

Z-BOYS reflections of an era

Do you know what Jay Adams, Tony Alva, Bob Beniac, Chris Cahill, Paul Constatineau, Paul Cullen, Dennis Harney, Shogo Kubo, Jim Muir, Peggy Oki, Donny Oldham, Stacy Peralta, Nathen Pratt, Wentzle Ruml IV, Alan Sarlo and Tom Waller have in common?

On the record, they are the "original Z-Boys", right out of Zephyr/Jeff Ho Surf Shop.

These were the guys who used to go "down south" and blow people's minds with their radical and aggressive style.

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WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY

ANITA GRYND

FLASH! FLASH! Due to the heavy rains and the mud all around the Del Mar area, the VANS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP contest, originally scheduled for March 22-23, at the DEL MAR SKATERANCH, has been rescheduled for MAY 3-4, '80. Everett Rosecrans, called me right after our last issue was in our printers, so we could not change the dates on the "official entry" form as it appeared in the issue. The best we can do now is tell you about it. If you want more info. call Everett at (714)772-8270.

Z-Products has added a "ridge" to their Z-TRUCKSLIDER to beef it up more. It promises a longer life with longer sliding action. And the race is on...

Lubbock, Texas claims to have the first skater to go around (360) a wooden pipe built especially for that purpose. Jerry Fetcher called us to tell us that his son Mark had just made the historic event. The pipe was constructed out of steel and 3/4 inch plywood, painted with marine varnish for a super fast and clean finish. They promised pictures would reach us soon. We've got to see it to believe it.

RECTOR called to tell us that from now on, all their products will be made in the good-old U.S.A. They will have better quality control this way. They've

heard the call and they'll listen to their customers. Also in the works for late Spring is an improved line of safety equipment. Look for it.

Official count at the last SKATE ACCESSORIES MARKET Show at Pasadena. Pre-registered companies: 342.

Companies that made the show; 157 and there were 72 companies that had not pre-registered but showed up.

Next year's show is definitely scheduled for the Anaheim convention center.

In the mean time, if you want to test the waters of the Florida coastline, try and make the April 24-26 Trade show at the Doleville Hotel.

Important news for the upcoming SKATERCROSS PRO/AM on April 12-13. Television coverage will be there!

A special 1/2 hour has been scheduled to run on the PBS Channel 28, as well as, two local commercial TV Stations will "look" to put the coverage of the PRO/AM in their Spring/Summer schedule. Lou Peralta will be producing the shows for all three stations. In addition, Ray Allen will bring his "famous" crew to cover the event for his show on THETA Cable.

Hot dog! We're finally getting somewhere.

CBS where are you and where is the DEL MAR extravaganza, we want to see it.

As a matter of fact, if you feel the same, why don't we start a letter-writing campaign. Write CBS and let them know that you're anxious to see their coverage of the DEL MAR event. Write to CBS Television, Television City, 7800 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles 90036. The more letters we send

the more chances we can get to see it. That's how the game is played folks.

Our editor planned to have coverage of the MARINA ASPO in this issue, but the contest was postponed until March 22nd. For unknown reasons. Stay tuned for pics and story in our next issue.

Why aren't there any parks in Texas? And if there are why don't we know about it? We've received several calls and a number of letters from skaters, asking if we know where there is a park. Unfortunately we don't know if there's one open now. With so many skaters in that area, you think someone could put a nice park to satisfy the needs. Let me hear from you fellow Texans.

KROQ dug so much the coverage and the contest at the BIG 0 PRO/AM last month, that they will be involved with the SkaterCROSS PRO/AM.

Jerry Hurtado blazed the trail for them to get involved and get stoked. KROQ will be running 20 and 30 second spots for the event and will give results after the contest.

A good way to let them know you appreciate their help and involvement in skateboarding, is to call them and let them know, you're tuned in to their sounds. Their phone is (213)578-0830.

In the works, possibly in June is another PRO/AM. This time to be held at Skate City in Whittier. More detail in the next issues.

For those of you who've been asking, PSA, The PRO CIRCUIT, is not dead, but in fact is readying to make an announcement soon as to a possible PRO Circuit for this summer.

GRINDERS

Pros need it, the sport needs it and the industry needs it.

We're all anxiously awaiting the "new" SIMS wheels. Heard that they really have a good product in the works and after tests made by their skaters, it will be one of the fastest wheels in the market.

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The East coast has been domant for the past few weeks. We've heard little from anyone out there. Maybe they're snowed in and can't get out to make a call or write a letter. We'll wait a few more weeks otherwise we'll send a search party.

It's official, SKATERCROSS will have it's 12' pool filled to the 8' level. Not with water but with cement. Work is underway, pending the normal permits. It may be finished by PRO/AM time. VAL locals can't wait to play around in 1' of vert, 7' of radius and 8' of depth. Contrary to its brother next to it, the 10' foot brown pool, the new pool will be cement finished and not plaster.

We tried to get picture coverage of the GLENDORA Downhill, but we missed. We're hoping that someone there

got some pics for us. In the meantime, I know the promoters appreciate the help of companies like: MADRID, ACS, TRACKER, TURNER, VANS, SUNSHINE SKATES, RECTOR and OZONE, who donated some great prizes.

Another park to have some changes in the works is the COLTON Rancho Mediterania. The COLTON Ranch, may be filling their 15' bowl to approximately 10'. It may be a Key-hole complete with permanent bleachers, sound systems, etc. Exact date for the completion is not yet known, but the intention is to build a pool that will be already set up for "major" amateur and Pro competitions.

Leaving for Cherry Hill during Easter week will be VARIFLEX's PROS, Eric Grisham and Steve Hirsch. Going along will be top Amateur Allen Losi.

One of our advertisers wants you to know that, in response to their ad for LACE SAVERS, please send in the picture of the "famous" foot you're guessing, in order to get one FREE if your guess is right. They have been overwhelmed with response, but sometimes one person may be responding to one ad, while the other may be responding to an ad from another issue. Confused? Don't blame you. Simply, if you look at the ad and you think you know who's foot that is, just cut out the ad and send it in with your guess.

When you're good, you're good, no matter what you do. Bert LaMar, famous SIMS skater, in addition to being one of the top PROS in the country, is now blazing a new trail in the

"white stuff". Bert has been entering Slalom competitions on the white slopes of Southern California and winning! He did manage to tweak his left wrist (who said skateboarding was dangerous) but he's still doing well in competitions.

For those of you planning to compete in the SKATERCROSS PRO/AM, you'll be receiving info on a new system of pool judging. All entrants will get a detailed breakdown on how the competition will be judged. Major Team sponsors have been given the outline to peruse and add or delete what they feel is important to the method of judging and their skaters have also had the opportunity to review it. Amateurs and Pros will skate under this system. It promises to be much simpler and fair for all skaters.

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EDITORIAL

From time to time we hear grumblings around the country and indeed in our own back yard, that this paper has become "too regionalized and territorial" and that it does not cover the entire spectrum of the skate industry or the sport.

We also hear that certain manufacturers and skaters get preferred coverage.

We want to set the record straight.

This paper was created as a tool for the skate industry. It is to be used and taken advantage of, for the betterment of the sport and its people.

After publishing 20 issues, it has become very clear to us, that there are those who get off their "duffs" and take advantage of the opportunities this paper presents and then there are those who expect that it should come their way with minimal effort.

If you see a constant flow of coverage for certain skaters or manufacturers or teams in this paper, it is because they are out there making themselves visible at every opportunity, every contest, every function. And they usually are doing well.

If you see coverage of contests and activities, it is because those people, in those areas, have taken the time to supply us with information, pictures or results, to make themselves known.

It is easy to bitch and dismiss this paper as just another "elitist" paper, created just for those in the inner circle.

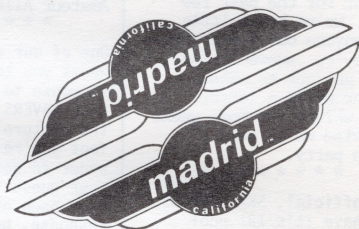
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We want to go on record, that this newspaper is open to anyone that has something to say in this industry.

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If you'd like to challenge our conviction, why don't you try us out. You'll be surprised.

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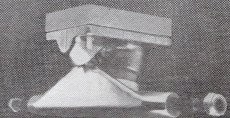
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FROM P. 1.

They had no rules to go by, when they skated or competed all they knew was to go for the max and as radical as possible.

They helped to introduce the finer points of "vertical" skating. And while others were thinking freestyle, the Z-Boys already knew what tile and coping was all about.

They even tried to influence some of the new-wave park owners to the ideas of vertical skating and the need for coping and tiles.

Few listened, some took their advice partially.

Carlsbad dismissed their ideas and built "bowls" which were functional but not progressive.

SkaterCross, was the first

park to use vertical walls but did not think "coping" was safe.

The Z-Boys influence stayed throughout the formative years of the sport. Little by little changes began to take place.

Most parks now have some kind of pool with tile and coping, others are in the process of adding or changing, to meet the skaters' demands.

Looking back, the Z-Boys also helped to develop the equipment. Starting with a rough grade of 2x4 wood, shaped to each skaters needs, through the EZ skateboard and the eventual Z-Flex, fiberglass models. The width experimentation can also be credited to them, although at the time Lonnie Toft was also playing with different shapes.

Many of the "originals" are no longer involved in the sport, maybe because of age, job needs or simply because skateboarding grew up on a different level.

To some, the regimentation of safety equipment, skateparks, specialization of the sport, were not why they got into it.

But for better or worse, the "originals" had a hand in the creation of a new sport. They forged ahead, perhaps not fully knowing the potential of skateboarding in future years to come.

For this the "original Z-Boys" must be thanked for their contribution.

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SKATEBOARDING IN DIFFERENT VENUES.
The ASPO League and other programs are attempting to broaden the popularity of skateboarding once again. Here are three examples of styles. Top left, is Steve Lipman on a layback at the Skate City pool; (top right) Paul Hackett working the cones at Marina's Banked Slalom and (left) amateur skater styling on banked freestyle routine at BIG "0" skatepark.

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PARENTS CAMP AT SKATEPARKS

It may turn out to be that way, if you leave it to the Martinez family from Highland Park, California.

Alfred Martinez, construction worker and driver of the rolling skateboard motorhome, perhaps the only one in this country, thinks that maybe soon, there'll be more parents taking onto the road for skateboarding.

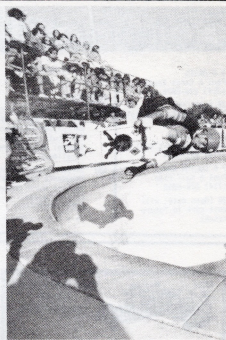
His young son, Ty Martinez is into skateboarding, and since the older Martinez likes the sport and his son's involvement in it, he makes the effort almost every weekend to take Ty to visit some of the parks around Southern California and a couple of times, they even visited the Sacramento park.

They use their motorhome as a means of getting to the parks, staying there the entire day and then return to their home base in Highland Parks.

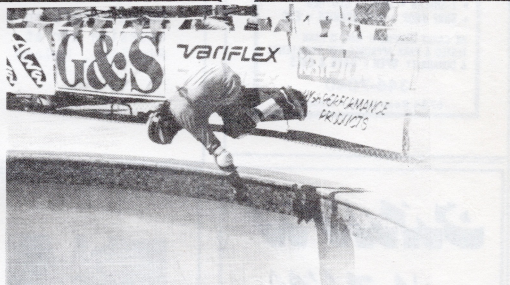
Sometimes, if there's no Camper parks nearby, they will park on the Skateboard park's parking lot, until the park opens in the morning. Young Ty is usually the first there, dad explains and spends the entire day doing what he likes best.

Mr. Martinez has also built a backyard ramp, which is the hit of the neighborhood. His only worry is that some of the kids don't like to wear the safety equipment. That's why he likes the park, because they are safe fun and it's a nice way to spend a weekend with the family.

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The backside styles of Ray Rodrigues(top) and Dave Zakrewski. Photo Lori



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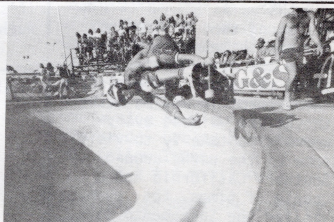
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