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CAMBER . . .

Camber was first adapted from snow ski design to skateboards by Bob Turner (Turner SummerSki) in the fall of 1974. The first boards utilizing camber were made of a solid fiberglass laminant which has now evolved to a matrix of foam core and fiberglass.

Camber is used for the initiation of turns; for smoothing out and delivering response in long drawn-out g-force type turns. It allows for 4-wheel drift rather than spin-out in critical situations.

Prototype boards have been constructed of carbon graphite fibre and epoxy resins with encouraging signs for future development.

This particular formula has been ridden successfully by Bobby Peirce, Tommy Ryan and fellow SummerSki team-mates in competition against World Champions in a series of races held in San Diego's North County.

Voices

"What Do You Think Of Skateboarding?"

Humans, rolling over the ground.

Craig Dootson/Skater
(leaving for Central America)

You gotta go faster, man, you gotta go faster.

Joe Lynch/Racer

It's a good thing if used with common sense. A good safe area is important — like this hill up here. Where we have problems is with participants not using minimum equipment — like shoes and a long sleeved shirt.

Carrol Guest/Observer
Carlsbad Fire Department

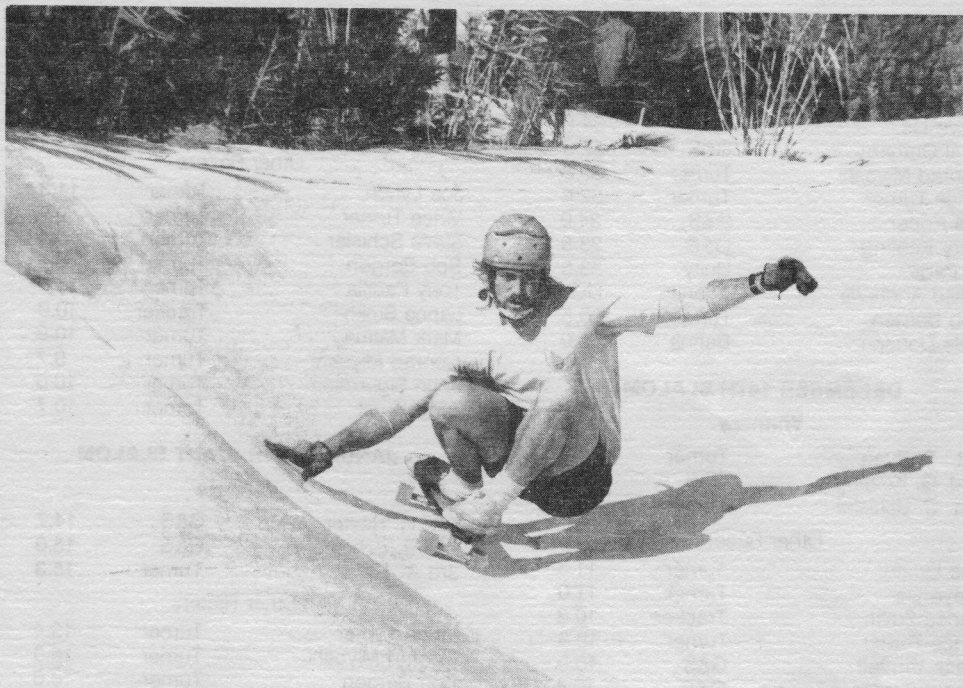
I think an orthopedic Surgeon (bone doctor) invented the skateboard.

Dr. Rubin/Physician

I think it's a new art form.

Roger Runkle/Observer
Physical Therapist

Talkin to Tracker



DAVID DOMINY — skater for 12 years, now co-manufacturer of Tracker Trucks, made his first skateboard business (Skateboards Hawaii) at age 13.

Interviewed by Diana Dootson

How's Tracker business?

(Chuckle) . . . it's fine.

Where will Tracker go from here?

The sky's the limit.

Why do Tracker Trucks work so well?

They were made specifically for skateboarding with fine mechanical improvements. Then there's the width. It gives you much more traction and security. It makes skateboards the way they always should have been and probably always will.

What are some differences in boards?

There are lots of different boards, obviously. But there are a few basic ones. And the most general categories are slalom and freestyle. Both require different wheels, trucks, and chassis.

What is your preference?

I like freestyle boards but I'll always have a slalom board because I like to slalom. I have a Turner foam camber board set up to do just that.

My freestyle board lets me do anything I want: I can incorporate tricks onto bank

and hill riding, whereas a slalom board is restricted to a slalom course or downhill.

What are some differences in wheels?

Big, small, wide, precision, etc. There are so many wheels it baffles my ball bearings.

Which do you prefer?

I like Road Riders and Power Paws. Precision only.

What is your favorite type of skateboarding?

I like bank riding.

What do you get out of racing?

(Laugh) . . . fun.

Any opinions on skateboarding for money as opposed to keeping money out of it?

I'm not in competition for money. I don't care what anyone else does.

What's the best way to improve your skateboarding?

Skate — just stay on wheels.

Do you have any comments for people just getting into skateboarding?

It's easier to ride Tracker Trucks.

Race Results

FOCUS: Vince Turner

These race results are the development of casual weekend racing by some of the best skateboarders in the world. This is truly an example of Skateboard racing by Skateboarders.

DECEMBER 7TH GIANT SLALOM

NAME	TEAM	TIME
Winners		
1st T. Ryan	Turner	31.5
2nd C. Yandell	G&S	32.0
3rd B. Scholberg	G&S	32.0

Other Racers

Brian Logan	Logan	32.5
Danny Trailer	G&S	32.5
Henry Hester	G&S	32.5
Steve Lis	Turner	34.5
Neal Graham	G&S	32.5
Conrad Miyoshi	Turner	35.0
Vince Turner	Turner	32.5
Joe Roper	G&S	34.0
Gary Keating	G&S	33.5
Ty Page	Unity	33.5
David Andrews	Bahne	DQ
Bob Bergen	Turner	36.5
Dale Dobson	Bahne	35.0

DECEMBER 14TH SLALOM

Winners

1st T. Ryan	Turner	9.0
2nd G. Keating	G&S	9.7
3rd S. Schisler	Turner	10.1

Other Racers

Joe Lynch	Turner	11.3
Steve Lis	Turner	11.0
Lance Smith	Tracker	10.3
Vince Turner	Turner	10.3
Chris Yandell	G&S	10.0
Danny Trailer	G&S	10.4

DECEMBER 21ST GIANT SLALOM

Winners

1st B. Scholberg	G&S	19.8
2nd H. Hester	G&S	20.6
3rd T. Ryan	Turner	20.9

Other Racers

Joe Lynch	Turner	22.4
Vince Turner	Turner	21.4
Conrad Miyoshi	Turner	23.5
Bob Bergen	Turner	23.6
Steve Schisler	Turner	DQ
David Dominy	Tracker	21.9
Bobby Peircy	Turner	20.6

DECEMBER 21ST SLALOM

Winners

1st B. Peircy	Turner	7.1
2nd H. Hester	G&S	7.7
3rd B. Scholberg	G&S	7.9

Other Racers

Tommy Ryan	Turner	8.6
Joe Lynch	Turner	DQ
Vince Turner	Turner	8.9
Conrad Miyoshi	Turner	8.0
Bob Bergen	Turner	8.6
Steve Schisler	Turner	8.7
Lance Smith	Tracker	8.3

DECEMBER 28TH GIANT SLALOM

Winners

1st H. Hester	G&S	20.4
2nd B. Scholberg	G&S	20.8
3rd T. Ryan	Turner	21.0

Other Racers

Joe Lynch	Turner	23.6
Vince Turner	Turner	22.0
Steve Schisler	Turner	23.9
Bob Bergen	Turner	23.8
Tony Padilla	Turner	23.0
Steve Menas	—	23.4
Earl Smith	—	25.4
Brian Logan	Logan	21.0

DECEMBER 28TH SLALOM

Winners

1st T. Ryan	Turner	9.7
2nd B. Scholberg	G&S	9.8
3rd H. Hester	G&S	9.9

Other Racers

Joe Lynch	Turner	11.3
Vince Turner	Turner	9.9
Steve Schisler	Turner	10.1
Bob Bergen	Turner	10.6
Tony Padilla	Turner	11.0
Lance Smith	Tracker	10.0
Mark Matina	Turner	10.9
Conrad Miyoshi	Turner	9.7
John Sigurdson	Turner	10.0
Brad Hurst	Turner	10.7

JANUARY 4TH GIANT SLALOM

Winners

1st H. Hester	G&S	14.7
2nd B. Scholberg	G&S	15.0
3rd T. Ryan	Turner	15.3

Other Racers

Vince Turner	Turner	15.4
Conrad Miyoshi	Turner	15.9
Bob Bergen	Turner	16.6
Joe Lynch	Turner	17.6
Tony Padilla	Turner	16.7
Gary Keating	G&S	15.9
Steve Lis	Turner	17.1
Chris Henderson	—	17.2
Eddie Katz	Logan	17.5
Vince Andrade	G&S	18.0
David Dominy	Tracker	16.3
Steve Schisler	Turner	16.1
John Sigurdson	Turner	16.2
Lance Smith	Tracker	16.6
Danny Trailer	G&S	15.0

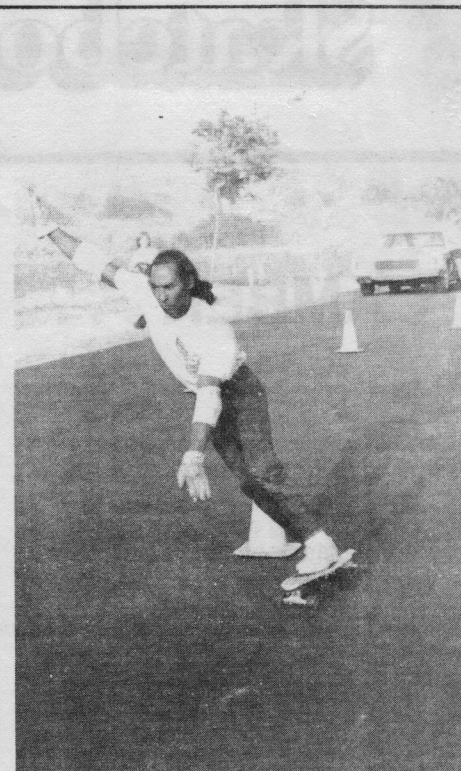
JANUARY 4TH SLALOM

Winners

1st H. Hester	G&S	10.0
2nd B. Scholberg	G&S	10.1
3rd T. Ryan	Turner	10.3

Other Racers

Conrad Miyoshi	Turner	10.7
Bob Bergen	Turner	11.4
Joe Lynch	Turner	11.7
Tony Padilla	Turner	11.9
Gary Keating	G&S	10.5
Steve Lis	Turner	11.6
Eddie Katz	Logan	12.0
Steve Schisler	Turner	11.3
Lance Smith	Tracker	11.6
Neal Graham	G&S	11.1
Dale Dobson	Bahne	12.1



VINCE TURNER, Representative of the Turner SummerSki is a hot competitor in the Giant Slalom and Slalom races.

What makes the Turner SummerSki different from other boards?

Construction/design. Our boards are made with an exclusive urethane foam core using the original skateboard camber design which gives "Control" — the main difference.

How do "flex" and "camber" differ?

Camber equals return and punch, flex equals sag.

What differences do you find in racing today as compared with racing years ago?

Equipment . . . it's definitely more advanced — faster. Competition is much stiffer and there are more super riders.

Which type of contest do you prefer — large sponsor-organized, or small rider-organized?

The smaller rider-organized — they're more together, on better surfaces and the courses are happening. There's no jive.

We welcome comments, articles, notices, etc. from our readers. We will print those we feel would best follow in the spirit of our publication. Contact Peggy Turner or Di Dootson.