

ROLLING along

By Chester Fried



Long-time roller skating enthusiast Chester Fried is the vice president and a founder of the The National Museum of Roller Skating. We count on him at the Rinksideer to help keep readers current.

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Hurricane Sandy floods Roller Jam

Hurricane Sandy affected many skating rinks on the Eastern Coast. Even if they did not damage some rinks, the lack of electricity for almost two weeks at the height of our skating season slowed the total admissions bottom lines. In my hometown area of New Jersey, no rinks had major damage, but Roller Jam on Staten Island, N.Y., was flooded. The structure of the building was not compromised, although the rink floor was destroyed as well as carpeting, the snack bar, computers, freezers and refrigeration, and games.

The insurance company said they would not cover this particular incident. For now, the rink is officially closed. I hope by the time Rinksideer is printed I can say it's re-opened. Roller Jam was the only rink left in the New York City area.

Retro skate boxes and vintage stickers popular

I belonged to a club that collected stickers just like stamp collectors collect stamps. It was called the Universal Roller Skating sticker exchange. Post cards and bumper stickers are also around for the collector.

Golf-cart sized roller skate good for promotions

Do you remember the Golf Club Cart sized roller skate at the 2012 Convention and TradeShow in Las Vegas, Nev.? It was a real eye-stopper. Well, Southeastern Skate Supply and others are working with Johnny Matejec to help sell these battery-powered Roller Skate Cars. The price will be \$5,975.00. You can put your rink's logo on the side and use them for advertisement of your rink.

Skating teacher gets 'witchy'

Halloween is a special time at your roller rink. It's the start of the holiday season. Just two days before it was hit by Hurricane Sandy, Roller Jam had its Halloween Party and I judged the event.

the skaters they attract, the proficiency levels of the skaters, the music, and the general style. If you don't feel comfortable at the first rink you try, ask around and find an experienced skater who can tell you about other rinks in the area.

The same rink may have a very different personality on a week night than on a Friday or Saturday. Experiment until you find the rink and time that suit you best. The quality of the floor and rental skates available also varies widely, and you will find it has a noticeable impact on your skating ability.

Ever heard of the "Mapes Jump"?

Who is Bruce Mapes? He was a top ice skater in the 1940s and '50s, as was his mom. Bruce skated in many ice-skating shows. He was the inventor of the Mapes Jump. As many former skaters remember, the Salchow, Axel and

Boeckel were named after the top skaters who invented them. Bruce taught skating in the New York area and was very famous!

How to do a single, double or triple Mapes: Skate backwards on your right foot. Reach back with your left foot and hit the toe stop with a downward tap. Jump up and rotate 1, 2 or 3 times. Land backwards on the right foot. That was the first double jump I was able to do years ago.

Museum acquires Moonlight Rollerway organ

Dominic Cangelosi is donating one of his Hammond B-3 Organs along with a Leslie Speaker to The National Museum Of Roller Skating. Dominic used this organ at his Moonlight Rollerway in Glendale, Calif. It was also used at a few National Championships.



A vintage Archie comic featuring roller skating.

Everything comes back around. Skate suppliers are now carrying metal skate cases that evoke a very retro feel. You can decorate them with old-fashioned rink stickers that you can find on E-Bay, or your rink just might have a few made up. It was very popular to put them on your cases in the 1930-'70s. By then soft skate bags were in

The winner was Sharon Karr as a witch. Sharon is a professional skating teacher. Fourth place went to Paz Tarril as Disco Queen. Medals and cash were handed out to the winners.

Rinks have personality

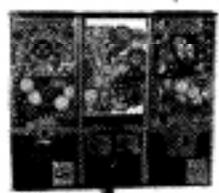
Each rink has its own personality. Rinks vary widely in the ages of

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