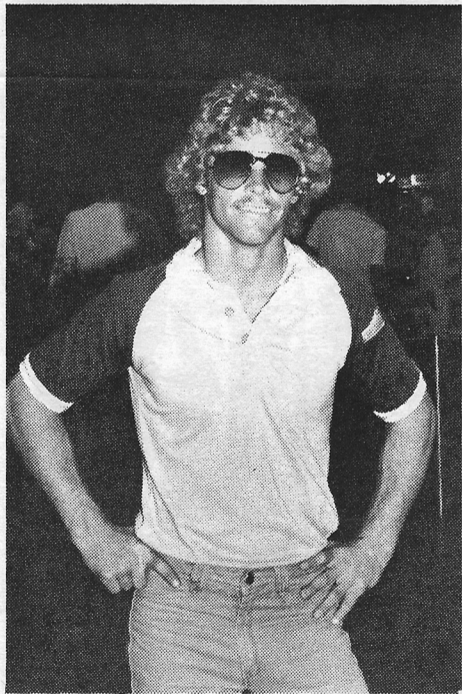
JON WALKER. Photo by Dootson.



Finalist at Lakewood's Pro Halfpipe contest. Photo by Dootson



MICKY ALBA. Photo by Spot



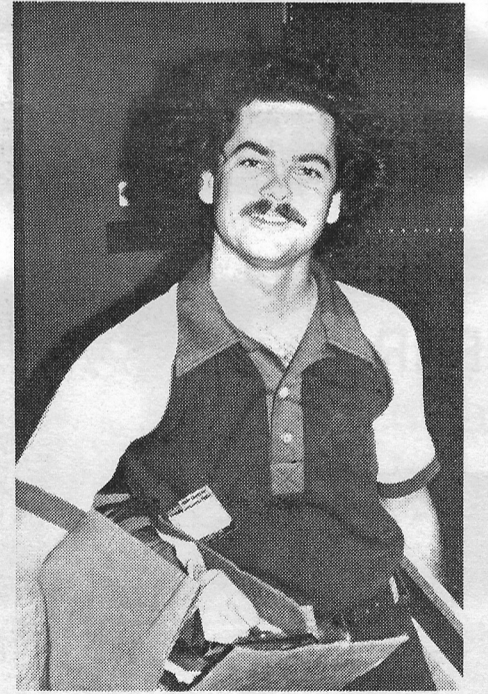
George Orton

The Long Beach Sports Arena (Cal.) was the site for "Skate and Surf" Magazine's 3rd Trade Show. Scheduled mid-week, forty skateboard related manufacturers, seven roller skate, twelve clothing industry companies, twelve surfing related, and fourteen misc. companies held booths in the main exhibit hall.

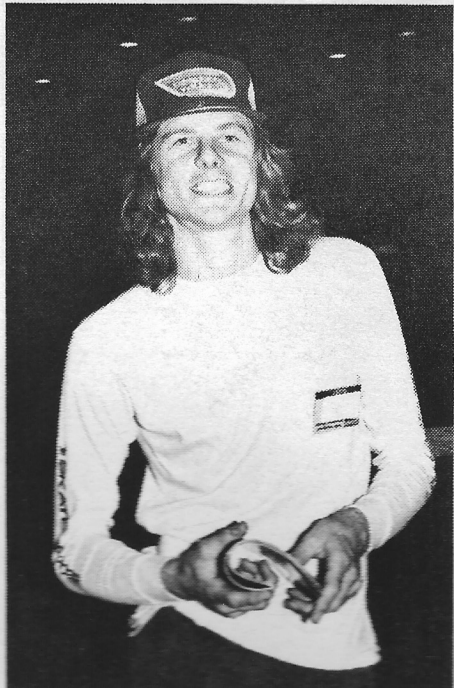
The buyers turnout, however, was small. Except for the show being held mid-week, it is hard to say why more buyers did not attend. "Guess-timations" include: there are already too many shows and this one was the last of the season for skate and surf markets, the market is tough and why should buyers fly a long way when they saw all the merchandise in Florida recently, and we don't need any shows anyway because the buyers already know how to get in touch with the sellers.

The highlights of the show included the surfboard that was constantly being thrown down the aisle, those two girls in those bathing suits, the presence of the Logan booth ("We thought you were out of business!" "Nope, we're here and selling well in South America and Tahiti."), the funny skateboard that had an elevated seat on it, and the Pro-Am ramp riding exhibitions.

Idea: why not hold all new merchandise until one show each year, say just before the competition season opens. Attend and support that one show so buyers know to be there or miss out. Hold new products until that show, then distributors and retailers can know when to have sales to clear old stuff and everybody can plan his inventory on a constant yearly schedule. The way we do it now, everybody introduces new things whenever they want; they stick the retailer and distributor with the problem we've got now: obsolete merchandise the kids won't buy because they've seen the new gear. Let's give ourselves a chance — pace the industry. If manufacturers don't help out their buyers, the buyers won't/can't buy. Where does the responsibility lie?



Bruce Logan



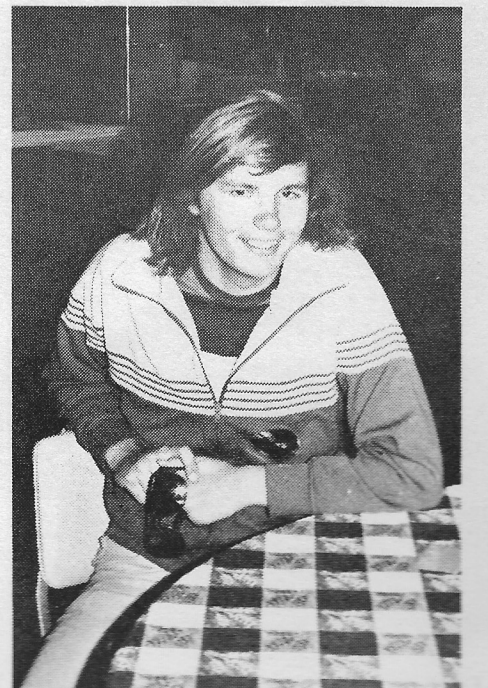
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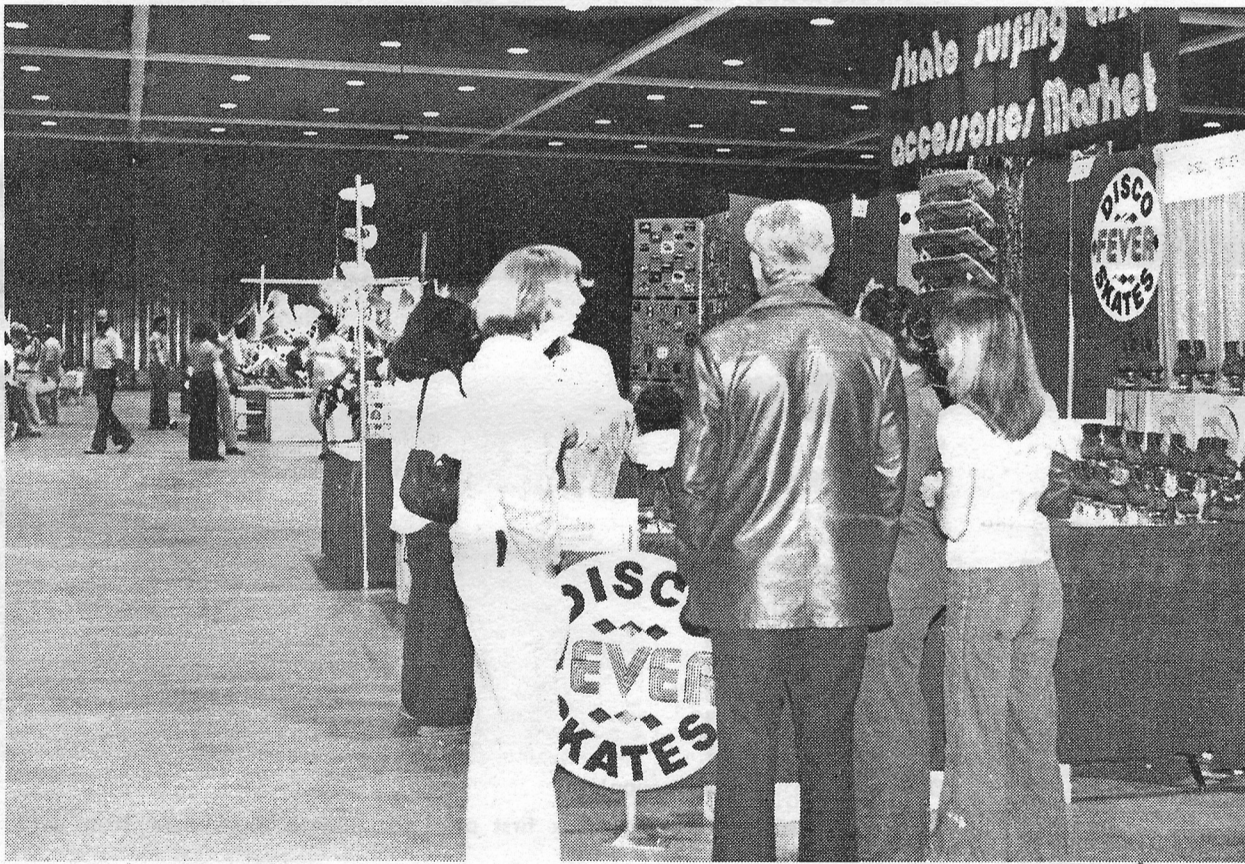
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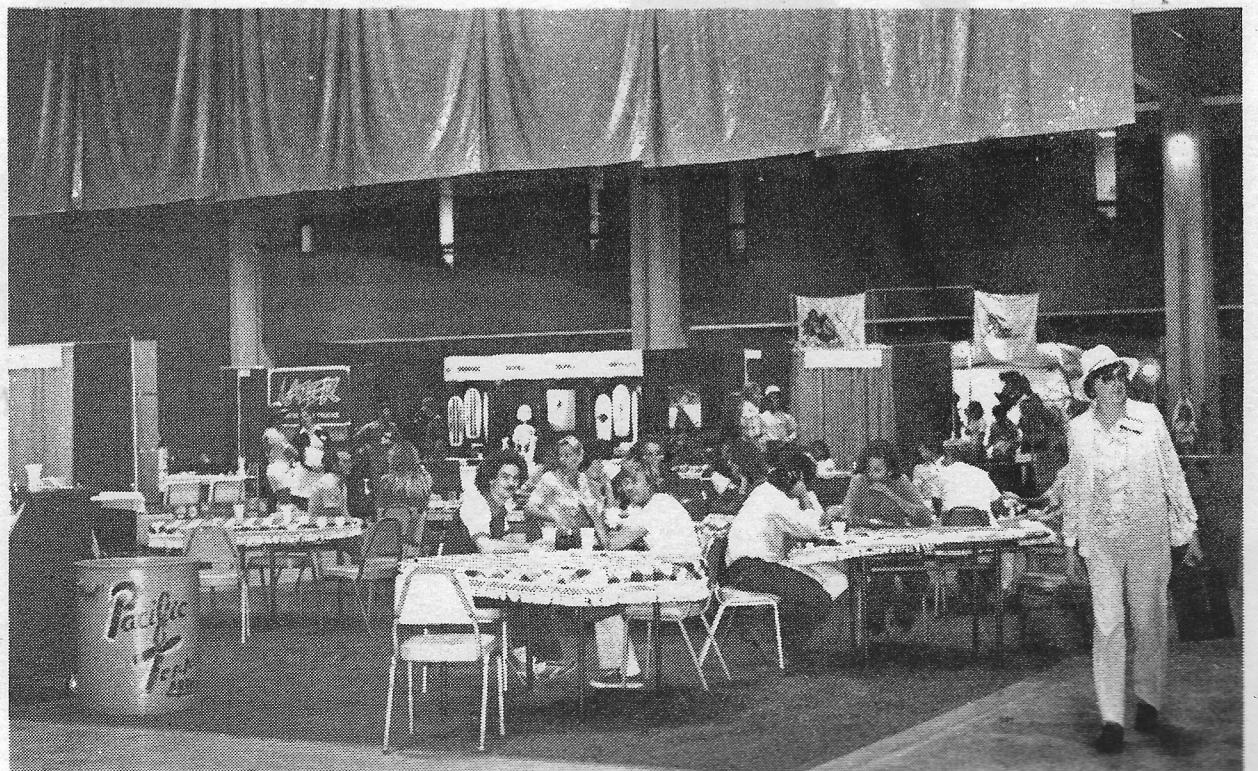


Models wearing the "Z" logo t-shirt and shorts are seen from behind as they walk down the runway. The model on the tall structure is wearing a swimsuit. The signs in the background are for "EYES-AM" and "FEVER".



The booth for 'Wholesale surfing accessories market' features a prominent sign for 'DISCO FEVER STATES'. Visitors are seen browsing the products on display.

All Long Beach Show photos by Dootson.



The dining area is set up under a large white canopy. People are seated at tables, and a sign for 'Pacific Tents' is visible. The atmosphere appears to be a social gathering.



Cascade Contest — Md

Cascades Skateboard Park, in Catonsville, Maryland, hosted it's first skateboard contest, held on March 2, 1979. The competition was held in Cascade's large indoor pool.

Pool Riding — Freestyle:

18 and over division

Bobby Strange
Miles Rolph
Scott Barnes
John Aires

Atlantic Skateboard Team
Alexandria Skate World Team
Airflow Skates Team
Eastcoast Toke Team

15 to 17 division

Dan Hayman
Ed Tyler
Stacy Smink
Ken Willis
Mike Maxwell

Eastcoast Toke Team
Atlantic Skateboard Team
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Airflow Skates Team

14 and under division

Pat Clark
Tim Cunningham
Pat Truitt
Mike Seitz

Airflow Skates Team
Powerflex Team
Atlantic Skateboard Team
Cascades Skateboard Team

Highest Aerials:

(no age division)

Dan Hayman (17) 29"
Ed Tyler (16) 25"
Pat Clark (14) 23½"
Willy Clark (16) 23"
Bobby Strange (19) 19"

Eastcoast Toke Team
Atlantic Skateboard Team
Airflow Skates Team
Airflow Skates Team
Atlantic Skateboard Team

One Wheelers: (no age division)

Sixteen year old Ed Tyler took first place for Atlantic Skateboard Team with eighteen one wheelers.

There was a three-way tie between David Tibin, 16 yrs. old, Pat Clark, 14 yrs. old and Bobby Strange, 19 yrs. old, each had 16 one wheelers.

The final results:

David Tobin	25 o.w.	Eastcoast Toke Team
Pat Clark	23 o.w.	Airflow Skates Team
Bobby Strange	16 o.w.	Atlantic Skateboard Team
Mike Seitz	15 o.w.	Cascades Skateboard Team

Sponsors of this competition were: Atlantic Skateboards of Ocean City Md. — Ferragamo Boards of Baltimore, Md. — Airflow Skates of Crofton, Md. — B.T. Skates of Baltimore, Md. — Sundance Brotherhood of Ocean City, Md.

Giving out awards, and dressed to kill, in his Bad Company outfit was Charles Southcomb, manager of Atlantic Skateboards. Many thanks go to Burt Tulotte of B.T. Boards, Denny Riordan, and Chip Fredrick, for organizing and running the contest.

A special demo was given during the contest by three of Maryland's top Pros: Denny Riordan, (skates for the eastcoast Pepsi Team), Chip Fredrick (skates for B.T. Skates), and Josh Marlowe of Ocean City, Md. (skates for Flite Skateboards).



CHIP FREDERICK. Both photos by Mark Keller.

Rainbow Wave Contest — Fla.

Rainbow Wave Skatepark (1519 E. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, Fla.) put together a "good contest with a 'pull together' crew. It was fun." Held early March, the 3rd and 4th, the Pro-Am offered bowl riding, half pipe, and cross country events. Ages were divided into 14 and Under (Boys), 15 to 17 years (Jr. Men's), 18 and Over (Men's) and an Open Professional division.

The park made practice sessions available for free one full week before the contest — free, if you had paid your entry fee. Amateurs paid \$10, pros paid \$40. Everybody paid a \$3 late fee if they didn't sign up by 10 p.m. the night before the start of the contest.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Rainbow Wave	25 points
2. Clearwater	24 points
3. Sensation Basin	16 points
3. Z — East	16 points
4. Powell	10 points
5. Sims	9 points

RESULTS

BOWL RIDING

Boys		
1	Chris Baucom	Sensation Basin
2	Pete Martin	Z — East
3	Scott Green	Z — East
4	Ray Diez	Rainbow Wave
5	John Textor	Sims

Jr. Men		
1	Alan Gelfand	Powell
2	Peter Andrews	Sensation Basin
3	Mike Daly	Rainbow Wave
4	Todd Sondergrass	Clearwater
5	Steve Fisher	Clearwater

Men		
1	Pat Love	Independent
2	Alton Banks	Rainbow Wave
3	Steve Anderson	Independent
4	Dan Murray	Independent
5	Ronnie Brown	Inland Surf Shop

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys		
1	Ray Diez	Rainbow Wave
2	Micha Alabach	Z — East
3	Todd Webb	Clearwater
4	Pete Martin	Z — East
5	John Textor	Sims

Jr. Men		
1	Lonnie Ritter	Rollin Waves
2	John McClelland	Clearwater
3	Tab Textor	Sims
4	Steve Fisher	Clearwater
5	Robert Shoemaker	Clearwater

Men		
1	Ed Womble	Sensation Basin
2	Dan Murray	Independent
3	Steve Anderson	Independent
4	Pat Love	Independent
5	Mike Peck	Sundancer

HALF-PIPE

Boys		
1	Ray Diez	Rainbow Wave
2	Mike McGill	Rainbow Wave
3	Todd Webb	Clearwater
4	Micha Alabach	Z — East
5	Scott Green	Z — East

Jr. Men		
1	Alan Gelfand	Powell
2	Tab Textor	Sims
3	Steve Fisher	Clearwater
4	Peter Andrews	Sensation Basin
5	Mike Daly	Rainbow Wave

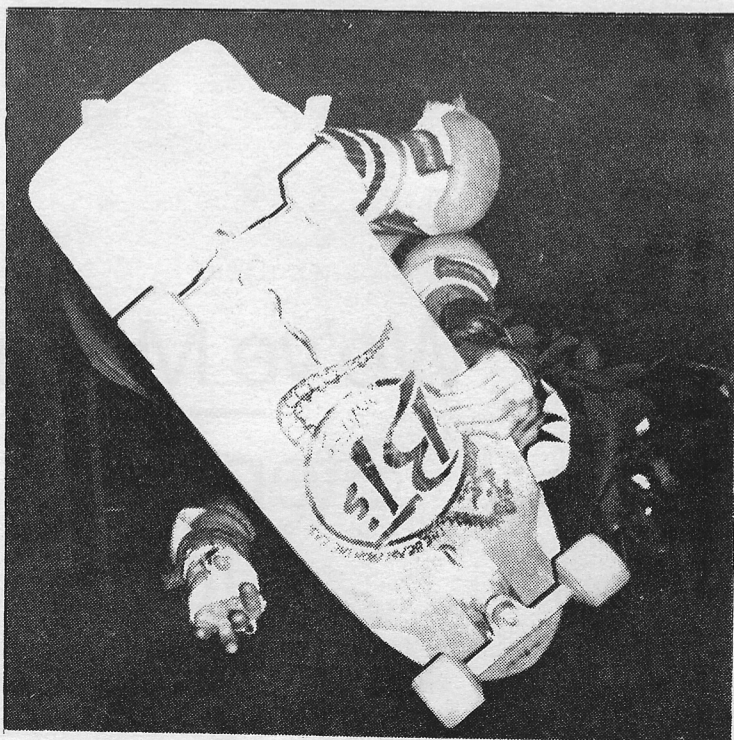
Men		
1	George McClelland	Clearwater
2	Dan Murray	Independent
3	Steve Anderson	Independent
4	Alton Banks	Rainbow Wave
5	Pat Love	Independent

PRO (WINNER TAKE ALL)

Bowl Riding			
1	Kelly Lynn	\$30.00	Markel
2	Chris West		Sundancer
3	Scott McCranels		Sims
4	Clyde Rodgers		Markel
5	Sean Peddie		Walker

Half-Pipe			
1	Kelly Lynn	\$30.00	Markel
2	Sean Peddie		Walker
3	Tim Scroggs		Powell
4	Chuck Lagana		Skateboard Safari
5	Scott McCranels		Sims

Cross Country			
1	Scott McCranels	\$30.00	Sims
2	Kelly Lynn		Markel
3	Chris West		Sundancer
4	Tim Scroggs		Powell
Rest of Pros D.2.			



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KEVIN WARREN - B.T.'s Team Rider. Photo by B.T.

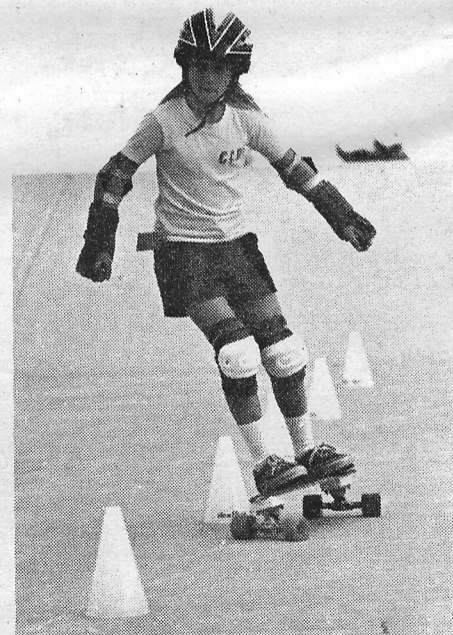
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Contest Rumors

Sims amateur team has two new riders: John Tuisl and Gino Tossie...Gale Webb is now working with MacDonald's on a skateboard safety program with Variflex...Pipeline Skatepark adding a clothing section to their pro shop...Don Hoffman finally got his vacation to Mexico...new skatepark going up in Whittier, Cal...park in Boulder, Colo., doing well through the winter...winter skateboarding in Michigan was dull...Pipeline starting on their new pool with tiles and coping...Chris and Sandy Yandall's baby is due in July...Cherry Hill contest postponed until May...Shaun Peddie just made it to 16 years old...



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S.L.O. County Championships

By Jack Smith

On Sunday, Jan. 21, Friday Jan. 26, and Sunday, Jan. 28, the best overall skater in San Luis Obispo County, Calif., was determined. Contestants were allowed to pick 10 events out of twelve possible choices to compete. Points were awarded to 10th place and varied according to the difficulty of the event.

On Jan. 21st, Giant Slalom, Dual Slalom, and Downhill were held in Cambria and Los Osos. In the G.S. KEN MARTIN took 1st place honors with a combined time of 53.12 seconds followed by JEFF CROWE at 54.51 and DEWEY LEA at 55.51 seconds.

Dual Slalom first place points went to DAVID BAKER timed at 14.38. In 2nd was JEFF CROWE again at 14.61. Placing 3rd was GARY FLUITT at 14.67.

CHRIS PETTYJOHN of Oakland, Cal., grabbed 1st in the Downhill pushed closely by GARY FLUITT in 2nd and DAVE AREND in 3rd.

Leader after the first day of competition was JEFF CROWE with a total of 2420 points, GARY FLUITT was next with 2350 and DAVID BAKER was in Third with 2325 points.

FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN. 26TH – SOLID WAVE SKATEPARK

In the first event of the evening, KEN MARTIN captured 1st place in the 360's. HAL WOODS and GARY FLUITT placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. JEFF FRAZIER took one-wheelers with 18 in 30 seconds. In 2nd was GILBERT BREBES with 17, followed by HAL WOODS also with 17. Woods hit 12 on one run and 16 on his other, while Brebes hit 17 on all three runs.

The next event was the Carving. BREBES took 1st followed by DANNY ARMSTRONG and JEFF FRAZIER.

The final discipline of the evening was a combination cross country and banked slalom throughout the entire park. The course had plenty of speed and numerous complaints were heard during the practice runs. Given enough time, the skaters soon adapted to the course and were blazing it heavily. GILBERT BREBES scored another 1st place victory chased very closely by DAVE AREND. In 3rd was DANNY LEA. The overall standings looked like this at the end of the evening:

- 1st. Dave Arend – 3755 points
- 2nd. Ken Martin – 3750 points
- 3rd. Gary Fluitt – 3490 points

SUNDAY, JAN. 28TH – SOLID WAVE SKATEPARK

This proved to be a most interesting day. The contest was delayed twice: once by snow and the other time by sniper fire from across US 101. One skater was struck in the foot and required medical attention.

The first event of the day was freestyle, won by KEN MARTIN. In 2nd was HAL WOODS, and placing 3rd was PAUL ANDERSON.

Half pipe aerials were the next event of the morning. Placing 1st was GILBERT BREBES as he barely edged out ERIC MEYER by 1/2 inch. In 3rd was DAVE AREND.

Half pipe riding was next on the agenda. Advancing to the semi-finals were Jeff Frazier, Gilbert Brebes, David Arend and Danny Armstrong. Frazier and Arend made it to the finals where Frazier out-pointed Arend 60 to 55 points.

The High Jump event was made more difficult than usual due to a combination of wind, rain, and snow. Garnering another 1st was JEFF FRAZIER who won over KEN MARTIN due to fewer misses. 3rd place went to HAL WOODS. Going into the final event, pool riding, the standings were as follows:

- 1st. Ken Martin – 5915 points
- 2nd. Jeff Crowe – 5677 points
- 3rd. Hal Woods – 5656 points
- 4th. Dave Arend – 5528 points
- 5th. Jeff Frazier – 5512 points

Any of the top five had a shot at First Place. As it turned out FRAZIER squeaked by CROWE 57 to 56 points in the finals of the pool event. HAL WOODS was 3rd and DANNY ARMSTRONG finished 4th.

This competition program was sponsored by Surf-N-Wear of San Luis Obispo, and by Central Coast Surfboards of San Luis Obispo.

Special thanks to: Mike Chaney, Jim Hall, Chris Galbraith, Dave Lester, and John Brunson. Also to the NSR for three subscriptions donated as prizes.

Editor's Note: how about a special thanks to Jack Smith for brain storming this well organized series!!

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1st. Jeff Crowe – 6627 pts. – Surf-N-Wear
- 2nd. Hal Woods – 6531 pts. – independent
- 3rd. Jeff Frazier – 6512 pts. – Surf-N-Wear
- 4th. Ken Martin – 6480 pts. – Zero Gravity
- 5th. Dave Arend – 6219 pts. – M-Boys

Reseda Pro-Am

March 10 and 11, 1979, was the date for SkaterCross Reseda's Pro-Am Dual Challenge. Reseda (6734 Reseda Blvd., Reseda, Ca.) hosted 18 pros and 79 amateurs in a pool and cross country contest.

The competition was arranged to combine pool and cross country scores to determine the winners.

Judged by Henry Hester, Don Hoffman, Tuzo Jerger, Allen DeRossette, and Mark Richards, the pool event was directed by Jimmy Dean.

The cross country event was timed by Brigg Sherman and directed by Doug Noble.

Prizes were donated by Gordon and Smith, 360 Sportswear, Nike, Van's, Sea Breeze, Shox, Yo-Yo, Lip Sliders, Trackers, Mad Rats, and Reseda Skatepark itself.

Many thanks to all those who helped – especially Leslie and Lori Peralta.

FINAL PRO OVERALL

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2. Tim Marting – \$500 – AlotAflex
3. Jay Smith – \$225 – Powell
4. Shreddi Repas – \$120 – Sun Spots
5. Bert Lamar – \$75 – Sims

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2. Steve Littman, John Harris
3. Brad Meyers
4. Jeff Tapper, Jean Gonzales

INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR

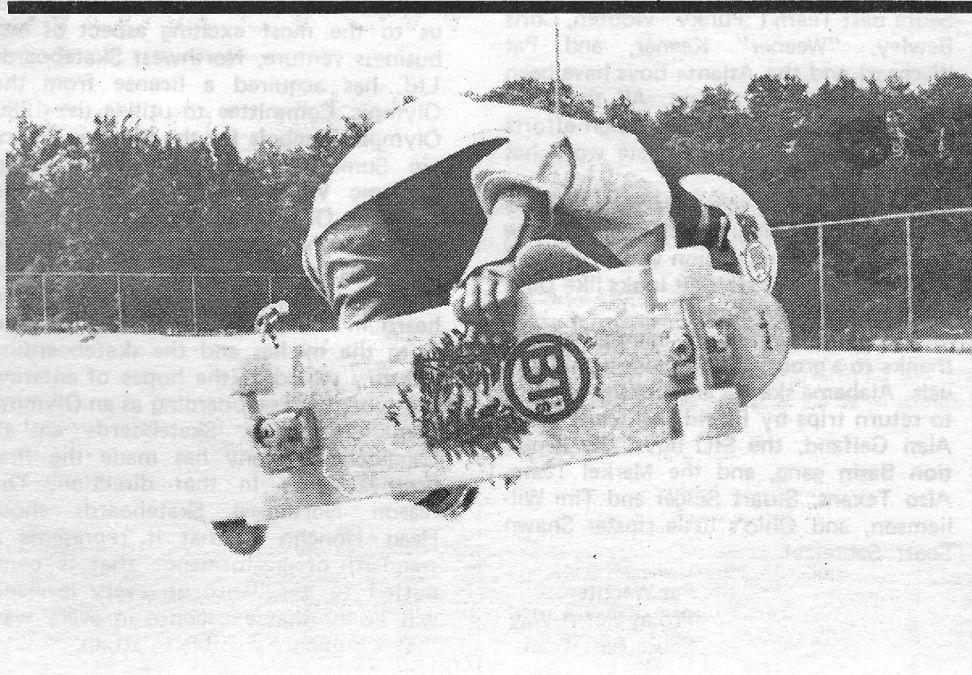
1. David Zakrzewski
2. Chris Fithian
3. Tim Sweet
4. Don Szabo
5. Mark Moore
6. Brian Mergan
7. James Murphy

NOVICE AMATEUR

1. Bob Weddle
2. David Mack, Michelle Baker
4. Craig Muniz, Don Araniciba
6. David Olson, Ray Matisky

HIGHEST ACCUMULATIVE POINT SCORE (of all entries):

ERIC GRISHAM – Roller Flex



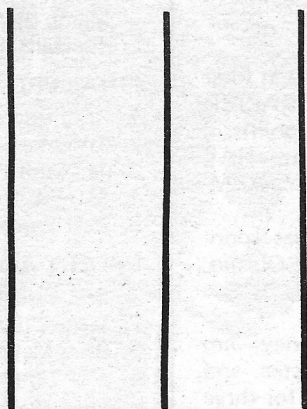
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Harry Greenberg, President of Northwest Skateboards, is forty years old and an avid skateboarder for well over three years and because of that fact the knowledge of requirements and demands are very well understood by the organization, i.e.: giving the retailers up to the minute information either in letter form or by holding seminars.

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Alabama

Now that warm weather has arrived Alabama skaters are coming out of hibernation.

Down in Birmingham, Dale Torok is looking forward to a second summer; with the addition of Wheel-A-Wave's capsule pool. The park's weekly slalom series ran smoothly and had a good local turnout. In between sessions at Wheel-A-Wave, Von Wooldridge's Pipe Dreams Team is keeping the wood smokin' on the best quiver of half-pipe ramps in the state. Keep an eye on B'ham's Jim Bloom.

In Florence, Steve Doster, of Southeastern Sales, has been busy with the National Skatepark Association with lots of help from Jim Skiles, Taylor Adams, and the ISA. Southeastern has also been sponsoring prizes at many contests. Steve's helping hand is very appreciated.

Over in Gadsden, Dave Norton's Flying Wheels park is getting cranked up with their new roller skate team. Alabama welcomes Californian Jim "Joe John" Cole, the new resident skater at Flying Wheels. The atmosphere at the park is great, come check it out.

Up in Huntsville, Bob Mead is getting ready for the Get-A-Way's grand opening in June. In the plans are hot air balloon rides, free hot dogs and Pepsi, antique car shows, rock bands, and all the other things that go with grand openings. The Sabre East Team ("Punky" Wooten, Chris Bewley, "Weener" Keener, and Pat Wachter) and the Atlanta boys have been sampling the new terrain. All the feedback on Bill Underwood's design efforts and Duane Bigelow's concrete work has been very positive.

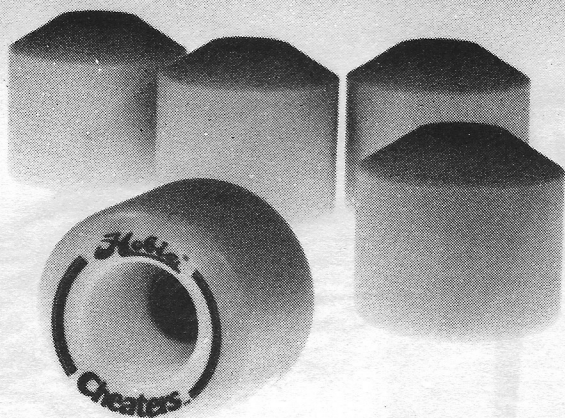
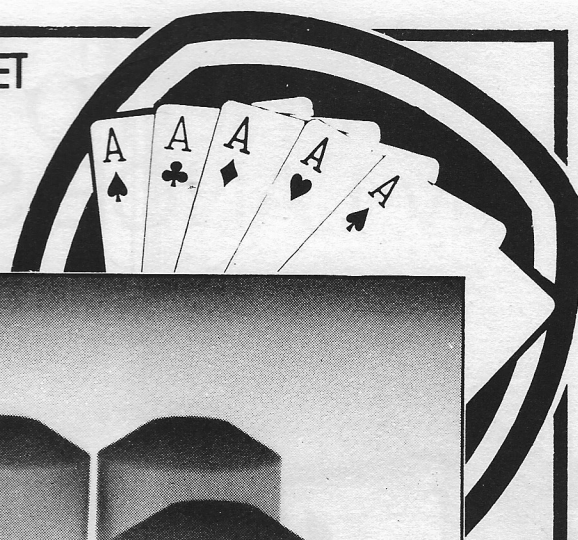
On the contest scene Dave Norton has been busy planning a state series for the summer. The competition will involve all three parks in the state. It looks like Dave is brewing up a good one.

Alabama's skating is coming of age thanks to a group of hardworking individuals. Alabama skaters are looking forward to return trips by Floridians; Mark Lake, Alan Gelfand, the SIO boys, the Sensation Basin gang, and the Markel Team. Also Texans; Stuart Singer and Tim Williamson, and Ohio's little ripster Shawn Scott. Sabreize!

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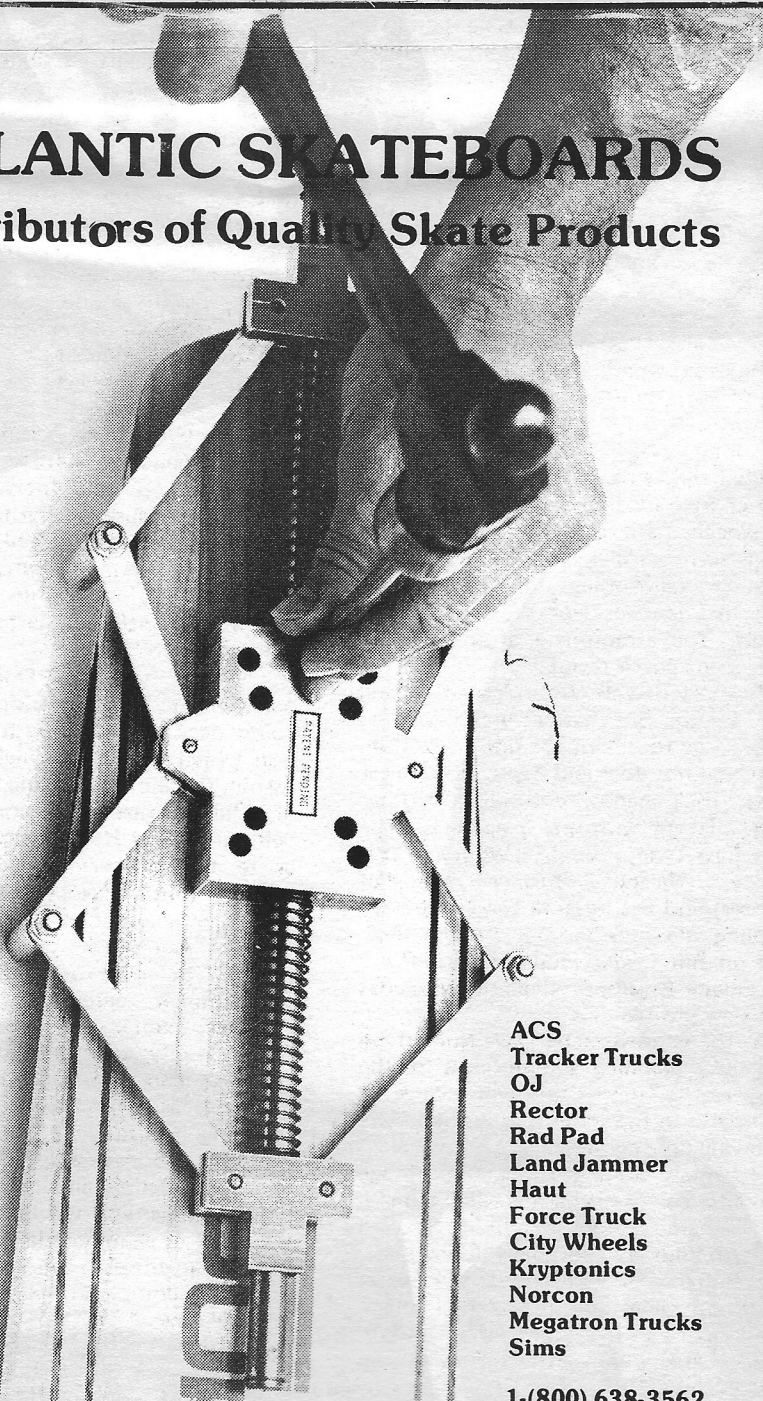
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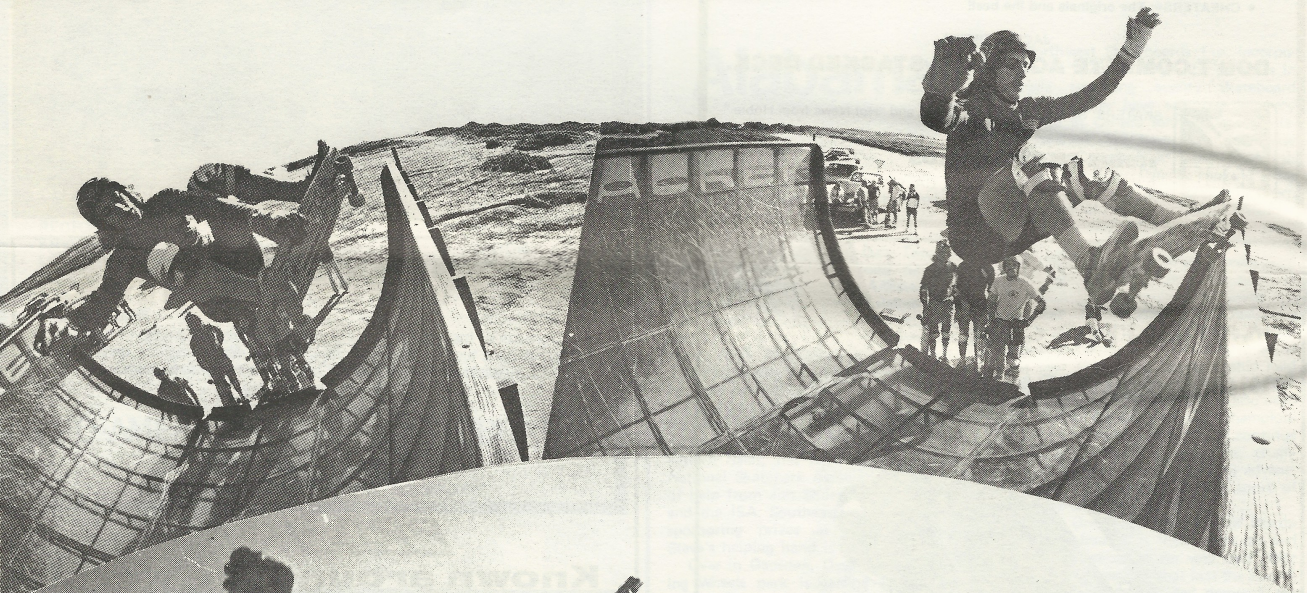
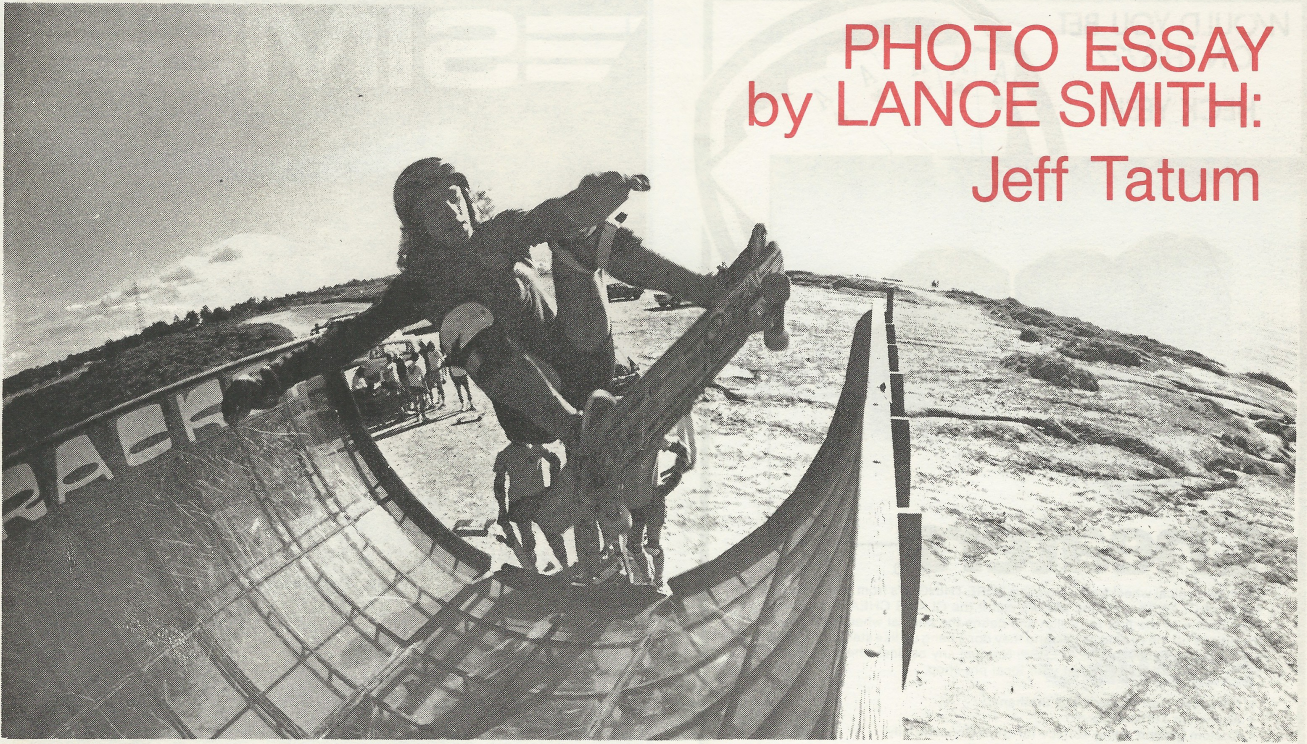
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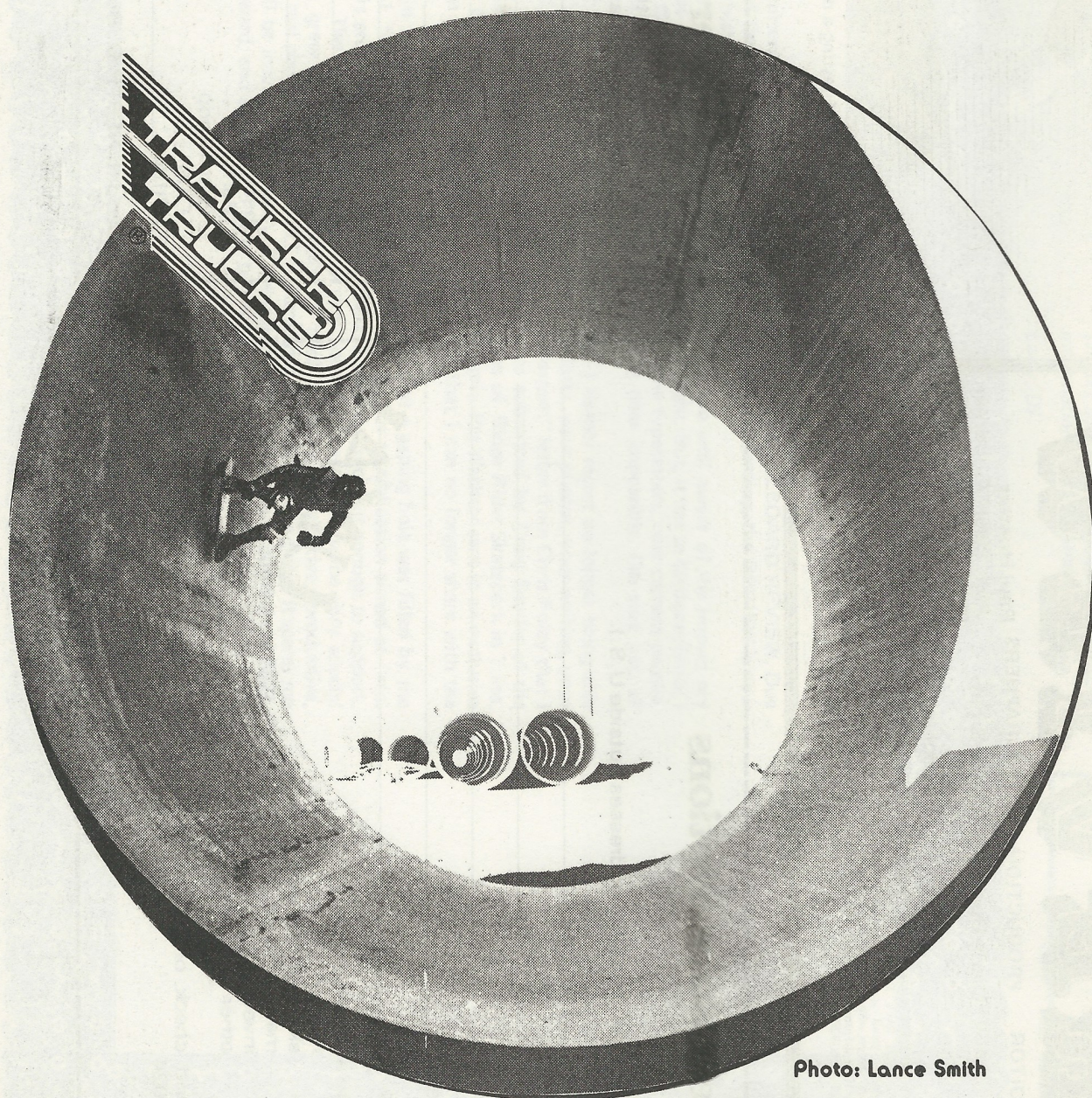


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