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TOM RYAN La Costa, July, 1977. Photo by Tim Stahl.

1ST ANNUAL 7-ELEVEN Florida Pro-Am AT KONA SKATEPARK



KONA SKATEPARK - site of the 7-ELEVEN Florida Pro-Am Contest. Photo by Tim Holder.



BOB SKOLDBERG, HOBIE team captain, came to announce the event and got in a few runs himself. Photo by Holder.



RODNEY JESSE - you guessed! Kona's 8 ft. Monolith was everybody's favorite. Photo by Holder.

KONA SKATEPARK, Jacksonville, Florida, hosted one of the biggest skateboard contests in the Southern states. Pulled together by park owner, BILL YATES, the three day event drew about 130 skaters from four states - Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. Such well established teams as Bruce Walker and Brewer were drawn to take part.

Bill Yates assembled a strong crew of contest workers: HENRY HESTER, JOHN HUTSON, MIKE WILLIAMS, and DI DOOTSON were sent through contact with the I.S.A.; Gordon and Smith sent STACEY PERALTA, RUSS GOSNELL, and PAUL HOFFMAN; the Hobie team was represented by BOB SKOLDBERG, SKITCH HITCHCOCK, MIKE WEED, and STEVE SHIPP. The California pros were enough of an attraction but the Southeast has its own stars.

Skaters like JIMMY PLUMER, a local bowl riding powerhouse, is one well remembered. CHARLIE GONZALES pulled a punch in the Pro Challenge Slalom Race that beat out Hester, Hutson, and the rest - but more about the Pro Challenges later. MITCH KAUFMAN knocked 'em dead as he was the first to make an "elevator drop" off Kona's eight foot verticle monolith. The weekend had many such highlights.

The production was laid out to give the most contestants a well paced weekend. Trials for the freestyle, speed, and slalom events were held simultaneously throughout Saturday. It was made all that easier by handling registration on-site from 3 to 9 PM the night before. Freestylers performed their 1½ minute routine by age divisions. The slalom and speed runs were set up differently. With heat sheets arranged efficiently, racers could come up, state their name and age, and take their run whenever they wanted - thus eliminating contestants having to be at two events at one time, or being tired. Florida, in September, is hot and muggy. It's not hard to work up to a fatiguing sweat. Hurricane Anita, in the Carribean, spewed a lot of rain over Jacksonville way. The trials had to be called off for the middle of the day. But by 3 PM, all events were under way with no further weather problems... other than the basic heat and humidity.

Semi-finals for all three events were held on Sunday. With so much of the field eliminated the day before, contestants and officials got a leisurely start at Noon. Practice was open at 9 AM for those so enthusiastically inclined. After a contestant meeting at Noon, the Semi's were under way by 12:30.

Local TV visited in the afternoon to shoot for the evening's news. HUCK ANDRESS, of the G & S team, jumped a car for cameras. That evening's news did, indeed, cover the fund raising event which encouraged spectators to attend. As did the appearance of Bill Yates and Di Dootson on Florida's Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy telethon at 11:15 PM. The pair got about 30 seconds to explain the contest, plus I.S.A., Kona & Carlsbad Skateparks, G&S, Hobie, and present the Telethon with a facsimile check of the monies earned by the contest. Numerous comments from people at the contest the following day were an indication that the Telethon was well watched.

Monday was fun. With all the entries narrowed down to the top contestants each event ran its finals one at a time - to give each center stage. BOB SKOLDBERG on the mike kept the crowd informed and enthused. A demo by local catamiranists, the G&S team, and the Hobie team were held in between the events!

Meanwhile, a bowl riding challenge had come up. The local boys wanted to compete against the visiting Californians who were not eligible to enter the East Coast event. The challenge was immediately met. Each pro would put up \$25. The winner would get 25% of the purse and Muscular Dystrophy would get the rest. The sign up began! Later a Pro Challenge Slalom race was opened. These two events would be held after the freestyle finals.

It was beginning to get dark as the Pro Slalom Challengers got a few minutes practice. With a field of 8, the winner would get two runs to win the \$50 prize. CHARLEY GONZALES, a long aspiring skater riding for Brewer, fairly flew down Kona's hairy snake run to get the fastest time of the day: 17.390.

The Pro Bowl Challenge started up as the clouds of another brewing hurricane threatened. With six entries each getting their 3 minutes to work the "monolith bowl" it wouldn't take long for each to get his run in. RUSS GOSNELL had been skating during the whole weekend. People were getting nonchalant about his powerful, controlled freestyle-type tricks in the bowl and on the verticle. But... he hadn't shown them everything. His frontside, out of the pool, railgrab, flyaway happened almost too fast to see. And as if that weren't enough, on his next run he came straight down the wall, up and over the safety netting, about 4½ feet, and over the spectators to a standing position holding his board. Like a perfect gymnast's dismount: feet together, no loss of balance, poised, confident. The crowd went crazy!

And on the day went: top competitors in each field working out for first place against a challenge in field. The quality of skating was good, spirit and comraderie were high, spectators were entertained; and, through it all... passing the hat for Muscular Dystrophy. Admission, concession stand earnings, 25% of the Challenge entries, raffle ticket sales, and donations all went to Muscular Dystrophy.

The awards ceremony was more like a convention for members of a "Mutual Admiration Society". A few speeches ("yea Florida", "yea California", "yea for 7-Eleven, Marvin Starke", "yea to Bill Yates for doing it"), and awards and trophies were given and received with cheers, handshakes, and a few kisses. When the last skaters left, the place continued to glow for days. And with every phone call and letter of appreciation that followed, the Kona Skatepark shimmers a little brighter in the Florida sunshine.



DANNY MARTIN, a Florida G&S entry took 2nd in the 13-17 years division in Freestyle. Photo by Holder.

ACCUMULATIVE TEAM POINTS:

1. WIZARD: Randy Musselwhite, Wayne Potter, Danny Burton, Jim Burton - 135 points
2. TIE: KONA SKATEPARK and GLASS RIDERS. Kona: Ross Bowditch, Leonard Patterson, Richard Pope, Linden Ashby; Glass Riders: Andy Campos, Henry Sarria, Vicky Vickers, Steve Turner - 70 points
3. LANDALEE: Danny Hoey, George Wilson, John Payne, Zack Ness - 68 points
4. HARTZ WEBER HOUSE: Jimmy Plumer, Terry Essicks, Pat Kuehn, Micha Alabach - 66 points
5. BRUCE WALKER SKATEBOARDS: Jimmy McCall, Mike King, Greg Meischeid, Bruce Walker - 63 points
6. SAFE SURF SKATEPARK: John Rhoades, Clay Hansen, Brian Small, Danny Porter - 27 points
7. ORANGE CYCLE WORKS: James Caldwell, Binky Conklin, Tim Scroggs, David Smith - 25 points
8. G.B.S. SKATE TEAM: Shawn Peddie, Steve Rayburn, Travis Clayton, Lee Nettles - 4 points

1ST ANNUAL 7-ELEVEN FLORIDA PRO-AM AT KONA SKATEPARK

SLALOM

Professionals:

1. Charlie Gonzales 17.500
2. Bobby Mandarino 17.931
3. David Bentley 17.989
4. Jimmy Plumer
5. George Wilson
6. James Caldwell
7. Mike King
8. Mitch Kaufman
9. Bruce Walker

18 and Over:

1. Tim Nunn 18.648
2. Fred Franklin 18.771
3. Karl Folse 19.002
4. Charlie Nickell
5. Danny Hoey

13 to 17 years:

1. John Moore 19.009
2. Linden Ashby 19.159
3. Jon Kuehn 19.211
4. Matt Dresser
5. Reggie Barns
6. Binky Conklin
7. Greg Meischied
8. John Payne
9. John Wade
10. David Rodriguez

12 and Under:

1. Kelly Lynn 20.276
2. Jim Burton 20.607
3. John Rhoades 22.482

Women: none

PRO BOWL CHALLENGE

1. Russ Gosnell 291
2. Mike Weed 284
3. Steve Shipp 278
4. Paul Hoffman
5. George Wilson
6. Zack Ness

FREESTYLE

Professional:

1. Jimmy McCall 265
2. Huck Andress 261(437)
3. Mitch Kaufman 261(434)
4. Henry Sarria
5. George Wilson
6. Scott Young
7. Shawn Jackson
8. Mike King
9. Dave Narducci

18 and Over:

1. Steve Nelson 250
2. Wayne Potter 230
3. Jim Dunlop 221
4. Danny Hoey
5. Bill Underwood
6. Charlie Nickell

13 to 17 years:

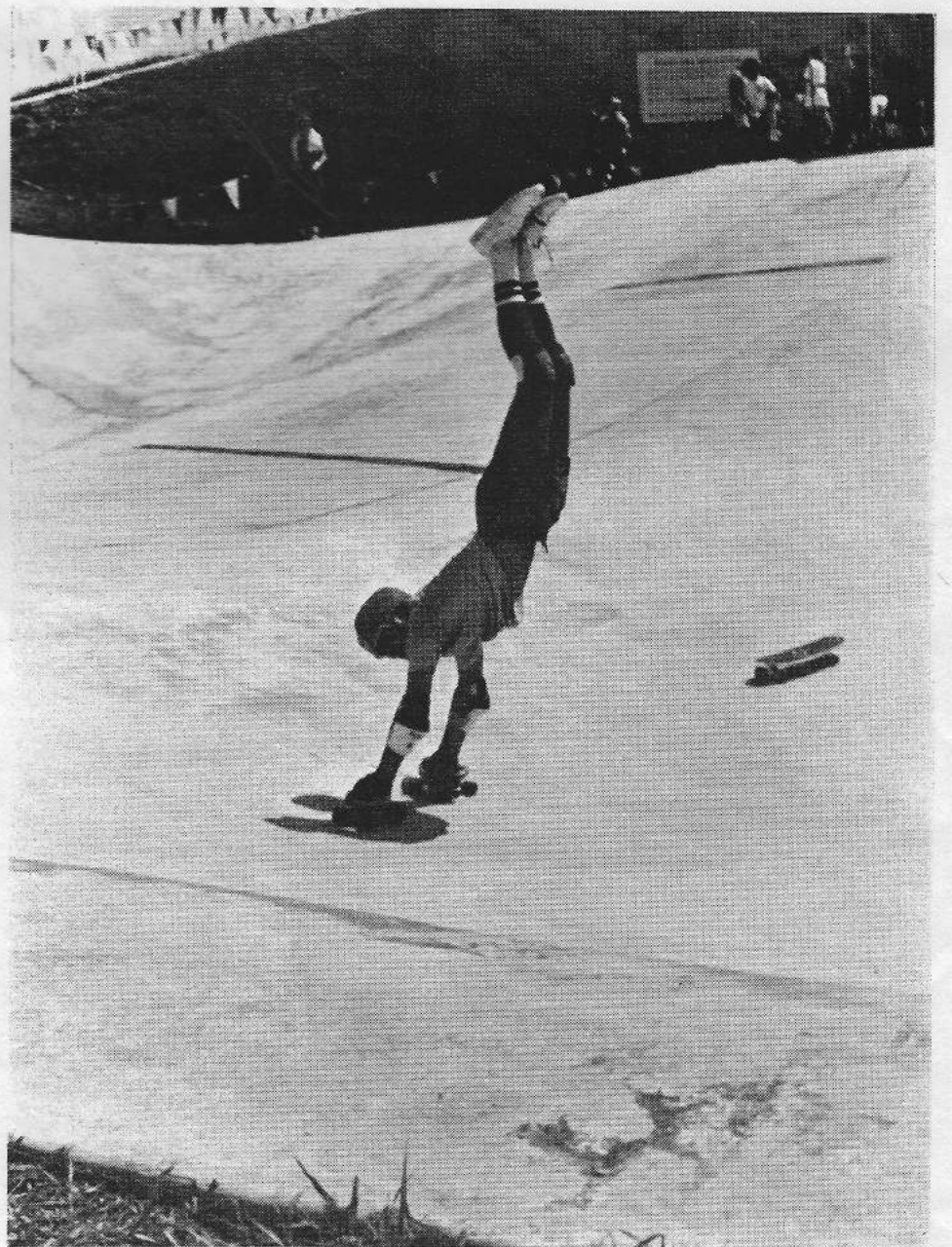
1. Andy Campos 263
2. Danny Martin 257
3. Tim Scroggs 256
4. Preston Pickett
5. Mike Noonan
6. Pat Weaver
7. Shawn Peddie
8. Reggie Barns
9. Ron Porter
10. Mark Robinson
11. Zack Ness
12. Terry Essick
13. TIE: Mike Byrns & Brian Lilje

12 and Under:

1. Kelly Lynn 228
2. Jim Burton 223
3. Kenny Heath 221
4. John Gouchour
5. John Rhoades
6. Rodney Mullen

Women:

1. Elaine Cherault 257
2. Vicky Vickers 253



Skitch, is that you?



BOBBY MANDARINO, Brewer East teammate of Charlie Gonzales, placed 2nd in the Slalom Pro division, and 4th in the Pro Slalom Challenge. Photo by Holder.

SPEED RUN

Professional:

1. Jimmy Plumer 8.011
2. George Wilson 8.154
3. Bruce Walker 8.256
4. Donald Hall
5. Mitch Kaufman
6. John Blauguierre
7. David Swaney

18 and Over:

1. Fred Franklin 8.361
2. Karl Folse 8.449
3. Wayne Potter 8.784
4. Randy Musselwhite
5. Rob Engle
6. Herbie Clardy
7. Mark Lewis
8. Danny Hoey

13 to 17 Years:

1. Ross Bowditch 8.095
2. Bob Cook 8.440
3. Zack Ness 8.481
4. Linden Ashby
5. Terry Essick
6. Sonny DiMeo
7. Reggie Barns
8. Greg Meischied
9. Ron Porter
10. Dale Key

12 and Under:

1. Jim Burton
2. Kenny Heath
3. Jimmy Opper
4. Buckley Smith
5. John Rhoades
6. Kelly Lynn
7. John Gouchour

Women:

1. Elaine Cherault 8.876

PRO SLALOM CHALLENGE

1. Charley Gonzales 17.390
2. John Hutson 17.560
3. Bob Skoldberg 17.714
4. Bobby Mandarino
5. David Bentley
6. Henry Hester
7. Skitch Hitchcock
8. Mike Weed

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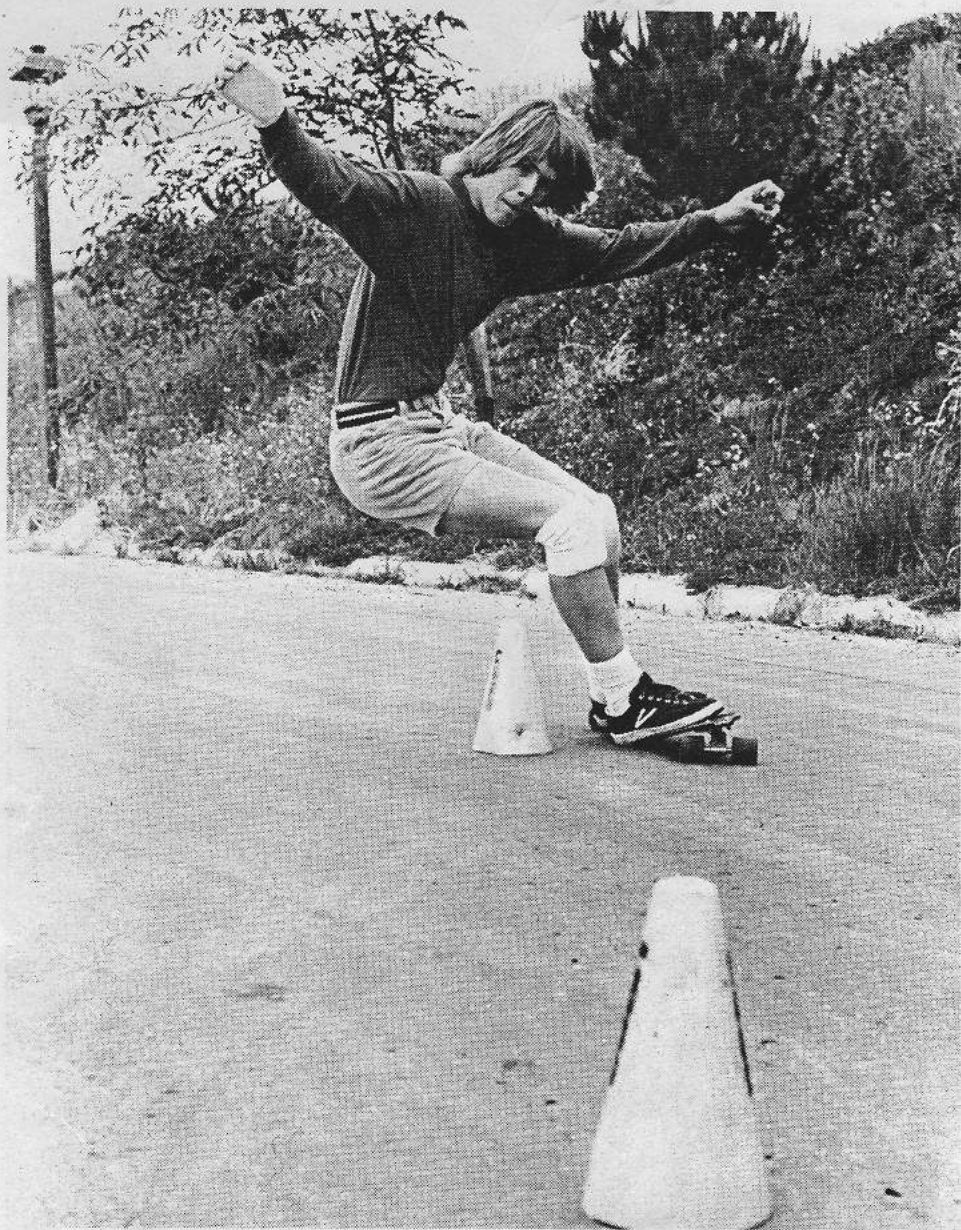
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PAUL ENGH, pro slalom racer, has got himself to Germany. Realizing the budding potential in Europe he booked himself a flight that left early August.

Through Russ Howell, Paul is making contact with the main industry organization. Comprised of the four main skate board companies (Go-Sport, California Products, Pfander-Sport, and Sport Aktion) this organization is conducting competitions throughout Germany.

It is at these sites that Paul will prove his California-grown expertise while benefiting from the disciplined coaching available there.

The NSR is expecting to "Hear From" Paul as he sends articles back to be included in future issues.

LET'S HEAR FROM . . .

Colorado

By Peter Camann

The Dillon/Silverthorne Pro-Am Skateboard Championship was the last scheduled stop on Another Roadside Attraction's Colorado '77 Summer Tour. The Tour was the first of its kind ever in the country, and boasted the most notable Professional skaters in the World. Starting in Boulder, May 14th, the circuit made every planned date on schedule, culminating in Dillon and Silverthorne three months later for the biggest and best competition this summer.

The Tour had its stars, some were regulars and others there only occasionally. The Tour stars who became regulars started in Boulder. Tommy Ryan of Team Turner Summerski/Kryptonics, Michael Williams of Team Lightning Bolt/HPG Gullwing and Bobby Piercy of Team Lightning Bolg/Kryptonics showed up to race. It was mutually agreed, at the time, between the racers and organizers that the above Pros' point finish would not count in the season standings; reason being this was the only competition they would probably participate in.

One race later, the same Professionals booked into Vail for their second look at Another Roadside Attraction. Vail Merchants Pro-Am was the site of something new; more Pros and outstanding amateurs arrived from California, New Mexico and Texas. The word was out, the Colorado circuit was hot!

The Vail Pro-Am was the first Roadside Attraction for Team Santa Cruz, California and John Hutson. John won the Downhill and Dual Slalom that weekend and began a string of consecutive victories that would not be broken until the fifth stop (on the Tour). A superlative effort only by Tommy Ryan in Breckenridge would defeat J. Hutson in the finals of the Dual Slalom, breaking the Champion's string at five.

Breckenridge '77 Pro-Am marked some changes for the Pros. Randy Smith of Team Turner Summerski/Kryptonics began to show the spirit and dedication Champions possess, which ultimately led to his ranking as the No. 1 Colorado Professional racer. R. Smith completed the season with a solid fourth place overall, behind the venerables Hutson, Williams and Ryan.

Brent Kosick of Boulder's Team E. H. Wallboard, displayed the consistency he would need to become second leading Colorado Pro, earning an invitation, along with R. Smith, to the California Free Former Professional Championships at Long Beach. Kosick is a young racer who desires a future in skateboarding as a Professional.

The competition began in Dillon on Friday, August 19th with the Cross Country race. A dozen Pros started on Main Street enmass, racing the 3/4 mile endurance course at 9400' elevation. A few pileups and minutes later, John Hutson added his first victory of the weekend to his record. Russ Howell of Team Power Paw finished second, Michael Williams third and R. Smith fourth.

The Toe Tap Dash was the second race of the competition. The 40 yard dash was won by Russ Howell, followed by Michael Williams and Henry Hester.

The following day, Saturday, began with a Downhill event in neighboring Silverthorne town. the 1/2 mile course was hempered by strong, uphill winds. Arlan Moore, ski racer and coach, and skateboard designer from Vail, recorded the fastest time in the first heat, which also stood as the best for the day. This gave him the lead until John Hutson flashed across the finish line in his second run, grabbing the lead over all. When it was over, Hutson had his second victory of the weekend, clinching the title as the No. 1 Professional. Brent Kosick, riding 70 mm red Kryptonics slipped ahead of Moore in his final run, capturing second place. Arlan Moore of Team MooreBoards took third and John Krisik of Team Santa Cruz took fourth.

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OVER ALL POINT STANDINGS

	Total Pts	Total Earnings
1. John Hutson/Santa Cruz, California	195	\$1,375
2. Michael Williams/San Diego, California	128	469
3. Tommy Ryan/San Diego, California	96	550
4. Randy Smith/Dillon, Colorado	78	210
5. Brent Kosick/Boulder, Colorado	60	170
6. Henry Hester/La Jolla, California	46	200
7. Gary Hornby/Longmont, Colorado	45	79
8. Arlan Moore/Vail, Colorado	41	50
9. Derek Von Briesen/Boulder, Colorado	39	59
10. Scott Salonya/Lakewood, Colorado	34	94
11. Russ Howell/Long Beach, California	33	150
12. Jim Whalen/Boulder, Colorado	32	200
13. Bobby Piercy/San Diego, California	30	250
14. Randy Watson/Albuquerque, New Mexico	27	135
15. Greg Taie/Orange, California	27	200
16. Craig Hoffman/Boulder, California	25	---
17. Ron Ernish/Boulder, Colorado	23	25
18. Tim Piumarta/Santa Cruz, California	20	50
18. Tim Piumarta/Santa Cruz, California	20	75
20. Jim Ford/Boulder, Colorado	15	---
20. Tony Jetton/Hawthorne, California	15	325
20. Byran Kosick/Longmont, Colorado	15	125
20. John Krisik/Santa Cruz, California	15	35
24. Robbie Baker/Denver, Colorado	14	150
25. Chi Bear/Vail, Colorado	13	---
25. Mark Wheelers/Austin, Texas	13	---
27. Sgeve Schishler/Laguna Miguel, California	12	---
27. Dennis Schufeldt/Hawthorne, California	12	---
29. Carl Koomoa/Santa Fe, New Mexico	9	15
29. Bernie Thompson/Albuquerque, New Mexico	9	5-
31. Steve Sherman/La Costa, California	7	1-
32. Peter Camann/Dillon, Colorado	7	---
32. Bruce Davis/Albuquerque, New Mexico	6	---
34. Mark Holmoe/Aspen, Colorado	5	---
34. Marc Pegram/Albuquerque, New Mexico	5	---
34. Allan Albrecht/Boulder, Colorado	5	---
34. Chip Graham/Denver, Colorado	5	---
38. Jim Bowden/Dillon, Colorado	3	---
39. Mike Haynack/Boulder, Colorado	2	---

COLORADO CON'T

Freestyle/Ballet was run that afternoon. The best Professional Freestylers gathered to compete in the event that clearly had the most talented performers yet this season. Russ Howell of Long Beach, California was crowned the winner. Almost from the beginning of his routine, Russell worked his repertoire with the magic and finesse of a virtuoso, getting constant ovations from the electrified audience. This man is truly a Champion.

Tony Jetton of Team Magnum, California, displayed a definite dexterity and knowledge of the art that earned him a second to Howell. This young man is very much a Professional and future champion.

Robbie Baker of Team Concrete Curl, Denver, idazzled spectators with his usual continuity, earning a well deserved third. Robbie is a Pro for the new Concrete Curl, Denver, Colorado's first skateboard park. There is more to come on R. Baker because of his love to perform in and out of competition.

Sunday dawned, finally, and the Roadside crew was back early in Dillon, setting the stage for the final event of the Tour. Main Street was cordoned off, for half of it today would be the site of the Dual Slalom. People lined the street, curious about this sport that races skateboards. The action began with the competition of all the amateur classes running before the Pros. There are six of these divisions in the Tour. Some say there needs to be more age and sex classifications. In due time, though, skateboard parks will be able to handle all skaters of racing in competent, organized programs. Stay with what there is, the best is still to come.

The amateur classes having finished, the Pros were now ready to race. After some minutes to warm up and fine tune, qualifying began. The best Pros were vying for the No. 1 seed. Greg Taie, Orange, Calif. of Team Gordon & Smith qualified No. 1. John Hutson earned the No. 2 seed, only .006 seconds behind Taie. Sixteen Pros were seeded in the single elimination, head to head bracket. The competition was tough, and only the toughest 4 would make it to the semi-finals. Those racers were Greg Taie, Primo Sports' (Boulder) Jim Whalen, Santa Cruz' John Hutson and Turner Summerski's Tommy Ryan.

Greg Taie beat Jim Whalen, but had to work very hard to do it. Whalen is strong physically and possesses good racing sense; he only needs experience to bring his consistency. John Hutson bested Tommy Ryan twice, but not with ease. The two have met in the semis and finals against each other for most of this season. This time, it was advantage Mr. Hutson.

The final round belonged to Taie and Hutson. The consolation round now pitted Whalen versus Ryan. In their first race, Whalen cleaned the faltering Ryan. There is no time to commit a mistake in short, speed slalom courses; Tommy came out at the start not well centered. The result was to Whalen's advantage. The second race went the opposite way. Tommy needed better than .796 seconds to overtake his opponent. He made up most of the difference but fell short of it in the total giving Jim Whalen third place points and money.

The first race of the final round between Hutson and young Taie was furious. A very close finish revealed Greg Taie the faster time by .104 seconds. Hutson was at the disadvantage, but a whisper would tell John he has been here before. Back to the start, switching courses (under the dual race format), for the last race. Hutson and Taie stood in anticipation on the start for the count from Chief of Start, Ken Emrick. Here's the count! The gates flash open and both racers spring from the ramps. The racers look even, and all of a sudden, the Pro from Santa Cruz totally lets go, gaining momentum and distance. John Hutson wins! He wins by a margin more than enough to secure the victory. John Hutson beat Greg Taie today, but the young professional was so good today that he will be back again.

The story goes on. It was written this summer by an outstanding athlete named John Hutson. The Number 1 Professional on Another Roadside Attraction's summer racing circuit. He won more points, more money, more races, more back to back competitions, and more consecutive races than any Pro this season. Congratulations, John Hutson! We look forward to another season of racing in Colorado and the rest of this big country.

MANUFACTURERS POINT STANDING

Points are awarded to the Manufacturers on the basis of the points earned by the competitors.

The point total below is an accumulation of the overall season points earned by the Manufacturers and their Professional riders in the 1977 Summer Circuit of Another Roadside Attraction.

Skateboards	Pts
1. Turner Summerski	290
2. Santa Cruz	216
3. Sims	67
4. Moore Board	43
5. Howell	33
6. Gordon & Smith	27
7. Magnum	18
8. E.H. Wallboard	13
9. Heavystick	10

Wheels	Pts
1. Kryptonics	350
2. Road Rider	299
3. Power Paw	38
4. Magnum	13
5. Power Flex	8

Trucks	Pts
1. Tracker	427
2. Bennett	152
3. HPG Gullwing	76
4. ACS	33
5. Magnum	18
6. Calif. Slalom	7

Breckenridge Dual Slalom Results

1. Tom Ryan
2. John Hutson
3. Randy Smith
4. Brent Kosick
5. Tad Stout
6. Mike Williams
7. Scott Salonya
8. Jim Whalen
9. Gary Hornby
10. Tim Piumarta
11. Carl Koomoa
12. Arlan Moore
13. Jim Ford
14. Craig Hoffman
15. Mark Wheelles
16. Derek Von Briesen

Aspen Dual Slalom Results

1. John Hutson
2. Henry Hester
3. Tom Ryan
4. Mike Williams
5. Randy Smith
6. John Krisik
7. Scott Salonya
8. Brent Kosick
9. Gary Hornby
10. Derek Von Briesen
11. Steve Schisler
12. Arlan Moore
13. Randy Watson
14. Craig Hofman
15. Ron Ernish
16. Mark Holmoe

Dillon Speed Run Results: (combined time) Pro

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1. John Hutson | 88.771 |
| 2. Brent Kosick | 89.529 |
| 3. Arlan Moore | 89.565 |
| 4. John Krisik | 91.810 |
| 5. Mike Williams | 92.143 |
| 6. Ron Ernish | 92.856 |
| 7. Randy Smith | 92.917 |
| 8. Neely Woodward | 93.457 |
| 9. Jim Bowden | 95.044 |
| 10. Denis Schufeldt | 95.746 |
| 11. Jim Whalen | 96.680 |
| 12. Byron Kosick | 97.061 |
| 13. Mike Haynack | 97.462 |
| 14. Tony Jetton | 98.414 |
| 15. Scott Salonya | 98.619 |
| 16. Tommy Ryan | 98.738 |
| 17. Craig Hoffman | 99.979 |
| 18. O.D. Jones | 102.261 |
| 19. Bill Marek | 103.242 |
| 20. Bob Piercy (only one run) | 67.650 |

Dillon Freestyle/Ballet: Pro

1. Russel Howell
2. Tony Jetton
3. Robby Baker
4. Greg Taie
5. Gary Hornby

Dillon Cross-Country: Pro

1. John Hutson
2. Russ Howell
3. Mike Williams
4. Randy Smith
5. Chi Bear
6. Tad Stout
7. Peter Camann
8. Henry Hester
9. Greg Taie

Dillon "Toe Tap Dash"

1. Russ Howell
2. Mike Williams
3. Henry Hester
4. Peter Camann
5. Randy Smith



Ever wonder why a wrist breaks so often from skateboarding? the NSR came across this excellent photo showing what happens. It's easy!

TAKE: one eager skater weighing about 100 lbs, a bank or vertical surface, about 10 m.p.h. translating to 2,000 lbs of pressure on impact, and the eight tiny bones built to rotate your hand.

GIVEN: a wrong move, a broken truck, a collapsing ramp, loss of balance.

RESPONSE: the body's first defense is to break the fall (good choice of words) by putting your hand out.

RESULT: with 2,000 lbs of pressure on those eight little bones not built for the job the energy doesn't flow anywhere! It stops on those poor little bones.

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Alabama

We have really been having some red-hot skateboarding down here as of late. Due to the lack of bowls and empty pools we here in this specific part of South Alabama have turned out priorities and energy toward downhill, slalom, and freestyle. There are some really steep, fast, clean black asphalt hills down here. Every weekend we get together for some very spirited racing. Head-to-head slalom usually draws the most entries and we are including the top four finishers in our last three races. Larry White and his younger brother, Steve, have dominated the races since the beginning but third and fourth places are always up for grabs.

RESULTS

August 7: Slalom

1. L. White	7.15
2. S. White	7.55
3. R. Jaye	7.95
4. J. Bennett	8.05

August 7: Giant Slalom

1. L. White	13.65
2. S. White	14.15
3. S. Hatcher	14.95
4. R. Jaye	15.65

August 14: Slalom

1. L. White	7.00
2. S. White	7.65
3. M. King	8.20
4. R. Jaye	8.35

August 21: Slalom

1. L. White	7.05
2. S. White	7.95
3. R. Jaye	8.40
4. B. White	8.65

August 21: Giant Slalom

1. L. White	16.15
2. S. White	18.00
3. C. Hadley	19.25
4. R. Jaye	19.65

By the High Rollers Skate Cult

Just thought we'd send a few words to the "Review". Since there is no formal organizations around this area we created our own "High Rollers Skate Cult". The Rollers consist of about a dozen locals, keeping the membership limited. Don't get me wrong, there are girls in the Rollers too. Since we accept very few members, we're a very tight group. We get into banks, pools, ramps, and the nearest park, "Concrete Surf" - an hour and forty-five minute drive away.

The Rollers recently (Aug. 26) had a non-publicized visit from Mike (Scarecrow) Williams. Mike is a fantastic person as well as skater. He worked out with us for about four hours one night; man, can that dude gyrate those cones! The next morning we took him to a pool; he knows his stuff. We really learned a lot from his expert advice.

Another Roller and I work at a distributorship so we keep up with the contest results that you publish. We'll send the results of the North Alabama contest on October 1. Until then, skate safe everyone!



Unknown rider showing good "feet-and-knees-together" form at the Albuquerque contest.

By Pop Tops
Albuquerque Up-Date:

June 14th: Carolyn Sisneros, Albuquerque, won the KQEO & Pop Tops skateboard given away at the M-Plaza Theater at the showing of "Spin'n Wheels." Vince Chavez, Santa Fe, also won a similar skateboard valued in excess of \$70.00 donated by KVSF & Pop Tops at the Coronado Twin Theater at the showing of Spin'n Wheels.

June 18th: Optimist Club sponsored & UNM Skateboard Club officiated race results: **Slalom Age 12 & Under:** 1st - Danny NewComm, Albuquerque; 2nd - David Rogers, Santa Fe; 3rd - John Muhlberger, Albuquerque. **Age 13-16:** 1st - Randy Watson, Albuquerque; 2nd - Steven Bosiljervac, Albuquerque; 3rd - David Rogers, Santa Fe. **Age 17 & Over:** 1st - Frank Sosaya, Santa Fe; 2nd - Bernie Thompson, Albuquerque; 3rd - Marc Pegram, Albuquerque. **Giant Slalom Open:** 1st - Frank Sosaya, Santa Fe; 2nd - Duane Kinsley, Albuquerque; 3rd - Marc Pegram, Albuquerque.

June 19th: Gardenswartz Sportz sponsored Champion Slalom, Girls Open: 1st - Amalia Sena, Santa Fe; 2nd - Debbie Tafoya, Albuquerque; 3rd - Kim Kinsley, Albuquerque. **Age 12 & Under:** 1st - David Rogers, Santa Fe; 2nd - David Larrozo, Albuquerque; 3rd - John Muhlberger, Albuquerque.

Age 13 & 14: 1st - Randy Watson, Albuquerque; 2nd - Steve Casias, Albuquerque; 3rd - Tony Farrar, Albuquerque. **Age 15 & 16:** 1st - Keith Lovelace, Albuquerque; 2nd - Steve Anderson, Albuquerque; 3rd - Don Dean, Albuquerque. **Age 17 & Over:** 1st - Bobby Halton, Albuquerque; 2nd - Frank Sosaya, Santa Fe; 3rd - Marc Pegram, Albuquerque.

Freestyle, Girls Open: 1st - Kim Kinsley, Albuquerque; 2nd - Nancy Scheid, Albuquerque; 3rd - Debbie Tafoya, Albuquerque. **Age 12 & Under:** 1st - Danny Newcomm, Albuquerque; 2nd - John Larribas, Albuquerque; 3rd - James Slattery, Albuquerque. **Age 13 & 14:** 1st - Randy Watson, Albuquerque; 2nd - Robby Luna, Albuquerque; 3rd - David Cole, Albuquerque. **Age 15 - 16:** 1st - Keith Lovelace, Albuquerque; 2nd - Don Dean, Albuquerque. **Age 17 & Over:** 1st - Bruce Davis, Albuquerque; 2nd - Bobby Halton, Albuquerque; 3rd - Philip Alad, Albuquerque.

360 Spin Open: 1st - Danny Newcomm, Albuquerque; 2nd - Randy Watson, Albuquerque; 3rd - David Cole, Albuquerque. **High Jump Open:** 1st - Frank Sosaya, Santa Fe; 2nd - Randy Watson, Albuquerque; 3rd - Danny Newcomm, Albuquerque. **Best Over-All Performance:** Randy Watson, received the Sims 70kg Quicksilver Board from Art Gardenswartz.

Our thanks to Smokey Rivers, KRKE Radio for the remote and speaker system; to Tom Long & Frank Duran, Sandia Peak Ski School for the timing light; RC Bottling Co. for the free drinks; and, our special thanks to Gardenswartz Sportz and their officials for sponsoring this skateboarding event.

Congratulations to our Pop Tops team members: BOBBY HALTON, MARC PEGRAM, BERNIE THOMPSON, DUANE KINSLEY, KEITH LOVELACE, RANDY WATSON, DANNY NEWCOMM, & KIM KINSLEY who collectively received eight 1st Places out of the twelve awarded. We would like to mention that our team will be doing demonstrations throughout New Mexico this summer. Watch announcements for time & places in your area.

By the Cities of Campbell and Saratoga, California

Our contest was co-sponsored by the Cities of Campbell and the City of Saratoga Community Services Department. We had three events: slalom, freestyle, and gyrating ramp events. Our objective was to have a well organized contest. Time schedules were displayed telling contestants and spectators exactly what age group competed at what time. We handed out information to contestants, as well as spectators, regarding official rules and judging of all three events. In other words, we wanted an amateur contest in which everyone knew what was happening at all times. Much to our expectation, we accomplished our goals.

Following are the results of the contest:



MIKE DAGGER showing good use of an innovative prop in the Campbell-Saratoga contest.

Freestyle 18 and over

1. Jeff Sand
2. David Fisher
3. Karl Getter

Freestyle 15 to 17 years

1. Joe Martinez
2. David Grennan and Alan Mercier
3. John McDowell

Freestyle 11 to 14 years

1. Lebaron Loy
2. Tadd Hatch
3. Dan Casares

Freestyle 10 and under

1. Adine Bagby
2. Phil Dragger
3. Craig Kirby



RICK BLACKHART - 1st place in the Ramp event at the Campbell-Saratoga contest.

Gyrating ramp 18 and over

1. Rick Blackhart
2. Kevin Thatcher
3. John Hutson
4. Chris Fisher

Ramp 15 to 17 years

1. Barry Bailey

Ramp 11 to 14 years

1. Jim Martino
2. Chris Martino

Ramp 10 and under

1. Jonathon Hemperly

GERMANY

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NEW JERSEY

By Paul Engh

The skate board political situation here is very thick. The organization in control is called the DDS (German Skateboard Association), run by Lullu Magnus. They are trying to split into two or three organizations and I have been trying to get them to go with one instead of splintering off.

There is a group of kids here in Munich that are skate stoked to the max! They train EVERY day for five to six hours in high jump, freestyle, and slalom. They are coached by Lullu Magnus. The kids here have some excellent freestyle routines with innovative new tricks. The slalom racing here is very important. I have been training with these guys and I think in one year they will be threats in the Akron race. The difference in these guys is the strict discipline they employ in their training which will be the downfall of the California racer-freestylist.

Campbell-Saratoga Results, (con't)

Slalom - 18 and over

1. John Hutson
2. Steve Smith
3. Brian Lee
4. Mike Goldman

Slalom 15 to 17 years

1. Danny Dubbert
2. Brad Pock
3. Geoff Treadwell
4. Mike Evans

Slalom 11 to 14 years

1. John Ravitch
2. Dan Casadres
3. Jim Martino
4. DQ

Slalom 10 and under

1. Adine Bagby
2. Jonathon Hemperly
3. Scott Jorgenson
4. Mark Waters

By Jack Smith

SKATEPARKNEWS: So close, but yet so far. Arroyo Grande Developer Jerry Jones and Dave Malis are ready to go on a three acre park. The only drawback being the withholding of water services by the City of Arroyo Grande.

LAWS: The City of San Luis Obispo has made it illegal to skate on sidewalks or streets. There are warnings to younger skaters; citations to older ones.

CROSS COUNTRY SKATE TRIP:

A team of four Central Coast skaters are planning to break the world record of 31 days to cross the nation via skateboard. It took Mike Filben, Jeff French, and Jack Smith that long last year. This year's team is Paul Dunn, Dave Arend, Jerry Van Herringen and Jack Smith. They have already begun plans . . . and training.

They plan to use the same route as Smith's previous team. The departure date is set for mid-June, 1978 with an estimated completion to be 25 to 28 days later. The team is looking for sponsors; references on the team are available.

WEEKLY RACES: Every Saturday at Noon at the Los Osos Jr. High School - South Bay Blvd., Los Osos, Calif. For information call 805/772-3707.

3½ ANNUAL SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Slalom, freestyle, high jump, and 360's. Amateur events open only to skaters residing between Lompoc and Paso Robles. Pro slalom race open to ALL pro racers. \$25 pro entry fee. For info call Jack Smith at 805/772-3707.

By Le Sport Ltd.

These are the results from our most recent tournament (July 31) at Grove City, Ohio. It is near Columbus, Ohio. It went real well with loads of kids. A lot of super skateboarders showed. It was held by Le Sport Ltd and Grove City Parks and Recreation. I'm interested in putting on more tournaments so I'm looking for interested skaters and coordinators. Anyone interested call 614/885-9595; or write to Le Sport Ltd., 5921 No. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

RESULTS

12 and under Slalom

1. Kenny Mollica
2. David Setterlin
3. John Green

12 and under Freestyle

1. Kenny Mollica
2. David Setterlin
3. Robbie Jones

13 to 15 Slalom

1. Mike Ohm
2. Jon Jones
3. Chris Conrad

13 to 15 Freestyle

1. Jon Jones
2. Mike Ohm
3. Lance Miller

16 and over Slalom

1. Jeff Kasson
2. Brian Hall
3. George Myler

16 and over Freestyle

1. Brian Hall
2. Jeff Kasson
3. James Thatcherple

RAHWAY SKATEBOARDERS SHOW SPORTS POTENTIAL

By Paul Geyer, AESA President

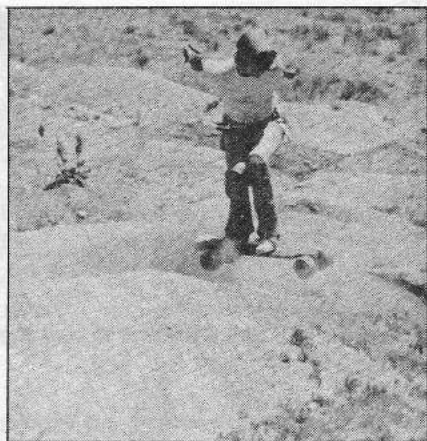
The continued growth and popularity of skateboarding in the eastern United States has gotten a boost through the fine skating efforts of Rahway, N.J. youths in recent exhibitions and contests.

In July and August, local youngsters have proven themselves to be among the best in the area and await a truly regional contest to match skills with the best in the country. Scott Downey, who recently defeated the east coast champion, will soon turn 18 and is an outstanding freestyle and high jump specialist. His brothers Todd and Brett are also high quality skateboarders who help make the activity a family affair and from whom we should hear much in the future.

Also on the squad, is Pete Meridith, a tough man in freestyle and slalom. Scott Holt, the teams ariel and gorilla grip specialist helps round out the team as does Timmy Avalos, a young prospect with outstanding potential.

Currently, the boys are skating for Grog's Surf Palace in Seaside Heights and have recently made outstanding showings in four of the states six existing parks at Oakhurst, Asbury Park, Vineland, and Ocean City.

The America East Skateparks Association is interested in hearing from talented eastern skaters and being notified of any future competitions in the east. AESA can be contacted at 230 E. Grand Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065. It is hoped that a true east-west competition could be developed and although competitive skateboarding seems to be unrealistic, a U.S.A. skateboard exhibition team could be developed for Moscow 1980 Olympics.



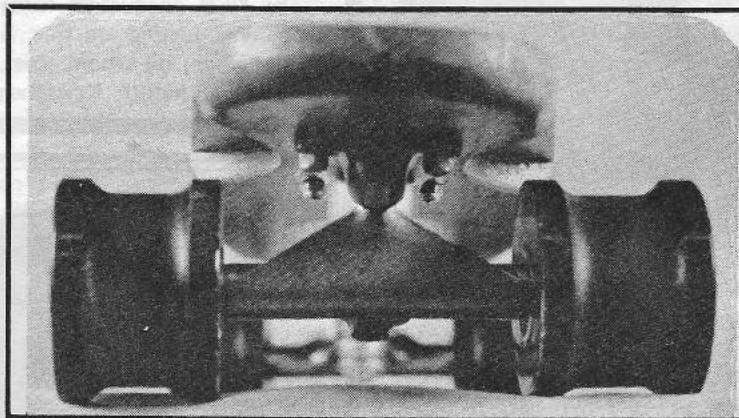
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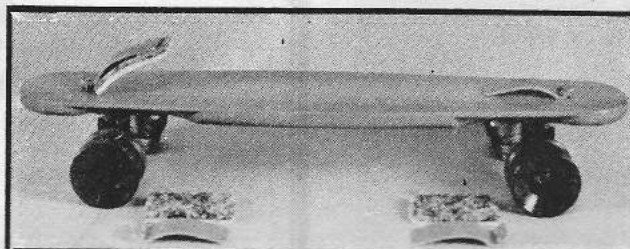
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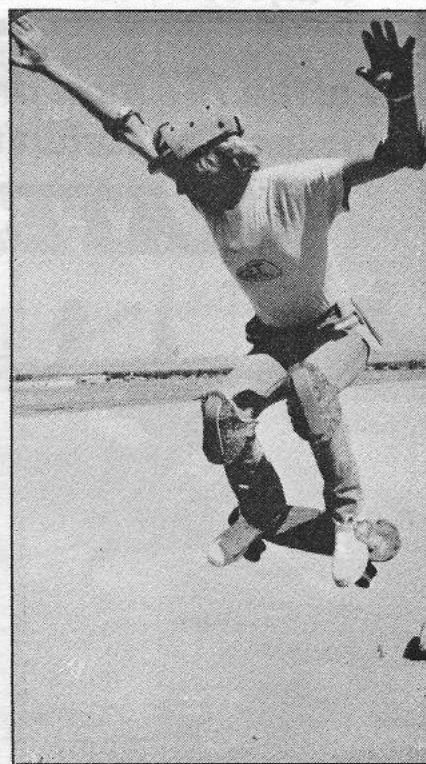


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SCOTT HOLT, of Rahway, New Jersey, shows championship style.

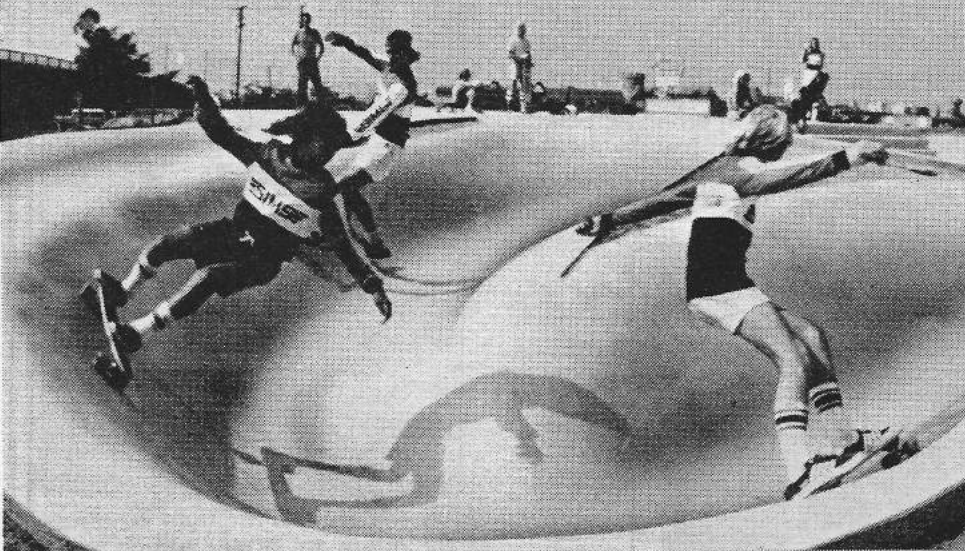
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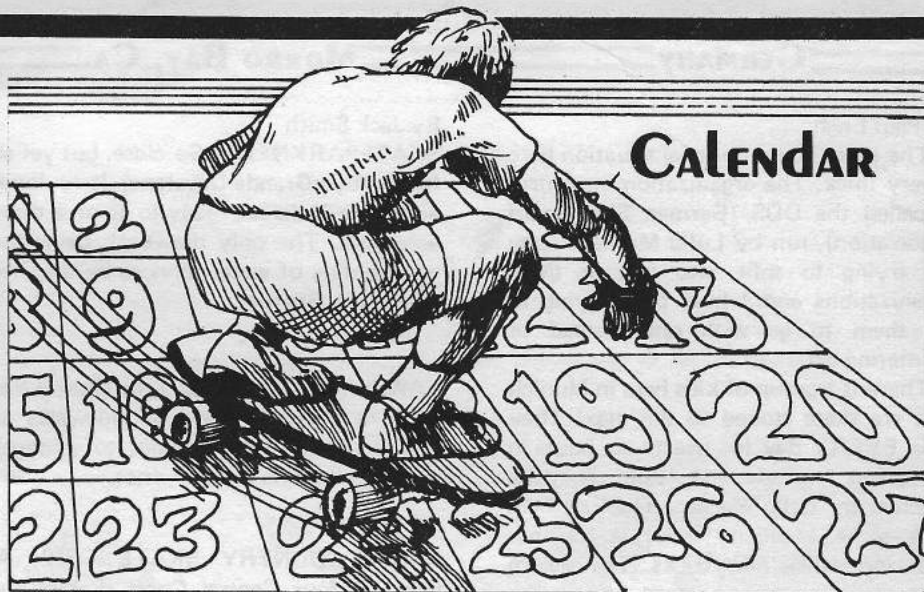
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OCTOBER

- 8,9 — **PART I CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**, by USSA at the "Runway" in Carson, Calif; freestyle competition; \$5 entry; call 213/830-4110 for information.
- 15,16 — **CATALINA CLASSIC**: invitational slalom and downhill race through the streets of Avalon, Catalina Island, Calif; I.S.A. sanctioned; call 714/496-7472 for information.
- 15,16 — **PART II, CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**: slalom racing; at the "Runway" in Carson, Calif; call 213/83-4110 for information.
- 22 — **GLENDALE CONTEST CANCELLED**
- 29 (tentative) — **3½ ANNUAL SAN LUIS OBISPO CONTEST**: slalom, freestyle, high jump, 360's; amateur events open only to skaters residing between Lompoc and Paso Robles; Pro slalom race open to ALL pro racers; \$25 pro entry fee; call Jack Smith at 805/772-3707 for information.

NOVEMBER

- 18,19,20 — **TRADE SHOW-CONFERENCE-SEMINAR**; by the National Skareboard Dealers' Association; in Buena Park, Calif; call 714/235-9520 for information.

DECEMBER

- 9,10 — **SKATEPARK SYMPOSIUM**: contact John Seneff for information at 714/454-2078.
- 24 — **AKRON, OHIO** coverage on CBS Sports Spectaculr; check your TV listing for time and channel; DON'T MISS IT!!

JANUARY

- ? — NBC two hour show on California skate parks; check your listing for details.

TUESDAYS

- CARLSBAD SKATE PARK** — "Me and Dad Night"; kids bring a parent (either one) to skate and he (she) gets in free; call 714/727-1088 for information.
- CONCRETE WAVE** — Anaheim, Calif; novice contest directed by Russ Howell; 4 PM; call 714/956-3101 for information.

THURSDAYS

- CARLSBAD SKATE PARK** — Ladies Day; all women get in free; equipment and moral support available (equipment is for rent, and the moral support is free) call 714/727-1088 for information.

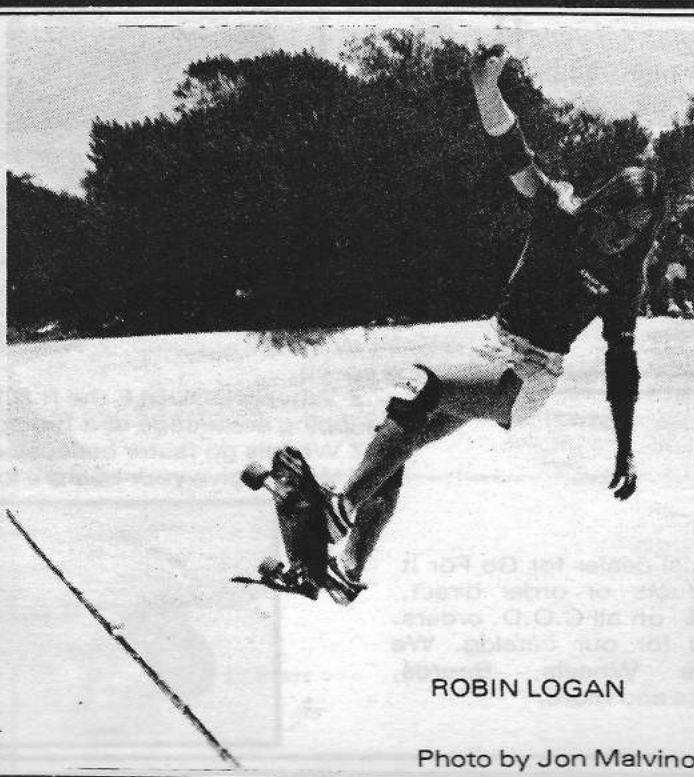
FRIDAYS

- MOVIN ON SKATE PARK** — girls' skate night starting at 6 PM; \$1.50 for skate time and equipment; call 714/263-6671 for information.

SUNDAYS

- MOVIN' ON SKATE PARK** — competition in freestyle, cross country, and various special events; \$1.50 for two hours skate time including the competition; call 714/263-6671 for information.

The NSR encourages readers to keep the "Calendar" full of what they know is happening. Listing are free. Simply write to the "Review" and report what events, where, when, by whom, cost, and a phone number for information. Deadline is the 15th of each month. Keep me posted.



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ROBIN LOGAN

Photo by Jon Malvino



Carlsbad's MOGUL MAZE is the field for a Sparks Patrol workout by TOM RYAN, RON WROBLE, and DEAN SKIPPER. Photo by Lance Smith.

FREE SKATE L.A.

After skateboarding for 14 years, my freedom is in jeopardy. The Los Angeles City Council is considering an ordinance that would outlaw skateboarding as a public nuisance.

I have started a petition that I am going to present to the City Council at the time of the first reading of the ordinance to try and stop it cold. I am not wealthy, but I have lots of time and energy to devote to this project. But I need your help. If you would lend a hand in any of the following ways I, and countless others, would sincerely appreciate it:

I have already received support from Ampul and several other places such as Val Surf. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact me at 213/467-1997 or writing to FreeSkate L.A., 1260 North Las Palmas, Box H, Los Angeles, Ca., 90038. Thank you, Debbie Bennett.

ORGANIZE A SKATEBOARD CONTEST

A complete contest guideline is now available. Text includes:

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CARLSBAD SKATEPARK OPENING DRAMATIC NEW SKATING SURFACES

Skateboarding takes on a new dimension in early October when new skating surfaces open at the first skatepark ever built, Carlsbad Skatepark, east of Carlsbad.

At the same time, the skatepark will take on a new name. It will now be known as SPARKS/Carlsbad.

The park's original builders and designers, Jack Graham and John O'Malley, are designing the expansion of the facility from a half-acre to some six acres of usable space.

The present skating area is still open to skateboarders while construction is underway.

Other new features at the park will be a village area including concession stands and a pro shop, enlarged parking, and a full-time skatepatrol. Headed by professional skateboarder Ronald Wroble, the patrol will supply safety tips, park supervision, and instruction. Lessons will be available for beginners, intermediate, and advanced skaters, and skateboards can be rented at the park.

First new area to open will be the "Mogul Maze," a unique surface offering an endless variety of skateboarding paths through large mounds, snake runs and bowls. SPARKS/Carlsbad will open the "Contest Bowl," three interlocked bowls similar to swimming pools with deep rounded vertical surfaces.

Later the "Infinity Bowl" will open to skaters. This large, deep triangular bowl with an island in the center is like an endless pipe designed for safe but exciting carving and kick-turning. Present new facilities at SPARKS/Carlsbad will be completed when the village opens later in October.

Ultimately the park will be enlarged to about 15 acres of usable area. When completed, the enlargements will raise the park's daily capacity from about 500 skaters a day to over 1,000 per day.

Safety is a major consideration in skateboarding even though it is rated by the Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission as one of the safest sports. Skateparks are even safer than street and sidewalk skating because the skating surface is designed for the sport and because protective safety equipment is required by all skaters at SPARKS/Carlsbad and is available for rent at the entry gate.

The park is located on Palomar Airport Road, eight miles east of Interstate Highway 5. Admission is \$3 for an all day skate.

SKATEPARK DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA

San Diego County
Carlsbad Skate Park - Carlsbad
El Cajon - El Cajon (east of San Diego)
Movin' On - Home Ave, San Diego
Skateboard Heaven - Spring Valley

Orange County/LA County
Irvine Community Park - Irvine
Concrete Wave - Anaheim
Skatepark Montebello - Montebello
SkaterCross - Reseda
Skatopia - Buena Park
The Pipeline - Upland
Sidewalk Surf Park - Fountain Valley
Boogie Bowl - Glendale
Skateboard World - Torrance
Pleasanton Skate World - Pleasanton

Sacramento County
Skateboard Palace - Carmichael
Sierra Wave - Sacramento

Stanislaus County
Heat Wave - Modesto

Alameda County
Alameda Skate Park - Alameda

FLORIDA

Kona - Jacksonville
Safe Surf - Fort Pierce
Ground Swell - Fort Pierce
Skateboard Safari - West Palm Beach
Skateboard Heaven - Fort Lauderdale
Ride the Glass - Daytona
Earthin Surfin - South Pasadena
Solid Surf - Fort Lauderdale
Skateboard USA - near Fort Lauderdale
Paved Wave - Cocoa Beach
Skateboard City - Port Orange
Tomoka Moon Forest - Ormond Beach
Surferdrome Skatepark - Sarasota
Skate Wave - Tampa
Saturn Skate Park - Titusville
Kissimmee Skate Park - Kissimmee
Longwood Pipekine - Longwood
Funland - Myrtle Beach
The Skateboard Park - North Myrtle Beach

GEORGIA

Concrete Curl - Marietta
Concrete Surf - Atlanta
National Skateboard Park - Lake City
Odyssey Skateboard Park - Columbus
Southeastern Skateboard Park - Columbus

LOUISIANA

Thunderboard Skate Park - Gretna
Solid Surf - Baton Rouge

MARYLAND

Freestyle Skat Park - Gaithersburg
Ocean Bowl - Ocean City

MASSACHUSETTS

Zero Gravity - Cambridge

MISSOURI

Skate Wave - Hardester

NEVADA

Flow Motion - Reno

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Wizard - Manchester
Wizard - Hooksit
Skateboard Center - Manchester

NEW JERSEY

Paved Wave - Oakhurst
Paved Wave - Ocean
Weber's Wave - Brooklawn
Wonderwave Skateboard Park - Ocean City

NEW YORK

Concrete Wave - Farmingdale
East Coast Skateboard Park - Huntington, Long Island
Asbury Park - Asbury Park

NORTH CAROLINA

Wizard - Dunn
Wizard - Wilmington
Wizard - Raleigh
Wizard - Fayetteville
Freewheelin' - Wrightsville Beach
The Skateboard Park - Carolina Beach
Skateboard Carnival - Morehead City
Solid Surf - Emerald Isle
Double Tuff - Wilmington

PENNSYLVANIA

Thunder D'ohm - York
Eastern Skateboard Park - Norristown

RHODE ISLAND

Yagoo Valley Park - Slocum

SOUTH CAROLINA

Wizard - Florence
Myrtle Beach Park - Myrtle Beach
West Side - Florence
Cosmic Wave - Columbia

TEXAS

Wizard - Garland
Wizard - Dallas
Skateboard USA - Irving
Mid City - Grand Prairie
Skateboard City - Houston

VIRGINIA

The Skateboard Park - Norfolk

WASHINGTON D.C.

High Rider Skateboard Center - Bellevue

The NSR gives many thanks to the people who have taken the time to support the "Review" by keeping us up to date on new parks. It is this kind of input that keeps the NSR "for skaters by contributions from the skaters". There are about 50 more parks to be confirmed as operating so keep in touch. Thanks to: Ron and Sandra Forkner, Nelson Burton, Brian Sieg, Charles Shapiro, Wayne Ball, Don Bourgeois, the I.S.A., John Krisik, and Jon Malvino.

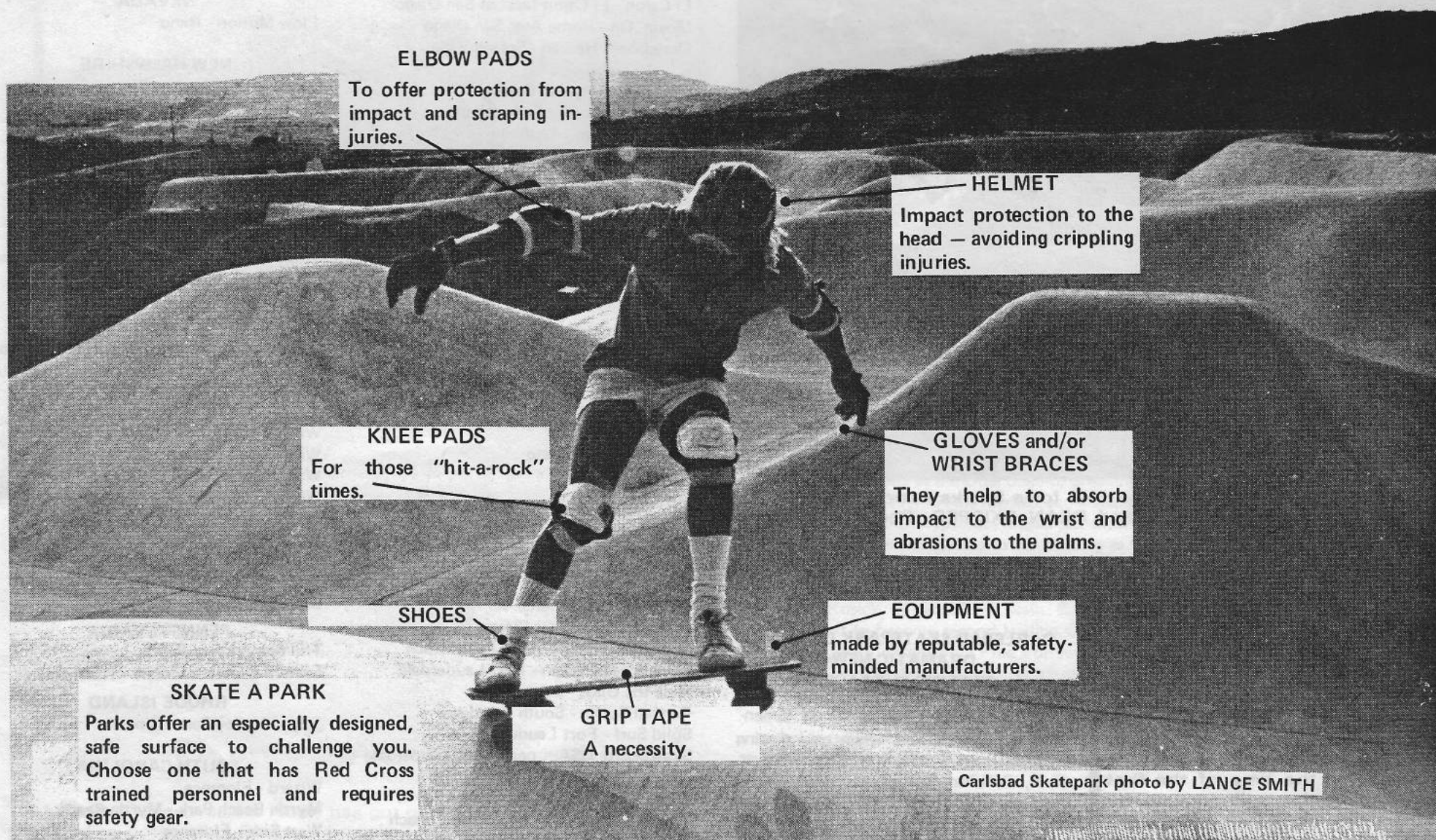
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Carlsbad Skatepark photo by LANCE SMITH

Next Issue: coverage of Don Branker's WORLD PROFESSIONAL INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at Long Beach. Truly a "World" event, six countries will be represented. You saw-read-heard it last year . . . wait til you see this year.

Skater's Opinion:

The first day was a nightmare. Funny buildings which had few exits, endless corridors, and a room number system even Einstein would have felt uneasy with. There were strange people who, we were told, were the "messengers of civilized behavior" — teachers. They loomed above us like giant smokestacks. Promising a good time while making knots in our stomachs that made Twist-o-Flex look obsolete.

Those of us who found our second class were beginning to calm down to a state of semi-hysteria. The hardier manage to survive the morning and are released for lunch. Those with naive stomachs made a mad dash for the cafeteria. The others stagger far enough to collapse on the grass for a moment of bliss.

There are no thoughts of having fun. The day holds enough impending doom to avoid adding other risks. Our breath barely caught that voice of doom as it summons us back to its chambers.

While teachers continue to assure us that this painful process is for the benefit of our future lives, we wonder if there is a future after today. We manage to slip from one class to another and then, to total amazement, are told that the day is over and we can go home. We're not too sure if this is just an attempt to shoot us for escaping but without hesitating we decide to chance it and make a mad dash for the door. No sirens? No gunfire? But instead, something worse: "See you tomorrow!"

J.R. Raccoon



RENE CARRASCO in midair for a skateboard demo at Nimitz Jr. High in Los Angeles. A crowd of 2,500 saw the demo for the MELODYLAND HOTLINE CENTER. Photo by Rick Gaskill.



Dear Di,
Please print my letter because I'm sure I speak for a lot of skateboarders. My question is: why does it take to be a professional skateboarder nowadays, since skateboards are better?
Dear Jeffery,

A professional skateboarder is anyone who has (1) received any cash for riding a skateboard. This includes even a \$5 cash prize, advertising payments, and getting paid for giving someone advice based on your experience gained from riding a skateboard. Or, (2), won any prizes that are worth more than \$200, for first place, \$100 for second place, or \$50 for third place. If you want to compete with the pros but keep your amateur status there are some things you can do. (a) Donate the money or prize to a non-profit charity; and get it in writing that you do so; (b) put it in writing before the event that you will not accept the money or prize; or (c) it can be counted as reimbursement for expenses if there are records to back it up.

These definitions are from the I.S.A. They arrived at this standard after investigating A.A.U. policies and the Olympic standards. It is a big move to go professional these days. With the skateboard demo team probably going to Russia for the Olympics in 1978 it may be too good a trip to miss. Also, if you want to compete in high school and college sports, being pro in skateboarding may blow it for you. There are lots of things to consider before changing your competition status. Talk to your parents, a coach at school, and a few pros before you decide for yourself.

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I am corporate head of a computerized printing and publishing business, Computer Graphics of Fort Lauderdale, as well as general manager of GDGIII. I have a 14 year-old brother-in-law living with my family. He was looking for after school and summer work. He expressed desire for something creative and exciting. I quizzed him on his interests, they were, basically the foundation for the journal. We have now organized other qualified young people and some older business people and have met, traded ideas and excitement (examples; I am becoming a 41 year-old skateboarder and my brother-in-law is becoming a 14 year-old business executive), and we are on the move.

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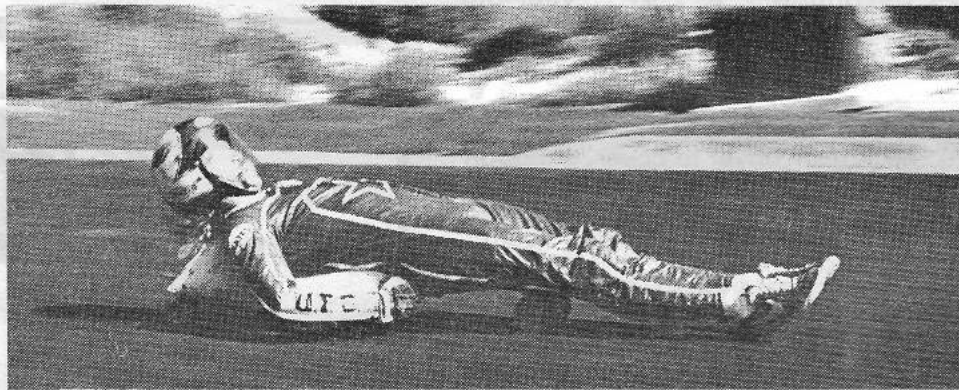
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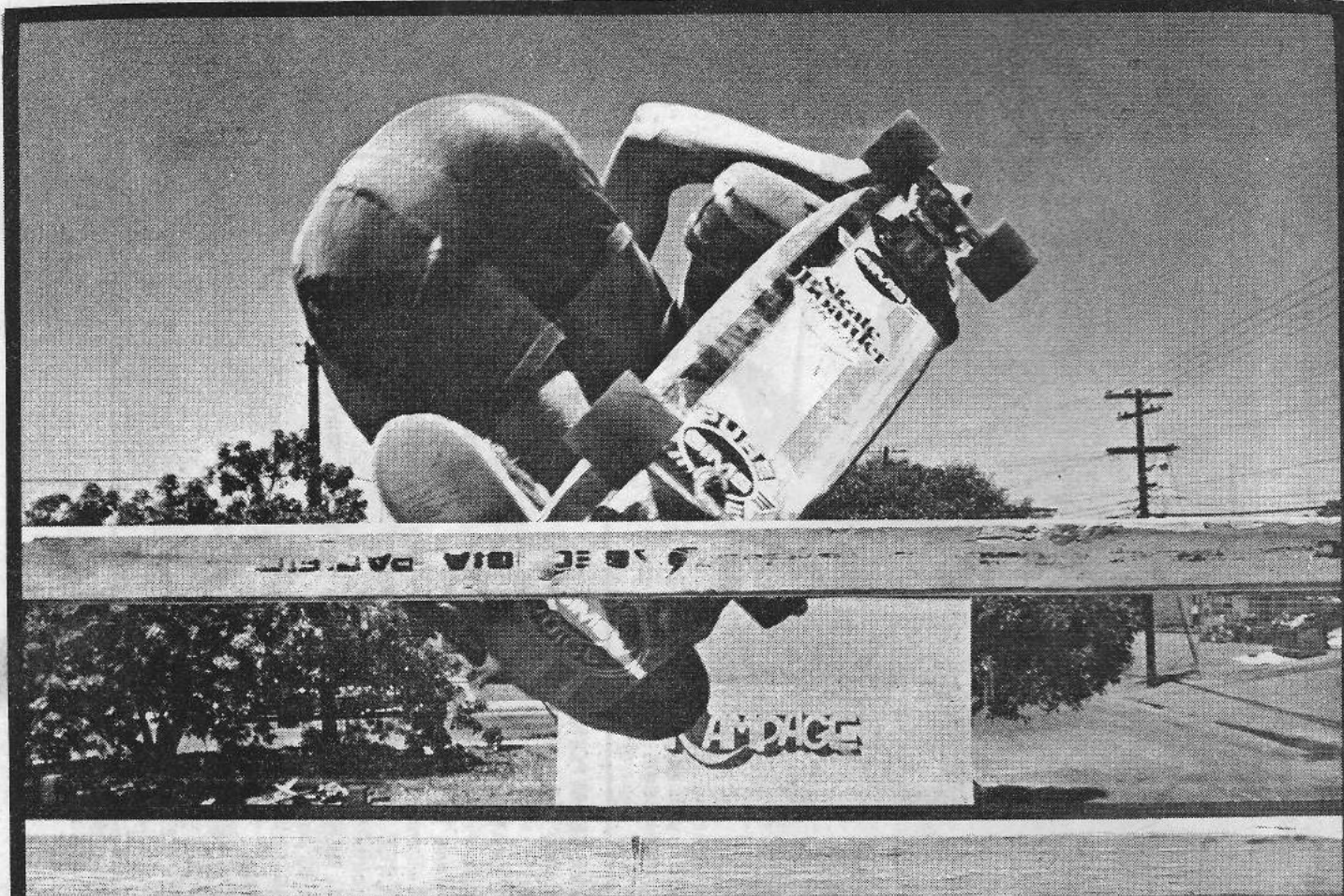
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