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DEME RAYTA on his way to 1st place in the New England Open. Photo by Pete Pan.

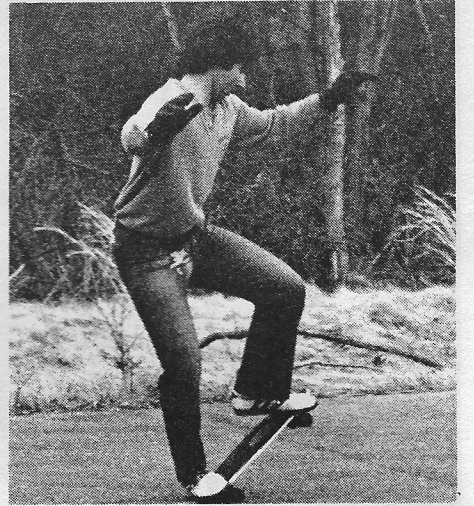
## Competition Point System Used in New England

By Pete Panagiotis

Following are the final combined rating point top three division winners from the results of our 1976 competition season that consisted of three area meets:

1. New England Open championship held at the University of Rhode Island in October 1976.
2. New England Summer Open contest held at Yawgoo Valley in May
3. New England Winter meet held in So. Pier Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island in February.

All three meets were sanctioned and run by the New England Skateboard Association, a branch of the New England District of the Eastern Surfing Association. In all three meets hundreds of dollars in prizes were given to the winners. These were courtesy of the ESA, the Watershed Surf and Skate Shop, and Road Rider, Inc. of Cranston, Rhode Island.



PETE PAN during Master's Freestyle finals in the '76 Winter Meet. Photo by Ed Winning.



The YAWGOO VALLEY SKATEBOARD ARENA. Official E.S.A. Contest site. Photo by Barry Quimby.

CURRENT STANDINGS: N.E. Skateboard Association 76-77 based on ESA rating points system and combination of slalom-freestyle paces (top three in each)

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

1. Mary Logee (Narragansett, R.I.)
2. Ellen Ruddock (Long Beach, N.Y.)
3. Maria Frade (Narragansett, R.I.)

### BOY'S DIVISION

1. Mike Frade (Narragansett, R.I.)
2. Ray Frade (Narragansett, R.I.)
3. James Rayta (Narragansett, R.I.)

### JUNIOR DIVISION

1. Gary Southwick (Wakefield, R.I.)
2. Bob Mattson (Peacedale R.I.)
3. Gary Lee (Seekonk, Mass.)

### MEN'S DIVISION

1. Deme Rayta (Narragansett, R.I.)
2. Burt Lowdermulk (Huntington, Conn)
3. Steve Ellis (Long Beach, N.Y.)

### MASTER'S DIVISION

1. Pete Pan (Narragansett, R.I.)
2. Ernie Fuscati (Long Beach, N.Y.)
3. Skip Valenza (Rockaway, N.Y.)

### FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Watershed (Wakefield, R.I.)
2. Flite (Newport, R.I.)
3. Woodflow (Exeter, R.I.)

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## WHEELCHAIR CROSS COUNTRY

Question: What does a wheelchair race have to do with skateboarding?

Answer: Wheels, cones, and the spirit of competition.

When a racer gets on his safety gear, has tuned his equipment, and announces "I'm hungry! Bring 'em on!" you know you've got a race.

March 25 was the date chosen by the Center for Handicapped Students at San Diego State for a wheelchair cross country race. There were fourteen entries placed into the three divisions. Division I was for manual wheelchairs for paraplegic (a two limb handicap -- usually the legs leaving the arms with normal use). Division II was for manual chairs for quadriplegics (those with a four-limb handicap). Division III was for electric wheelchairs. Electrics all have about the same horsepower so the riders skill is what makes the difference.

The rules were simple: go between the cones and finish the 3/8 mile course. Helmets and gloves, on loan from the El Cajon Skate Park, were required. At the contestant briefing, event director Mike Bourgault gave the instructions: racers would leave at one minute intervals in the order in which they registered. Each racer would get two runs. The weather was cloudy all morning so racers were anxious to start before the impending rain storm.

Bob Verril was the first racer to start. Wobbles in the front wheels forced him to change chairs. Scott Robeson, second to start, pulled a 90-degree wheelie that knocked out

the crowd. A girl in Division I, Kris Unsicker, reported as she got back to the start that it "was easy, it's all downhill." That or not, it was a course laid out throughout the campus that included two particularly steep hills.

The weather started to turn bad as the second heat started. Those in Division III had to finish in a hailstorm. Even with melting hail making for a slick street there was only one fall and even then there were no injuries.

The awards were presented by Mike in a local sandwich and beer shop to a noisy, happy, cold and wet group of winners, racers, and friends. From what I hear, we can expect another cross country race. But, what about a wheelchair FREESTYLE contest?

### RESULTS

#### DIVISION I

- |  |      |
|--|------|
| 1. Scott Robeson   | 2:12 |
| 2. John Rusinko  | 2:43 |
| 3. Mike Bourgault  | 2:43 |
| 4. Bob Verril  | 2:50 |
| 5. Lee Curtis  | 2:58 |
| 6. Kris Unsicker   | 3:10 |
| 7. Craig Stephens  | 3:52 |
| 8. Betty Bacon (Director of the Student Services Center) | 4:16 |

#### DIVISION II

- |                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| 1. Greg Roderick  | 3:53 |
| 2. Jim Palmus     | 4:19 |
| 3. Peter Phillips | 4:52 |

#### DIVISION III

- |                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. Rick Berkenpas  | 7:13 |
| 2. Gilbert Morlain | 7:58 |
| 3. Pam Hoye        | 8:13 |

# LET'S HEAR FROM:

## New York

By John Fiederlein

Here's what's happening. The weather has been getting much warmer and we have been getting into some good sessions. Finally the East Coast Skateboard Arena has opened for business. At the Arena you can skate for two hours for \$2.75. Some days it draws maybe 100 people during the day and night. It opens at 9AM and closes at 10PM. Anymore than 200 people at a time makes it impossible to skate. The Arena is Long Island's first and as I see it there is a tremendous need for more.

In the future we will be putting together a Long Island Skateboard Team. Woody Woodstock, Mike Feinberg, and myself will be heading up a seven man team consisting of the most assiduous skateboarders on Long Island. Right now we're trying to have Emilio's Ski and Surf Shop sponsor our team. I'll give more details if everything works out.

We planned our weekly races and a few contests. As soon as anything else develops I'll let you know.

## Idaho

by Brian Schroeder

We had a real super turn out this weekend (March 23-27), lots of racers and lots of spectators rootin'! It was kind of cold with a light cold wind in the 40's and some were complaining of the cold, but us racers came to cook ... not freeze!!! The course was set super long. Besides being a long course it was fast, and fast cooks, and that's what the racers were doing ... cookin.' But anyway not so much of that radicalphrenia, the course was fun. The racers loved it and we all had a good time.

Races will soon start on Sunday as soon as they close Bogus and Sun Valley ski areas. Lots of racers are skiers on Saturday and Sunday so we were running the races during the week to help them out.

### RESULTS

- 1. Brian Schroeder 24.96
- 2. Bob Harper 25.01
- 3. Brian Small 25.04
- 4. Todd Huff 25.11
- 5. Mike Neal 26.00
- 6. Tom Minas 27.08
- 7. Jim Woody 29.15
- 8. Rod Miller 29.18
- 9. Dan Moore 32.00
- 10. Brent Small 32.09
- 11. Dave Howard 35.46
- 12. Jeff Tisherman 36.26

I've been saying for months that Bob Harper is a future threat to the slalom courses in Boise. He gets quicker every time you turn your back. And the kid who is really blowing minds is Brian Small (Budget Team's newest member) who really cooks the course faster and faster. Watch out for this guy! (He practices every day to boot).

When we first started the races we all had Mike Neal picked as a guaranteed first because this guy is know as "Little Hester". Mike looks just like him, more so when he races. Mike does super in practice and in the races....well, last week he got 3rd and this week 5th. The new hotties are going to be hard to beat. Go get em' Mike!

I race hard and push to the max. I like to move fast which always shows in the end. It's funny, after a good run from everyone fast on the course you hear all the "ohhs" and "ahhs", "Did you see him go" remarked from the spectators. Makes you feel good.

In case anyone was wondering we racers vary from 12 to 23 years old and we're looking for more. Come out of your shell!

## New Mexico

By Pop-Tops

We would like to thank everyone for the large turn out to see Tony Alva. He saw some great talent March 13th at the University of New Mexico Club races. The UNM Club is now using new timing lights so everyone come out and bring your parents.

### RESULTS

- Slalom:
- 12 and under
  - 1. Danny Newcomb
  - 2. Matt Chavez
  - 3. John Muhlberger

- 13-16
- 1. Bernie Thompson
- 2. Randy Watson
- 3. Duane Kinsley

- 17 and over
- 1. Tony Alva
- 2. Duane Kinsley
- 3. Blake Learmonth

- Giant Slalom:
- 1. Tony Alva
  - 2. Duane Kinsley
  - 3. Blake Learmonth

- Downhill Speed Run:
- 1. Tony Alva
  - 2. Skip Heines
  - 3. Blake Learmonth

## Florida

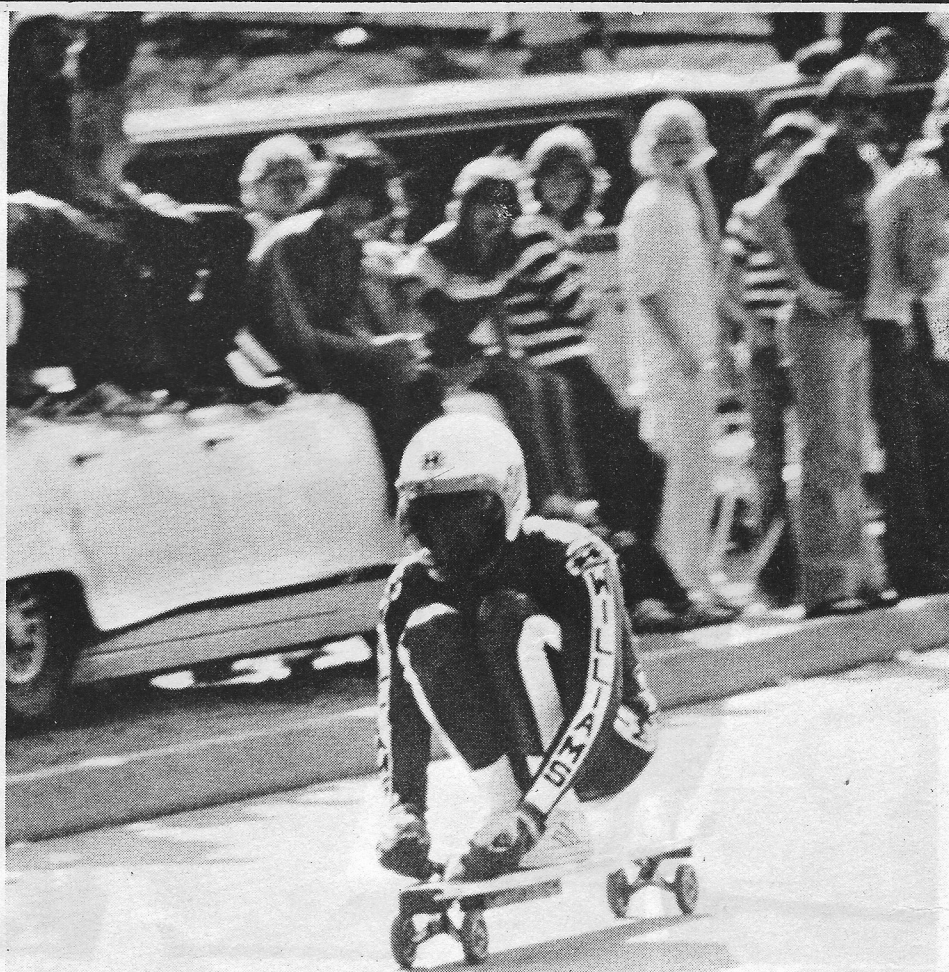
We have heard through the grapevine that the skateboard contest that was to be held in Florida at the Paved Wave skateboard park has been postponed, moved to Fort Lauderdale, and the prize money increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The Paved Wave in Cocoa, Florida has been closed because of an owner, operator dispute. This was good news for FSA (Florida Skateboard Assoc) because we have considered it an unsafe track. Not the actual track itself, but the fact that the individual operating the track and the one who owns the land did NOT require skateboarders to wear helmets, nor did they feel any kind of safety gear was necessary!

FSA began as a membership type organization offering various things; however, that is changing. FSA is in debt a substantial amount and can no longer be subsidized. It will continue to exist as a service and educational organization.

To promote skateboarding here in Florida, early in March the City of Orlando hosted a statewide conference for the Florida Parks and Recreation Association. Larry McGee was invited to give a presentation on skateboarding. Skateboarding is making some inroads slowly but surely here in Florida.

The FSA will conduct and sanction a 32-hour Skateboardathon with all proceeds going to the March Of Dimes. This will be an event similar to the March of Dimes Walkathon, but instead of skateboarding a prearranged distance, it will be based on time. No one will be required to skate the full 32 hours (there will be breaks) however, there may be some skateboarders who will be interested in doing so because of a possible world record.

A course will be set up in a special section of the parking lot of the Mystery Fun House located in the Florida Center just off I-4 and North 435. This first of a kind event will be co-sponsored by the Mystery Fun House and WORJ-FM 107. It will begin at 9AM on May 7th and continuing until 5PM on May 8th.



MIKE WILLIAMS, pro slalom racer and resident pro at El Cajon Skate Park. Photo by Chuck Saccio.

## SKATER'S OPINION: SLALOM RACING

Being a Pro Racer and Skateboard enthusiast I'd like to talk a bit about slalom racing.

It started with very little recognition. Clay wheels and beer cans set up on a street wasn't very appealing to anyone, but about two years ago I was mostly surfing and Bob Piercy told me about how they were racing skateboards around cones up at La Costa. I must admit I felt like a kook the first six months, but I had a lot of friends from surfing the cliffs and being in Las Olas Surfclub; guys like Tom Ryan and Bobby Turner. The Turner boys took me under their wing and gave me equipment that was so far ahead of it's time that people would laugh when we would show up; but having a team like Bob Piercy, Tom Ryan and I had so much juice that they weren't laughing long.

The first major contest we were invited to (as alternates) was Long Beach World Pro. Piercy placed 2nd, T.R. 5th, and I got 3rd. Not bad for Bob's and my first major meet. All those months at La Costa payed off, and I don't believe we'll be put on an alternate list again. Hang Ten also proved very fruitful for all of us. Riding on the same team again was like catalyst to resin.

Now we are experiencing the first generation of Skateparks and most of them have slalom areas that are sort of pushed over in the corner out of the way. The magazines give very little recognition and the prize money is always less than freestyle, but after talking to a lot of companies coming back from Europe recently, it seems they come from a background of snow ski racing and recognize the ability and aggressiveness it takes to compete in Slalom racing. It took Europe to appreciate the Black Jazz musicians back in the 30's, and now slalom racing in the 70's.

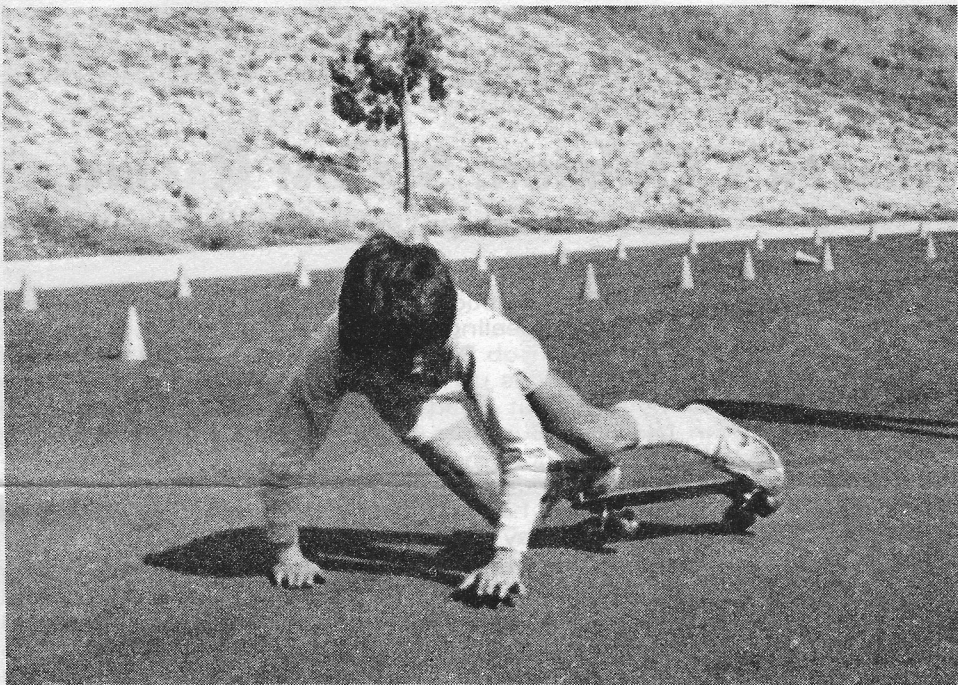
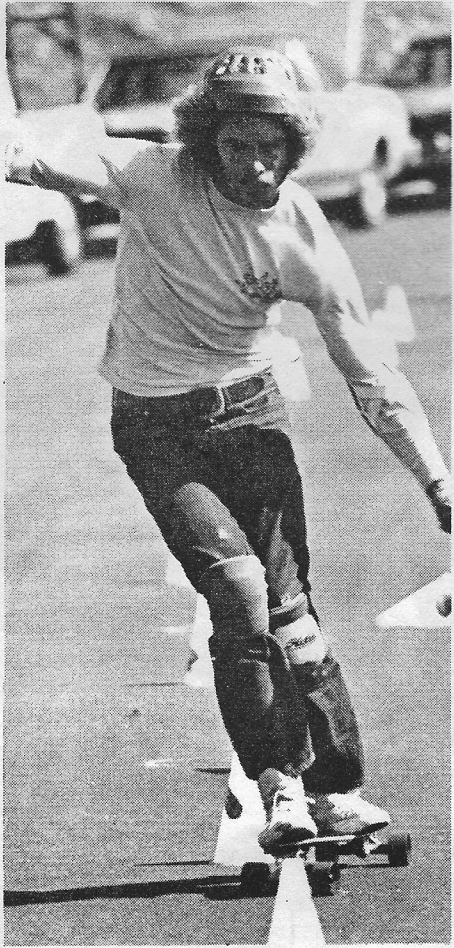
To sum it all up I'd have to advise all slalom enthusiasts to keep running those cones and have a passport handy - Europe is on the move.

--By Mike Williams



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PAT Flanagan, top pro racer on Team Bahne, placed second at YMCA Race. Photo by Balma.



The FERGUSON'S - PAT, MIKE, AND PETE - race La Costa every Sunday. Pat (on left) started racing last October and was placing somewhere in the middle of the pack. He now places high in the field pushing top racers to keep their lead. He has won four times at the Saturday races in Carlsbad. Brother Mike (center) races much more casually. He prefers Giant Slalom and enjoying the race day. Youngest brother, Pete, puts most of his energy into freestyle. He uses lots of smooth footwork and has been seen pulling off some amazing aerials (like jumping from a ramp over his cousin). This handsome three-some constantly coach each other and push each other to "go faster, smoother, better". They are a threat to any in-state competition as they no doubt will enter any contest they hear about.

Photos by Goodrich



RONNIE GARCIA at Carlsbad. Photo by Pena Jr.

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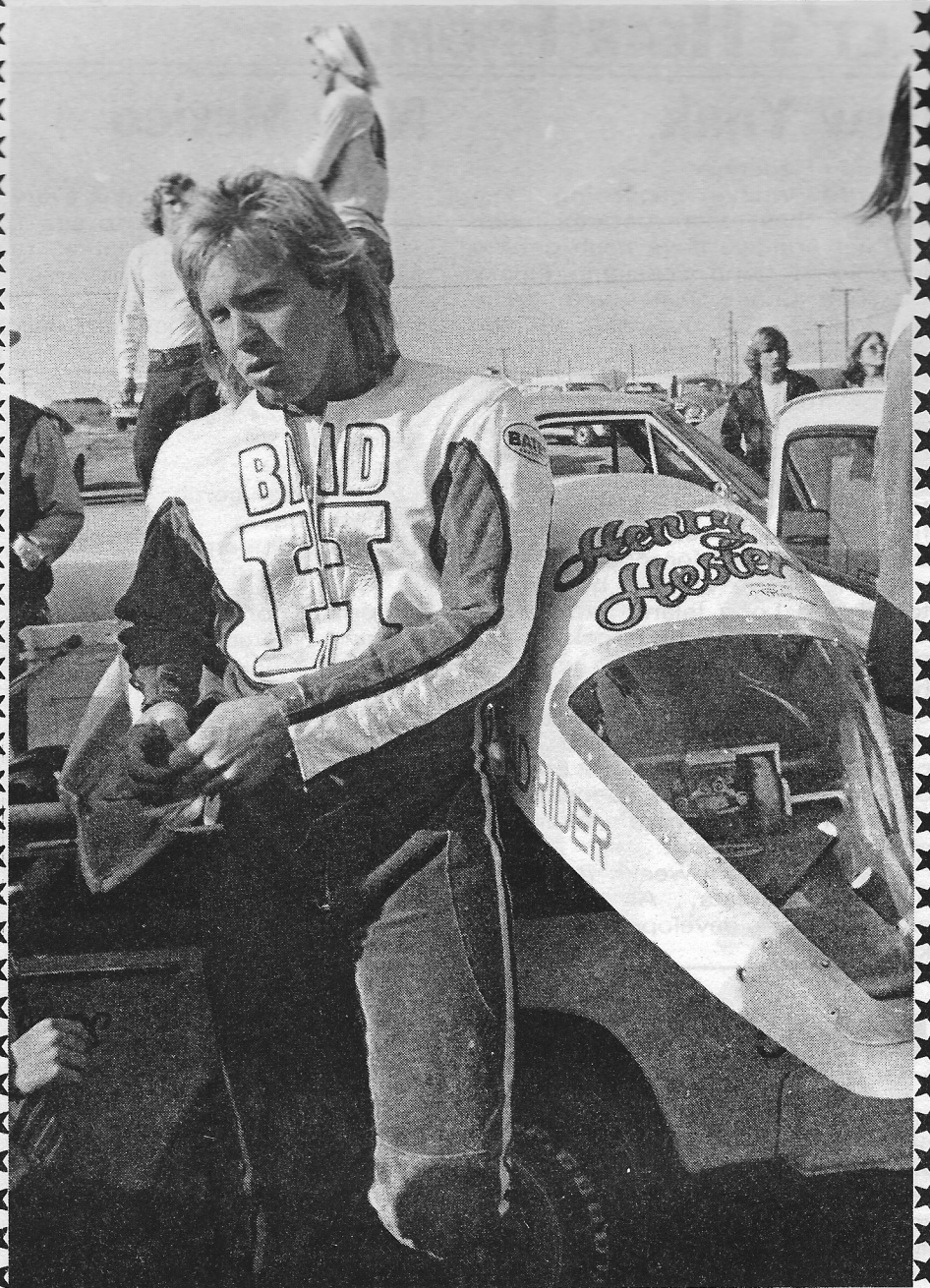
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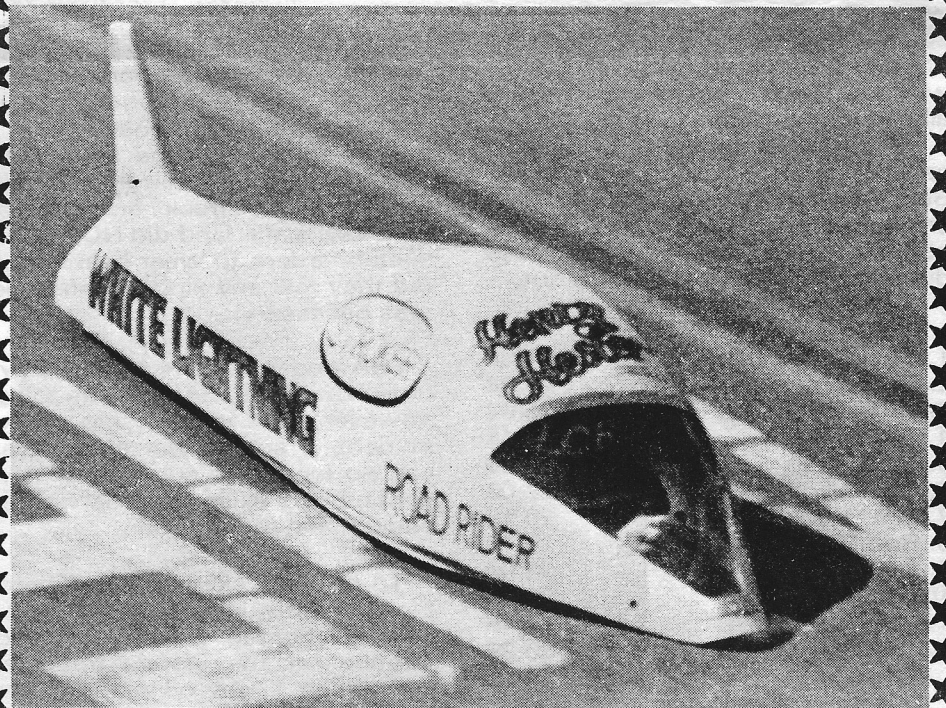
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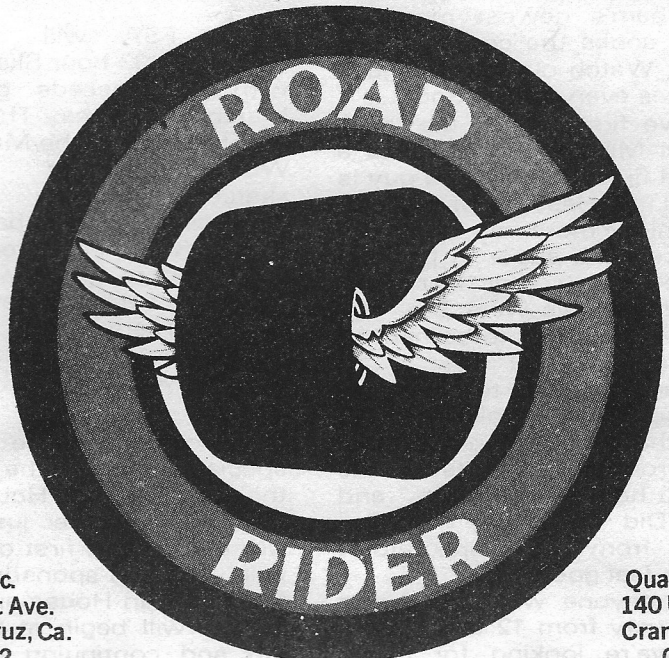
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**Henry Hester**



Henry and "White Lightning". Note LCB standing for "La Costa Boys" on his helmet seen inside the window. Photo by Tim Stahl.



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# SIGNAL HILL SPEED RUN

So many questions....

Was it a good race? A scary race? A stupid race? Is Signal Hill a good hill for this event? A slow hill? A dangerous hill? Are those machines really skateboards any more? And the accidents: why weren't there hay bales lining the streets? Why did a safety net go up AFTER a racer is hit by a car? Talk after this electric event goes back and forth from positive to negative. All things considered the best one can arrive at is that the Signal Hill event was an unsafely directed event for possibly the most exciting skateboard contest ever.

Exciting?! Boy! The unknown factors involved make this event exciting. Again lots of questions: how fast can they go? What combination of equipment makes for a winner? Which rider can do it? Which "pushers" are the best? How much difference does the "pusher" make? What is the fastest time of day? What is the fastest season of the year? About 3,000 spectators and 36 entries showed to discover the magic combination.

And unsafe? Here's the tricky part. What was done, was done well: rider safety equipment requirements (that's why racers didn't get hurt badly, even the guy hit by the car), board inspection, ambulance on site, a rope holding the spectators back, hay bales at the very bottom of the run. But what about what wasn't done? No spectator protection (at least three boards crashed through the crowd). The rope holding back the crowd was placed right on the curb; not a safe distance away. The street got dusty but was not swept clean. (The rider who crashed through the hay at the bottom and was hit by a car said his brakes didn't work because of the dust on the street).

Thinking about the event's production is mind boggling. But not as boggling as the skateboards and skateboarders themselves. Both are a different breed. Thirty eight entries, most from Southern California, showed that morning. By the looks of their equipment it was obvious that hundreds of hours of research, planning, design, testing, and practice had taken place. The entries included some of skateboarding's great names: John Hutson, Guy Grundy (1st place Signal Hill '75), John Hughes (2nd place, tied winning speed Signal Hill '76), Sam Puccio (1st place Signal Hill '76), Henry Hester, Tommy Ryan, Mike Williams, Skitch and Garrison Hitchcock, Bob Skoldberg, Dave Dillberg.

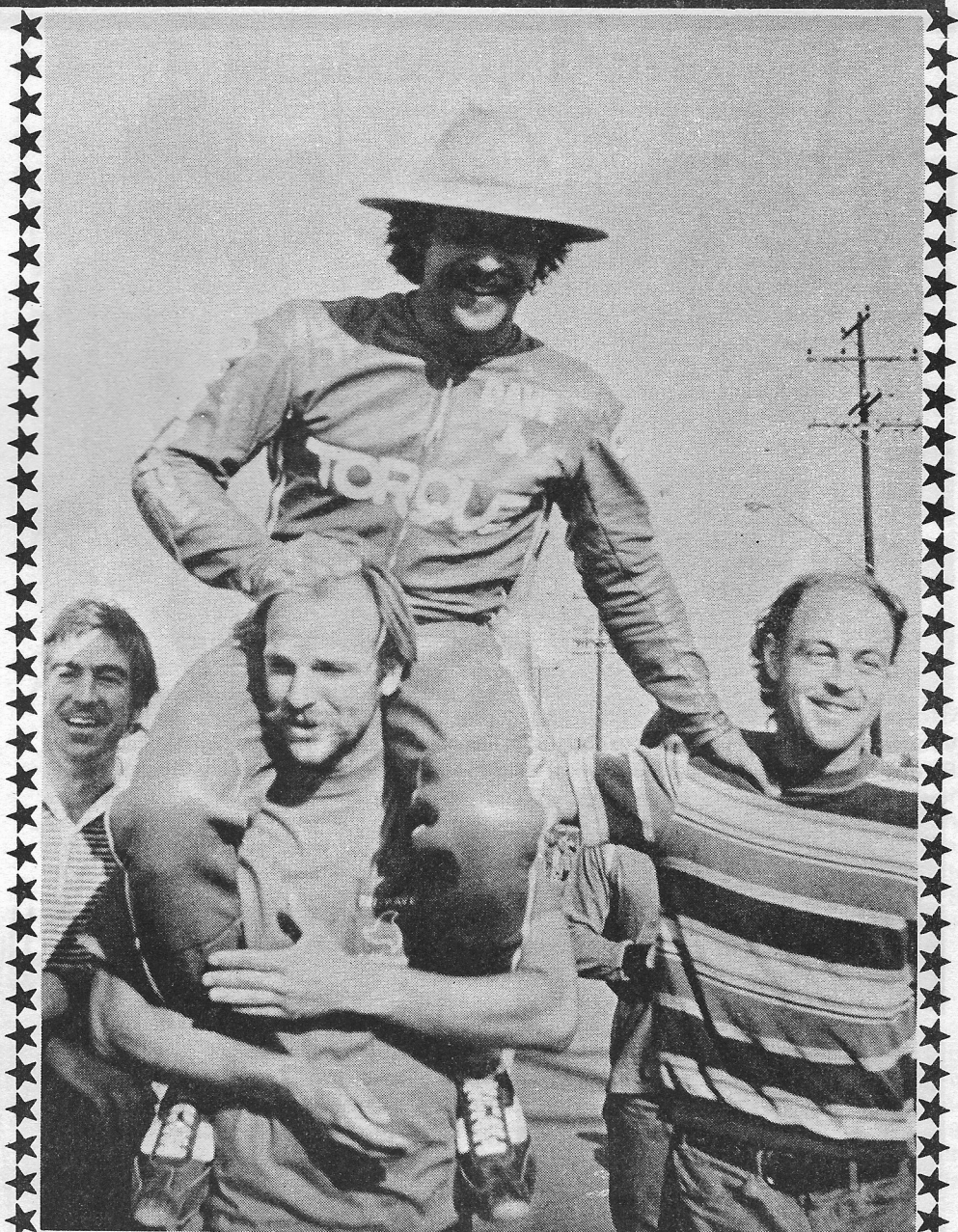
The equipment check went all morning. The contest was set up to start at 10 AM with the first heat; no practice runs with such a large field of entries. Then a break while the Rhino Team and an unknown tandem pair each made a run. The second heat started at 1:30 PM.

Speeds were being recorded by a Highway Patrol sonar gun. The twelfth entry, Craig Plescia, tied last year's record of 54 mph early in the day. Then Henry Hester breaks the record with a 56 mph. The crowd went crazy!!! Henry kept the lead through twelve more races until Dave Dillberg recorded a 57 mph. Another record breaker. Giant question: can "H" beat that? Dave didn't seem too worried. So we all waited through the break with runs to the store and bathroom stops for the start of the second heat.

Some more close runs but not faster than 57 mph. The waiting was almost too much as Henry and the others were driven up to the top for the start. But on his way down the waiting was over...god, was he fast...57 mph. A tie! What would they do for a tie? Dave's second run was as straight and consistent as the first: another 57 mph. But the freakiest thing happened - his push pole stuck in the board and dragged on the ground. Dave did 57 mph dragging the pole! What could he have done with a clean run?

O'Mahoney announced a one-try run off. Time was too expensive for more than that. Henry hit 57 again and so did Dave. It was decided to stop there, split the \$1,000, and put both names on the record book.

What a day - top racers, top equipment, top speeds. But, oh, so many questions.



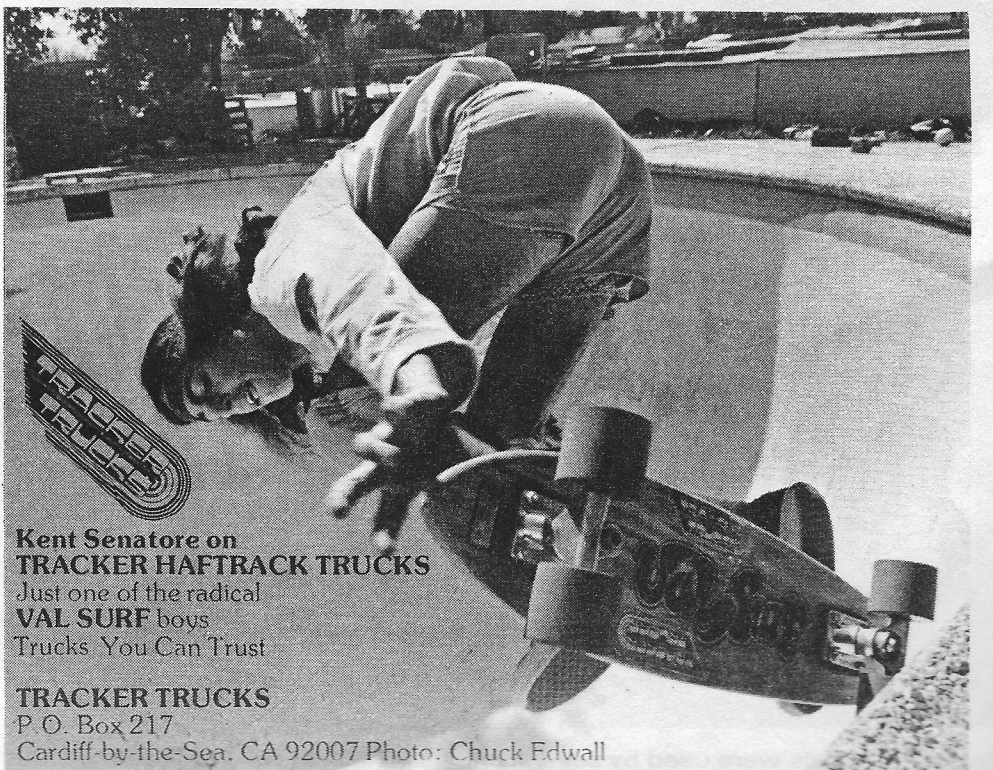
## Dave Dillberg



Visible inside his board, making his second run at 57 mph, dragging the push pole. Photo by Luther Taylor.



HENRY HESTER and DAVE DILLBERG share the winner's circle, congratulations, the applause, and the \$1,000 purse for the Signal Hill Speed Run. Photo by Jim Goodrich.

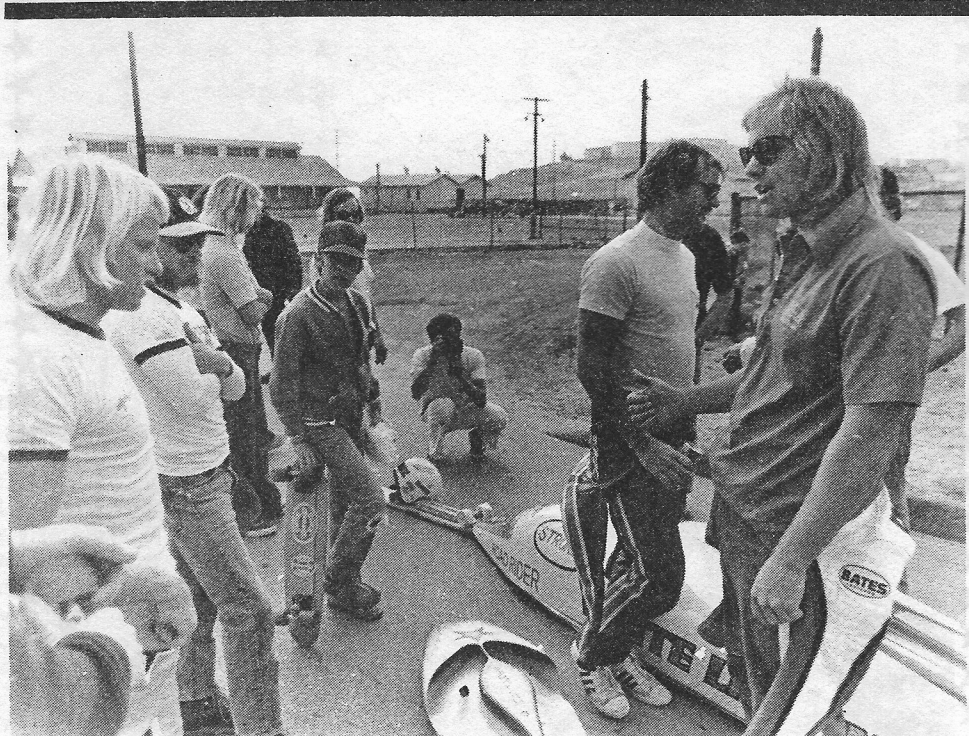


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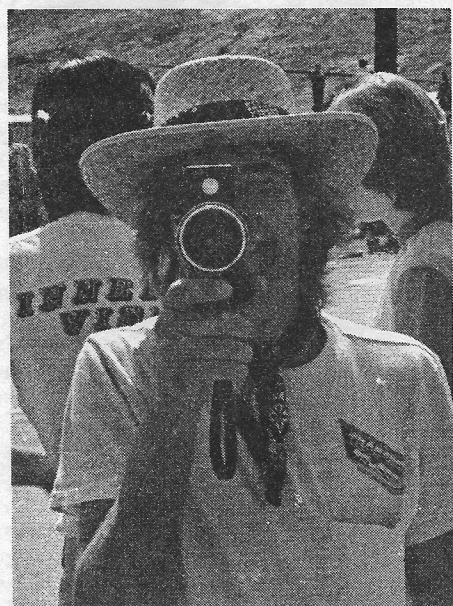
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Waiting together in the "weigh-in" line are (from left to right) Tommy Ryan, Joe Lynch, Bob Skoldberg, and Henry Hester. Photo by Goodrich.



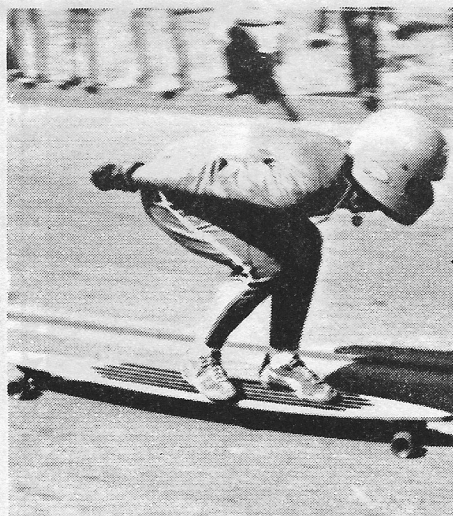
SKITCH HITCHCOCK making the last minute fine tune.



STEVE CATHEY looked like this most of the day. Photo by Goodrich.

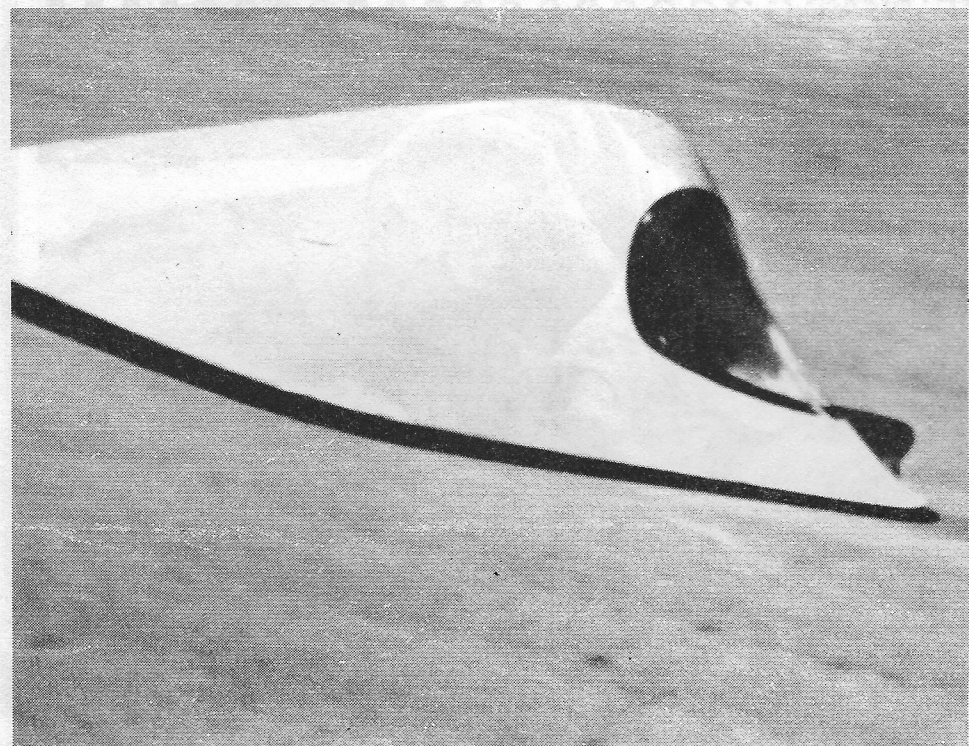


SIGNAL HILL, Long Beach, California.

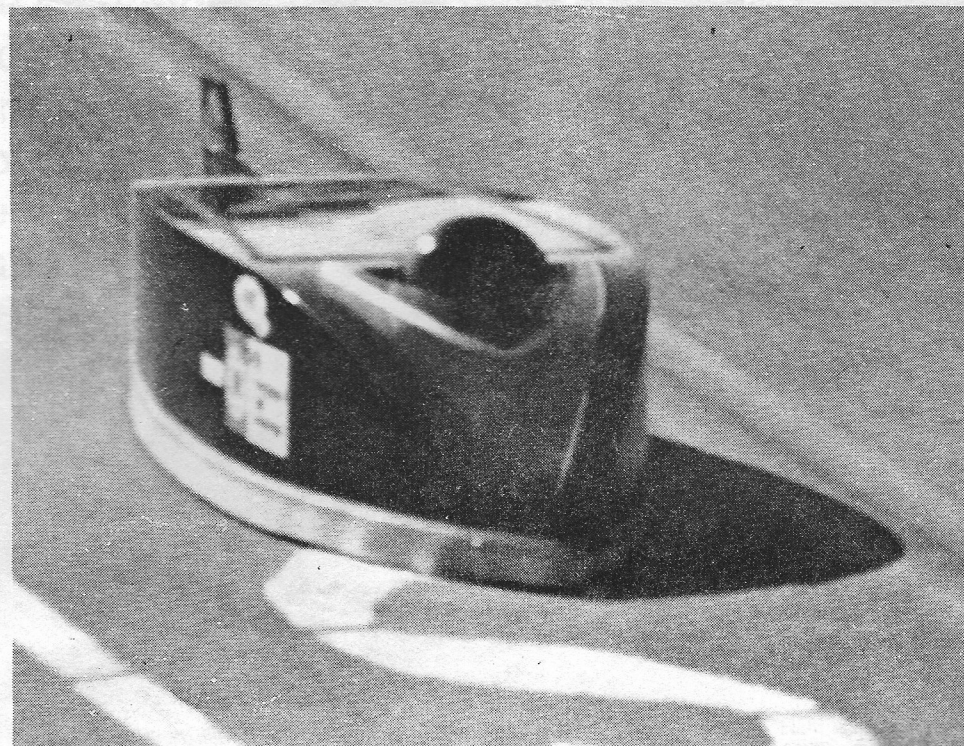


Standing makes for a considerable slower time. However, 50 mph here by MICHAEL GOLDMAN, is not slow. Photo by Tim Stahl.

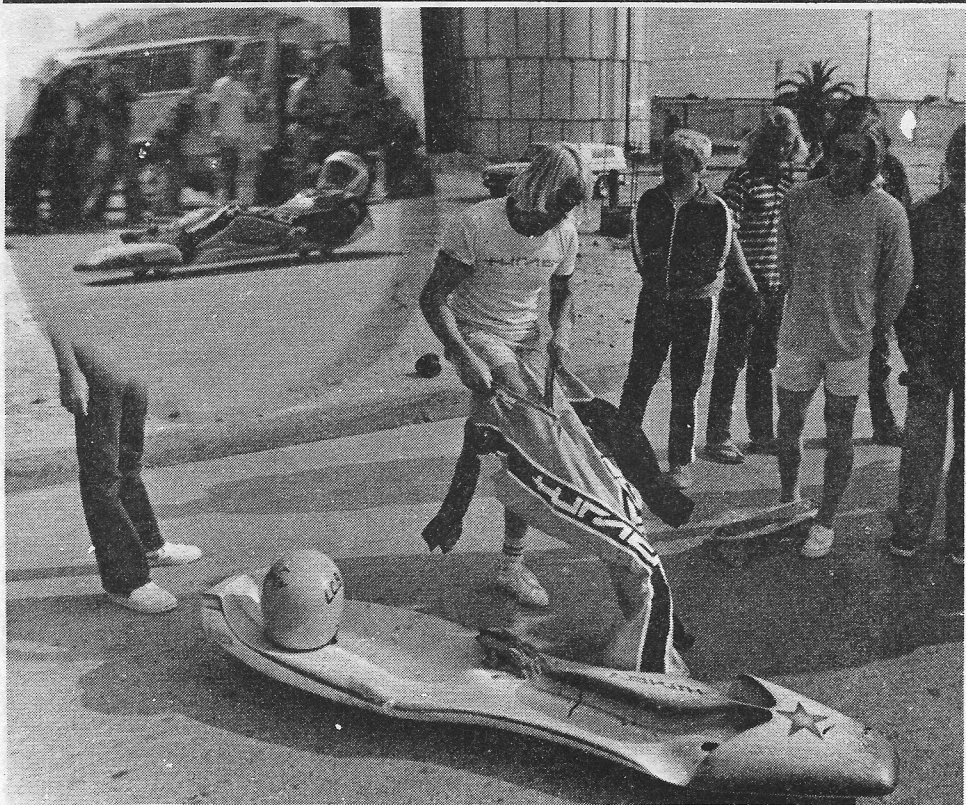
No. / Name	Age
1. Ron Bermudez	18
2. Jim Luke	25
3. John Hutson	23
4. Don Lavor	22
5. Roger Hickey	18
6. Guy Grundy	24
7. Leslie Jo Ritzma	?
8. Michael James Goldman	23
9. Jim Drake	35
10. John Hughes	22
11. Stephen Walker	20
12. Craig Plescia	32
13. Sam Puccio	26
14. Kirby Fair	19
15. Ron Fleming	?
16. Mike Guitierrez	?
17. Nick Leonard	29
18. Michelle "Spooky" McNeil	19
19. Henry Hester	25
20. Herb Spitzer	19
21. Lenny Gambo	?
22. Tommy Ryan	?
23. Jan Drupiewski	No show
24. Terry Nails	26
25. Greg Mitre	18
26. Bob Piercy	No show
27. Bill Ryan	24
28. John Moritz	No show
29. Mike Williams	?
30. Skitch Hitchcock	?
31. Bob Skoldberg	?
32. Rudy Gallinto	?
33. Bob "Chuy" Madrigal	?
34. Bob Moore	No show
35. Dave Dillberg	?
36. Thomas J. Stuart	?
37. Mike McCreary	?
38. Chris Proctor	?
39. Mark Griffith	?
40. Garrison Hitchcock	?
41. Oberon	?



Enclosed boards were used by several entries. They did well. This board, ridden (?) by LENNY GAMBO went 54 mph. Photo by Tim Stahl.



Another enclosed board that is especially sleek. Photo by Tim Stahl.



TOMMY RYAN suiting up in the required full leathers and motorcycle helmet and contemplating the real thing. Photo by Jim Goodrich.

## AESA Membership Drive

The America East Skatepark Association, which operates out of Rahway, N.J. has begun a drive for new members. The unique organization, which offers corporate and individual memberships, believes it is the fastest growing skateboarding group in the country.

AESA charges its members a one time five dollar fee instead of annual dues. It provides members with discounts at skateshops, skateparks, and from manufacturers as well as offering safety hints, endorsing contests, and promoting skatepark development. Corporate members of AESA offer skateboarders discounts on equipment and services and each AESA member is provided a list of those firms.

AESA has encouraged a united effort to coordinate the ever expanding skateboarding activity into a legitimate sporting event to be able to gain recognition from schools, city recreation authorities, and the major sports organizations. Cooperation of various skateboarding groups can bring this about.

Anyone who desires further information on AESA can obtain a free application form by sending a stamped envelope to: Paul Geyer, Pres. America East Skateparks Association, 230 E. Grand Ave., Rahway, New Jersey 07065.

## Skateboarding is Alive and Well

By Magnum Skateboards

The fad died in 1967 because of inadequate equipment. In 1974, the introduction of the urethane wheel resurrected skateboarding as a viable sport. A nation of pavement combined with a ready-made market of skiing and surfing enthusiasts make skateboards the most attractive consumer sporting good items imaginable.

Today's Skateboarder

According to a recent survey by Skateboarder Magazine, the rider is predominantly male, about 15½ years old, and has been skating for an average of two years. The trend appears to be moving toward older riders. Generally, they own two or three boards in the \$35 price range. Students comprise 94% of the skateboard population while the other 6% are from the professional, clerical, or sales fields. They tend to be affluent, coming from families with an average yearly income in excess of \$25,000, and living in homes valued over \$50,000. The majority participate in other sports such as skiing, surfing, bicycling, backpacking and scuba diving.

The Skateboard Market

From June, 1975 to June, 1976 retailers did 300 million dollars worth of skateboard component and safety gear business. There are an estimated 15 million riders in the country. Approximately six million boards ranging in price from 10 to 90 dollars each were sold in 1976. Skateboard outlets can now be found in all 50 states.

The Future of Skateboarding

Skateparks now dot the entire nation and several more are being constructed each week. By the end of 1977 builders anticipate that there will be over 1000 fully operational facilities. Official sponsorship of events by city parks and recreation departments and public schools, together with the three major Skateboard Associations, assures a long life for the sport. The availability of precision equipment such as the MAGNUM Skateboard guarantees an increasing challenge to today's talented rider.

## Signal Hill Results

From:	Riding for:	First run	Second run	No.
Temple City	-	50	52	1
Pacific Grove, Cs	-	47	49	2
San Diego	Santa Cruz skbd	48 (standing)	49 (standing)	3
Baldwin Park	Ultra Pro	50	51	4
Huntington Beach	-	52	53	5
?	TomMcEwin & others	52	54	6
?	-	51	pass	7
?	OJ wheels	49 (standing)	50 (standing)	8
?	Tunnel Wheels	50	51	9
Cardiff, Ca	-	52	52	10
South Gate, Ca	Apex	fell	fell	11
?	41st Ave	54	54	12
?	-	52	52	13
Las Vegas	Kirby Fair Skbd	52	54	14
?	-	53	54	15
?	Ampul	fell	53	16
Miami, Fla	-	53	55	17
			53	18
Long Beach	-	rolled		
La Jolla, Ca	-	56	pass	19
Long Beach	-	fell	57	20
?	?	54	DQ	21
Del Mar, Ca	Turner SummerSki	53	53	22
			53	23
?	Stroker, Maharaja	55	pass	24
?		44 (standing)	45 (standing)	25
				26
	Bonzai Skbd	fell	50	27
Glendale, Ca				28
Pt. Loma, Ca	HPG IV	53	49 (standing)	29
?	Hobie	53	pass	30
San Diego	Hobie	55	55	31
?	-	-	51	32
Huntington Beach	-	54	54	33
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Huntington Beach	?	57	57	35
?	?	51	51	36
Half Moon Bay, Ca	Tunnel Wheels	45	49	37
?	?	47 (standing)	46 (standing)	38
?	?	-	51	39
?	Hobie	-	56	40
?	?	-	52	41



Laying prone in a more enclosed board is GUY GRUNDY. Photo by Tim Stahl.

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## EASTER WEEK CONTEST

Steve Cathey directed a fine neighborhood novice contest on April 8 for the Standley Recreation Center in San Diego, California. This freestyle event was part of the Special Easter Week Program and drew 300 spectators to watch five age groups compete. A "Super Heat" climaxed the afternoon as the winners from each division competed in an open class.

Assisting Steve with the judging were Steve Sherman and Marty Schaub (both riders for G&S), and Lance Vienta. The area was a sufficient 20' by 20' and boasted the loan of Bahne's ramps. Each contestant had two minutes in which to perform his routine. Judging was based on the PISA rules.

Layne Oaks put on a flawless - yes, flawless - trials routine. He made no mistakes as he competed gymnastics, aerials, ramp moves, and plenty of footwork. Moving to music, he was a show stopper.

Tara (the Terror) Kaylor was the only woman competitor but that did not deter her from going all out in her routine. She also skated to music and that, plus the smiles, good form, and unique finish, left her routine unforgettable.

Another surprise was Mark Schmid. Wearing G&S colors but not "yet" on the team this thirteen year old was great! Smooth transitions, difficult tricks, and a powerful drive lets you know he's one who'll get picked up by a team (listening G&S?) real soon.

Steve Cathey did a good job of directing this fun, smooth contest with some hot skaters. Novice contests like this one are popping up ALL over, ALL the time. Check with your recreation department for one in your area.



Winners! (From left) Layne Oaks, Jim Davis, Mark Schmid, Tara Kaylor, and Mark Smith. Photo by Saccio.

### RESULTS

#### Division I: girls

1. Tara Kaylor

#### Division II: boys 10-11

1. Mark Smith
2. Matt Brock
3. Brian Brown

#### Division III: boys 12-13

1. Mark Schmid
2. Steve Glick
3. Tie: Peter Yoes, Keith Jones

#### Division IV: boys 14-15

1. Jim Davis
2. Matt Fog
3. Dave Duncan
4. Tie: Ian McCall, Ben Larman
5. Tie: Greg Kendrick, Sheldon Wickershawn
6. Dave Kuhn
7. Steve Ford

#### Division V: boys 16-17

1. Layne Oaks

#### Super Heat

1. Layne Oaks
2. Mark Schmid
3. Tara Kaylor
4. Jim Davis
5. Mark Smith



TARA KAYLOR. Photo by Saccio.

## LA COSTA RACES

### March 27

- |                    |        |       |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Steve Evans*    | Slalom | 5.552 |
| 2. Charlie Ransom* |        | 5.683 |
| 3. Bob Piercy*     |        | 5.708 |

#### Other racers:

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Greg Taie*       | (F)5.732 |
| Steve Sherman    | (F)5.708 |
| Marty Schabu     | 5.898    |
| Dave Carrasco    | 6.173    |
| Pat Ferguson     | 6.342    |
| Scott Hostert    | 6.345    |
| Rene Carrasco    | 6.582    |
| Jerry Castellano | 6.735    |
| Derek Korenaga   | DQ       |

### April 3

#### Giant Slalom

- |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| 1. Greg Taie*    | 7.961 |
| 2. Marty Schabu  | 8.045 |
| 3. Steve Sherman | 8.252 |

#### Other racers:

- |                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Pat Ferguson   | 8.409  |
| Pete Ferguson  | 8.600  |
| Dave Carrasco  | 8.609  |
| Eric Oberman   | 8.663  |
| Mike Ferguson  | 8.998  |
| Rene Carrasco  | 9.005  |
| Mike Herrera   | 9.372  |
| Charlie Wooton | 9.739  |
| Di Dootson     | 10.327 |
| Neil Driscoll  | 11.187 |
| Ban Bueno      | 11.219 |
| Eddie Johnson  | 11.271 |
| Brigg Sherman  | 11.322 |

### April 3

#### Tight Slalom

- |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| 1. Greg Taie*    | 8.096 |
| 2. Steve Sherman | 8.381 |
| 3. Marty Schabu  | 8.436 |

#### Other racers:

- |               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Eric Oberman  | 8.703 |
| Scott Swanson | 8.868 |
| Pat Ferguson  | 9.103 |

### April 10

#### EASTER



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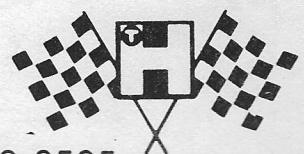


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# CALENDAR

## MAY

- 13, 14, 15 - Surf Expo; at Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, Ca; offering booths, demos, movies, used equipment swap meet; \$3.50 admission fee; starts 5 PM Friday the 13th.
- 7 - demo at P'B' East; a new skate shop opening at Baltimore and Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, Calif; 11 AM.
- 5, 6, 7, 8 - Contest at the Paved Wave, Cocoa Beach, Florida; ASA event; \$5,000 purse; Pro and amateur.
- 14 - Henry Hester and Stacey Peralta at the Kanoa Surf Shop in Rolling Hills, Calif, for a demo; call 213/377-6552, ask for Tusso for further information.
- 11, 12 - Ed Natalin doing a demo with a film at the Fullerton City Library, Fullerton, Calif; 4 PM.
- 16 - Russ Howell doing a demo with a film at the Placentia City Library, Placentia, Calif; 411 E. Chapman; 7 PM.
- 21 - Contest; Second Annual Block Party, Pacific Beach, Calif; Pacific Beach residents only; novice; demo; rules by PISA; directed by Dave McIntrye.
- 22 - Contest at UC Berkeley; downhill, slalom, freestyle, banked slalom, high jump and kick turn; proceeds go toward building a park; register at Earth Science Bldg at U.C. Berkeley at 7 a.m.; call Don Fisher 415/642-7477 for information.

## JUNE

- 4 - P.I.S.A. booth in "Community Days" carnival; on campus of Chabot Jr. College, Hayward, Ca; 9 AM to 5 PM; showing gear, contest package, film, demonstrations by top riders; free.
- ? - New park; Gretna, Louisiana; call 504/361-8551 for info.
- 11, 12 - Championship contest San Diego Sports Arena; \$25,000 prize monies; directed by Di Dootson; rules by PISA; write P.O. Box 2025, Leucadia, Ca, 92024 for information on booth rentals, participation.
- 18 - Contest in Philadelphia; freestyle and slalom, \$1 each event; novice class (not on a team); rules by PISA; held at Max Myer's Rec. Center at corner of Bustleton and Mager in Philadelphia, PA; call Jerry at 215/224-8497 for info.
- 26 - Ed Natalin doing a demo with a film at the San Marino City Library; 1819 Huntington Drive, San Marino, Calif; 7:30 PM.
- Late May - Speed contest; Akron, Ohio; at the Soap Box Derby track; will be filmed as a CBS Sports Spectacular; directed by Denis Schufeldt.

## JULY

- 3, 4 - Contest; Diamond Head crater festival, Hawaii; Amateur-open for Hawaii residents, invitational for mainlanders; directed by Don E. Branker and PSAA; slalom and freestyle.
- 4 - Contest; Thornton, Colorado; more info later.
- 4 - Freestyle demo; Oceanside, Ca, at the pier; call 714/753-6214, after July 1 for the time.

## AUGUST

- 20, 21 - Ventura contest; slalom, freestyle; novice, amateur, and professional; directed by PISA; more info later.

## SEPTEMBER

- 3, 4 - Hang Ten pro invitational
- 24, 25 - Freeformer pro invitational; at Long Beach arena, promoted by P.S.A. (Don E. Branker, Professional Skateboarders of America) and directed by P.I.S.A. and U.S.S.A.

## OCTOBER

- 22 - Contest; Glendale, Calif; rules by PISA; directed by Di Dootson; more info later.

## TUESDAYS

- Concrete Wave hosts "Mac-Races"; slalom and freestyle; prizes are coupons to MacDonald's; start at 4 PM; free; call 714/991-6750 for information.

## SATURDAYS

- CANCELLED - Saturday Races at Carlsbad Skatepark

- Slalom racing at Skatepark Montebello; 10 AM to Noon; call 213/721-1166 for further information.

# Free Calendar Listings

Complete and mail in the form below to N.S. R., P.O. Box 2204, Leucadia, CA, 92024. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone so we can contact you for additional information. Deadline is the 15th of each month.

Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place(address of the event): \_\_\_\_\_

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Directed by/Rules by: \_\_\_\_\_

Information for participants and / or spectators: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Di,  
I got the letter and I can tell you a lot more about us two Crusaders. We both (are) like daredevils and when skateboards really got popular we went and got them. We practice every day except when it rains or snows. This week we have devoted our time to kick-turns. When you wrote me about the Crusaders we were really excited so we practiced extra hard. We are both (Keith and Admiral) ten years old and can skate better than anyone on the whole block and most every kid has one (a skateboard). Our favorite skater is "Maddog" Tony Alva. We don't want three members in our group because we're the best of friends and don't want someone else to mess it up. Our dream is to go to the FreeFormer World Professional Skateboard Championship. But I doubt we'll ever go that's why I want a league in N.C. We hope you like the few things (we) wrote and maybe you could add a little something and if you threw the letter away we just want you to send us several copies like you said in your letter.

P.S. We couldn't get a photo.

Sincerely,  
Keith and Admiral (Yellow Crusaders)

Dear Keith and Admiral,  
Now we all know who the Crusaders are. Thank you. If there are any other teams out there, write and let us know who you are.

Dear Mr. Dootson,  
Thank you for sending us a copy of your National Skateboard Review, Vol. 1 No. 11, March issue. I wish to commend you for stressing the importance of safety equipment being used. It certainly is a pleasure to know that you are supporting head protection. We wish you the very best in all of your future issues.

Sincerely,  
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Di

I got one of the local skaterink operators interested in having one of his off nights open just for skateboarding and the turn out has been so good that he is now building a park and it will be ready in about five weeks (mid-April). It will be the first one in Louisiana. Would like to know what could be done to promote this park.

Don Bourgeois

Dear Don,

For starters I put the park opening on the "Calendar" for June. I'll also pass the word to "Skateboarder" magazine. Would you write in more detail about how this came about and I'll be glad to print it to give some other roller rink operators out there some ideas. For further promotion try some freestyle demos at community affairs, posters and flyers circulated at local schools, and a press release for local newspapers. Good luck and keep us posted.

Di

Dear Di,

Thanx for all the goodies. It made me get some butts in action. I hope you can fit us in your zine with our weekly races! Thanx to your help it became a success and everyone is truly stoked!!! (Look out California)

I am moving so I'll need to get those NSA zines at a new address (Alabama). Bob Harper is going to keep you informed on the Boise races after I leave and I think I'll start some down there in the Pensacola, Fla area. Sound ok?!

Well, I hope you give us Boise racers a place in NSR. We're hoping to see there is such a place as Boise, Idaho on the map!! Until next week's unbeatable times, see ya next week.

Brian Schroeder

p.s. next time pics!!

Dear Brian,  
Just keep the coverage coming! Good luck in Alabama.

Read Part II of the

"Great Skateboard Rip-Off"

in next month's issue.

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# Kim Cespedes- just pure gold

By John O'Malley

Still alive and well...or... "When I walked in, the whole class stood up and applauded."

April 11, 1977: "As I walked up to school today everybody was cheering and applauding, so, I ran up and I started clapping, 'till I realized everyone was cheering for me! Then when I walked into philosophy the whole class stood up and applauded...it was really weird." This outrageous peer group recognition came precisely one day after ABC's coast to coast airing of Kim Cespedes' slalom victory over Ellen O'Neal at the 1976 Carlsbad Hang-Ten. This is also to say that in keeping with Kim's low profile approach to her professional skateboarding career, Kim never told anyone she was hot. That's 'cause they never asked.

The most remarkable thing about the lady is that she generates her own skate energy and has had literally no outside influence except for a rare dog-eared copy of "Skateboarder Magazine." When asked, "who is your major influence or instructor," she replies, "myself", then reinforces that with, "There's absolutely no motivating force in Northern California's skate scene -- and zilch skate potential. Now, in all sports there's a certain amount of tokenistic coverage allocated to "the periphery of the limelight", (to be polite). It would be erroneous to think that Kim was a product of this sort of experience. Everyone who sees her skate banks, bowls or race slalom agrees that she's a rose with her roots in the source. Laura Thornhill says, "She's one of my favorite skaters...outrageously radical...definitely up there with the Z-boys...no other girl rides with such style." San Francisco's skate-photographer, Jon Malvino, has called her "The First Lady of Northern California Skateboarding." Ellen O'Neal insists that, "Kim is by far the most radical and graceful woman skater", and, when asked about Kim's skateboarding prowess the Kingfish just howls, that she's "The finest bowl rider in the female sex".

Although the camera-shy Kim is always a shoo-in for a top 3 position in any pro slalom event, (1st at the '76 Hang Ten, 2nd - '76 Ventura, 5th - '76 Long Beach), the lady is most at home jamming frontside one-wheelers in swimming pools. "Once you've skated parks or pools," she shrugs, "there's no desire to skate anything but the best" (shades of Mr. Alva). Her favorite spots include the Fruit Bowl, Anaheim, and a certain square 10 foot deep swimming pool pictured on the cover of this paper. Kim says that "smooth bowls and long, long slalom runs" are the only places that get her stoked.

Kim Cespedes' radical approach to bank riding necessitates riding "rad" equipment. For starters take a 32" woodkicktail and paint the underside with rock and roll logos like Santana, Yes, Pink Floyd, and Jeff Beck -- "Beck totally rips-awooo!" hoots Kim, (more and more like the Mad Dog every minute, folks). Kim says, "I really like the feeling of just jamming around a longer board." For running gear she uses Tracker Half-track trucks, (of course), and Sims "Vector" wheels.

In retrospect, Ms. Cespedes cites "taking first at Carlsbad, getting paid \$100 just to show up at Long Beach, and riding for Hobie" as some of the finer aspects of her skating career to date. Not to underrate any of her past accomplishments, the lady's bound for higher things. We can't help but have celluloid flashes of her tearing apart the concrete in slow motion with Robin Trower Music throbbing in the background ... just pure gold - that's all she deserves.

But Kim's personal goals are pure and simple, "I want to push to the limits on my skateboard in pools, bowls and banks." What about professional competition? "I'd like to see more banked competition with objective judges."

Reaching heights in any creative discipline always offers a living lesson. Kim's demeanor reflects a skate style personally fulfilling and exciting to watch, "Skating for me is a fluid motion thing," she smiles, "the idea is not to amp out ... it's all just a matter of style."



Station to station air born connection via Skitch Hitchcock's ramp. Photo by Ruiz.



A vintage photo of Kim. Note the early Z-styled equipment.

## CYPRESS CONTEST

Cypress Recreation and Park District recently held it's first Annual Skateboard contest at Oak Knoll Park on March 26. The contest was divided into four age divisions with two of them allowing for novice and advanced categories.

One hundred and sixty plus entries participated in the freestyle and slalom events. Added spice to the event came when Pro skate Russ Howell gave the crowd of 300 an exhibition of what it means to be HOT.

The event was co-sponsored by Apex skateboards and additional prizes were donated by OMAC and Sims skateboards.

### SLALOM RESULTS

#### Division I: 17-18

1. Bob Hull
2. Ron Bermudez
3. Pst Brown

#### Division II (advanced): 15-16

1. Michael Furukawa
2. Frank Blood (Sims)
3. Darrel Miller

#### Division II (novice): 15-16

1. Rudy Duran
2. Matt Borden
3. Craig Baker

#### Division III (advanced): 13-14

1. Robert Reynolds
2. Robin Redira
3. Scott Hostert (Sims)

#### Division III (novice): 13-14

1. David Allen
2. Tony Shutts
3. Jim Neilsen

#### Division IV: 12 and under

1. John Blood (Sims)
2. Allen Love
3. Ronnie Kent

### FREESTYLE RESULTS

#### Division I: 17-18

1. Bob Hull
2. David Mullan
3. Paul Butler

#### Division II (advanced): 15-16

1. Steve Day
2. Frank Blood (Sims)
3. Ray Kult

#### Division II (novice): 15-16

1. Darrell Miller
2. Robert Voldez
3. Jay McNamee

#### Division III (advanced): 13-14

1. Richy Carrasco
2. Tony Shutts
3. Jerry Castellano (Sims)

#### Division III (novice): 13-14

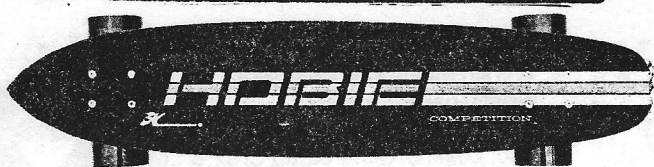
1. Steve Profoff
2. Gerald Holmes
3. Pete Ferguson

#### Division IV: 12 and under

1. David Pequeros (Sims)
2. Tom Spratt
3. John Blood (Sims)

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