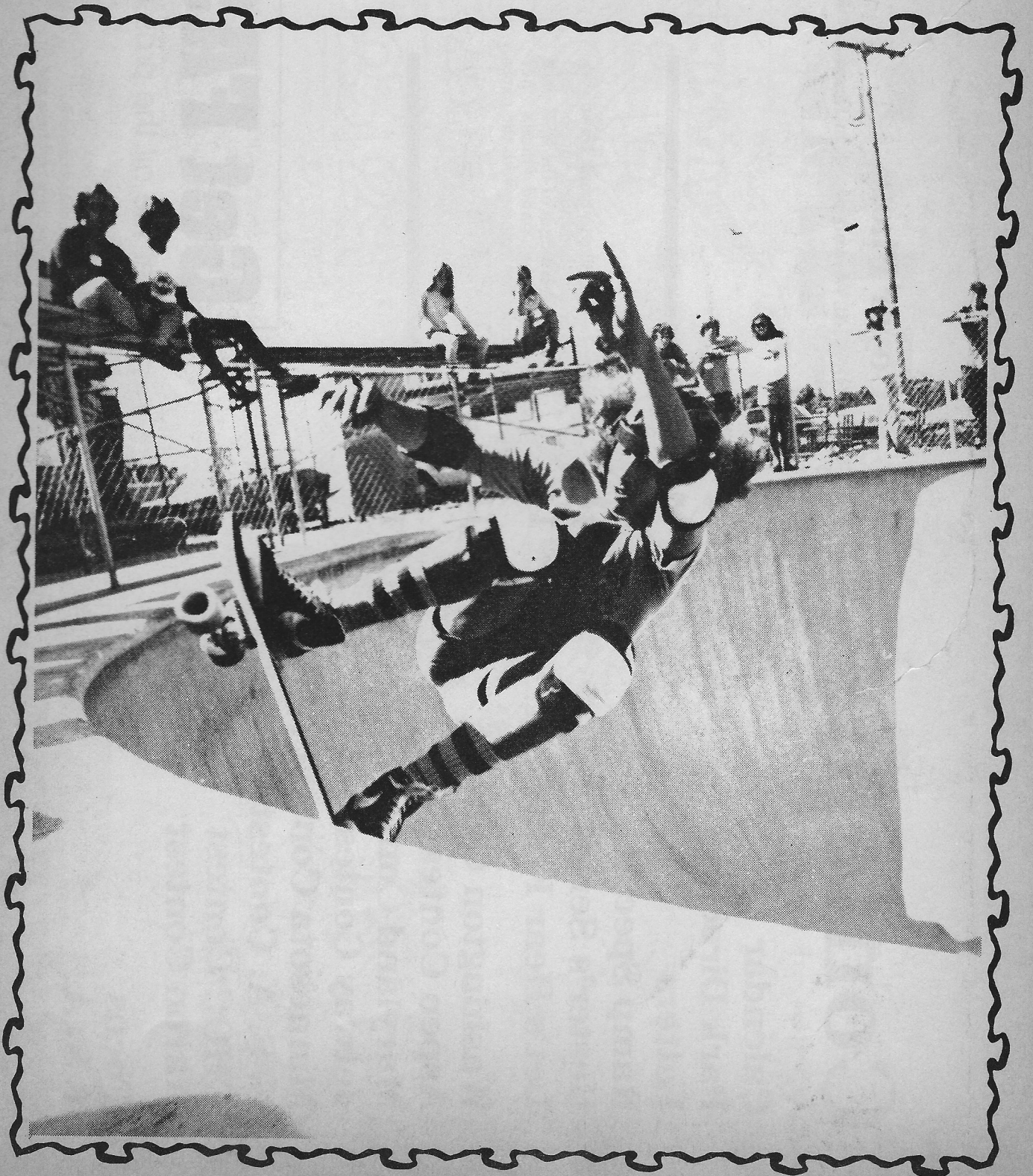


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TONY ALVA working out in Newark's "Ride-On Skatepark. Photo by Jon Malvino.

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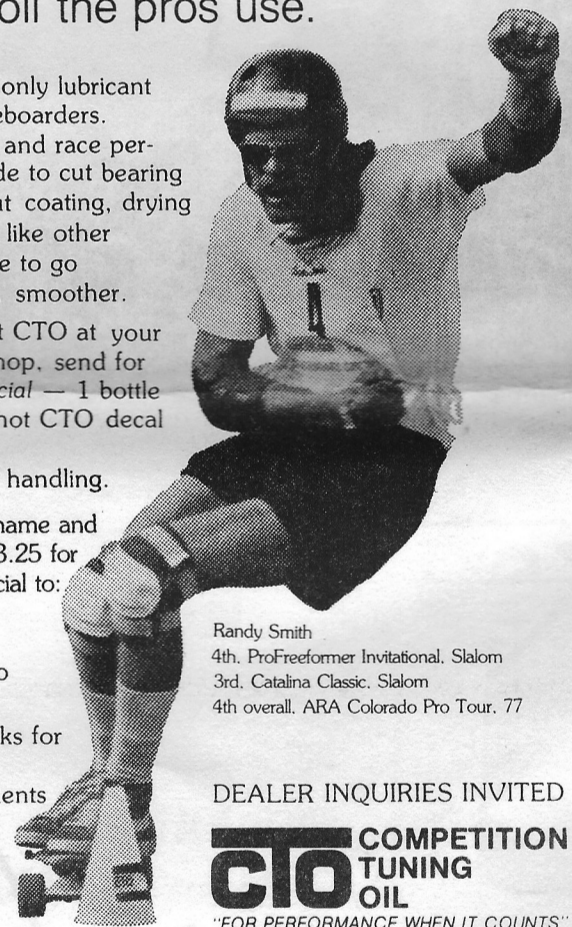
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- 5,6,7 - Philadelphia, Pa; PHILA. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP; Pro and Am; semi-finals: slalom, bowl, freestyle; call 215/743-1000.
- 8 - Boulder, Colo; ANOTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTION; giant slalom in the morning for pros, high school, and adult amateurs; dual slalom in the afternoon for elementary, jr. high, women and geriatrics; call 303/668-3930 for information.
- 8 - Philadelphia, Pa; PHILA. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS; Pro and Am; finals: slalom, bowl, call 215/743-1000.
- 9 - Boulder, Colo; ANOTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTION: bowls and pool riding all day for pros, jr. high, high school, and adult amateurs; call 303/668-3930 for information.
- 9 - Philadelphia, Pa; PHILA. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS; Pro and Am; finals: freestyle; call 215/743-1000.
- 19 - Oakhurst, New Jersey; USASA CONTEST; slalom; Am; at Paved Wave; call Curt Green 201/531-0131.
- 10 - Boulder, Colo; ANOTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTION; dual slalom in the morning for pros, high school, and adult amateurs; call 303/668-3930 for information.
- 16 - Roseville, Michigan; A TEAM INVITATIONAL; at Endless Summer Skatepark; pool, halfpipe, and freestyle; corner of Little Mack and Masonic.

- 21 thru 24 - Oakland; Calif; SKI EXPO AND RECREATION SHOW: At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum; booth and demo by Custom Line Skateboards; demo outdoors by Santa Cruz team; more information coming.
- 30, Oct 1 - Carson, Calif; FREEFORMER WORLD SKATEPARK CONTEST; filmed by CBS Sports Spectacular; bowl riding, high jump; call Bob Rath at 213/532-9262 for information.

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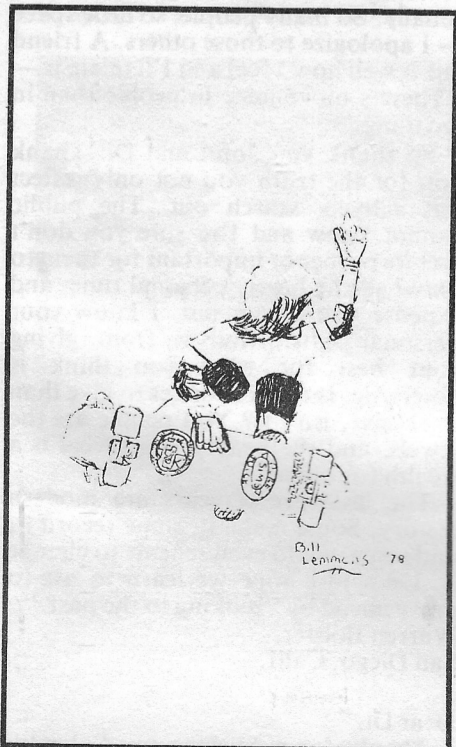
- 6 - Anaheim, Ca; CHARITY BENEFIT CONTEST; for Children's Hospital of Orange County; at Anaheim Convention Center; slalom, freestyle; Am and Pro; call Marlene at 714/992-0070 for information after July 30.
- 20,21,22 - Catalina Island, Calif; 2nd CATALINA CLASSIC; sponsored by I.S.A.; professional; more information coming.
- 28 - Narragansett, R.I.; CONTEST; by ESA; at Community Center; Am; freestyle, 10AM; call 401/789-1954.

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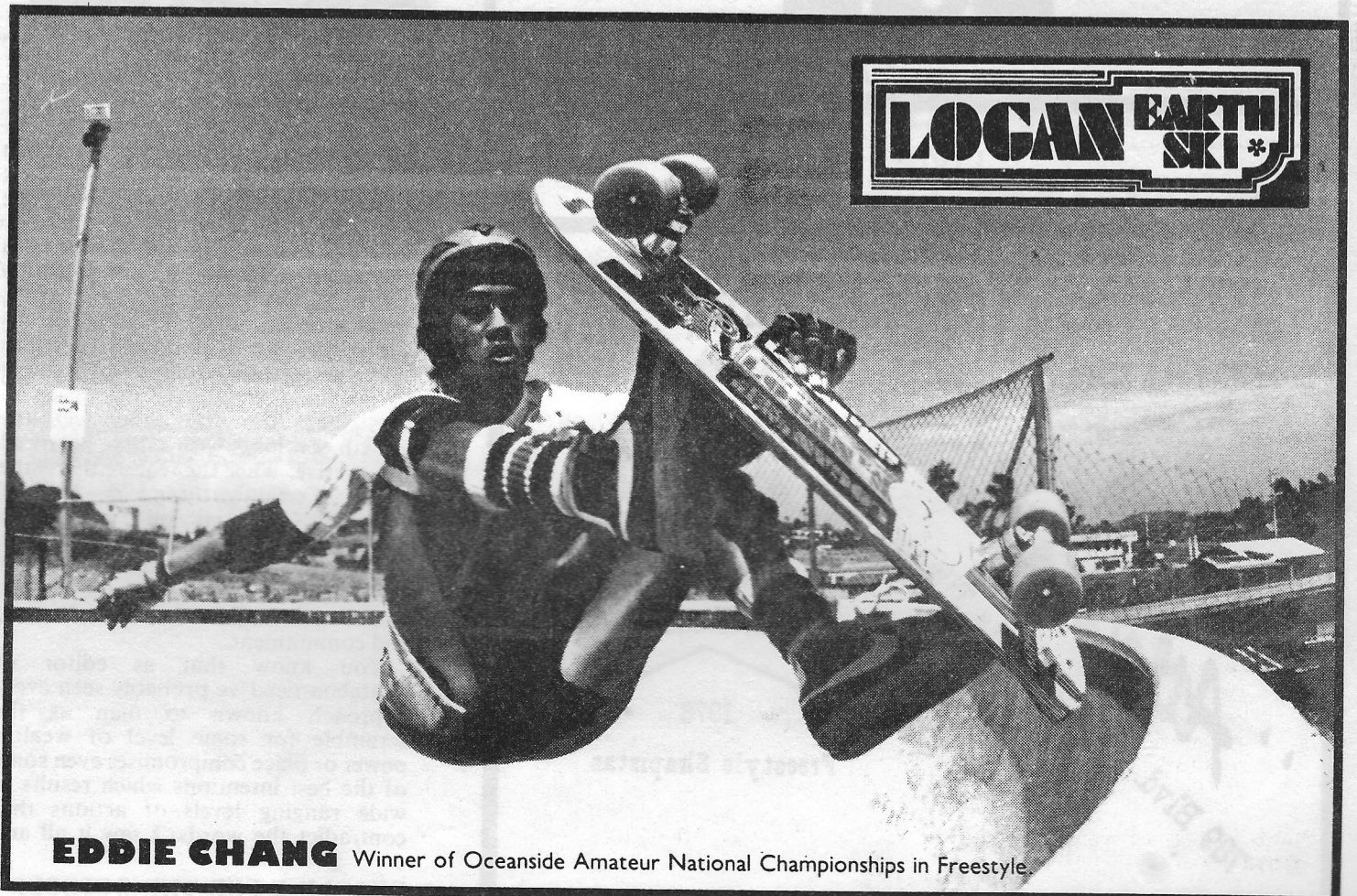
- 18, 19 - Long Beach, Calif; 3rd ANNUAL FREEFORMER WORLD PRO CHAMPIONSHIP; invitational; freestyle, slalom, 360's, high jump, barrel jump; call Bob Rath 214/532-9262 for information.

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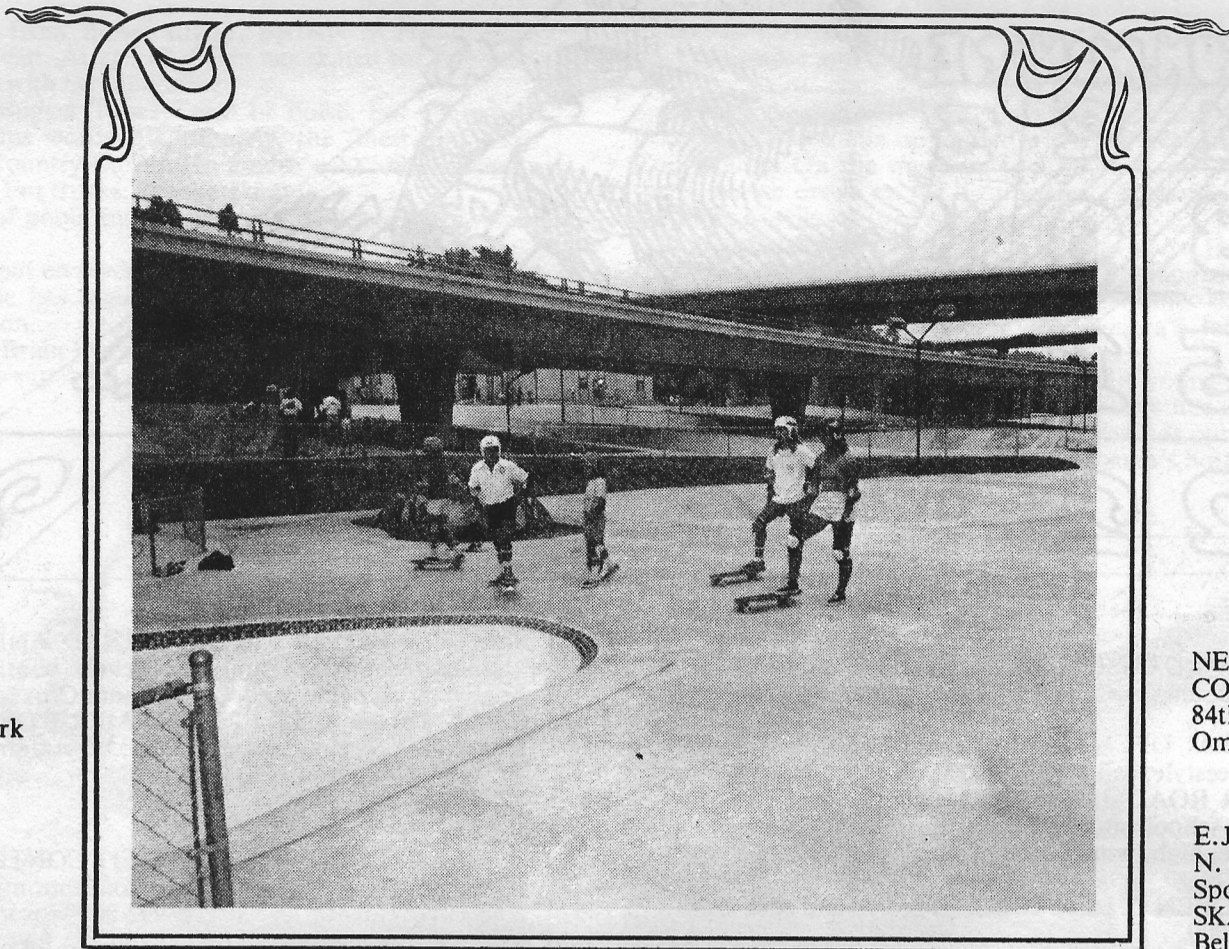


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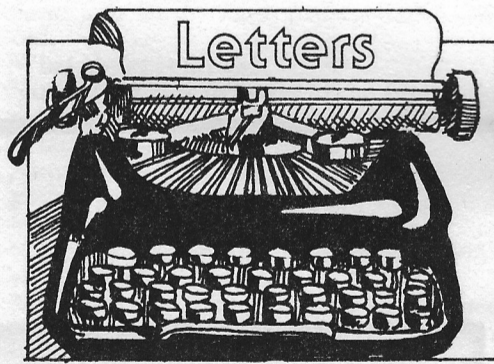
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while I understand it, it is often discouraging. The few genuine folks who prove to be what they say, publicly and privately, are what make it worthwhile to me: the Dootsons, O'Malleys, Peraltas, Weavers, Inouyes, Casters, Hesters, Skoldbergs, Catheys, Hos, Logans, Sims, Thornhills, Hesselgraves, Johnsons, Stroples, Coccaros, Stewarts, Klyns, Shufeldts, and Dominys. I've left out so many but won't forget them personally. So many people, so little space — I apologize to those others. A friend put it well how I feel and I'll relate it — "There's more juice in people than in anything."

Dear Di,

Running the risk of appearing self-serving or politely insincere, I'd like to take the opportunity to not only thank you and John O'Malley for the chance to say a lot that's been on my mind for so long, but to publicly (should you choose to publish this letter), throw further light into some of the rarely lit, yet most essential and beautiful corners and corner stones of the sport. Not to slow the forward motion of the sport by dwelling on the past but rather to strengthen the foundation so the growth continues with a more balanced perspective: when the real wealth is the health. Certainly there's no lack of physical varieties of wealth in skateboarding, but for it to continue to survive we probably need a lot more of the mental balance — a balance that comes with experience, true honest, and commitment.

You know that as editor of Skateboarder I've probably seen every approach known to man as the scramble for some level of wealth, power or place compromises even some of the best intentions which results in wide ranging levels of actions that contradict the words. I saw it all and

So thank you John and Di. Thank you for the truth you not only reflect but actively search out. The public cannot know and I'm sure you don't feel its proper or important for them to know all the heart, personal time, and expense you've put out. I know your personal satisfaction is from giving your best for what you think is deserving. It really is better to give than to receive, isn't it? You people are the jewels, and the beauty you reveal is a wealth for others.

The last several years are modern history. Some make it, some record it, and some would even scheme to change it. Let's just hope we learn to use to move ahead by "looking to the past." Warren Bolster, San Diego, Calif.

Dear Di,

Thanks for publishing our Calendar in your (newspaper). Everything is on schedule so far except that Chris Stropole didn't show. We're keeping busy and well. Anne Bushnell, Boogie Bowl Skatepark, Calif.

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RAMP SPECIAL



TRACKER's HAFPIPE RAMP is nice to ride when you get the chance. LANCE SMITH is up here with TOM RYAN and friend waiting for their run. C'mon, Lance. Photo by Chuck Edwall.

It seems you never get to skate any spot by yourself. There's always a bunch of hotties snakin' and shreddin' . . .

These thoughts and others like them kept going through my mind when I began to yearn for a ramp for just us. A ramp would mean my friends and I could skate whenever we wanted. If it had wheels, we figured we could skate any place we wanted, too. I began to realize that being on wheels would make a ramp really hot, for fun and promotion. Imagine skating at the beach, in fields, or anywhere!

Rampage had a large kickturn ramp made of wood that we used to ride. With a little help from Tracker, it became a halfpipe. It was 18' to 20' in diameter and a good 10' high, but only 8' wide. It worked OK, but the wood was a bit soft, and the path a bit narrow!

I remember when a guy told me about some fiberglass halfpipe parts that he had ridden in Los Angeles. He told me about the unreal ride; that it was fast, soft, grippy and smooth. I went and rode these things myself, and when I did, I had to agree. I began to envision a custom ramp/trailer using fiberglass, which is light enough for this purpose.

At this point, I was picturing a halfpipe about fourteen feet in diameter, sixteen feet long. I kept trying to figure out ways to build the 90 x 16' sections of fiberglass that would fold or store some way, to meet the State's trailer codes. I began to realize that my idea had a pretty good basis . . . and that it had better be a sound idea, because the first estimate for the fiberglass parts alone came to six thousand dollars.

Just about this time, I heard from some friends about a photography session featuring one of the Pepsi ramps. Soon, we were looking at an enormous wooden surfaced ramp built by Firestone Welding. The vertical panels at the top of this ramp were a plexiglass-type material that we were all really impressed by. It was clear and strong. Doug Firestone claimed a ramp could be made entirely of the clear material, called Lexan, and he had, in fact, already made one.

My partners and I were soon inspecting the ramp, finding out more about the traction of the surface, durability, and any other possibilities we could dream up.

The Tracker Hafpipe trailer plan began to take its final shape as we got down to the specifics of dimensions and materials within our limitations. These choices were made in consideration of what we had learned in the past, our recent findings, and our state's regulations concerning trailers.

The next step was to determine if the Tracker Research and Development and Promotions budgets could be stretched enough to afford such a project, and if it would turn out to be a worthwhile venture. As you know, we decided to go ahead with the ramp, realizing that it would be a valuable advertising tool, a worthy contribution to the furtherance of skateboarding's image, as well as a great place for us to have some fun skateboarding.

The final decisions and design of the Tracker Hafpipe trailer are very close to what we had in mind. Unfortunately, it lacks a few features lost in construction. The ramp you see today has gotten a paint job, oak coping, wooden and rubber skateboard stoppers, a winch and a few other additions. I'm happy to say that, with the ease of transportation and set-up, we've been able to share the Tracker Hafpipe ramp with quite a few of you.

We have learned a lot from the Hafpipe. It photographs beautifully, it is a great exhibition tool, and it's really fun to skate; very strong, fast, has good traction, and above all, it's softer to fall on than concrete. I hope you get a chance to check it out . . . although we must ask you to wait for an invitation to skate the Tracker Hafpipe.

David Dominy



GALE WEBB uses her own Rad Ramp for her demos and safety talks.

Gale is sponsored by Powerflex Skateboards and known as "The Skateboarding Mom." She rides the skateparks during the week but usually on any Saturday or Sunday you can find her inside a shopping mall or at some big event riding her Polycarbonate Half Pipe, not doing a normal demo. But her own safety demo.

Concerned over the reports of skateboarding accidents, Gale decided to try and help promote the sport. She consulted with Rad Ramp of Costa Mesa, California with her problem. Her requests were for a full Half Pipe, 20' diameter 12' high, adjustable from very mellow to over vertical. "No problem said Bill Shaffer and Todd Schlesinger of Rad Ramp. She also needed it to be light weight, portable enough to fit into a small area and it must fit into my van for cross country tours. About three weeks later it was loaded into her van and on it's way to Kansas City, Kansas for a show with over 15,000 spectators.

Others started to call and wanted to know if her Half Pipe was available for rentals, so now she books safety demos promoting her theme of safety and family involvement through out California with her six-year old son Myron, two fifteen-year old twin cousins, John and Gale Springer and of course her own Half Pipe.



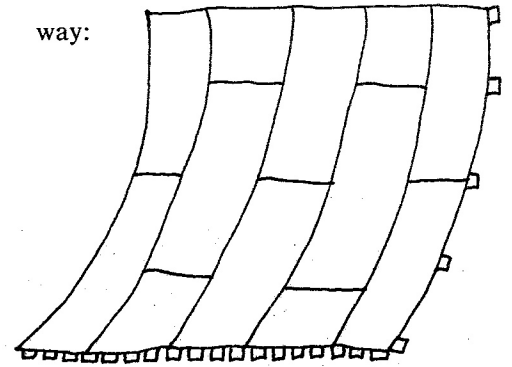
Unknown rider using the BRISTOL RAMP in England. Photo by John Spink.

By Peter Christopherson,
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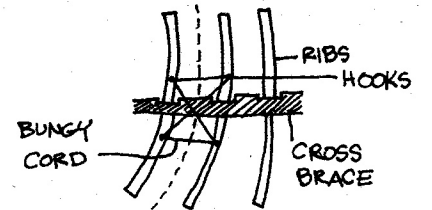
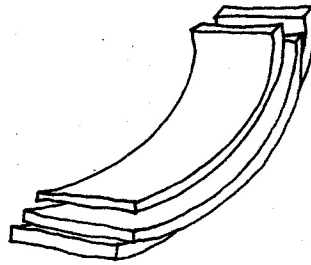
This ramp was especially constructed for the Bristol Classic in December '77 for the rampage event (unfortunately not covered by the REVIEW and definitely the hottest event of the contest).

Designed by Chris Robilliard (studio designer for BBC television), it featured some very advanced design techniques. Basically 10 strips of plywood, each two foot wide, were cold-moulded on a 10 foot radius mould. Three plys each of 1/4-inch thick were used on the moulding. The center laminate was offset by 1-inch, thus:

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Ribs were added to the back of each and tied in with cross braces. The cross braces were lashed on with bungee cord (8mm stretch elastic) like this:



A great design, I thought. It's been a up a couple of times since that first contest but we have no permanent site for it and the local skateparks are less hassle — but it's still sitting up in my garage...in bits.

So in effect, it had a tongue and groove all the way around. The strips were then arranged on the following



ALABAMA work out by JEFF HELD. This 17-footer is the Rose Court Ramp in Florence, Ala. Photo by Pat Wachter.



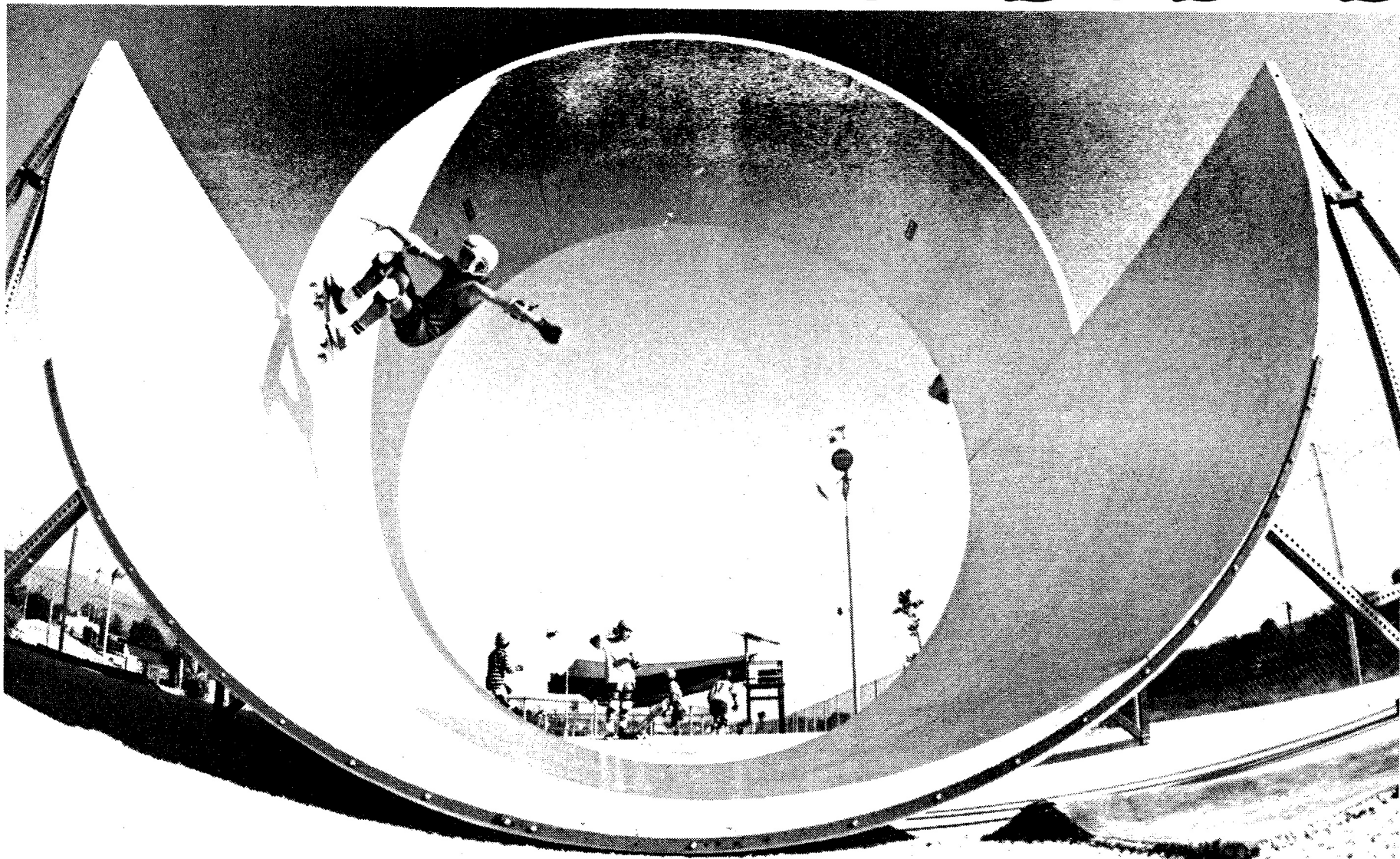
BOISE RAMP - BRIAN SCHROEDER works out any time. This time, though, it's 35-degrees outside. This is their 15-foot "winter" ramp. Photo by John Hall.



BOISE BUDGET BOYS RAMP - MITCH YORK uses the ramp during demos. Photo by Tony Minas.



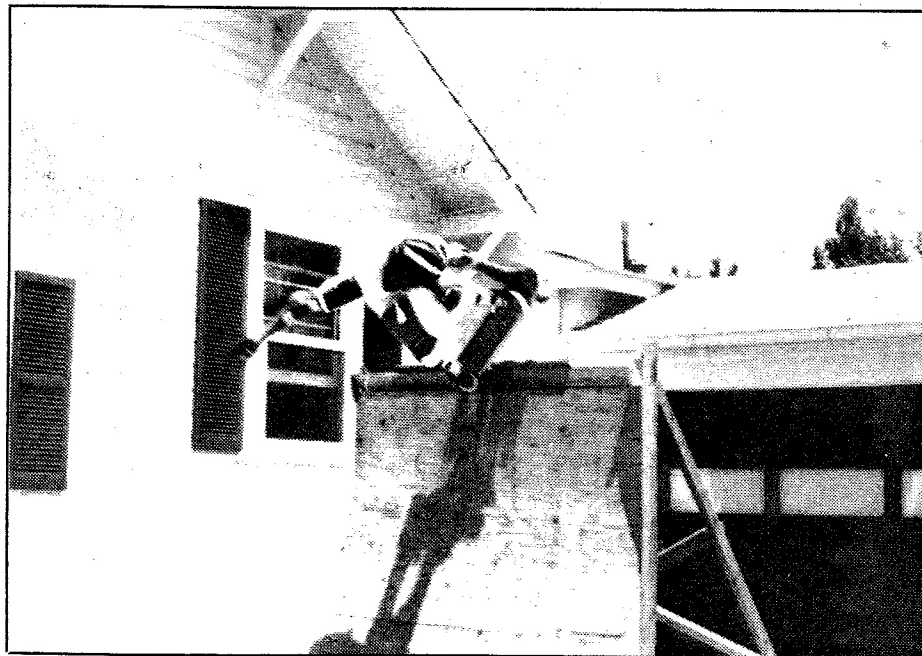
MARYLAND RAMP ridden by CARSON CLEGG at the Hartford Mall in Bel Air, Md. Photo by Carol McFadden.



SKATEPARK RAMP - Spring Valley, Calif. This "Amrac" 16-foot fiberglass full pipe is part of available skate surface as is an 18-foot wood half pipe. NICK MANVEL skating Skateboard Heaven. Photo by G.V.



RICH ORTIZ, a 17-year old rider for E&H Wallboards is mainly considered a freestylist. He took 4th at Oceanside and is placing in the top 5 in the A.R.A. He is also a great vertical skater. This photo was taken at the Tri-State Auto Exhibition. The 9-foot ramp was constructed by the Concrete Curl; of which Rich is a member of the Demo Team. Photo by Bruce Banefelt.

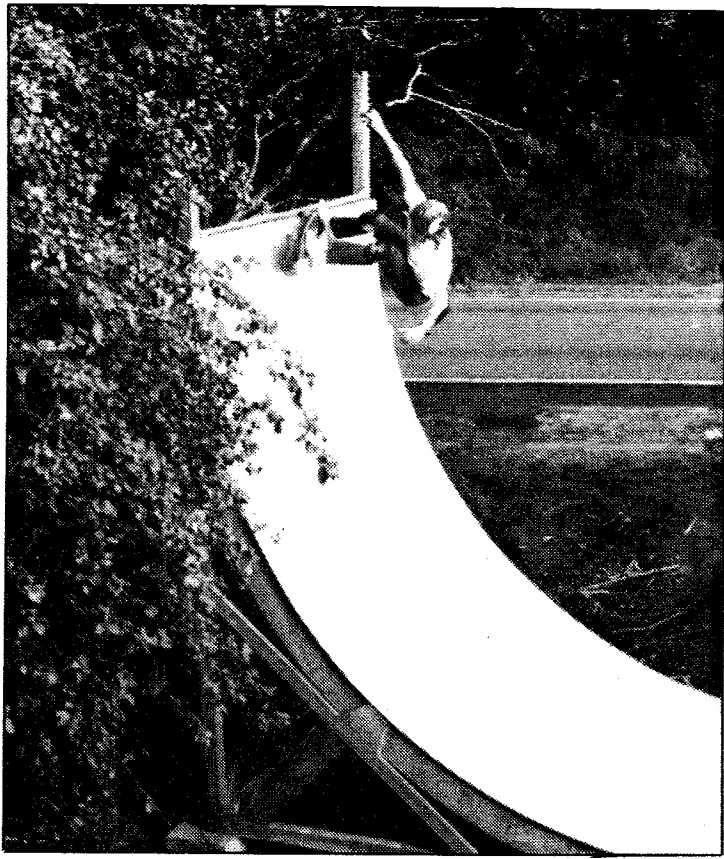


STEVE SHAFFER, a 15 year old member of the Skateboard Unlimited Safety Team and Pro-Am. Steve built this 8-1/2 foot ramp and is planning on adding more vertical. Steve is also mainly a freestylist — placing high in the A.R.A. contests. Photo by Eve Leinweber.



Portable ramps are good at temporary exhibitions of any kind. This is "Fiberpark" exhibition ramp in Mission Valley, San Diego, Calif. Photo by Tim Stahl.

Rampage



HAWAIIAN RAMPAGE - Jasper, team rider for Town and Country, riding the Rampage Ramp at Rory Russel's place on Kam Highway, Oahu. Photo by Robert Marceron.

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Rampage was built in June of 1977. The idea came from the C.A.P. Pipes in Arizona. Gary Coccaro, John O'Malley, and Tom Stewart met Warren Bolster, Greg Weaver, Stacy Peralta, and a few others in the desert. We liked the pipes so much we brought the desert home.

While Coccaro was working at Carlsbad Skatepark, Stewart was designing a wood ramp similar to the pipe's dimensions out in the desert. Tom came up with a concept to make a ramp as close to the pipes as possible. With two years experience in architecture at a local junior college and previous carpentry experience he had good background to make it work. So Coccaro and Stewart built the ramp in the Stewart's front yard. This caused a lot of commotion. Newspapers, and TV caught wind of this. The pair got write ups and interviews on TV. Carlsbad gave a little financial help but it was Tracker Trucks that helped the most to cover expenses.

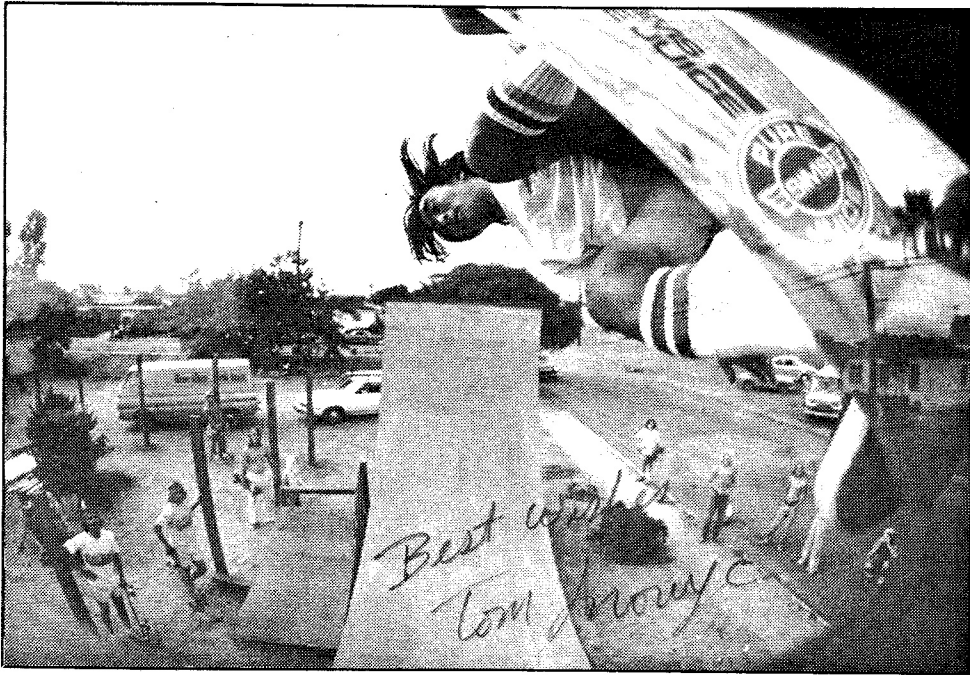
Warren Bolster was interested so he gave us a ten page article in the October '77 issue of "Skateboarder" called "On the Rampage." Mike Angiulo wrote the article with help from Coccaro and Stewart. Warren took some insane photos of some of the top skaters: Gregg Weaver, Tom Inouye, Chris Strople, Jim Sigurdson, Stacy Peralta, and many others. From the article we got over 500 letters from around the world. This gave us the idea to make a business out of the ramp.

With a lot of ups and downs Jon Landry and Tom Stewart finally incorporated Rampage. Gary Coccaro is now designing parks around the world and is giving us design input. People involved with Rampage are: Tom Stewart, Pres; Jon Landry, V. Pres; George Callas, Sec-Tres; Steve Tansey, Art Director; Mike Stewart, Design Director, Rory Russell, Head Rep; and Greg Allen, Cor. Office.

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TOM INOUE on the Stewart-Coccaro original Rampage in Encinitas, Calif. Photo by Bolster.



GREG WEAVER - one of the frequent Encinitas skate stars to ride the original Rampage. Photo by Bolster.

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GEORGE ORTON and FRANK BLOOD The "Air Brothers." Photo by Sotello.

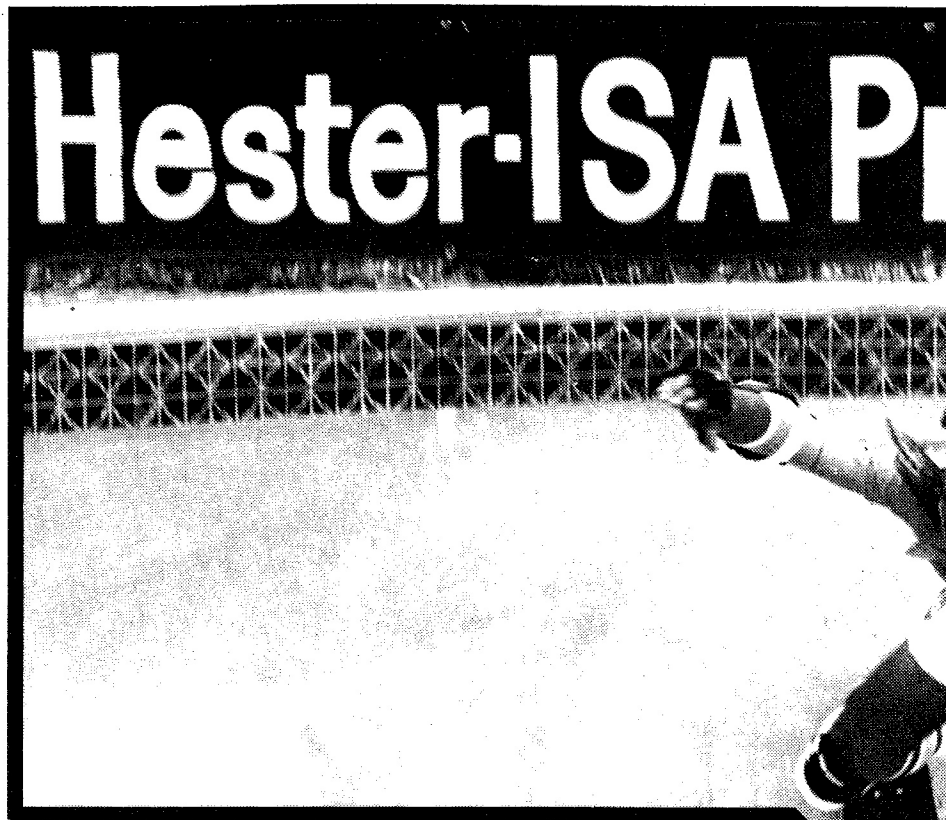
The city of Orange, in California, wasn't the nicest place on July 15 to have the last of the Hester-I.S.A. Series. It was at least 95 degrees and the area was in a Stage II smog alert (which means, among other things, that kids don't play at recess). The high temperature made it hard for the pros to practice in the bowl the week before the event. It was simply too hot to work out.

Henry had added a new event to the schedule. There were the regular One-Wheeler, Doubles, and Bowl Riding events. He made up another contest: Air. The rider with the highest air born ride would win. Height was measured at the bottom of the board in its highest position. In order for the run to count, the ride must be complete — no falls.

The One Wheelers were run the same: the most one wheel kick turns in one minute. Due to such a large amount of entries (84 total), the Doubles event consisted of only one routine, scored 1 to 100. Judges were again scoring on teamwork.

The Bowls event procedure was changed a bit. Each skater got three runs on a rotating basis. The best two out of three runs was scored in the trials. The best three out of five will be scored in the Semi-finals (the four man heat) and the Finals (the two man heat). High and low scores were dropped.

The Bowl chosen for the Contest was a "pill" shaped oval. It was 45 feet long, 11 feet deep, and 22 feet wide. The drop in was located in the center of one long side. It's really a fun pool to work out in.



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The line up for One Wheelers was a long one: 64 entries. First man out, JEFF TATUM, set the pace with 29 one wheelers. STEVE OLSON was faster but he missed two and scored 28. PERALTA, smooth as ever, hit 29 after missing his first two tries. GARY ATCHINSON scored 31 and became the new pace setter. TERI LAWRENCE, the first woman in the event, hit 15 one wheelers; the only other woman, LANI KIYABU, scored 12. MICKEY ALBA (12 years old) was in there after tying ATCHISON'S 31. GARRETT CHICK came close with 30. Then, "MR. DOUG DE-MONT-MO-RENCY" (as the announcer would say it) came up shredding heavily. As entry number 38, he made 32 one wheelers. A few riders after Doug was STEVE ALBA (Mickey's "bigger, better brother") with another count of 32. The man from Florida, MIKE FOLMER, looked strong with his 31. Entry number 62 was BRYAN BUCK. His smooth and steady moves rang up a count of 32.

After all entries had their try, it left ALBA, DEMONTMORENCY, and BUCK in the finals. HENRY upped the time to 1-½ min. ALBA was well paced with about 1 one wheeler every 2 seconds. His count: 27. DOUG took a fall which cut hard into his time. His count: 41. BRYAN BUCK took First Place easily (or so it appeared) as he cranked out 49 one wheelers.

HUNTER JOSLIN, announcing for HENRY again, called this event a warm up for the Bowl Riding. And at 90-degree-plus, it certainly was.

Bowl Riding trials were exactly that. . . a trial. In that heat, each rider got three runs with a long break in between. From a field of 84 professional pool riders, the field had to be cut to (will you believe. . .?) 16 riders.

It took all day. The judges were well protected, thank god, from the heat by shade and plenty of sodas and water. You have no idea how dingy a team of judges can get watching over 100 skaters in one sitting through hunger and bathroom needs all under the pressure of trying to be fair to each man. Even a few ten minute breaks really aren't that refreshing.

On Sunday it was a bit cooler and a little breezier. The Doubles ran first. Fourteen pairs of skaters each got their minute. The top four ran again in a finals heat. SCOTT DUNLAP and STEVE ALBA, friends from the Badlands, entered the finals in fourth and came out with Third Place. JEFF TATUM and ARTHUR MINGEAUD were both riding long boards and finally took Fourth Place. TONY JETTON and GREG AYRES entered the Finals in second and came out in First Place. The whole Doubles show went to FRANK BLOOD and GEORGE ORTON. Sims Teammates, the two "Air Brothers" were a knock out. Close, precise moves and an air of comradierie made these two stand out to the crowd. They lost by one point and took Second Place.

The Air event was a great idea. Although the judging system seemed old fashioned in this age of laser lights, BOB SKOLDBERG did an excellent job of "eye balling" the height against a measured tube. The absence of protests are significant — Bob did a difficult job well.

It was GEORGE ORTON who was the star of the Air event also. An "assertive" competitor at least, he always stayed after his routine and/or run to see his score. If he liked it, it was obvious. If he didn't, his facial expressions and gestures registered his non-verbal disagreement. He was great to watch.

For his aerial run he was the only rider who asked for silence: no music, and a quiet crowd, please. It paid off. His runs put him in first place.

The last man up, BOBBY VALDEZ hit the 24" mark on his practice run. He used his inverted, overhead aerials for both runs. His second run placed him just under Orton and securing Second Place.

TATUM and HOWARD HOOD had another run for air to fight for third place. HOOD lost his board. All TATUM had to do was make any bit of air and finish the move to take Third Place — he did so easily.

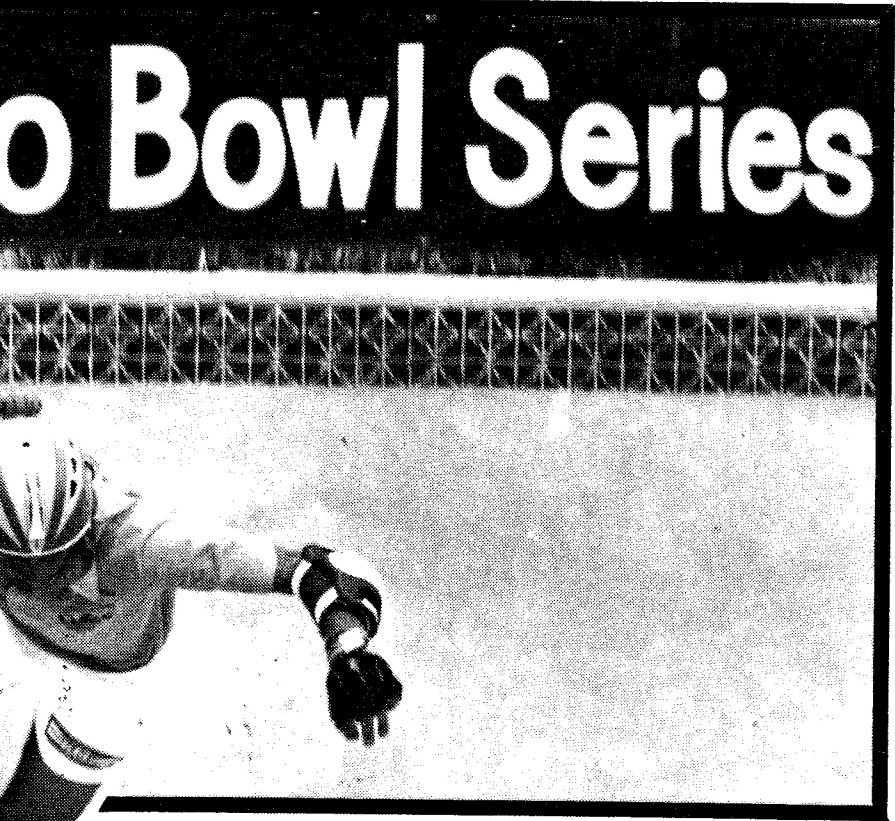
After a short break, the sixteen riders who qualified gathered to start their heat. Judges were: Curtis Hesselgrave, Dave Fisher, Bob Skoldberg, Ray Allen, and Don Hoffman. Those riders advancing were: HARVEY HAWKS (Astral), GEORGE ORTON (Sims), SCOTT DUNLAP (Kryptonics), MIKE WEED (Hobie), FRANK BLOOD (Sims), DOUG DEMONTMORENCY (Sims), CURT KIMBALL (Astral), TIM MARTING (AlotAflex), BOBBY VALDEZ (Powerflex), RICK BLACKHART (Tunnel), STEVE ALBA (Alva), and STEVE OLSON (Santa Cruz).

In the first round a score of 74 points or better was good. This heat had to cut the field to eight. In the first round BUCK, HOOD, BOWMAN, DUNLAP, BLOOD, BLACKHART, ALBA, and OLSON all looked strong. Alba and Olson scored highest but all were putting on the strong show.

In Round 2, BOWMAN again looked good, as did DUNLAP and BLOOD. KIMBALL put on a good routine. TIM MARTING took an incredibly scary fall. The Paramedic gave him the ok to walk out. However, TIM wisely withdrew from the rest of the competition. It was a hard fall but he recovered fine. BOBBY VALDEZ "woke up" in Round 2. BLACKHART dropped behind a bit. ALBA and OLSON still very strong.

Round 3 went to HOOD, BOWMAN (now with three strong runs), WEED, VALDEZ, BLACKHART, ALBA, and OLSON. The top four were still top but the remaining four places advancing to the next heat could have gone to anyone.

KIMBALL advanced to the 8-man heat in 8th place, then BLACKHART, HOOD, BLOOD, BOWMAN, VALDEZ, ALBA and OLSON. OLSON needed



MICKEY ALBA (up) and DAVID HYDE teamed up for the Doubles Event. Photo by Sotello.

to make 6th place in this contest and he would win the Overall Series. He had to stay strong in this heat.

Again three rounds. HOOD, BOWMAN, ALBA, and OLSON were high scorers in Round 1. BLACKHART seemed to be slipping behind. In Round 2 it was KIMBALL, BOWMAN (still!) ALBA and OLSON. BLACKHART still didn't seem to be working as hard as he had before.

It was Round 3 that BLACKHART ripped so heavily. But KIMBALL, BLOOD, BOWMAN and ALBA also scored high. Remember, the lowest score of three rounds is cut — they allowed one weak run. BLACKHART looked good only on his last run.

Advancing to the 4-man Semi-finals heat was CURT KIMBALL, in fourth place, STEVE OLSON in third, BRAD BOWMAN in second, and STEVE ALBA sitting in first.

At this point OLSON had won the Overall Series Award! Now all he wanted was the First Place in this contest.

On Round 1 KIMBALL kept high on the tiles. OLSON started in again making move radical moves and clean carves. BOWMAN came off his board once. He looked strong, however, with his long side carves and cross-side edgers. ALBA'S run was clean, up high on tiles, and just plain radical. Nothing specific, just the highest scores.

In Round 2, KIMBALL fell once to his knees. He regrouped and came back with good carves and some aerials. OLSON looked "off" in this round. He tried to jump the drop in and missed. BOWMAN made his second run well. ALBA was making tail rolls on the coping's edge. Every one of ALBA's passes were astounding.

In Round 3, KIMBALL fell again. OLSON RIPPED!!!! Beyond a doubt, STEVE got the Ride of the Day: no falls, four wheel slides on the wall, clean carves, aerials. DAVE DOMINY caught most of it on film. Hope you get a chance to see it. BOWMAN and ALBA took their third run but OLSON was the star.

Advancing to the finals were OLSON, in second place, and ALBA in first. This was also a three run heat. It got too hot to run five times as originally planned.

Round 1 went to ALBA as he made the jump over the drop in (See photo.) Round 2 tied OLSON and ALBA as ALBA missed some aerial moves and STEVE made his jump over the drop in. Round 3 went to ALBA by a shy margin as OLSON took a fall and ALBA made the jump over the drop in again. Still a close one, only official tallying would declare the winner.

The only man to win two of Hester's contests: STEVE ALBA! First at Spring Valley, and First at the Big O.

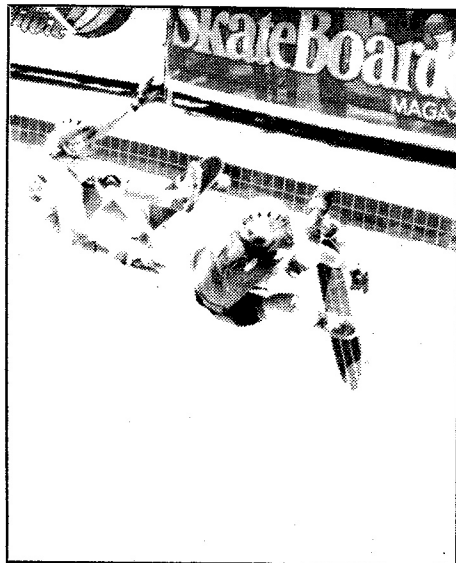
Contest and Series Awards were held right away. They were little disappointing, however. For ALBA: such a hard event to win. For OLSON: such a long road to Overall Winner. And the ceremony was crowded and rushed. The prizes were good but the crowd didn't get to share in it.

It was great for ALBA to take a second win and for OLSON (who didn't even win one contest) to be awarded first Overall. They'll never know how many people send their congratulations.

The REVIEW would like to thank HENRY HESTER for his work on this milestone series of contests; the I.S.A. for their hard work and organization; the sponsors: Tracke., ACS, Skateboarder Mag, Lazer, Haut, Rector, G & S, Santa Cruz, Independant Trucks, Sims, Banzai, Kryptonics, and Powerflex for making it possible. And especially, thanks to the professional bowl riders — for their skills, showmanship, pains, and time. They can be the most difficult groups of skaters to work with but it is that very obstinate, "outlaw" spirit which also makes this the most outrageous series of contests ever. Thank you pool riders!



STEVE ALBA making the jump over the bowl's drop in. Photo by Sotello.



ARTHUR MINGEAUD and JEFF TATUM — 4th Place in Doubles.



GEORGE ORTON — 1st Place in the Air Event. Photo by Sotello.

HESTER #4 FINAL RESULTS

BOWL RIDING

1. Steve Alba (Alva)
2. Steve Olson (Santa Cruz)
3. Brad Bowman (Sims)
4. Curt Kimball (Astral)
5. Howard Hood (Kanoa)
6. Rick Blackhart (Tunnel)
7. Frank Blood (Sims)
8. Bobby Valdez (Powerflex)
9. Scott Dunlap (Kryptonics)
10. Bryan Buck (Santa Cruz)

GIANT SLALOM

1. Henry Hester (Santa Cruz)
2. John Hutson (Santa Cruz)

3. Bob Skoldberg (Hobie)
4. Mike Williams (Gullwing)

ONE WHEELERS

1. Bryan Buck (Santa Cruz) — 32/49
2. Steve Alba (Alva) — 32/47.
3. Doug deMontmorency (Sims) — 32/41
4. Mickey Alba (Kryptonics), Gary Atchison (Sims), Mike Folmer (Sims), John Tarango (Sims), Bobby Valdez (Powerflex) — 31
5. Garrett Chick (Powerflex), Doug Marker (Gullwing) — 30

AIR

1. George Orton (Sims) — 28"
2. Bobby Valdez (Powerflex) — 27"
3. Jeff Tatum (Live Lines) — 24"/24"
4. Howard Hood (Kanoa) — 24"/DQ
5. Steve Alba (Alva), Frank Blood (Sims) — 23"

DOUBLES

1. Greg Ayres (Sims) — Tony Jetton (Santa Cruz)
2. Frank Blood (Sims) — George Orton (Sims)
3. Steve Alba (Alva) — Scott Dunlap (Kryptonics)
4. Art Mingeaud (Panther) — Jeff Tatum (Live Lines)
5. Chris Fisher (AlotAflex) — Tim Martin (AlotAflex)

Hester's Overview



STEVE OLSON — 1st Overall



RICK BLACKHART — 3rd Overall



STEVE ALBA finished #2 in the Series - Spring Valley. Photo by Tim Stahl.

HESTER — I.S.A. BOWL CONTEST SERIES 1978

- #1 — "Skateboard Heaven," Spring Valley, Calif.
- #2 — "Pipeline," Upland, Calif.
- #3 — "Ride-On Skatepark," Newark, Calif.
- #4 — "Big O," Orange, Calif.

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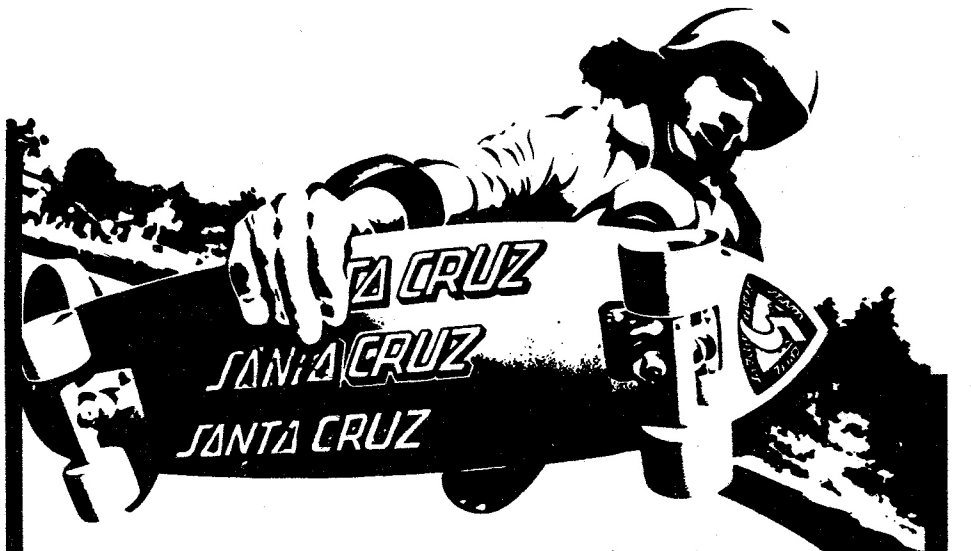
1. Steve Olson (Santa Cruz)	280
2. Steve Alba (Alva)	250
3. Rick Blackhart (Tunnel)	185
4. Scott Dunlap (Kryptonics) and Bobby Valdez (Powerflex)	180
5. Howard Hood (Kanoa)	150
6. Mike Weed (Hobie)	135
7. Brad Bowman (Sims)	130
8. Curt Kimball (Astral)	125
9. Tay Hunt (Badlands)	115
10. Kirk Talbott (Kryptonics)	110

TOTAL SERIES POINTS: Women's Division

1. Leilani Kiyabu (Banzai)	100
2. Teri Lawrence (Powerflex)	100
3. Kim Cespedes (Logan)	85



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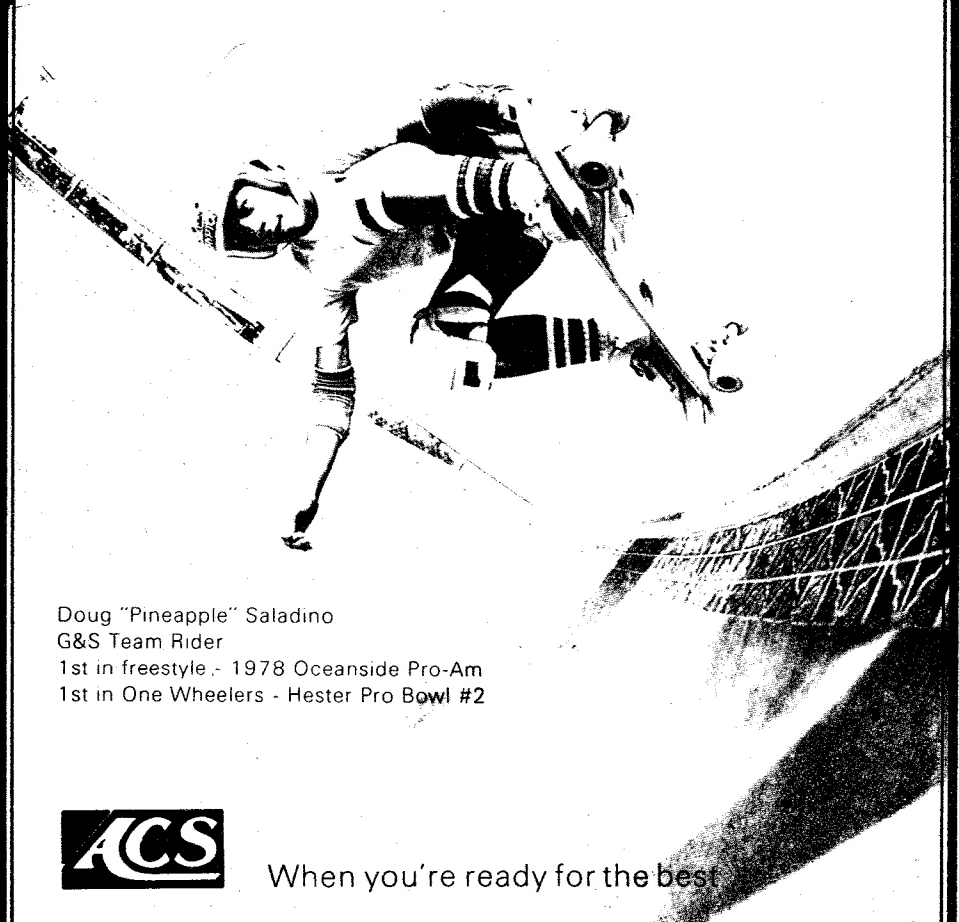


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RUSS GOSNELL - Spring Valley. Photo by Nathan Clayton.



STEVE CATHEY - Spring Valley.



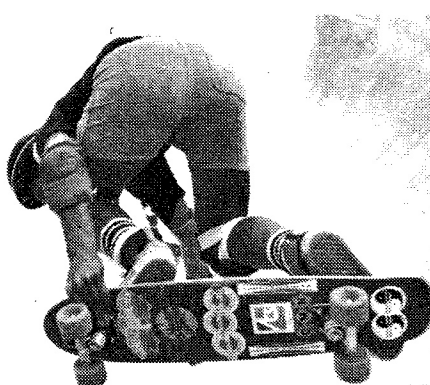
Pipeline Skatepark, Upland, Calif.



STACY PERALTA - Pipeline.



DOUG SALADINO - Spring Valley. Photo by Nathan Clayton.



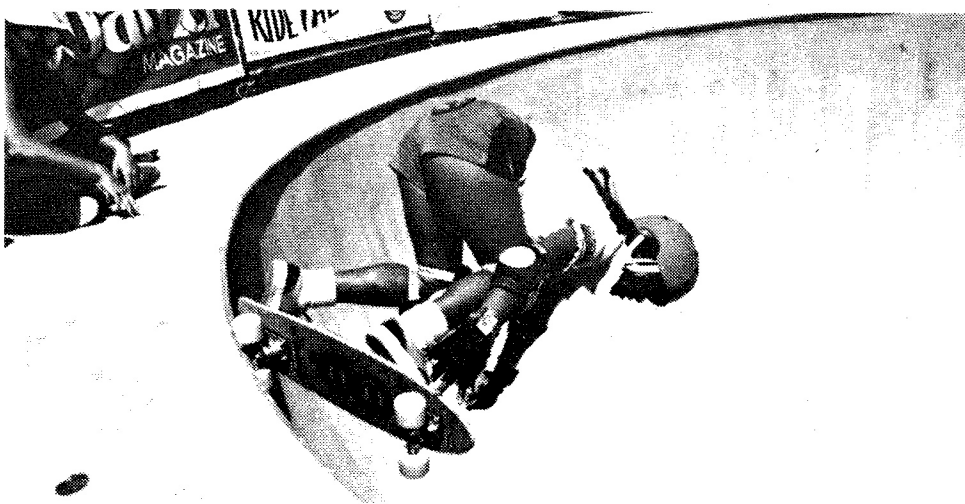
DOUG SALADINO - Spring Valley. Photo by Chuck Saccio.



DENNIS MARTINEZ - Spring Valley. Photo by Chuck Saccio.



TIM MARTING - Newark. Photo by Jon Malvino.



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LET'S HEAR FROM:

ALASKA

By Ted Hanson
Top of the World Skatepark

We've been real busy getting our park open so we haven't had time to write. Skateboarding in Alaska is going good but most of it is outside. After nine months of winter, everyone spends the summers outside. We are looking forward to a very busy winter. Our park (Top of the World Skatepark) is fiberglass and we have three human pinball machines called "Skateball" and several other ramps and we've had no accidents in the months we've been open.

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safety equipment. Tracker, Mac Track Rebound, and ACS are the popular trucks.

We are the only park in Alaska at this time and the response has been great. Most of our skaters are 7 to 15 years but we do have some older guys who are really hot. DON WOOD, age 16, and KARL AUGESTAD, age 19, are probably the best in Alaska and they both work here at "Top of the World."

If any of your readers should ever come to Alaska please stop and see us. Keep reading the "National Skateboard Review"; it's really a good publication. You folks have put a lot of effort into making it what it is.

WASHINGTON

Skaters everywhere should take note of skatepark development in the Northwest. There are two operating skateparks in Idaho, one in Boise and the other in Pocatello. Three other parks operating in Washington are Tri-Cities Skatepark at 7203 Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, Wa., E.J.'s Skatewaves at N. 6401 Addison, Spokane, Wa., and Skateaway Skatepark in Bellingham, Wa. New parks are also planned for Seattle, Tacoma and Lacey (next to Olympia). Land is being cleared now for the park in Lacey to be called Olympic Skateboard Park. The park is a project of Robert McGraw Inc. and is scheduled for completion Dec. 1st of this year. It will have about 14,000 feet of skating surface, much of which will

be vertical. There will be bowls, snake runs and a freestyle area. Mr. McGraw estimates the park's capacity to be about 80 to 90 skaters at a time. Also planned are a game room, pro shop and lounge. The project is estimated to cost about \$200,000. Since living in this area involves getting rained on, McGraw has also planned to cover the park, which he says will cost almost as much as the skating surface.

So you can be sure that the Northwest is moving right along in skatepark development. You'll be hearing more from us up here.

Sincerely,
David Mowell
Capital Lakefair
Skateboard Contest Director

MICHIGAN

By Chris Yandall

Skateboard City held its first annual skateboard contest on July 16, 1978. Events were slalom and bowl riding. The locals did the best as usual, while

strong upcoming youngsters from the downriver area provided unusual maneuvers like "yellow bellies" and "flat land aerials."

RESULTS

BOWL RIDING

9 and Under:

1. John Goyle
2. Gerald Moore

10 to 12 years:

1. Dave Hutchinson
2. Barry Adams

13 to 16 years:

1. Brian Horde
2. Dave Altari

17 and Over

1. Tom Hutchinson
2. Tom McTeer

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3. Brian Jackman

SLALOM

9 and Under:

1. John Goyle
2. Chris Wilson

10 to 12 years:

1. Barry
2. Kevin Rank

13 to 16 years:

1. Dave Altari
2. Craig Brave

17 and Over:

1. Frank Schmied
2. Mark Mondry

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SPECIAL AWARD: SHARON OLESKY

NEBRASKA

By Steve Clemens

The skate scene in Omaha, Nebraska is getting HOT! There aren't too many pools but somehow we find one to rider now and then.

We have a skatepark too. It consists of a big bowl, a smaller bowl with a mini-snake run leading into it, and a mini-half pipe. The hours are Noon to 10 PM every day. It costs \$1.25 per hour weekdays and \$1.50 for weekends. It is called the Concrete Wave of Omaha and is located at 84th

and Grover.

The Concrete Wave and Ronda are also organizing a 25 member skateboard team although there aren't too many other teams to compete against in Nebraska.

Lately my brother and I, plus a few friends, have been working on a half pipe and it's near completion. It's 20-foot long, 10½ feet tall with about 2½ feet of vertical at the top.

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CHILDREN'S DAY

Jetway Skateboard Park of Memphis and Jetway Skateboard Park of Bartlett held several PARK DAYS as field trips for the Memphis Park Commission. Children (approximately 300) from various parts of the Memphis area received a grand tour of Jetway's facilities. Next, came an exhibition on the different runs by the Jetway team riders followed by participation of each guest in the beginning areas. Safety in skateboarding was the theme.

This field priced at 1/2 the normal admission fee (rental gear included free), held at a slow time of the day, was given free to the children compliments of the Memphis Park Commission. The Park Commission delivered sandwiches and milk for their noon time meal.

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DAVE CARTER at the 2nd Annual Capital Lakefair Skateboard Contest in Olympia, Wash. Photo by Del Ogden.

Washington Contest

By David Mowell

The 2nd Annual Capital Lakefair Skateboard Contest held in Olympia Washington on July 9th was a big success. Capital Lakefair is a 4-day city-wide celebration that attracts thousands of people each year to its many activities. Consequently there was a big crowd for this year's skate contest. With cooperation from the City of Olympia the site for this year's competition was a newly asphalted street next to the construction of a new shopping mall in town, so the skating surface received many positive comments.

Approximately 70 skaters from Washington and Oregon gathered at 11 a.m. on Sunday to start the day's events of slalom, freestyle, ramp riding and 360's. Various teams from around the area as well as many independent skaters gave to the crowd an increased appreciation of what skateboarding is all about as well as what it takes to be a winner. Spectators who attended are still talking about the contest being the most exciting and impressive event that they attended at Lakefair this year.

The 400 foot slalom course involved 42 giant slalom and quick cones in each lane for those riders over 13 years old. It started things off with fast paced action. In the 16 & over bracket LANCE SHAFER came away the winner with consistent low times and swift snapping style. 2nd and 3rd places were hotly contested after the regulation runs and needed two additional runs each to break what seemed an unbreakable tie. DAVE CARTER finally came out on top in 2nd place with ART MORRISON taking 3rd. Though many riders tied in the 13-15 yr. age group, it was fairly apparent after the first series of runs that DON EDWARDS, fluid style and intense concentration were taking him to 1st place. Local riders SCOTT TORVE and DREW NELSON in the 12 & under slalom finished 2nd and 3rd respectively after BILLY MARTIN took 1st place on the 250' short course. Scott and Drew received many congratulations from the local spectators. Scott also did well in the 13 & under ramp riding event by taking 3rd place.

Ramp riding was added to this year's events due to its rapid growth in popularity since last year's contest. This segment of the competition was definitely the most spectacular, repeatedly drawing many "ooooos" and "aaahhs" from the crowd. Riders committed themselves to six prechosen moves on the ramp from the many possibilities given them on the ramp registration form. Each of the moves had a pre-determined point value according to degree of difficulty. Rider after rider blazed down the runway and up the ramp. When the smoke cleared, RICH GRAVES and MARK CONAHAN were left standing together in 1st place in the 14 & over group while MIKE BUNGAY grabbed the top spot for those 13 & under.

Though the Freestyle competition this year was a bit overshadowed by the ramp riding, PAT STOCKMAN, MARK HOLT and BILLY MARTIN came away with 1st places in their respective age brackets. Their fast fluid footwork showed many hours of practice, culminating in solid polished routines, much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

In the 360s competition three familiar names in the final standings came up again. MARK HOLT, STEVE JOHNSON and DAVE CARTER left the onlookers dizzy in spinning their way to a 1,2,3 finish. Mark Holt, who skated in the Oceanside Calif., Amateur Classic in June, and Dave Carter proved to be the best all around skaters of the day by riding their way into the final standings of all the events they each entered.

Trophies and ribbons were provided all the finalists by the sponsors, Capital Lakefair and the Thurston County and Lacey Parks Departments. In addition, other awards included equipment donated by Rector & Wolfe courtesy of The Bikefactory of Bellevue, Torque Mfg. and Powell Corp. Contest direction was provided by David Mowell of The Bike Stand of Olympia while rules and judging direction was done by Tom Sexton of Tacoma's Free 'n Easy Skateboard Shop.

All together it was a terrific team effort, bringing off a successful contest for the skaters and advancing the sport of skateboarding another step in the public eye.

FINAL RESULTS

SLALOM

16 years old & older:

1st Lance Shafer
2nd Dave Carter
3rd Art Morrison

13 to 15 years old:

1st Don Edwards
2nd Steve Johnson
3rd Jay Norton

12 years old & under:

1st Billy Martin
2nd Scott Torve
3rd Drew Nelson

RAMP RIDING

14 years & older:

1st Rich Graves & Mark Conahan
2nd Mark Holt
3rd Dave Carter

13 years old & under:

1st Mike Bungay
2nd Paul Leary
3rd Scott Torve

FREESTYLE

16 years & older:

1st Pat Stockman
2nd Dave Carter
3rd Jose Serrica

13 to 15 years old:

1st Mark Holt
2nd Steve Johnson
3rd Ryan Beliel

12 years old & under:

1st Billy Martin
2nd no entry
3rd no entry

360s

Open Age Group:

1st Mark Holt
2nd Steve Johnson
3rd Dave Carter

Aspen Contest

By Peter Camann

Exactly one year ago to date, JOHN HUTSON began a domination in Pro racing that would only be stopped sporadically during the rest of that season. Hut won the Dual Slalom and Downhill at Aspen to make it four in a row in '77. Again, one year later, another race was on the line with a title in the '78 season at stake.

Qualifying No. 1, Hut methodically disposed of the opposition one by one. Starting with Curt Kimball, and then Randy Smith in the Quarter Finals, Hutson met Bob Skoldberg in the Semi's. Two racers later, the "Iceman" advanced to the finals against a confident Charlie Ransom who had edged out teammate Steve Evans. Hobie pro Skoldberg would now race Evans in the consolation round for Third Place.

The consolation was run first. EVANS raced well to grab the time advantage in the first heat. In the second and decisive heat Evans fell only three cones from the finish line. Thus, giving SKOLDBERG the important Third Place win.

Back at the start, HUT waited with RANSOM for a clear course. If the "Iceman" wins, he would extend his '78 record to five in a row. Racing cleanly in two heats, Hutson took the victory from a strong rookie.

John Hutson won another victory the hard way. He raced faster and harder than all the pros in Aspen that day. He skated a 32 cone course eight times and only moved one cone. Counting both Vail and Aspen slaloms, Hut has raced a total of 720 cones and only moved five of them! His consistency percentage is .69%, with a knockdown ratio of 5:720. Knowing how good this man's ability is will tell you why Mr. Hutson is the best in Pro racing today.

The Downhill was scheduled for the following day. A one mile mountain course was set to host the large turnout of both Pros and Amateurs. It has been previously arranged for the traffic to be regulated by the Sheriff Dept. Officers. They, however, provided poor traffic control and inadequate safety precautions. Race Officials decided to cancel the Downhill for lack of safety.

The circuit next moves to Breckenridge for another Dual Slalom and Giant Slalom. Breckenridge is still the fastest slalom on the schedule. Look for strong finishes from HUTSON, TOM RYAN and RANDY SMITH. Racers are advised to bring good protective equipment and extra sneakers. . .slowing by "foot breaking" is mandatory.

CIRCUIT POINT STANDINGS AS OF ASPEN RACE — July 22

Place	Racer	Home	Total Points
1.	John Hutson	Santa Cruz, Ca	100
2.	Steve Evans	Upland, Ca	62
3.	Bobby Piercy	San Diego, Ca	54
4.	Charlie Ransom	Fontana, Ca	52
5.	Randy Smith	Dillon, Colo	45
6.	Brent Kosick	Boulder, Colo	39
7.	Curt Kimball	Ontario, Ca	31
8.	Jim Whalen	Boulder, Colo	22
8.	Bob Skoldberg	Mission Viejo, Ca	22
9.	Carl Koomoa	Santa Fe, N. Mex	20
10.	James Caldwell	Orlando, Fla	13

ASPEN DUAL SLALOM

1. John Hutson	(Santa Cruz)	9. Curt Kimball	(Astral)
2. Charlie Ransom	(Santa Cruz)	10. Larry Stratton	(unknown)
3. Bob Skoldberg	(Hobie)	11. James Caldwell	(unknown)
4. Steve Evans	(Astral)	12. Marc Pacheco	(unknown)
5. Bobby Piercy	(Sims)	13. Randy Watson	(Blue Skies)
6. Brent Kosick	(unknown)	14. Henry Hester	(Santa Cruz)
7. Randy Smith	(unknown)	15. Tom Ryan	(Turner)
8. Jim Whalen	(unkown)	16. Mike Goldman	(Santa Cruz)

Maryland Contest

By Bill Horvath

The Concrete Surf Skatepark in Baltimore, Maryland held a contest on June 24, 1978. Competing in the contest were skaters from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. It

was a nice sunny day as the crowd enjoyed the ripping in the three categories: slalom, freestyle, and pool riding.

RESULTS

FREESTYLE

11 and Under:

1. Stephen Gutermuth
2. Greg Critcher
3. Robert Wilson

12 to 14 years:

1. Joe Ayers (J.R.)
2. Buddy Gutermuth
3. Doug Kottraba

15 to 17 years:

1. Joe Ayers (Fox)
2. Allen Jeffers
3. Jim Essilontes

18 and Over:

1. Bob Strange
2. Steve Moyer
3. Mells Gehn

SLALOM

11 and Under:

1. Stephen Gutermuth
2. Robert Wilson
3. Tony Sponeri

13 to 14 years:

1. Bobby Nicholson
2. Doug Kottraba

3. Ted Mell

15 to 17 years:

1. Mike Yarnell
2. Edward Tyler
3. Scal Spence

18 and Over:

1. Bob Strange
2. Mark Boyer
3. Steve Moyer

POOL RIDING

11 and Under:

1. Stephen Gutermuth
2. Robert Wilson

12 to 14 years:

1. Joey DeLeon
2. Pat Truitt
3. Joe Ayers (J.R.)

15 to 17 years:

1. Steve Shalis
2. Dale Whitmore
3. Randy Hofferbert

18 and Over:

1. Steve Zellinger
2. Bob Strange
3. Bill Horvath



JERE BLACK at the Jetway Bartlett contest in Tennessee.

Jetway Contest

By Jetway of Bartlett

Saturday, July 8, at Jetway of Bartlett, the first Pro-Am took place. Teams throughout the mid-South and Southeast competed. Teams present were: Wheel-A-Wave (Birmingham, Ala), Pipedreams (Birmingham, Ala), High Rollers (Florence, Ala), Pipedreams (Birmingham, Ala) Jetway

of Bartlett (Tenn.), Jetway of Mt. Moriah (Tenn.), and Skatertown (Little Rock, Ark).

DARREN HO, hottest new professional straight from Hawaii, riding for Town and County, was our expert judge.

RESULTS

SLALOM

13 and Under:

1. Byran Rodgers (Pipedreams)
2. Bruce Jones (Mt. Moriah)
3. Rickey Crockett (Bartlett)
4. Brent Raines (Skatertown)

14 and Over:

1. Terry Kirts (Pipedream)
2. Brian Sneed (Bartlett)
3. John Flanagan (Mt. Moriah)
4. Jerry Anderson (Mt. Moriah)

FREESTYLE

13 and Under:

1. Byran Rodgers (Pipedreams)
2. Peyton Upton (Bartlett)
3. Todd Lunclly (Bartlett)
4. Jeff Smith (Wheel-A-Wave)

14 and Over:

1. Travis Clayton (Pipedreams)
2. Terry Kirts (Pipedreams)
3. Tim Spinosi (Wheel-A-Wave)
4. Stanley Ferguson (Skatertown)

SNAKE RUN

13 and Under:

1. John Warren (Bartlett)

2. Hubert Cochrane (Bartlett)
3. Rick Bailey (Skatertown)
4. David Fike (Skatertown)

14 and Over:

1. Brian Sneed (Bartlett)
2. Jere Black (Bartlett)
3. Jack Teague (Bartlett)
4. Andy Spinosi (Wheel-A-Wave)

BOWL RIDING

13 and Under:

1. Bruce Jones (Mt. Moriah)
2. John Warren (Bartlett)
3. Hubert Cochrane (Bartlett)
4. Rollen Jones (Mt. Moriah)

14 and Over:

1. Jack Teague (Bartlett)
2. Brian Sneed (Bartlett)
3. Jere Black (Bartlett)
4. Terry Kirts (Pipedreams)

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

1. Jetway of Bartlett - 108
2. Pipedreams - 52
3. Mt. Moriah - 32
4. Skatertown - 18
5. Wheel-A-Wave - 14
6. High Rollers - 0

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Minnesota Contest

The R.C. Cola Championships were held at the Eden Prairie Shopping Center. There was a small turn out due

to the rain but later in the day the weather cleared and actually got hot.

RESULTS

FREESTYLE

10 and Under:

1. Bard Goodrich
2. Tom Vangen
3. Eric Bertsch
4. Mark Collins

11 to 12 years:

13 to 15 years:

1. Ed Bertsch
1. Chris Bowman
2. Brent Waiwaiolie
3. Dave Petro
4. Bill Vangen
5. Dan Kan

16 and Over:

1. Steve Stehley
2. Mike Vangen
3. Phil Reilly
4. Steve Olson
5. Jim Stoyanoff

SLALOM

10 and Under:

1. Eric Bertisch
2. Tom Vangen
3. Mark Collins
4. Bard Goodrich

11 to 12 years:

13 to 15 years:

1. Ed Bertsch
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2. Don White
3. Eric Tschida
4. Billy Burneice
5. Craig Wemple

16 and Over:

1. Steve Olson
2. Mike Vangen
3. Steve Stehley
4. Phil Reilly
5. Paul Klossmen

E. S. A. Contest

By Pete Pan

This year's annual New England Summer Freestyle Skateboard Championships featured many of the hottest skaters from all over the New England area. It was held at the Community Center in Narragansett, Rhode Island, on June 24, 1978 as part of Ralph Coppa's Recreation program.

GARY SOUTHWICK dazzled a group of over 150 spectators and dozens of fellow competitors as he pulled a repeat of last year's stunning performance. The pressure was on Gary from the beginning with great skaters from Cambridge and Seekonk, Mass; as well as Newport and South County — all confident of taking the Junior Title. Gary responded with a super cool routine and almost flawless accuracy as he won the Junior Title, the 360 Title, and the Overall Outstanding Skater for the second year in a row. He broke his own record of 8-1/2 spins in the 360 event when he pulled off 9-1/2 spins in his second try.

Over \$300 in prizes were donated by Road Rider Wheels, Watershed, Zero Gravity Skatepark, and Waterbrothers/Haut Surf Shop. The judges did an excellent job, especially in the very close Ramp contest where contestants were riding airborne as they hurled themselves completely off the ramp. Judges Steve Ellis, Robbie Pearson, and Pasco Stanton finished with 100% accuracy.

RESULTS

MENEHUNE FINAL:

1. Billy Goodrich (Narragansett)
2. Paul Rayta (Narragansett)

MEN'S OPEN WINNER:

1. Bob Mattson (Wakefield, RI)

MASTER'S OPEN WINNER:

1. Pete Pan (Narragansett, RI)

RAMP RIDING CONTEST:

1. Tom Nagle
2. Paul Turcotte and Dan Beach
3. Gary Stevens
4. Greg Burrows.
5. Vince Green

TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Watershed (Wakefield, RI)
2. Waterbrothers (Newport, RI)
3. Woodflow (Exeter, RI)

BOYS FINAL:

1. Mark Rayta (Narragansett)
2. Gary Stevens (Narragansett)
3. Mike Labonte (Narragansett)
4. John Pearce (Narragansett)
5. Jeff Bomes (Cumberland)

JUNIOR MEN FINAL:

1. Gary Southwick (Wakefield, RI)
2. Dan Beach (Concord, Mass)
3. Greg Burrows (Seekonk, Mass)
4. Paul Rucotte (Seekonk, Mass)
5. Mike Lardner (Narragansett, RI)

360 CONTEST:

1. Gary Southwick
2. Paul Turcotte
3. Gary Stevens
4. Tom Nagle
5. Mike Lardner

OUTSTANDING SKATER:

1. Gary Southwick
2. Gary Stevens

CHOC Contest

On Friday, October 6, 1978, the Anaheim Convention Center auditorium will be the scene for one of the biggest events of the year for amateur skateboarders.

An amateur invitational skateboard contest will be held. Leading amateur skaters from the Hang Ten, Oceanside contest and the UASA Championships will be invited along with skaters from other major contests held nationwide. This fund raising benefit for Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) is being backed by Sunshine Skateboards.

A slalom and freestyle contest will be held with appropriate recognition to the winners. In addition, various professional skaters will be invited to participate in 360's, high jump, and barrel jump. Pledges for these events will be collected by various organizations and service clubs for CHOC. These pledges work the same way as they do for miles walked in a marathon walk. Can you imagine each 360 being worth, say, \$1000 for charity? All money raised by the pledges will go to CHOC.

The theme of the contest will be "Skate Safe." CHOC is not interested in having additional customers. Instead, CHOC is interested in the preventable aspects of skateboard injuries, while promoting the sport of skateboarding. October 6, 1978 is the Fourteenth Anniversary of CHOC and there may be a birthday cake or two for the skaters. For further information on the contest call Marlene at 714/992-0070 after August 15, 1978.

All individuals working on the contest are donating their services. Additional volunteers are needed for various committees. Mike Aiken is in charge of contest judges and officials. Nathan Wolfstein is in charge of the program. Freestyle skating will be to a live band, with all music under the auspices of Leslie Davis. Vic Lewallen is in charge of rules and timers. Di Dootson heads the committee for skater selection. Vic Knight is the CHOC representative. Arnie Bernstin and Paul Hostert are in charge of overall direction of the event.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE CONTEST: contest entries will be invited from a collection of applications. If you wish to be in the CHOC fund raiser put the following information on a 5X7 card (use the back if necessary) and mail to: CHOC CONTEST, P.O. Box 2204, Leucadia, Ca., 92024. DEADLINE: applications postmarked after Sept. 1 will not be considered.

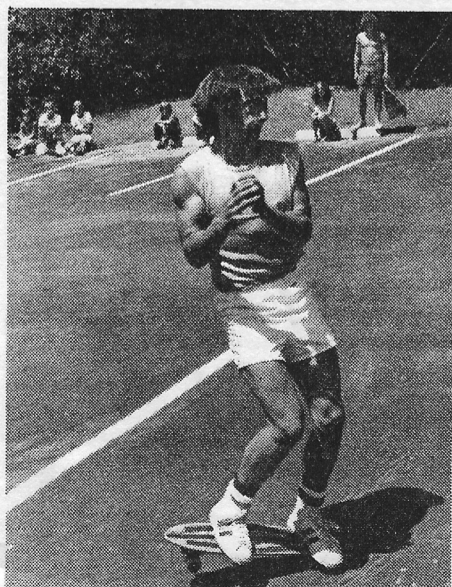
Name, address, telephone number, age, sex, list of contest wins; also, the name and telephone number of three people/associations clubs / teams, etc., who can verify your contest record and level of performance.



MARK LARDNER



GARY STEVENS



GARY SOUTHWICK



GARY STEVENS

Akron Contest

Note: The NSR regrets we were unable to get any more of a complete report than these UN-official results. The

sponsors of the event were contacted repeatedly and they never sent a press release.

STAND UP SPEED RUN

1. John Hutson (Santa Cruz)
2. Bob Skoldberg (Hobie)

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3. Roger Hickey (Hobie)
4. Roger Williams (unknown sponsor)

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CONTEST DIRECTORS: when you send in contest results, it's extra nice to mention where the winner's are from and, especially if they are sponsored, who they ride for. Thanks.

FOCUS

By Tim Cisners

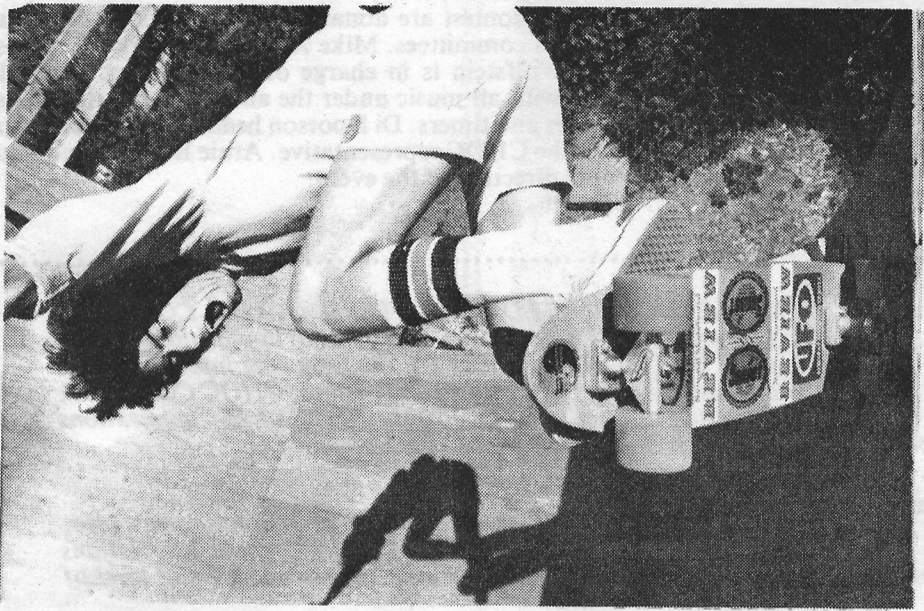
A new up and coming talent from Boise, Idaho, BRIAN SCHROEDER, promotes the sport when ever he can. At age 19, Brian has skated for five years and likes to help beginning skaters with his experience.

Currently Brian rides for the Budget Tapes Team of Boise. For equipment Brian endorses UFO wheels. In his words, "Ultimately, the finest out!" For boards he prefers the Town and Country Darren Ho model, a 30" Caster, and a Murray Estes Sunset Model 7-ply. For trucks: Trackers only!

Brian prefers the vertical push of pools and pipes, but also likes to skate varied terrain.

To Brian's credit he has helped put on several skate contests, has helped up and coming skate shops get going, he has organized a skate team, and he is undefeated in Boise slalom competition.

When you get right down to it, Brian just plain enjoys skating. "It's the fun of it that counts." Watch for this new super hot rider in the future!



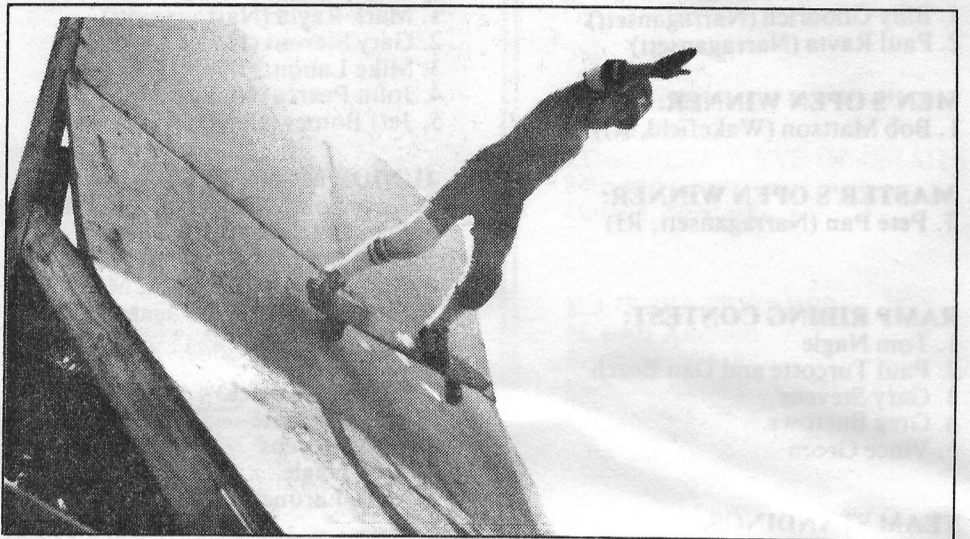
A view from the top at Ripple's: BRIAN SCHROEDER. Photo by Mike Finn.

In a recent telephone conversation with Di, she inquired about a little rat I had mentioned in one of my earlier articles in NSR. During a weekend trip to "Rat's" home town (Florence, Alabama), I was able to interview this seven year old skater named Sam Held...a.k.a. "Rat." Sam's reputation was built on radical terrain, banks, ramps, and pools. He is highly respected in the skate circles of North Alabama's elite; considering his age that's not at all bad.

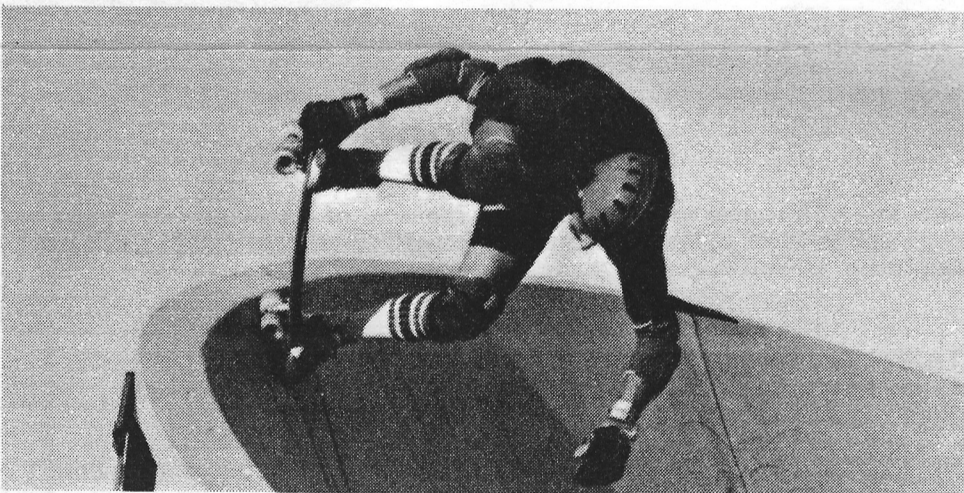
Upon arriving in Florence, I phoned Sam and set up a photo session for the next day. Picking him up I asked where we were skating. He directed me to Rose Court ramp. On the way Sam told me that some of the High Rollers would be there. As we drove up his brother Jeff, Scott Sloan, and Pete Culberson were jamming heavily on the 17 foot ramp.

Sam discovered the new NSR in my glove box. He told me to warm up while he checked out the new issue. Afterwards, he slapped on his gear and proceeded to shred the wooden terrain. In between the other skaters' rides Sam pumped the vertical on the 17 foot ramp. The camera's lens recorded the Rat's sylish backsides.

Watching him you'd wonder where this young skater gained his experience. Skating with some of Alabama's best skaters has definitely left Sam with a "go for it" attitude. This rat will surely blow minds outside of Alabama in the future and will continue to pride himself as Alabama's hottest young skater.



SAM



By Bob Goodrich

Who's Hot!! CHRIS TOMCZYK, age 23, rides for the Glass Rider Team and the "Board Bumpers." Chris is shown doing a tail tap at the Midwest Skateboard Parks, Inc. where Chris is the resident Pro at the park.

How long have you been skating?

Sam: 8 months.

And you are seven years old?

Sam: Do I look older?

Who got you into skating?

Sam: My brother and sister.

Are you on any teams?

Sam: I'm on the High Rollers Skate Cult. I'm the only one under fifteen years old.

What about contests?

Sam: 2nd place freestyle in the FourCities contest last October. They had a hot ramp there.

Who are your favorite skaters?

Sam: Guess. No, Jay Adams, Mike Williams, Jeff Held, and Bela Horvath. I'm glad to see us little guys get some recognition.

What are your favorite things to do?

Sam: Besides skating? I like to shoot my guns. I have a .410 shotgun and a .22 rifle. Do you like guns?

No, not really. Your skateboard equipment?

Sam: I have a 27" Logan Earth Ski with ACS 500's, and Road Rider 4's. But my favorite is this 28" Teamrider Model with Haftracks, and green Kryptos.

What are your goals in skateboarding?

Sam: Stay radical and get on a big team like G&S or something.

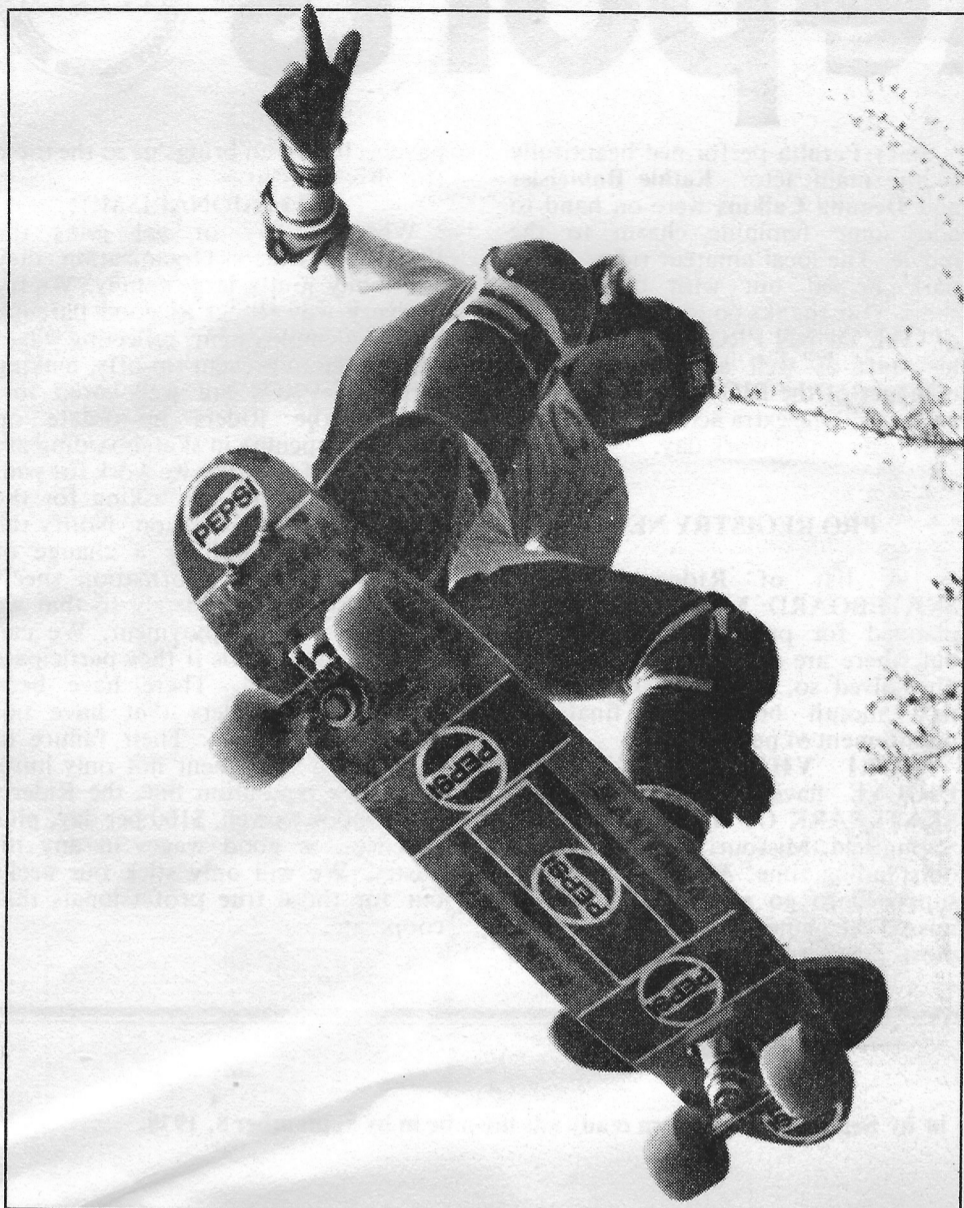
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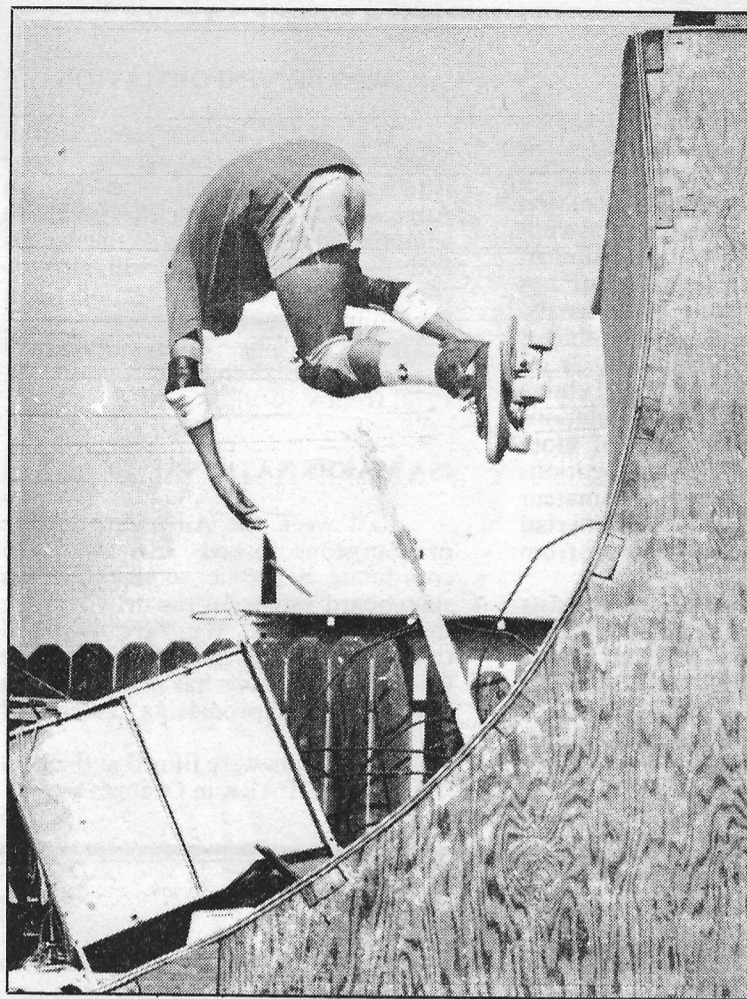
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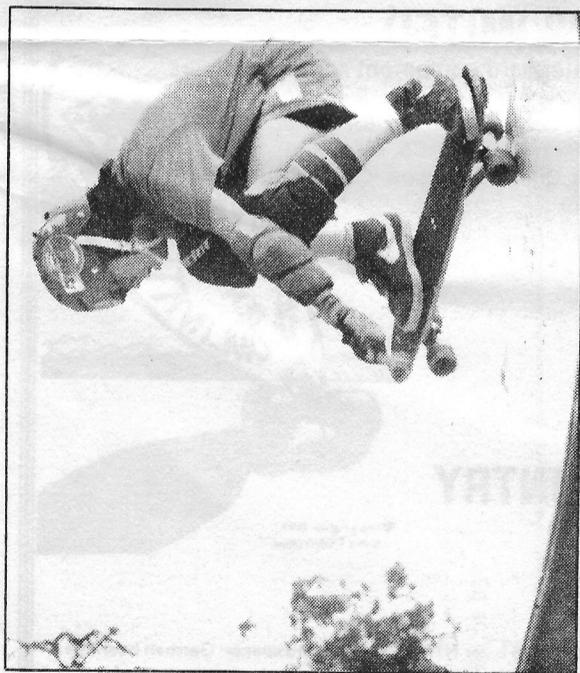
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RENE CARRASCO, a Pepsi Safety Team and Sky Hooks Team rider. Photo by Glen Miyoda.



REX BRUCKER's QUARTER PIPE — Rex's ramp was a half pipe but his friend gave us a half of it to use as a quarter pipe. It is in a back yard in Wilmington, California. It was built in mid-February. It still exists and we're still ripping it up. Riding the ramp is RUSSELL GOBERT. Photo by Rex Brucker.



RICH DE LOSADA competing in the UC Berkeley contest



JUDI OYAMA (Santa Cruz) in competition at the U.C. Berkeley contest this year. Photo by Gunn.



REDMAN working a Rad Ramp in Calif. Photo by R. Leland.



STEVE CATHEY - Spring Valley. Photo by Nathan Clayton.



PAUL HOFFMAN (Hobie) on an unknown ramp. Photo Jeff Ruiz.



I.S.A. Reports



NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD - NEW DIRECTORS

The ISA has had one year of experience now and, although it has by no means solved the problems of skateboarding, it has begun to make a healthy dent. The frustration of the Board and the staff is that we have not been able to accomplish more. Limited funds and an undermanned staff has precluded achieving some of our goals. The Board will be tackling problems such as 1) foreign affiliations, 2) interaction with small skateboard clubs, 3) finalization of rules and regulations for the sport, 4) generation of more support for grass roots competitions across the country, and 5) amateur status rules, not to mention the myriad of other problems that crop up from time to time.

The new Executive Board consists of: Mr. Stephens, AMERICAN CYCLE SYSTEMS; Mr. McIntyre, GORDON & SMITH SKATEBOARDS; Mr. List, LAZER TRUCKS; Mr. Powell, POWELL CORPORATION; Mr. Sims, SIMS SKATEBOARDS. Any suggestions for

the new Directors will be forwarded to the Board via the ISA office.

DEALER'S INFORMATION

The Skate & Surf Accessories Market Show will be taking place at the Anaheim Convention Center on August 12-14, 1978. The ISA will have a booth there to meet any of the dealers and their friends. ISA will also be coordinating the demonstration times for exhibiting companies.

There will be a manufacturers workshop on Sunday, August 13, 1978, from 8:30-10:00 A.M.

ISA MAKES NATIONAL TV AGAIN

Last week the American College of Surgeons asked ISA to help coordinate a public service film on skateboard safety for the networks for the coming year. We were delighted that a prestigious group such as the College of Surgeons has helped us with our mission of promoting skateboard safety.

The segments were filmed at the BIG "O" SKATEPARK in Orange, CA.

Stacy Peralta performed beautifully as the main actor. Kathie Bomeisler and Deanna Calkins were on hand to add some feminine charm to the movie. The local amateur riders in the park helped out with background shots. Our thanks go to Mr. Cal Dunn of CAL DUNN PRODUCTIONS and his staff as well as Ron Wall, the manager of the BIG "O", for putting up with all the extra activity in the park during a normal work day.

PRO REGISTRY NEWS

A list of Riders for the SKATEBOARD MANIA show was planned for publication this month but, there are still a few small details unresolved so, it looks like it will be next month before the final announcement of performers.

VICKI VICKERS and TOM INOUE have returned from the SKATEPARK OF THE OZARKS in Springfield, Missouri and they had an outstanding time. Another Rider was supposed to go on that tour but he missed the plane...a great time...and, most unfortunately for him, his

paycheck. Which brings us to the topic for this month —

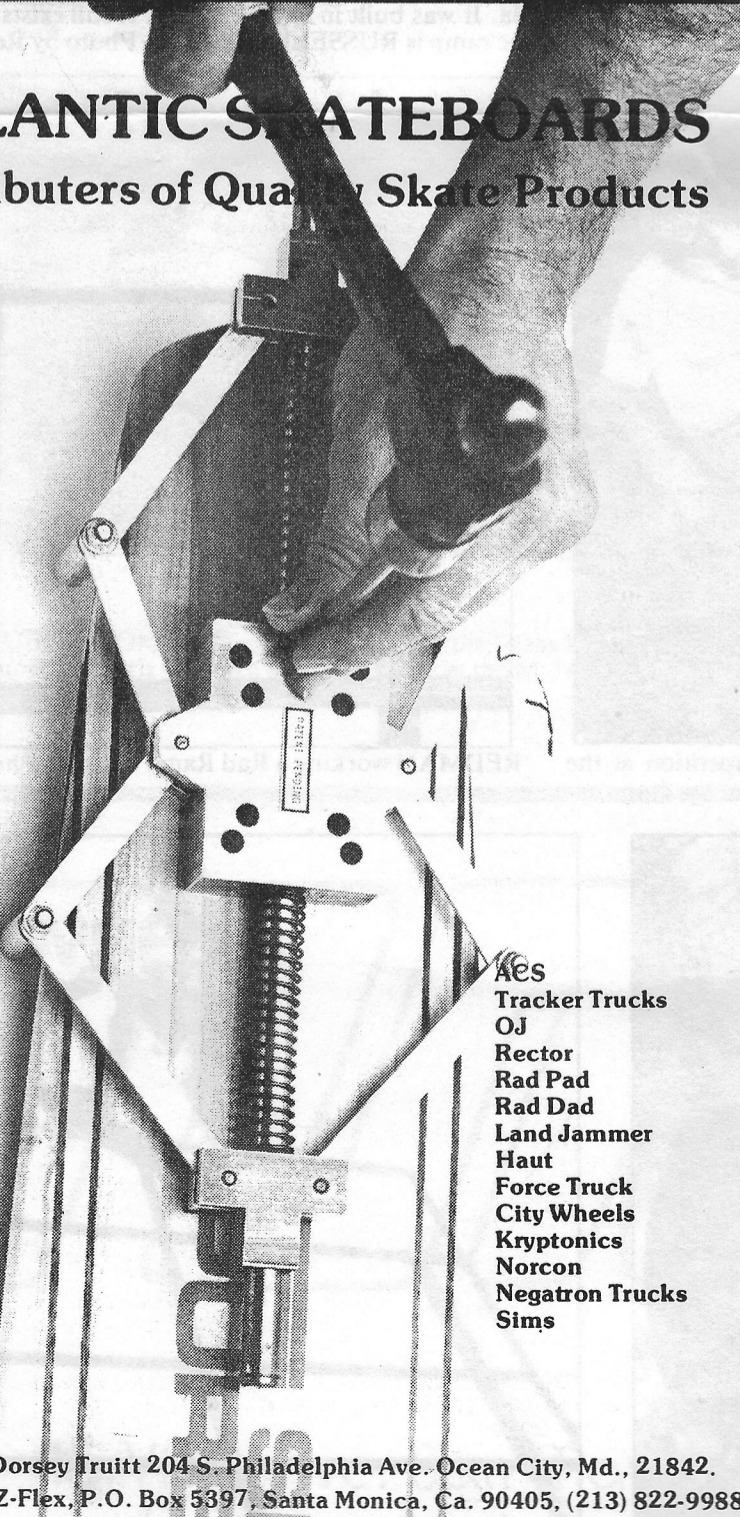
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When a guy or gal joins the ISA-PRO Riders Organization they essentially join a large family. We try in every way to act as good parents. Securing employment, collecting wages in advance to prevent rip-offs, making sure our PROs are well cared for, keeping the Riders up-to-date on what's happening in skateboarding are just some of the ways we work for you. We, at this time, are asking for the same kind of cooperation. Notify the office when you have a change of address. Fill out information sheets accurately and completely so that we can help with employment. We can only help the PROs if they participate in the program. There have been several PRO Riders that have not shown up for jobs. Their failure to honor their agreement not only hurts the ISA's reputation but, the Rider's pocketbook as well. \$100 per day, plus expenses, is good wages in any industry. We will only stick our necks out for those true professionals that cooperate.

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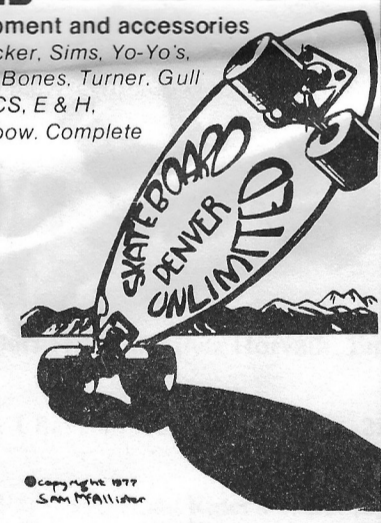


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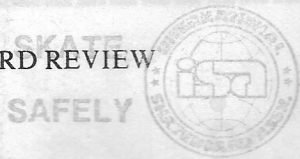
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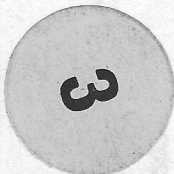
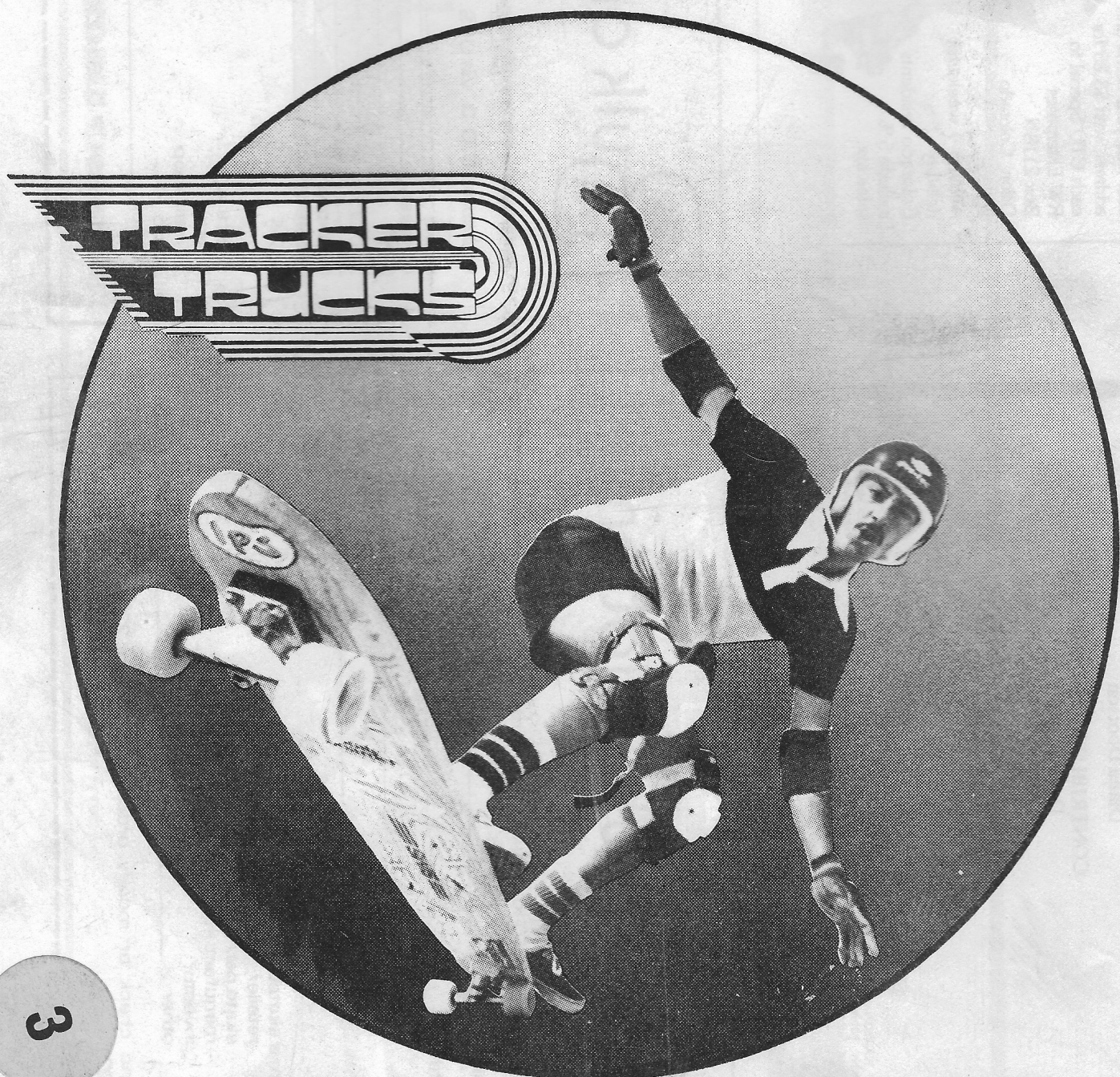
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