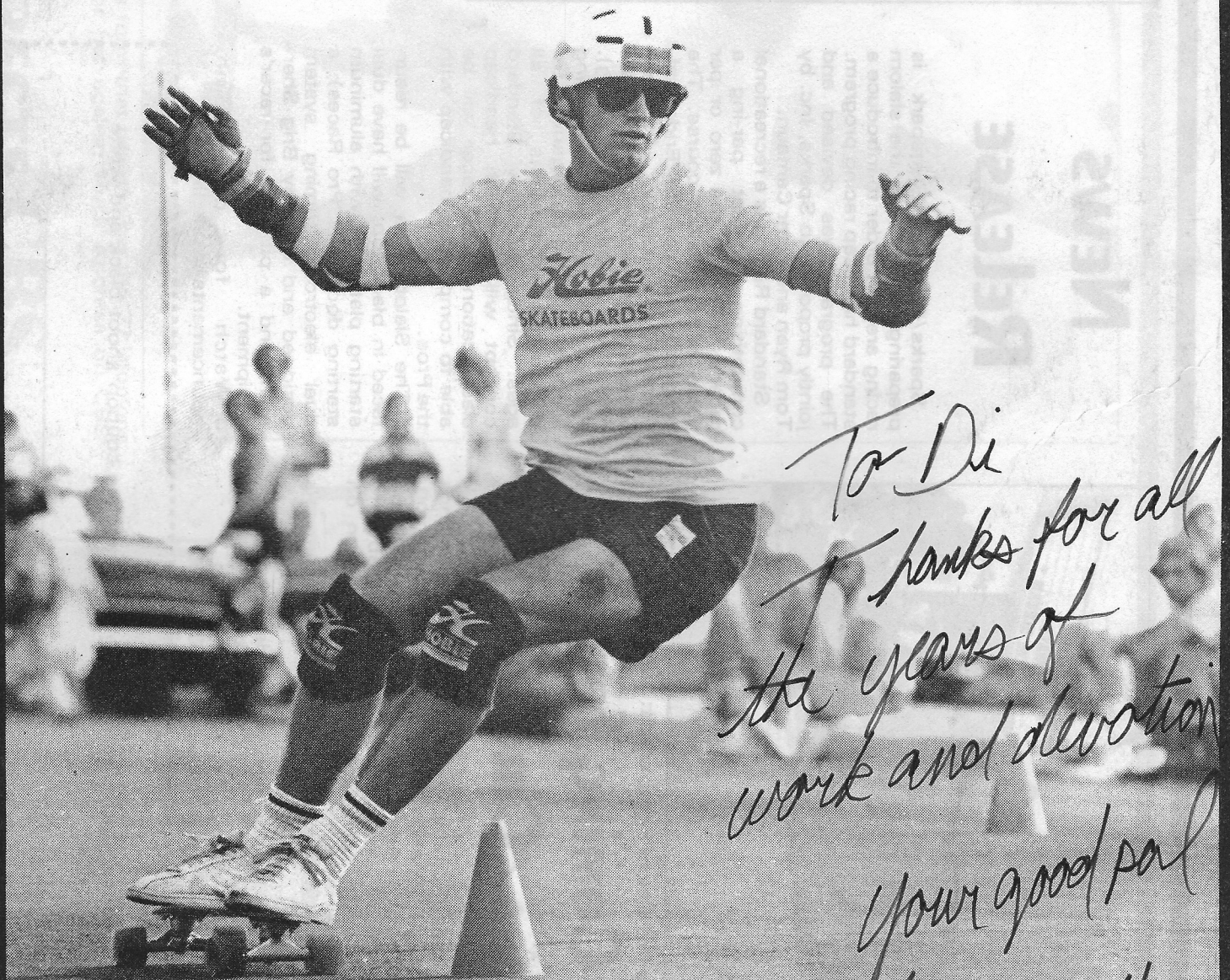


National Skateboard **REVIEW**



*To Di
Thanks for all
the years of
work and devotion
Your good pal
Bob Skildberg*

BOB SKILDBERG, Hobie team Professional, setting up early through the critical offset section in the Giant Slalom. Skolbie held the best speed line through this section earning him 1st Place in the Hester 500 Challenge. Excellant day for the L.C.B. Pro!



- ARA Boulder Merchants Pro Slalom Photo credit: Jane Voigt

PLANS COMING FOR '78 A.R.A. CIRCUIT

The 1978 Professional Race Circuit is now being scheduled for the coming summer season. Stops on the tour will be confirmed in the forthcoming months. A tentative schedule shows competitions in Colorado, Texas and California. The Circuit will feature Downhill, Giant Slalom and Dual Slalom. Pros will compete for a cash purse (undisclosed at present time). An accumulative point system will

rank the Professional standings and the 1978 Tour Champion. Another point system will be established to tabulate Manufacturer equipment won on by the Pros.

Interested inquiries may be directed to:

Another Roadside Attraction
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P.O. Box 281
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NEWS RELEASE

Sparks/Carlsbad Skatepark is preparing to resurface the slalom racing area, in order to introduce a standard handicap racing program. The program was devised and jointly proposed to Sparks, Inc. by Tom Ryan and Peter Camaun.

Standard Racing is a recreational competition concept paring a racer's time with the zero or par value of the slalom course. The program will operate Friday afternoon, Saturday, Sunday, tentatively scheduled to begin late February (weather permitting). Recreational and Industrial racing Leagues will also be organized for competition enthusiasts of all ages. Since the new Standard concept will establish handicap classifications, any racer will be able to compare his handicap with the Pros.

The Slalom area will be resurfaced in black top, will have dual starting platforms with aluminum starting doors (for Pro Races), a dual electronic timing system designed and built by Brig Sherman, and a pit area for racer's equipment.

Watch for coming announcements of opening day!

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Park Directory

The America East Skateparks Association has announced its intention to publish a 1978 Skateboard Annual. The publication, a "Who's Who" in the skateboard field should roll off the presses this spring.

Sections will include a directory format listing shops, skateparks, associations, manufacturers, etc. Information would be included about park hours and rates, shop locations, and information on whether manufacturers offer their products by mailorder.

A section on "Hot Skaters" will be included where a skater may have his special areas listed and also his address if he wishes. This could encourage communication between skaters. Shops, parks, and manufacturers are invited to advertise in the publication. Skaters and other interested parties seeking further information about the publication or A.E.S.A. may send a stamped envelope to: Paul Geyer, President, American East Skateparks Assoc., 230 E. Grand Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065.

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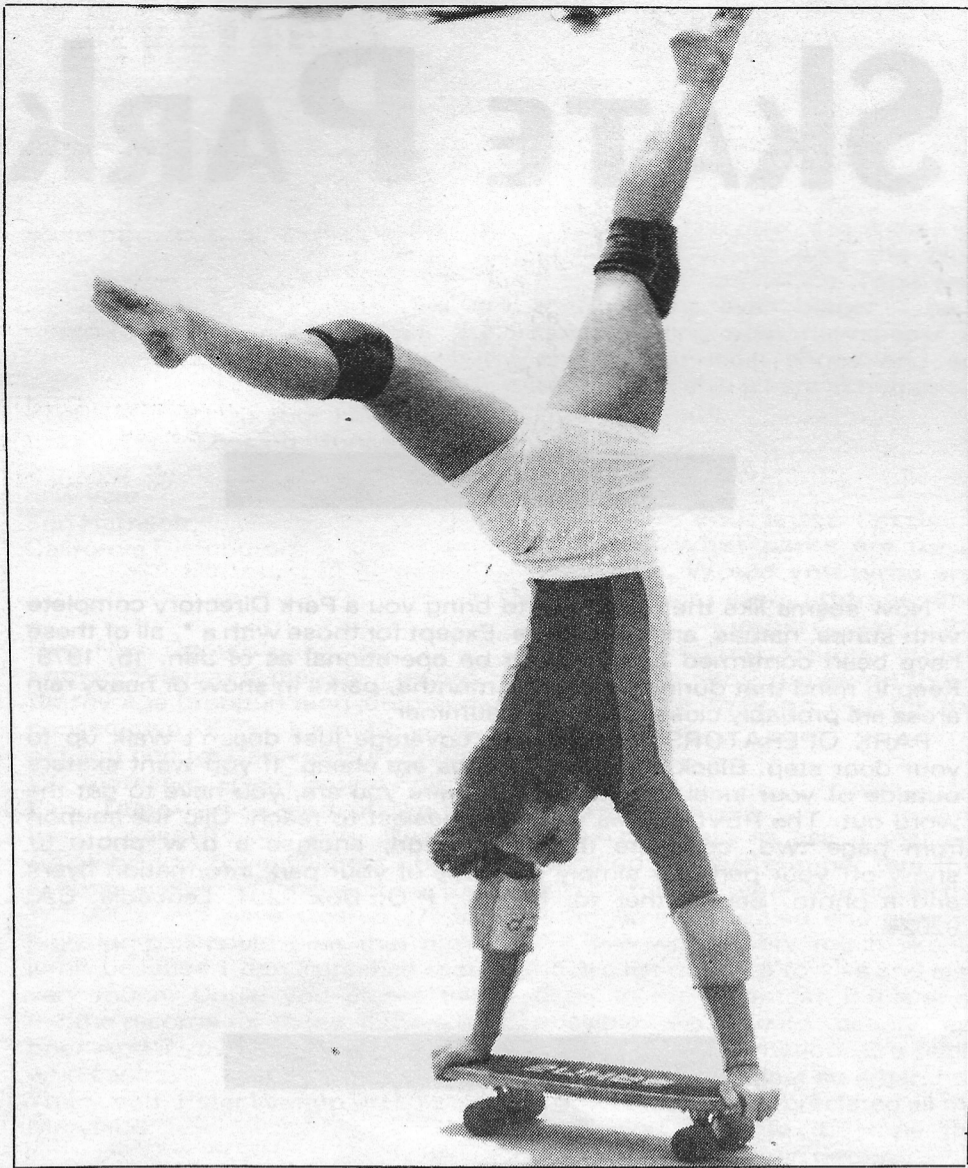
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ELLEN BERRYMAN displaying the form that brought her the '77 Womens World Champion title. Watch for her against Huck Andress on CBS' "Challenge of the Sexes."

SKAbo DIRECTS CBS CHALLENGE OF THE SEXES

In November, 1977, SKAbo developed, designed and produced two skateboard segments for CBS TV's "Challenge of the Sexes." The first segment will feature Women's Champion Record Holder, ROBIN LOGAN, versus Double World Record Holder, ERNIE MARTIN (Readers Digest, Guinness Book of World Records), both under contract to SKAbo.

The second segment will feature World Freestyle Champion, ELLEN BERRYMAN, versus Men's Eastern United States Freestyle Champion, HUCK ANDRESS, who is under contract to SKAbo.

Color commentator for the production was Dave Dash, Publisher of Skateboarder magazine. The superb judging was

performed by Di Dootson, Editor of National Skateboard Review, Brian Gillogly, Associate Editor of Skateboarder magazine, Industry Spokesman, Denis Schufeldt of Logan Earth Ski, and Bob Mohr, reigning Men's World Champion in Freestyle.

The competition, titled the SKAbo Pentathlon, was structured closely to the modern Olympic Decathlon. The best overall performance was judged by the individual competitors' skills in each event. Standards were set according to known records, and competitors competed, not only against each other, but also against themselves and world records.



HUCK ANDRESS with the trophies that tell the story. See him compete against Ellen Berryman on "Challenge of the Sexes."

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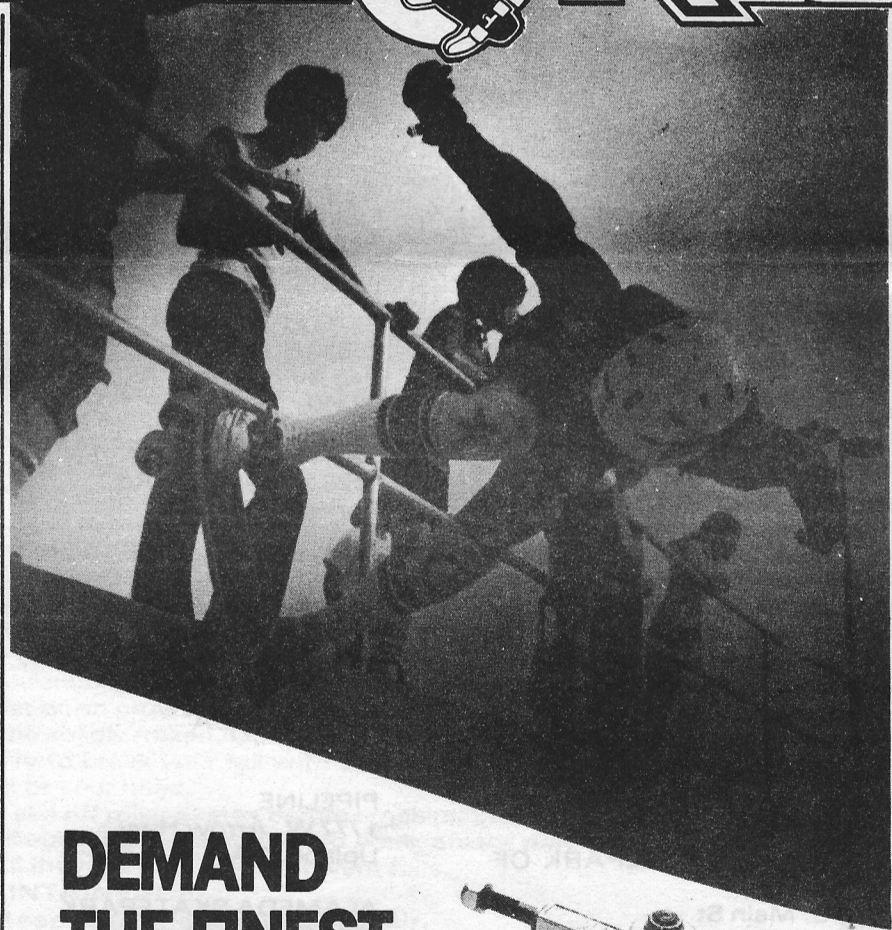
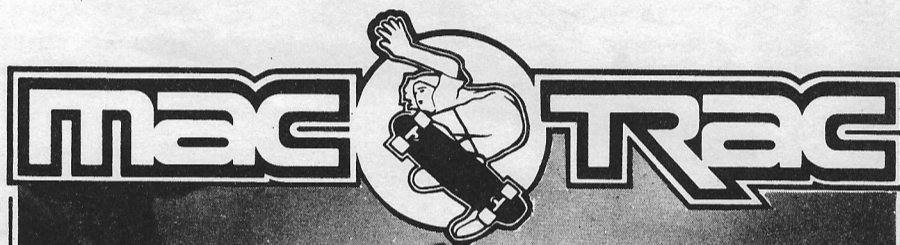
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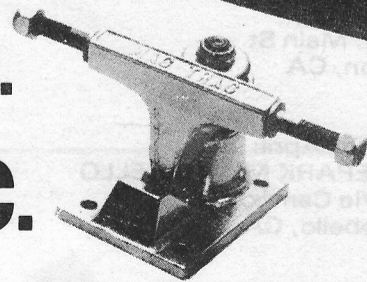
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35124

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CALIFORNIA Leader in the country for operating parks.

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90640

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95608

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95350

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90723

COLORADO Hindered by snow season for parks exclusively for skating but it should be perfect for having summer skateboarding at those winter ski areas.

CONCRETE CURL
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Denver, COLO
80231

CONNECTICUT Slow also to build for its skaters; this one park is confirmed.

ROCK PARK
Rt. 2 Exit 17
Colchester, CONN

N. DAKOTA Probably too much winter.

AMERICAN SPORTSMAN SKATEPARK
2502 S. University Dr
Fargo, ND
58102

FLORIDA Second the California; lots going up, a few closing down.

THE GOLF CLUB
U.S. 41 South
Ft. Myers, FLA
33901

INDIAN HARBOR SKATEPARK
1815 S. Patrick
Indian Harbor, FLA
32903

KISSIMMEE SKATEPARK
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PAVED WAVE
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Ft. Pierce, FLA
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32605

SKATEBOARD CITY
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Port Orange, FLA
32019

SKATE WAVE
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33614

GEORGIA Lots of parks listed in other directories but only a few are open.

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Colimbus, GA
31907

CONCRETE SURF
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Decatur, GA
30033

NATIONAL SKATEPARK
Lake City, GA

SOUTHEASTERN SKATEPARK
COLUMBUS, GA

CONCRETE CURL
Marietta, GA

CONCRETE SURF
Stone Mountain, GA

NATIONAL SKATEPARK OF GEORGIA
P.O. Box 67, Forest Park,
GA 30050

HAWAII This one is a city park.

AALA SKATEPARK
Beretania St
Side, Aala Park
Honolulu, HI

LOUISIANA Beginning to pick up on the park idea.

ZOOM CITY
New Orleans, LA

SOLID SURF
14030 Florida Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA
70815

THUNDER BOARD SKATEPARK
2406 Belle Chase Hwy
Gretna, LA

MARYLAND Is the best state so far for creating public skateboarding facilities through Parks and Recreation Depts.

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Parks and Rec. Dept
Glan Ave
Salisbury, MD
21801

OCEAN CITY BOWL SKATEPARK
Ocean City P & R Dept
St. Louis Ave
Ocean City, MD
21842

FUNTIME FREESTYLE SKATEPARK
15109 Dufrief Dr
Gaithersburg, MD
20760

FREESTYLE SKATEPARK
112 N. Frederick Ave
Gaithersburg, MD
20760

MICHIGAN Construction stopped by Winter of '77

SKATEBOARD CITY
28500 Dequindre
Warren, MI
48092

MISSOURI This one park is the first of several for mid-America.

SKATEBOARD CITIES OF THE OZARKS
1501 S. Enterprise Ave
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65802

NEVADA Only one park; too hot to skate?

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Reno, NEV
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NEW JERSEY Third in the U.S. for parks. Would love to see some photos.

MONSTER BOWL
116-124 Hamilton Ave
Seaside Heights, NJ
08751

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1806 Hwy 35
Ocean, NJ

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500 W. Surf Rd
Ocean City, NJ
08226

SUPER SURF SKATEPARK
Rt 47 and Landis
Vineland, NJ
08360

OFF THE WALL SKATEPARK
500 Washington Ave
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ
08742

PAVED WAVE
1806 Hwy 35
Oakhurst, NJ
07712

FREE SPIRIT
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VERNON VALLEY SKI AREA SKTPK
Rt 94
Vernon, NJ
07462

WEBER'S WAVE
130 Crescent Blvd
Brooklawn, NJ
08030

NEW YORK There's only a couple. Maybe when O'Malley returns from a trip home to NY he'll have discovered some quiet ones.

NORTH PORT SKATEPARK
Northport, Long Island, NY

EAST COAST SKATEBOARD ARENA
269 New York Ave
Huntington, NY
11743

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ISLAND SKATEPARK
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Staten Island, NY
10303

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Raleigh, NC
27603

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Wilmington, NC
28491

THE SKATEBOARD PARK
Hwy 421 South
Carolina Beach, NC
18428

WIZARD SKATEPARK
2417 Hope Mille Rd
Fayetteville, NC
28304

FREEWHEELIN' SKATE RANCH
Wilmington, NC

WACKY GOLF-DOUBLE TOUGH SKATEPARK
S. College Rd (Hwy 132)
Wilmington, NC
28401

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OREGON
(name unknown)
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(name unknown)
Medford, ORE

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Erie, PA
16501

EASTERN SKATEPARK
Rd #7, Box 34-A
Carlisle, PA
17013

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1000 E. Boundry Ave
York, PA

PHILADELPHIA SKATEPARK
3466 Progress Dr - #118
Cornwells Heights, PA
19020

(name unknown)
Levittown, PA

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Sparks Carlsbad Skatepark's unique mogul maze is a backdrop for Ron Wroble — CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA. Photo by Lance Smith.

HESTER OPEN

All photos by Chuck Saccio



Overhead view of the Hester 500 Giant Slalom. TOM RYAN, Turner SummerSki Pro, can be seen running the urethane shredder course.

When promoters don't do it the way you like, you have to do it yourself. This coverage of Hesters Open Challenge 500 could almost be in the "Skater's Opinion" department. Henry sponsored this professional Giant Slalom and Masters race himself in order to give serious racers a good giant slalom race that would be relaxed, fun, and profitable. He feels strongly that unless manufacturers support the sport it will phase out like the first time in the Sixties. He feels that sponsoring good (!) competition is probably the easiest way to do that. This event is being covered by the REVIEW, Skateboarder, Wild World of Skateboarding, and Skateboard World. There was no network TV, but then again they are not the only answer to the sports' problems.

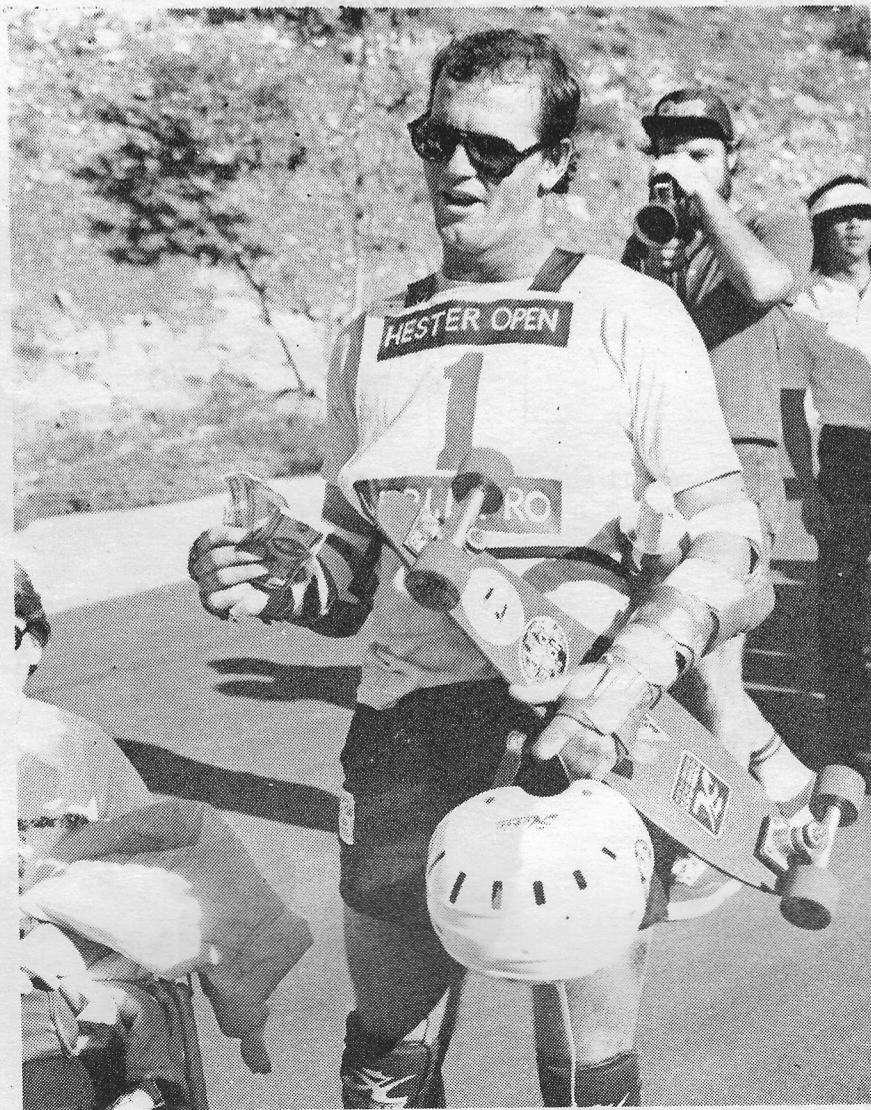
He wanted a La Costa style race and so it was. He set a wide, long, fast, super cranking course (check body angles in the photos). He told racers they wouldn't like it at first. It was one of those courses that you have to ride six or seven times before you get into it. He was right. Complaints started soon after the green-X course was down in November. Contenders mumbled about Henry's "slow, typical Hester course"; that "only Henry likes those kind." By the end of race day, Jan. 8, they loved it. Just because it isn't easy, is something new, doesn't mean you can't get into it.

Registration, if you can call it that, was also in the La Costa style: sign up and pay your money (\$25 for Pros, \$10 for Masters) when you get there.

The turnout could have been a photo from '75. Besides the regular Pros, and the young Pros, there were some Classic Pros: TORGER JOHNSON came over from Hawaii for a little Colorado snow and Henry's race, BRUCE LOGAN entered the race and made a strong showing on the hill with his nose-wheelies and racing, STEVE SCHISLER, one of the original Turner SummerSki boys, came to race. One spectator noticed, "if you count all the racers hobbling along the sidelines, there is everybody here that ever raced" . . . and then some new ones. A rampant amount of injuries had eliminated some expected racers. DENNIS SCHUFELDT was still recovering from an auto accident; JOHN KRISIK had a broken collarbone; Even Henry had torqued his ankle on his own course.

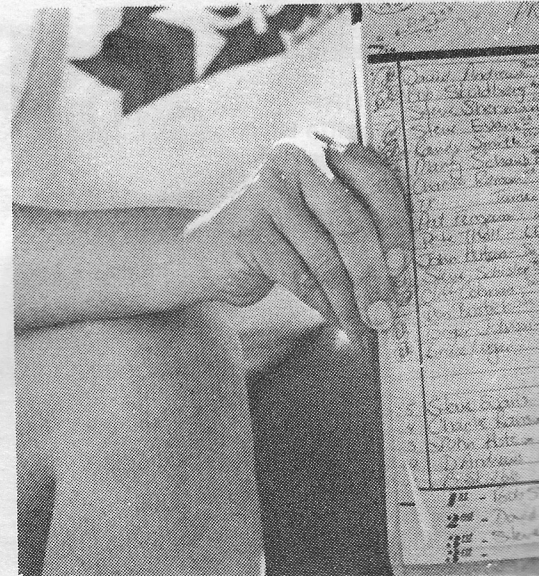
The stage had been set. Riders had been working out since the course was set three months prior. Out of town racers had been to Box Canyon a few times to practice. Local were riding it hard. T.R. (Tom Ryan) went for sessions with PETER CAMANN every morning and evening for two weeks before the race. DAVID ANDREWS had been keeping himself a secret, but rumors had it that his time had come and he was the man to beat.

Brigg Sherman was there to time the race. A "veteran" of Long Beach and Akron crisis, Brigg has been overshadowed by Chrondek and other professional timing companies. But he shone at La Costa. A full day of good times. If only new racers and the crowd would learn to stay out of the timing lights at the bottom of the hill!



BOB SKOLDBERG holding the sponsor's purse and the Number 1 bib, limited edition. Congratulations . . . yeahhh!

MASTERS		
1st.	DON BOSTICK	(S)
2nd.	CLIFF COLEMAN	(S)
3rd.	PETER CAMANN	(A)
		At
4.	Phil Bostrom	
5.	Brooks Thomas	(L)
6.	Jeff Junkins	(E)
PROFESSION		
1st.	BOB SKOLDBERG	(H)
2nd.	DAVID ANDREWS	(T)
3rd.	STEVE EVANS	(lc)
4th.	John Hutson	(S)
5th.	Charlie Ransom	(lc)
6.	Steve Sherman	(G)
7.	Marty Schaub	(K)
8.	Don Bostick	(S)
9.	Torger Johnson	(L)
10.	Randy Smith	(K)
11.	Tom Ryan	(T)
12.	Pete Tholl	(L)
13.	Cliff Coleman	(S)
14.	Steve Schisler	(B)
15.	Pat Ferguson	
16.	Bruce Logan	(L)



Off-the-clock statistics, the

CHALLENGE 500

The Masters raced first. As Henry had said, first man was in the gate at 10 a.m. A small field, the four runs each went quickly. DON BOSTICK, Master's winner from the November race was clearly the leader. He even passed on his third and fourth runs to save himself for the finals. CLIFF COLEMAN, 2nd place winner from the November race was on show again. He advanced to the finals in second place. PETER CAMANN, the A.R.A. (Another Roadside Attraction) circuit director from Colorado, took a while getting the pulse of the course but got into it in his last two trial runs and advanced to the finals in third. PHIL BOSTROM is a new rider to skateboarding. His experience in water ski competition is of obvious help in his first skateboard slalom race. BROOKS THOMAS entered the race on a Ski Skate (see photo) An eye catching skateboard of sorts, he was especially flowing through the cones. JEFF JUNKINS, always a serious racer, was on the line up once again.

The three final runs were over even quicker. No upsets occurred and the three finalists finished in the same order they entered: Bostick, (Santa Cruz) first with 24.242 sec; Coleman (Santa Cruz) second with 25.038 sec; and Camann (Another Roadside Attraction) third with 26.343.

The Pros were eager to start. The recorder, Di Dootson, was barraged with entries as soon as the Masters were over. Henry gave them another hour of practice before the race actually started. Jeff Junkins was the Starter. An experienced Starter from both Long Beach contests, Jeffrey is clearly the only man for the job. "He doesn't take any ----"; "he keeps us in line." Those are racers talking and anybody drawing that kind of respect is the only man for the job.

David Andrews and Bob Skoldberg were the first two out of the line up and were early pace setters. Their first run of 22.9 (D.A.) and 22.8 (Skoldberg) were the best times all the way through the sixteen entries' four runs until Bob's fourth run improved his first time by .1 second. With only five racers advancing to the finals, the cut off time turned out to be STEVE EVANS' 23.290. Just missing the advance were STEVE SHERMAN and MARTY SCHAUB — a pair of young pros who cut their racing teeth on La Costa hills.

Skoldberg advanced as first, Andrews second, JOHN HUTSON in third, CHARLIE RANSOM fourth, and STEVE EVANS in fifth. Skoldberg still held an easy (?) first place. The only upset in the finals was Steve Evans' burst into third place — dropping Hutson to fourth and Ransom to fifth.

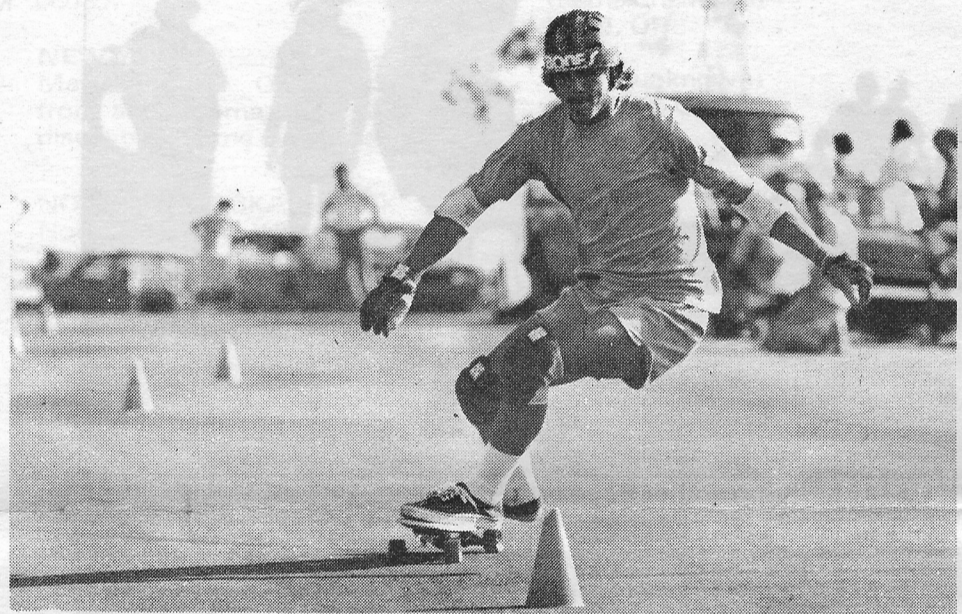
Awards were presented by Henry at Brigg's "timing car" right after the race. John O'Malley presented a bottle of champagne. Henry presented Skoldberg (Hobie) with the \$500 first place purse. D.A. (Team Bahne) was presented his \$100 prize money, and Steve Evans (Ick Stick) received his \$50.

Then photo time: Bolster (Skateboarder mag.), Chuck Saccio (NSR), Lance Smith (NSR), and other media reps had their time for free shots.

And not the least, was the crowd's cheer for Henry — who gave them a good, hard race that was fun, profitable . . .with no strings attached.



BRUCE LOGAN, Logan Earth Ski Pro, boring down through the off sets.



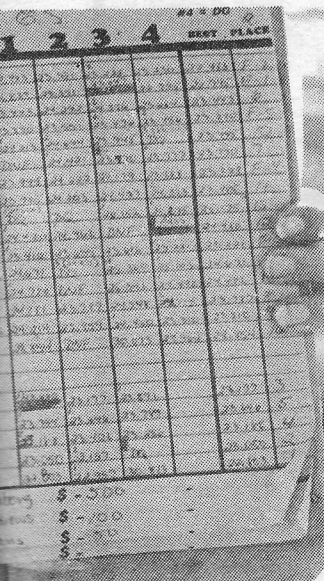
CHARLIE RANSOM is one of the new young pros experiencing the academics of racing. Charlie's dynamic on-the-edge commitment led to his 5th Place finish among the top pros here at La Costa.

RESULTS

anta Cruz)	\$100	24.242
anta Cruz)	50	25.038
other Roadside action)		26.343
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.G. Skate Ski)		27.141
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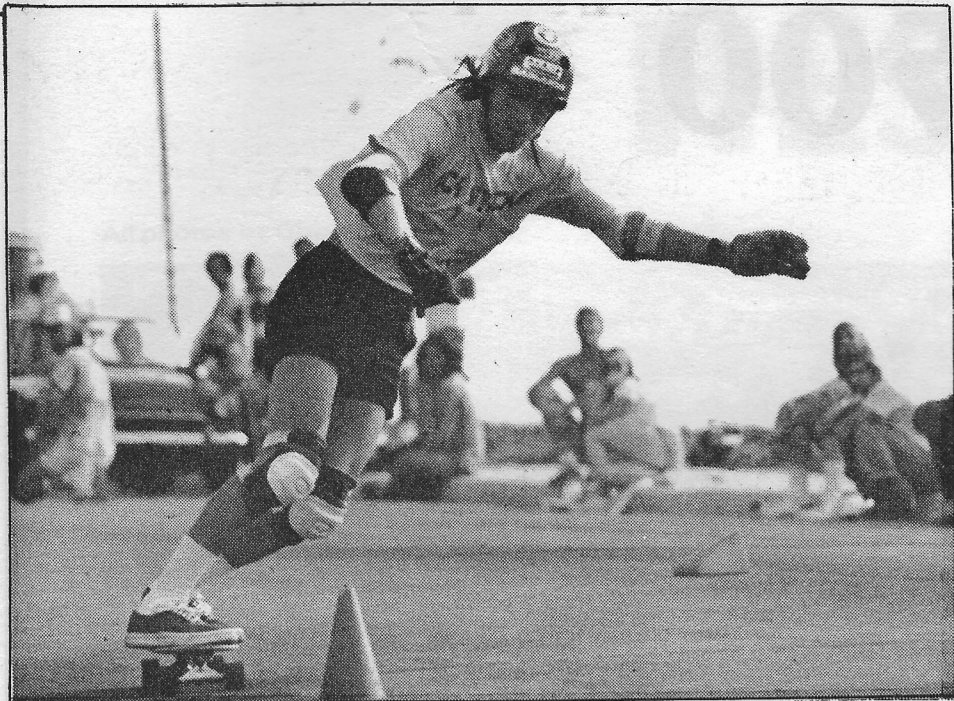
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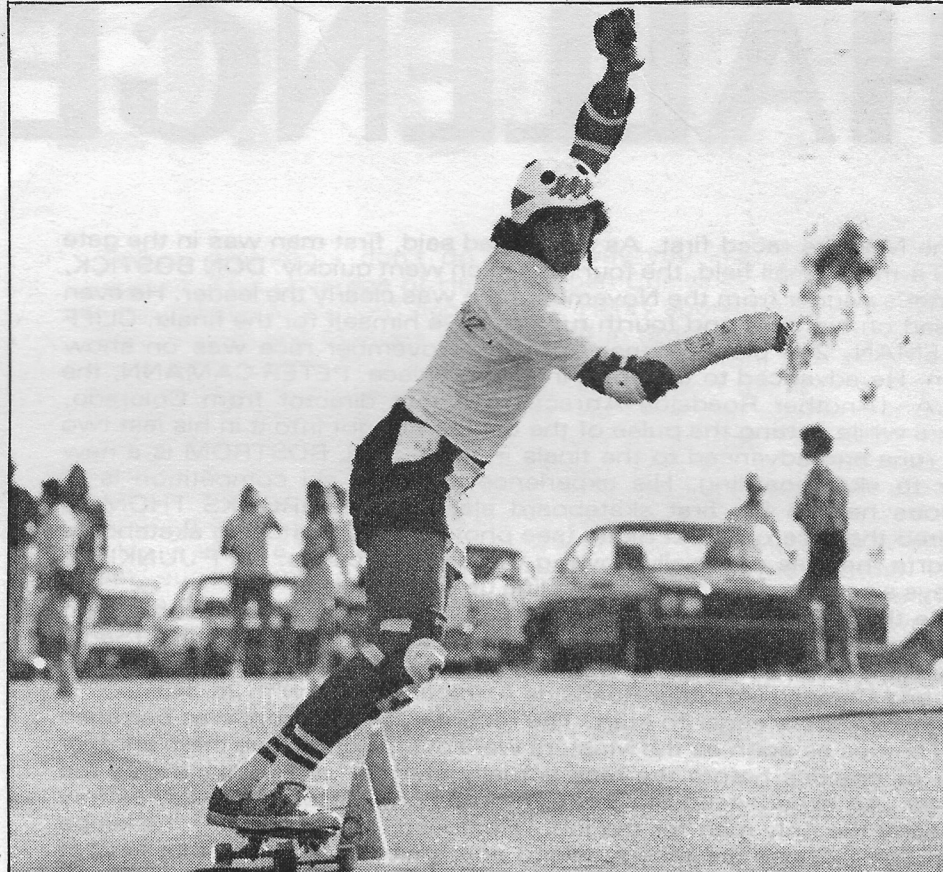
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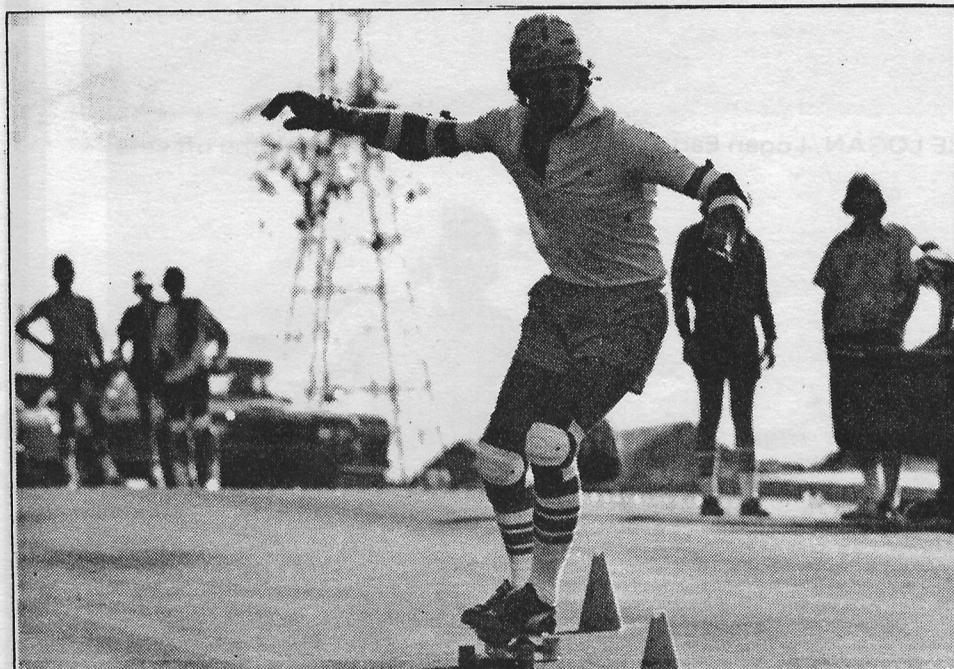
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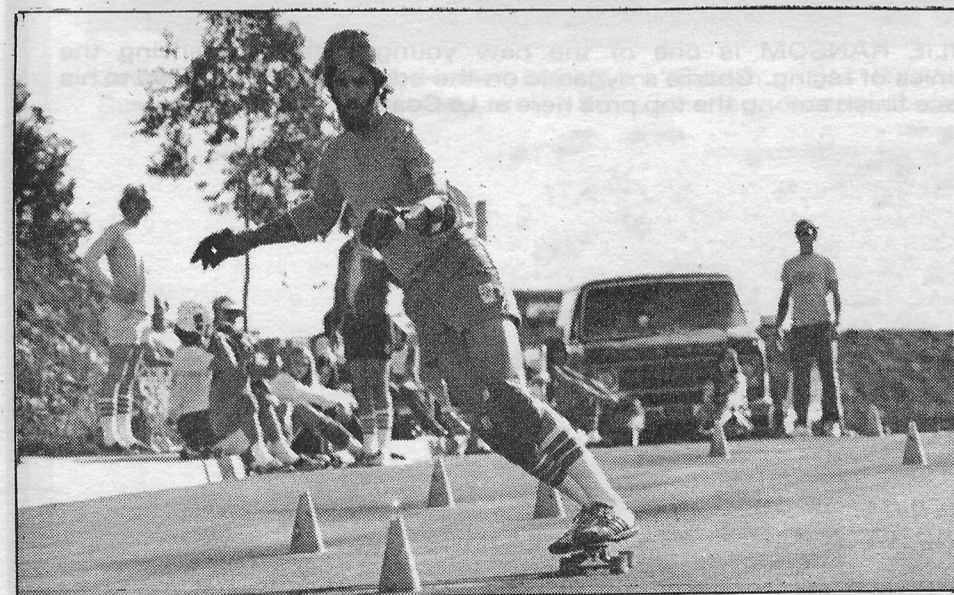
STEVE EVANS, Ick Stick Pro, down from the Badlands carves up a precise line to earn 3rd Place money — aggressive moves at the right time.



DON BOSTICK, Champion of the Masters Division, shown enroute to victory. The 1st Place win gave the Santa Cruz rider his second-in-a-row Masters triumph.



PETER CAMANN, of Another Roadside Attraction, sets up an early line into the technical section of the Giant Slalom. The Manbar took a 3rd Place in the Masters race.



CLIFF COLEMAN, Santa Cruz rider from Oakland, Calif, competed in both the Pro and Masters race. Cliff finished second in the Masters event.



Victoria Holman, Miss Hobie, shows off her new board. Gracing casual lines at the 1st Annual Hester 500.

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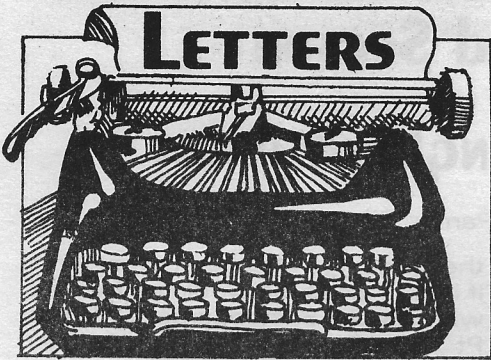
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Ken Harrison,
California Distributors

Dear Mrs. Dootson,
I am wondering if there is a record for my age group in high jump and consecutive 360's. I am 12 years old and ride for Caravan Surf Shop. We represent Speed Spring Power Paw Team (we're kind of like an East Coast Power Paw Team). Anyway, I have almost been skating a year and have done 10-1/2 360's and have cleared 37" in high jump. I could beat that high jump because I don't practice that very much. Could you please tell me the records for those, if there is one? And if you don't know tell me who can.
Thank you, Peter Wergin
Maryland

Dear Peter,
The records that I know of have been set in an open age division. There are local contests everywhere that have their own record. Perhaps some of those will write in and tell us what their record is. Keep jumping! How about a black and white photo of you?
Di

Dear Di,
I finally got back to you with some negatives of pictures of my ramp. I don't know if you remember but you put my letter in your REVIEW and I wrote and told you about my 18'6" ramp. I'm sorry it took so long. I'm also going to take you up on your last chance offer on re-subscription, so there's a check enclosed. I just know that next year will bring bigger and better things in the skating scene. Where else can it go but up! It's things like your REVIEW that help to inform us about the skaters and the public.
Jeff Uhlenburg,
Pennsylvania

Dear Jeff,
The ramp in your negatives looks super. Certainly a full on 18'6" one. One problem though, I can't use color negatives. I'm returning them in the hopes you'll develop them and return black and white prints.
Di

Dear Di,
When I was in California I picked up my first issue of your REVIEW. I also had the pleasure of visiting Spring Valley's Skateboard Heaven. It was totally hot!! I am an Indiana skateboarder and had been completely devoted to it for two years. So to sum it up here are my bucks for a subscription. Your paper is really great and also could you find out what parks are closest to Indianapolis?
Brad Hughey,
Indiana

Dear Brad,
Glad to hear you so enjoyed the NSR and Spring Valley. I don't know of any parks in Indiana. It must be the wrong season now. When things thaw out a bit call Chris Yandall at 313/751-5555 to see what parks are near you.
Di

Dear Mrs. Dootson,
Up here in the Northwest we have few skateparks. But there are still a lot of skateboarders. We need one badly in Portland. I think for a skatepark to be successful it would have to be covered because of all the rain we get. One thing we had this past summer here that did a lot for skateboarding was the Northwest Championships. Next year it should be even bigger. I have been reading your newspaper at one of our local shops and am eager to receive it here at home.
Robbin Orcutt,
Oregon

Dear Robbin,
Thanks for your letter. I'm dying to know what parks are up in your area. Would you write and tell me their name, address, and telephone number? And the Championships sound super. Be sure to send me some flyers as soon as they go out for the '78 event.
Di

To A.R.A. people,
We are writing to ask if you are planning to have another tour this summer. If so, when you get all the arrangements settled and planned out we would very much like to have a list of all the town's and also dates to every contest. If it is at all possible we would deeply appreciate the information. We really enjoyed your tour last summer, had a great time, and appreciated all the work you put into it. Hope the summer of '78 is even better.
From the totally hot B-Boys of Fort Collins, Colo.
P.S. Watch out for us in '78
P.S.S. Tell Randy Smith for us: "great job, and thanks for all the hard work for Colorado."

Dear Mr. Dootson:
We are pleased to advise you that PHILADELPHIA SKATEBOARD PARK (PSP), a new concrete indoor skateboard park is now under construction in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The park will be located at Penn and Pratt Streets, in the northeast section of Philadelphia, with opening expected in late February 1978.

The goal of PSP is to provide a safety oriented skateboarding facility for the thousands of skateboarders in the heavily populated Delaware Valley, of which the city of Philadelphia is the focal point. In trying to accomplish this goal, we have selected a location which is easily accessible by public transportation as well as by automobile. Our facility is located at one of the major public transit terminal points — the last stop of Philadelphia's High Speed Subway and Elevated Train System. By choosing this location, we feel that our facility will not only be unique because it will be the first indoor concrete park that I am aware of, but will also be unique because it can be reached by the urban skater through the use of public transportation.

The skating areas, as described in the enclosed literature, will provide skating areas for beginners and advanced areas which will be challenging for the most advanced. We intend to provide an arena where East Coast skateboarders can hone their skills as the California and Florida skateboarders have been able to do.

I have enclosed an artist's rendering of PSP, as well as other literature including copies of news articles about PSP which have appeared in various Philadelphia local newspapers. PSP will require all skateboarders to wear safety equipment (helmet, gloves, knee and elbow pads), and will require skaters to be members. Skating clinics will be held for novice skateboarders and various competitions will be held for the

Report By '76 U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Many teens and children learn new skills on roller skates, ice skates, and skateboards but hard falls often accompany this learning experience. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that approximately 104,000 persons receive hospital emergency room treatment each year for injuries associated with these products. Roller skates account for the majority of injuries, an estimated 59,835, and ice skates are involved in the second highest number of injuries, 33,410.

The following accident cases associated with roller skates, ice skates, and skateboards are taken from CPSC, (Consumer Product Safety Commission) investigation files:

"Thirteen year old Jim was roller skating on an indoor rink when another skater close in front of him stopped abruptly. Jim ran into the other skater, fell, and fractured his right wrist."

"Since the original wheels and mountings had broken on his skateboard, twelve year old Jon repaired and modified the skateboard. Unfortunately, the wood screws came loose, the wheels came off, and Jon fell, fracturing his left hand."

"Bruce's skates struck a rut in the ice. He fell and crashed into the wooden boards on the side of the rink, fracturing his right leg."

These cases illustrate some of the following causes of accidents associated with these products:

1. SKATING TOO CLOSE. Other skaters can stop abruptly in front of you or skate across your path and cause accidents.
2. PRODUCT STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS, such as improper modification and repairs, or excessively wobbly skateboards that can tip over easily.
3. POOR SKATEBOARDING OR SKATING SURFACE. Environmental hazards such as cracked or uneven cement sidewalks, rocks, tree branches, or other debris can cause tripping or skidding. Ice skaters can encounter ruts in the ice or grass and gravel on outdoor rinks.
4. OTHER CAUSES CAN INCLUDE THE "HUMAN FACTOR." a) inexperience with the skates, skateboards or with "trick" skating; b) horseplay and pushing; c) lack of attention; and d) misuse, such as going up and down steps with skates on.
5. SKATEBOARDING OR ROLLER SKATING IN TRAFFIC.

You can help minimize serious accidents by carefully selecting and maintaining roller skates, ice skates and skateboards by advising youngsters on safe usage. THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

SELECTION:

- Buy skates that fit well
- Carefully run your hand over metal parts (ice skate blades excepted) to check for sharp edges and points that can cut in case of a fall.
- Skateboards need to "wobble" to maneuver corners, but too much wobble causes instability. Choose a sturdy skateboard with only enough "play" to turn corners well.

Note: Skateboard riders under thirteen years of age may not have adequate muscular coordination to maintain balance and sufficient maturity to exercise judgement about types of maneuvers to attempt on the skateboard.


USE:

- Learn to perform basic skating and skateboard maneuvers well before attempting more complicated or "trick" moves.
- Check the skating surfaces carefully before and while skating. For street skating or skateboard riding, avoid uneven or broken cement and branches and rocks in the skating path. On outdoor ice rinks and ponds, look out for patches of grass and rocks, in addition to ruts and thin ice.
- Caution children against roller skating or using a skateboard in the street or on crowded sidewalks or ice skating on outdoor ponds that may not be solidly frozen. Obey "No skating" signs on ponds.
- Try to break your fall with your hands and avoid hitting the flat of your back or your head.
- Take off roller skates before crossing streets.
- Beginning ice skaters with weak ankles may want to tape their ankles until they are stronger to prevent falls.

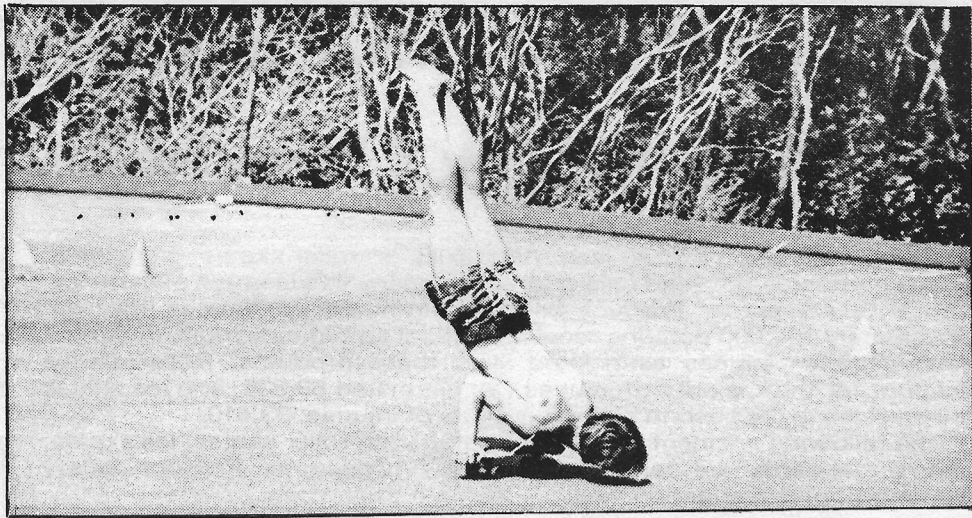
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Competition brings out the best in everyone. BURT LOWDERMULK holds an inverted position in the Freestyle event of a '77 Rhode Island circuit. Talented skaters like this add testimony to the positive effect of media coverage throughout the U.S. Photo by Pete Pan.

NEW MEXICO CONTEST

By Dave Goldfarb

Skateboard City of Albuquerque held a freestyle contest in the parking lot of the Morningside Shopping Center, on December 4th, 1977. They had a large spectator turn-out and a good size participant enrollment. Channel 7 did a sports feature on the contest, but the skaters in Albuquerque still feel that Skateboarding is not viewed as a full fledged sport.

Skateboard City has also built the first 20ft. half-pipe in Albuquerque. The contest was kicked off with a demo of the ramp by the Skateboard City Team, which consists of five hot riders: JERRY LARIBAS, BEAVER PARK, JOHN LARIBAS, EDDY CASTRO, and ROBERT UFFER.

The Rock n Roll band "RUNNER" played through the demo, the contest, and between events. Randy, Tony, Roger and Terry got down with their originals and other great sounds.

The results from the contest are as follows:

- Slalom 12 and under:**
- 1. Scott Gates - 8.8
 - 2. Henry Hooker - 8.9
 - 3. Ray Trujillo - 10.1

- Slalom 13-15**
- 1. Tony Farrar - 8.5
 - 2. Mike Segura - 11.5

- Slalom 16 and over:**
- 1. Joey Lehm - 6.9
 - 3. Bruce Davis - 7.0
 - 3. Blake Learmonth - 7.6

- Barrel Jump:**
- Bobby Halton - 14 barrels

- High Jump:**
- Keith Lovelace - 3 ft.

- Freestyle 12 and under:**
- 1. Scott Gates - 19.0 pts.
 - 2. Ray Trujillo - 17.3 pts.

- Freestyle 13-15:**
- 1. Aurther Vannenkok - 19.6 pts
 - 2. Mike Segura - 19.3

- Freestyle 16 and over:**
- 1. Joey Lehm - 23.6 pts
 - 2. John Abrams - 23.3
 - 3. Brian Martenson - 23.3

The next contest Skateboard City will hold, will be in Approximately two months (weather permitting). Call Skateboard City in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for information.

END OF 2ND SEASON

FOR SO. NEW ENGLAND AREA

By Pete Pan

The Southern New England Eastern Surfing and Skateboard Association finished up its second successful competitive season on December 3, 1977. All this year's meets were run on a flat black tar lot in the Sprague Field Park in Narragansett, R.I. with cooperation from the Director of Recreation, Mr. Ralph Coppa, and with slalom cones donated by the Highway Department Director, Mr. Jerry Judge. Competition committee members voted to use the flat tar instead of local skateparks so as to give the majority of competitors an equal chance with no unfair advantage. Another major factor was the \$250.00 required to run one of our amateur meets at the area parks. Since our association is strictly non-profit, we could never put out that amount to run one of our meets.

International Skateboard Association rules were strictly enforced, except that each skater had two final two minute freestyle sessions to perform in, instead of one. This extended the length of the contest, but proved to be much more exciting to watch. Each contestant knew where he was in

the standings after each event, and if it was close, he would go for it to win. Hobie Skateboards of Dana Pt., Calif., donated over \$300.00 in amateur prizes for our contests, and all finalists received AAU style ribbons.

Meet Director, Cindy Pan, coordinated all scores and kept contestants notified throughout the heats. Only top skaters and surfers not entered in any events were used to judge the contestants. Each judge was paid for his services, to keep it as fair as possible. Skaters from as far away as Philadelphia, Pa. and Dana Pt., Calif. came. (Thanks to the National Skateboard Review.)

The NESAs held two clinics during the season. One was in Middletown, Ct. at the local YMCA. The Watershed Hobie Skateboard Team put on a demo and Director Pete Pan gave a safety talk. Another similar clinic was held at Yawgoo Valley Skatepark for 1st and 2nd graders at the West Kingston Elementary school. Hopefully, if there is no snow on the ground, the next big event up here will be our Mid-Winter Slalom Races, to be held on Feb. 25, 1978.

'78 SIGNAL HILL RULES

STAND-UP RULES:

1. As a safety precaution, stand ups will be required to wear a surfboard type leash.
2. Stand up means exactly that - no lying down. The only permissible points of contact are your feet (hands may be used for initial balance); No knee touching board, no foot straps, no prone positions.
3. No weight belts on person or adulteration of skateboard during or after official weigh in.
4. The skateboard must be a stock, flat surface. No handlebars, no fairings. Two standard trucks (no split axles), and four wheels only. (Specifications are: board weight - 25 lbs, width - 10 inches, length - 6 feet, axle width - 10 inches, wheelbase - 5 feet, wheel diameter - 4 inches)

5. No pushing from team members or mechanical devices allowed.

MODIFIED (speed car) RULES:

1. As a safety precaution, modifieds will be required to have a drag chute and a braking system.
2. Lean steering only. Two trucks and four wheels only. No split axles.
3. Two team members may push racer. Push poles must detach or will result in a DQ (disqualification). No powered or mechanical devices allowed.
4. Specifications:

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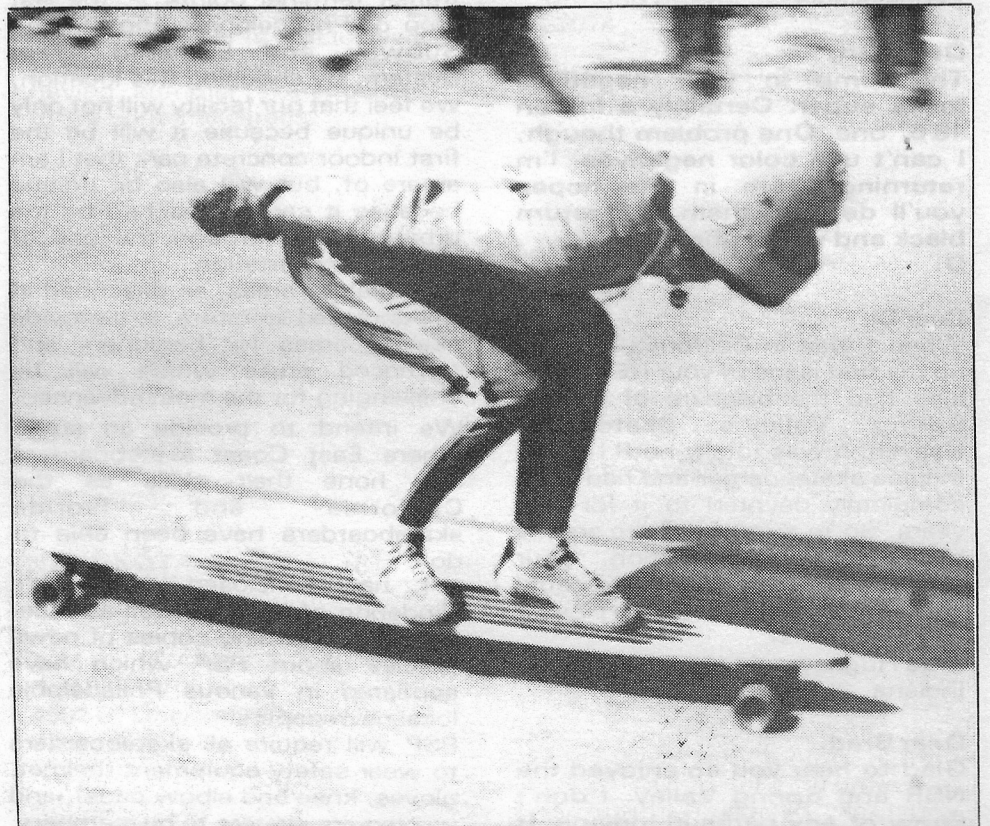
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MICHAEL GOLDMAN, Santa Cruz pro, shown in the Stand Up competitions of the 1977 Signal Hill Downhill. Michael's position demonstrates the lightly balanced, full fairing technique which earned him the Guinness Book of World Records speed record for Stand Up. P.S. The deadline for entries for the Annual Signal Hill Downhill Championships is March 1, 1978.

DIRECTORY

CON'T FROM pg 5

S. CAROLINA Out of seven listed in another directory only two had telephones in service, but no answer.

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RHODE ISLAND Yawgoo Valley has been open for a while and busy with seasonal competitions.

YAWGOO VALLEY SKATEPARK
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MASSACHUSETTS There must be more than ONE.

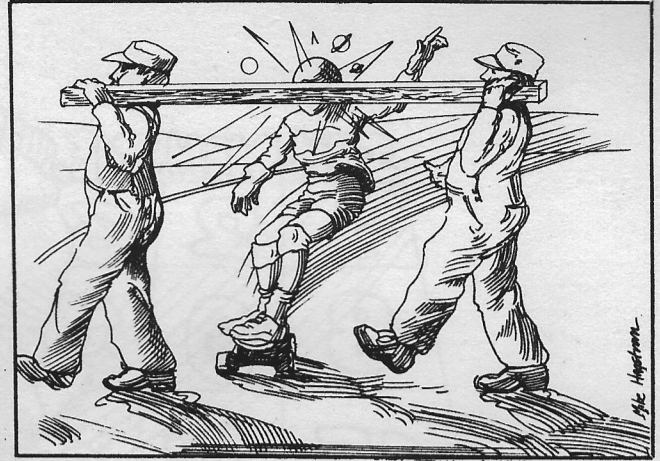
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IRRATIONAL SKATEBOARD REVIEW



Well folks, here's the latest line up of injuries from Scrapsparks Skateboard Park:

Johnny Byron came out on top this week (Lucky fellow!). Johnny was the lucky recipient of two, get this, TWO fractured wrists. Nice going, John.

The runner up this month was Augie Dominy with a crushed elbow. Ah well, maybe next month Augie.

Honorable mention goes to Bruce Lowbun with four chipped teeth.

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Opening day of Rock Park — COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT. Photo by Pete Pan.

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LETTERS

CON'T FROM pg 9

more advanced skateboarders. I can be reached at our office (215) 638-8210 to provide you with any additional information you may desire.

Looking forward to reading about us in your magazine in the near future.

Very truly yours,
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Dear PSP,
I was impressed by your most direct and informative letter. I will be pleased to add your park to the Park Directory when you have notified me that it is operating. I think your letter sets a good example for other future park builders in that you reached out to the media rather than wait for the REVIEW or SKATEBOARDER to come to you. There are so many new parks going in we cannot possibly find all of you. I wish you luck. Send me some black and white prints of your park so that I may print them when you open.
Di

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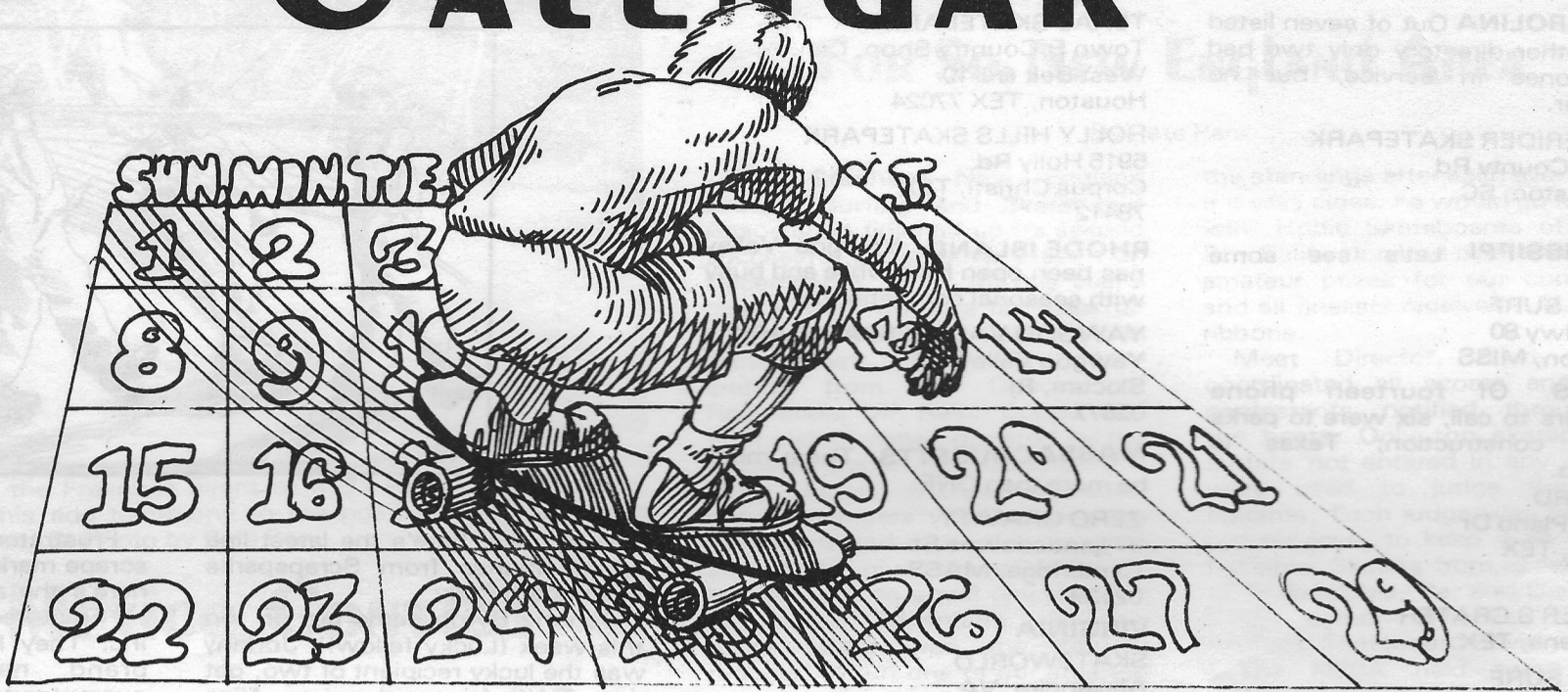
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FEBRUARY

- 4 — Long Beach, Calif; SKATEBOARD SAFETY CLINIC; 4500 Atlantic Blvd (Bixby Knolls Shopping Center); 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; approved by the I.S.A.; call 213/428-1281 for information.
- 10,11,12 — Anaheim, Calif; SKATEBOARD, SURFING, AND ACCESSORIES MARKET (Trade Show*); call 213/760-1016 for information.
- 11 — San Luis Obispo, Calif; ST. VALENTINE DOWNHILL CLASSIC; sponsored by the recreation dept; possibly locals only; speeds est. at 25 mph; call 805/541-1000, ext 61 for information.
- 11 — Newbury Park, Calif (in LA area); SKATEBOARD SAFETY CLINIC; 67 N. Reino Rd; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; approved by the I.S.A.; call 805/498-3108 for information.
- 18 — Agoura, Calif (San Fernando area); SKATEBOARD SAFETY CLINIC; 5050 Kanan Rd; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; approved by the I.S.A.; call 213/889-4262 for information.
- 19 — Television show; CBS CHALLENGE OF THE SEXES: HUCK ANDRESS vs ELLEN BERRYMAN; check local listings for time and channel.
- 19, 20, 21, 22 — New York, NY; ANNUAL AMERICAN TOY FAIR (Trade Show).
- 23, 24, 25, 26 — Germany; INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TRADE SHOW.
- 25 — Narragansett, Rhode Island; SLALOM RACE; meet at Sprague Field at 10 a.m.; offering AAU-type ribbons, points; call 401/724-8108 for information.
- 25, 26 — Upland, Calif; CONTEST; by U.A.S.A.; at Pipeline Skatepark; call 714/981-6014 or 714/994-2955 for information.

- 26 — Television show; CBS CHALLENGE OF THE SEXES: ERNIE MARTIN vs ROBIN LOGAN; check local listings for time and channel.

MARCH

- 16, 17, 18 — Clearwater, Florida; PRO-AM CONTEST: slalom, freestyle, bowl riding, downhill; \$500 for 1st place purse, equivalent in Am prize value; held at Clearwater Skateboard Park; call 813/461-1215 for information.

APRIL

- 1 — Los Alamitos, Calif; CONTEST; by Rec. Center; Slalom and freestyle; Novice (\$1) and Amateurs (\$2); call 213/430-1073 or 714/827-9010 for information.

MAY

- (Tentative. Due to insurance requirements) 20-21 — Oceanside, Calif; PROFESSIONAL FREESTYLE COMPETITION; I.S.A. Sanctioned; \$10,000 purse; no number for information as yet.

JUNE

- Unconfirmed date — Long Beach, Calif; 4th ANNUAL SIGNAL HILL SPEED RACE; by the U.S.S.A.; call 213/830-4110 for information.

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