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BY Anita Grynd

GRINDERS

We've seen a few faces and talked to others, "old timers", that are thinking of starting to skate seriously again. Among them, Jerry Valdez, Art Dickey, Deano Muller, Arthur Viecco and others. Could it be that the current shifting of emphasis from pool competitions to all around skateboarding may have something to do with it? Maybe.

As reported earlier, the head-aches are just beginning in the rollerskating scene. Many of the overnight shops and distributors and manufacturers are fading into the sunset, as it happened in the skateboard industry a few years ago. I guess those who know what they're doing will prevail. They never learn do they?

There may be a new mag/paper in the horizon, now that "the mag" seems to be fading more and more from skateboarding in each issue. We have sketchy details so nothing further said. One comforting thought for all of you out there, we'll still be there, giving you the up-to-date scoop.

The last SKATE INDUSTRY show at Anaheim had only three skateboard manufacturers in it. VARIFLEX, Z FLEX and DOG TOWN. Where were the others? We don't know but apparently most feel that show was geared too much for the roller skating industry to try to sell skateboards and accessories.

We got lucky this time. We had scheduled Eddie Elguera for our next interview and as it happened, he won last weekend Gold Cup at Marina. So this issue appears to be the Elguera issue. He deserves it we think.

Great reaction received from our last issue's PHOTO SESSIONS, by Paul Votava. It started to answer some questions out there, especially the one that we always get... "why don't you guys print my picture". We hope this will encourage you guys to either try to get the right

kind of pictures for our publication, or when you see the camera pointed at you, you'll know what to do. The next series from Paul will be in the next issue.

Letters have gone out to all known/operating parks. We hope to get information back from them very soon that will tell you things like: hours of operation, rates, addresses, tel. membership requirements, specials, well, you get the picture.

New wheel from VARIFLEX coming in the next few weeks. It is a core wheel that will be made on a limited basis. We hear it's super fast and lots of rebound. We've seen Grisham ride them and he swears by them.

One thought comes to mind after seeing lots of pros at the recent Gold Cup. Many of them have got themselves into a rut as far as their routines. We seem to notice that even though they might be changing the order of their tricks from pool to pool, a lot of them have the same tricks all the time. I know we'll hear from the likes of Elguera, Peters, LaMar, and others that this is not the case. Well in most cases it is. Perhaps the time is now to sit back, look at each trick and try to define if it's getting you top points or not. Maybe a slight variation could earn you more points. I think some routines now are so outstanding, tricks that were hot only a few months ago, are now "old hat" to the judges. This is the price one has to pay for having lots of events and the sport progressing at such rapid pace.

For all you clowns who thought that throwing coins (pennies mostly, they don't have class to through a .50c piece) inside the keyhole at Marina, while they were trying to get the event rolling, one word of warning. **Beware** because if any official gets to you it will be a long time before you can sit down to watch another skate event. Skaters are putting their well being on the line every time they go for a bio trick. They know they don't have to worry about foreign matter at the bottom of the pool. At the speeds they come down off the wall, one little penny could send them head first into the concrete. All because some jerk thought it was funny.

Now that the GLSA has wound down for the winter, what will skaters be doing? Some take up

skiing and others go underground or at least in covered spaces, to ramps. We would like to hear from some of you ramp-rippers. Let us know where are those bio ramps. Maybe we can start a "ramp central". It's an idea.

Where are those fabulous girls skateboarders we've been hearing about. They're supposed to have challenged the POWELL/PERALTA Army for a showdown. They were supposed to be at Marina this last weekend. SKATERCROSS got a call from one of them. It seems they wanted to use the VAL facility to prep for the showdown. We think that some PR person is trying to make points with his boss and has started this rumor. All we've got to say girls. If you're out there, SKAT'N NEWS will give you all the PR you want. Just make yourselves known.

The report we get from Paul Votava, ace photog, on his trip back to Surf N Turf for the final GLSA (see story inside), is that the energies are terrific out there. Especially of some parents who are really behind their kids and the entire competition program.

How come you haven't written to your favorite Network or local TV station requesting... no demanding, that they show more skateboarding on the tube. That's what's going to take as we said before. Those of you who keep asking why skateboarding is not on TV, the answer is write, write and write.

Maybe the tide is turning. Imagine one year ago, who would have thought that some of the top manufacturers in the industry would be sitting across from each other trying to figure out what's best for the industry and the common good of their sport and needs. It all started with the Gold Cup meetings and now it's branching out into the sport, advertising and publicity. It's never too late is it?

Our circulation department has received several requests from manufacturers who would like to include at least one copy of SKAT'N NEWS with shipments to their customers, distributors and shops. We're very happy to make extra copies available. Just give us a call. Afterall, if you help us get the word out, it can only help you.

There are some new Professional skaters from Florida now riding for the newly formed Ultimate High Team of Huntington Beach, Ca. George McClellan, Jeff Walsh and Scott Houston all long time competitors in the South. The Southeastern United States will be watching their progress with great interest.

Lots of problems with photographers at the last Gold Cup. It seems that there were more inside the pool area than before. While we wish to be able to get in there and try to get the best pictures possible for the coverage of the event, we also recognize that six or seven people inside the pool deck may be too much. Especially since many of the sponsors have their banners out in view of the people and the media cameras for full coverage. What's the answer? Prudence, there are only a couple publications covering the event. Maybe two photogs. per media. If you're a sponsor and want to shoot for an ad, first clear it with the competition director and then shoot your guy and when finished leave the area.

How about it folks! 209 amateur entries at the last ASPO at Skate City and they got through by 9 pm. This is by far the largest entry for any ASPO to date, beating the Marina record of last year of 198. The reason may be the "double points" contest. All skaters participating got twice as many points as they usually get for each event. This has tightened up some of the classes for the remaining four events. The next "double points" contest will be at the Lakewood park in December. Those of you who missed this last one, be sure to make the next ones or you'll fall way behind.

A few complaints at the judging and also at the practice sessions. The ASPO people have a big job on their hands, especially when you have 200 plus kids, so they can't please everybody.

We understand that as far as practices for the next ASPO at Colton, THERE WILL BE NONE! This was decided because some kids get more practice than they're supposed to and others get none. So if you want to practice for the COLTON ASPO, try to make it before the contest. On the day of the contest, the pool and downhill runs will be closed until 9 am. when competition begins. REMEMBER COMPETITION STARTS at 9 am! Don't get there late!

PHOTO EXTRA FROM



MIGHTY MIDGET Simon Attwood wheels his way to a new British skateboarding stunt record.

And the eight-year-old star of the skateboard is believed to have at least equalled the world record for riding the maximum number of skateboards at the same time.

Daredevil Simon, better known as Mighty Midget to his friends, lives at Greenwood Road, Darnall. He made his daredevil attempt at High Hazels Park.

He smashed the British record of a seven-tier skateboard tower in no time and went on to ride nine boards. A spokesman for Skateboard Scene, the enthusiast magazine, told The Star that Simon's tricky stunt was

believed to have equalled the world record.

What makes little Simon's record breaker all the more amazing is the fact he has only been riding the boards since November.

But his expertise developed quickly and in March Simon joined the Darnall Club skaters club.

Club leader Jan Boylen has followed Simon's progress and was at High Hazels Park to cheer him on. He said: "Simon is well known for his daredevil stunts and has done very well in local competitions."

"When he braved the world record, the nine boards stood as high as him — and it takes a lot of guts to even stand on top of them."

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VOICES

EAST COAST STILL HERE

Dear Skat'N News: How is it going? I'm writing from the East Coast just to let you know we're still out here skating hard. I'm writing from a small town in Southern Delaware where there's a small but dedicated group of skaters.

We have a really new wave half pipe in a nearby youth center where we all skate everyday. The practice paid off this summer when we all went to Ocean City, Md. and took 1st and 4th in the half pipe and snake run for the 14-17 amateurs.

It was a good contest with about 40 amateur skaters and three pros from the mid-east states.

So if you want any info on the So. Del. skate scene just drop me a line.

Leighton Lord

Leighton, we're dropping you a line. We want any info you've got from your area and also lots of black and white pictures. If you guys are that dedicated to the sport, we want the rest of the country to know about it. Ed.

YANDALL...PROGRAMER

Due to a new work position acquired, I have had to relocate suddenly. Hopefully, the abrupt move has not upset too many people, but the time was ripe for me to get a real job and settle down with my family.

I regret the fact that my previous job was involved with the skateboard market where business became quite slow and the outlook financially was severely depressing, which led to new goals and motivation in the data processing field.

I would like to give special thanks to Ron Zawlocki, Bruce Guistiela, Kevin late, Dave and Jean Northrup, The Harrisons and Fred Scott for making GLSA come together this first year.

It was far from a polished program but it was a beginning of a long road to organized meets.

In addition to tanks, I would like to pay tribute to the skaters who inspired me to bring up GLSA. Mark Carpenter, Todd Cadieux, Bill Forgy, Mike "Spike", Chris "OP" Moore, Mechanical Munk, Ward Cramer, Herod, Early, Mark Northrup and those intimate progressive raders who I can't remember now.

I hope you all will take the ball further down the field.

A special flying middle finger award to those (expletive deleted), who consistently harassed my program and expected more than I can give. They didn't realize that work and school full time with a family made things (ruff) rough to the point that I could not fully give 100% of my time to the

circut. In addition, the travel and time alone spent, barely made ends meet and as usual money came out of my pocket.

No.1, I did not bail out from GLSA. The calling came from a new job and I immediately went for it.

No.2, With the moving and settling procedures involved, I could no longer be part of the GLSA, but would not turn down making recommendations.

No.3, I gave an inch, too many people expected miles.

My strong intentions is wishing you all the luck to succeed.

Chris Yandall

ENGLAND SPEAKS

Dear Skat'N News: Just a few words to state that skateboarding is alive and well here in England.

I will be sending you regular news, views, photographs as well as rumours, to wet all your appetites.

Please find enclosed a feature in a local Sheffield newspaper. Does the U.S.A. have a record for this kind of stunt? If so, please give a report in SKAT'N NEWS.

Jan Boylen
Sheffield, England

As far as we know there is no documented record here in the U.S. But I'm sure there'll be a few who will now try to better your stunt and we'll hear from them. We do have a young man by the name of Les Pearlman who has dropped into a pool of seven stacked boards and made it. Ed.

I MESSED UP...

Our Park manager, Terry Riley, of Crofton Skateboard park asked me to write and let you know we are having a contest.

We had one a couple of weeks back in which I was told Lou Peralta called and asked us to send pictures and results.

Well, I messed up a little, took nothing but color pictures and not of all the skaters. So, this time, though I'm entering, I will have pictures taken of all the skaters and will have results.

So if you would please print this info about our contest, so the word can get around.

It's October 12th, Sunday... Pool freestyle, Three wheelers, Carves. Age groups: 16 & under and 17 & over.

For more info call (301) 721-2468 or (301) 261-3839.

Thank you and I hope to get back to you real soon.

A.J. Garcia
Odenton, Maryland

PS. I would like to congratulate you on the super job you have been doing and the super job Rusty has been doing with the photos.

A.J.

Had it not been for your P.S., we would have lashed you with 30 inches of used pizza tape, for not sending in the pics and results. We'll give you one more chance. We'd be very happy to get news from you as soon as possible. Be sure to identify the pictures you're sending. Ed.

LONG LINES

By JEFF VOEGELI

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ANYONE looking for a lightweight system to protect their wrist while wearing gloves, might try this:

First, wrap a lightweight cloth or gauze around the wrists and palms in a standard first aid wrap.

Try to use only one layer of wrapping material.

This wrap protects the skin and hair from being ripped by the tape, also absorbs the perspiration.

Second, apply a first aid cloth tape of one inch or more in width. Wrap in a first aid style, applying the tape tight enough to support the wrist and keep it from bending; but not so tight as to cut off the circulation.

Third, this system can be used during street skating or during competitions, whenever a person doesn't want the heavy and restrictive effect of wrist guards.

But if you're practicing or just cutting loose at the park, I suggest the use of the tape and wrist guards combined.

This will protect the wrist from all angles of impact, not just top of bottom protection.

After all when you're skating, you want to concentrate on your lines and your new bio trick and not worry too much about injury.

Till next time.

J.V.

ON THE COVER: "El Gato"
Eddie Elguera put on an outstanding performance at the Marina/Powell-Peralta Gold Cup and walked away with the top prize and still in the points lead.

Photo. Rusty Harris



"EL GATO" UNVAILS PLENTY SURPRISES AT MARINA GOLD CUP

Marina Del Rey, Ca.
September 27-28, 1980

FOUR GOLD CUPS HAVE PRODUCED FOUR DIFFERENT WINNERS. "EL GATO", EDDIE ELGUERA HAD COME CLOSE IN TWO OF THE THREE PREVIOUS GOLD CUPS, TO TAKE THE TOP SPOT. TODAY, AT MARINA HE FINALLY PUT IT ALL TOGETHER AT MARINA WITH ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE ROUTINES TO DATE.

The way Eddie did it is noteworthy because he came loaded with an arsenal of new tricks and variations.

While most skaters try to work one or perhaps two new tricks in their normal routines, "the cat" Elguera came with no less than five!

His routines (he had two) included the new: "pop a rocker", which is a fakie ollie 180 into a rock n' roll; a backside layback grind; a footplant fakie; a varial layback air, to a switch stance fakie footplant. All in one 45 sec. routine!

Eddie's final three runs were flawless that were hard to match or even beat. He was definitely the "class" skater of the day among some of the classiest performances by pro skaters to date.

Eddie remains in first place in the Gold Cup standings but not breathing clear yet, as Duane Peters captured the second spot at Marina to stay within striking distance, for the final showdown at the Pipeline Gold Cup in November.

There's rumor that the final contest may be a double points contest which may give the top ten skaters a chance to win it all.

But first they've got to beat Elguera, and judging by his consistent performances in the past four Gold Cups it's going to

be tough to beat him.

As mentioned, second place went to Duane Peters.

As always, Duane seems to crave on pressure. In the final cut to five, his first run was poor due to a couple of falls. So it came down to his being able to put together two near perfect runs with no room for error.

Typically Peter's style, his runs were on the "edge" of destruction.

He unvailed what announcer D. David Morin labeled, the "acid drop". It consisted of him rolling

into the pool straight in from coping heading down looking at the bottom of the pool and landing about five feet below coping it was unreal and very dramatic for his first trick in his routine.

Third spot went to Brad Bowman, who previously had been struggling to make the

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Duane Peters(NHS/INDY) came up with this new way to drop into the pool at Marina. It's called the "acid drop".

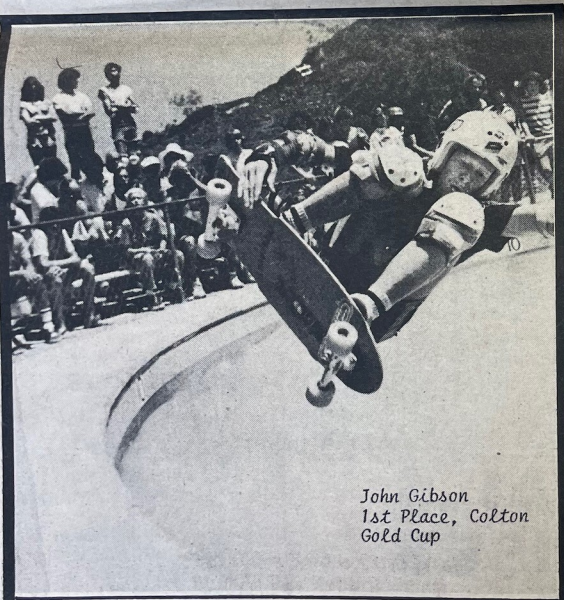
Photo Rusty Harris

final cuts, but today put on a great performance with lots of bio-airs and "edgy" tricks. His channel frontside air to a 180 or helicopter was a great point getter for him which earned him a high score of 87.66 for third.

could only master a high score of 87.33.

Filling in the top five spots was Ray "Bones" Rodriguez. He was the only skater to do both a frontside and backside channel air in almost perfect form. Had he not fallen in his second and third runs, he could have moved up one or two spots.

Fourth place went to Bert LaMar, who once again showed great fluidity and bio-tricks but



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Bert LaMar(SIMS) once again had smooth lines and excellent tricks. Good enough to earn him fourth place and keep him on the hunt for the top spot in the Gold Cup. Photo Rusty Harris.

GOLD CUP.....

Sixth through tenth were: Mike Folmer, Freddy DeSoto, Dave Andrecht, Alan Losi and Mike McGill.

Guys like Caballero, Grisham, Hirsch, Alba had excellent routines but succumbed to falls that kept them out of the semi-finals.

In fact, Micke Alba had made the 15 cut but had suffered a fall that put his already battered knee out of commission for Sunday's round.

The Amateur class was won by one of the newest stars in the skateboard scene. Young Chris Hosoi put on a display of bio tricks that included some of the highest backside airs we've seen anyone do at Marina.

What's amazing is that for his size, you wouldn't expect him to get as high as he did. He totally devastated the crowd, and since Marina is his local park, he had lots of friends pulling for him in the stands.

While Chris showed what he could do at Marina, John Gibson showed what he could do at any park. He captured second place and moved closer to challenge Billy Ruff for the lead in the series.

Billy still leads with 355 pts. to John's 325.

The texan

The Texas skater will have to win Pipeline and Billy will have to finish below fifth place to overtake the lead, unless it's a double points event.

In third place was Neil Blender, who put together an excellent routine for a change.

Neil usually has great tricks, but lately it seemed that when it came to the final rounds he would fall and take himself right out of the top spots. Today, although he fell once in the finals, he still managed to hold on for third.

Fourth place went to Pat Ngoho and fifth went to Billy Ruff.

No doubt that the "doubles" class will be won by the team of Eric Grisham and Steve Hirsch. They have won everyone of the Gold Cups and today was no exception. Perhaps the teams of Mike McGill and Bert LaMar

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Who had the highest backside airs; Brad Bowman(above) or Chris Hosoi(right). We hate to guess. At that hight it's hard to measure.

Photo Rusty Harris



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may give them a good run for their money, but most teams don't spend as much time working out their routines as Eric and Steve do.

While their routine today was not as exciting as others we've seen in the past, it was good enough to beat all comers. The crowd seemed pleased as always with this part of the show.

The Women's skateboard class was won once again by Patti Hoffman, with Denise Danielson in second and Cindy Whitehead in third.

We kept hearing about these girls from Texas or Oklahoma that were supposed to be out here and challenge not only all girl skaters but also some of the top pros.

They were not at Marina, so until we get to see them we must assume that Patti has to be if not the top female skater in the country, certainly among the top three.

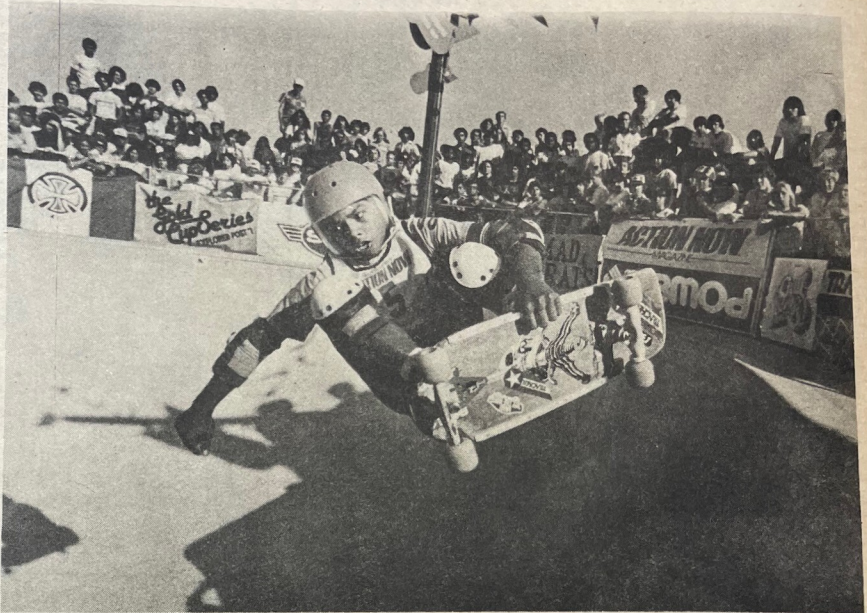
In the Girls Amateur class, it was once again Carabeth Burnside.

We've been fortunate to see Carabeth's growth in the past year through amateur competitions in ASPO and VANS, and we can see a great future for her. Perhaps she could be the one skater to give Pattie a serious challenge in the very near future.

The Marina POWELL/PERALTA Gold Cup is now history. It had some new-old faces show up, like Jerry (da Jer) Valdez, Deano Mueller, Tom Inouye, Doug Saladino. It also lost some faces from previous Gold Cups. Some skaters may feel that since they don't have a chance for the top spots, it's not worth competing.

Well if the final round at Pipeline is a "double points" event, some of those skaters may want to reconsider because, who knows, maybe next year, National numbers may be issued according as to how you finished in the Gold Cup Series.

See you at Pipeline on Nov. 1-2. Don't miss it.



Ray "Bones" Rodriguez (top) was the only Pro to make front-side and backside channel airs at Marina. Freddy DeSota had one of his best placings (right) at a Gold Cup with a 7th. Florian, Mike Folmer (right-blow) wound up in 6th, just out of the final heat. The best "doubles" team is the team of Eric Grisham and Steve Hirsch. They took top honors once again.



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Dave Andrecht doing his finger-flip axle stall (above) and John Gibson on his way down from a fakie-footplant. Ph.R.Harris.



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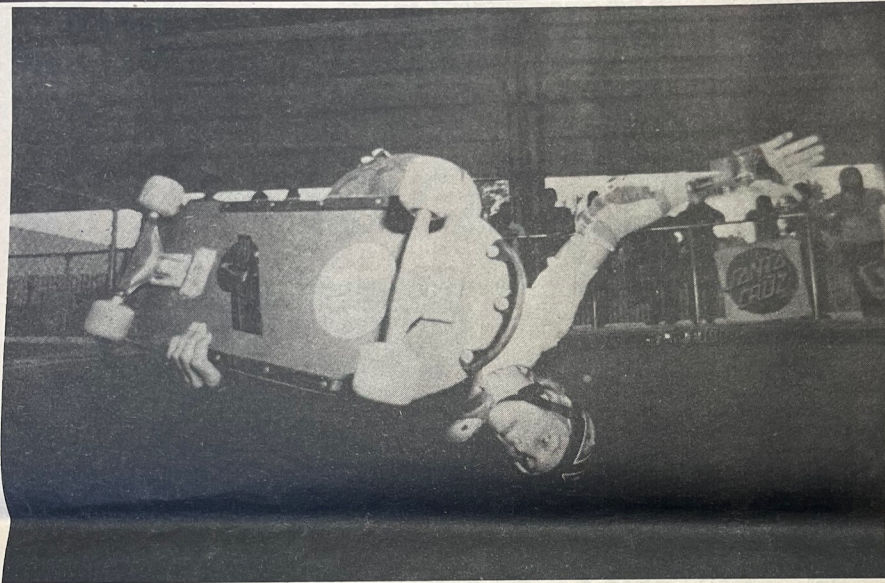
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G.L.S.A. FINALS

September 13, 1980
By Paul Votava Sr.

at SURF & TURF

I CAUGHT THE MIDNIGHT RED EYE SPECIAL TO MILWAUKEE FOR THE GLSA CLOSING MEET, THINKING THAT AT THAT HOUR ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO OVER DETAILS OF SKATERS NAMES AND STANDINGS AND CATCH SOME SLEEP. SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE AS THE ISLAND OF HAWAII MUST HAVE BEEN EVACUATED AND THE HAPPY PEOPLE TRAVELING MUST HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE REFUGE IN MILWAUKEE AND PARTY.



Bob Reeves, from SURF & TURF captured First in the 16 and over class at the final GLSA. Photo Paul Votava Sr.

After a very short snooze, the plane landed at 6:30am. Quickly noting the sky and the runway, it was apparent that the moisture around was a bit more than just dew. What a disappointing feeling to think that it might all get washed out. But first things first.

Could I find a happy smiling skatepark owner, whom I've never seen at 6:30 am?

You bet, he was the only one with a skatepark hat and I was the only one without a Hawaiian lei and an instamatic.

Jerry Sterneigel of SURF N' TURF, assured me that this was liquid sunshine, like we have in California any minute the sun would shine through the clouds and be a perfect competition day. Besides, he said, if it the sun don't shine, we'll have the competition anyhow. I thought that's dedication or maybe he knows something. He did, his park is in doors!

We got to SURF n TURF about 11am. After a quick opening of the park, and I mean opening, as the sides of the building are sliding doors, I scouted the pools.

Skaters immediately started arriving, signing up and off to their prac-



Jex Harrison, from Endless Summer, clearly one of the top skaters in the 12 & under class and winner of the GLSA top spot. He wound up first overall. Phot Paul Votava Sr.

tice runs.

The park has a Clover leaf pool (three bowls connected to each other, each different in depth) a Keyhole pool, a 3/4 pipe and a beginners run along with an outdoor half-pipe ramp. The competition was to be held in the Keyhole pool which is very similar to the Marina and Oasis keyholes in California. The drop in is very steep and narrow, with about a 7 foot canyon crossing at coping.

During warm up I had a chance to talk to the skaters and their parents. They are as dedicated as you will find anywhere.

When you think, that back in the West coast, the most that skaters may have to drive for a competition is about 150 miles, that's no match for this league. Many here must drive 90 and more miles just to get to a park, close enough to practice, let alone compete.

Many skaters from parts of Michigan traveled over 350 miles to participate in the final GLSA.

After practice a riders meeting was held to go over the rules and answer questions about the scoring.

There were three classes, 12 & Und.; 13-15; and 16 & over. Rules were established for a mandatory and open routine.

The mandatory competition was that each skater had to list 6 tricks in the order in which he's going to do them.

Judging was done on an average of three and on how well the tricks were executed, plus a points modifier. The modifier was for compensation of tricks not performed or not in sequence and also for rewarding for extra tricks.

The open part of the competition, was strictly a "go for it" affair and be judged.

The 12 and under started first and although only three made the event they were indeed some of the best little wrecking crews I've seen. After the coping dust settled down, it was Jex Harrison, Dave Dooly and Bruce Nelson. They were terrific and great future prospects.

Next the 13-15 class was up. With them, the volume of the music also went up. We were treated to the latest punk, plus some oldies but goodies.

I was impressed with the sportsmanship of the competitors and the spectators. I think it stems from the park owners and the kids parents. GLSA should be indeed proud of their members and especially some of the parents that make it happen.

One such parent among many deserves a special mention. Sue Harrison has provided transportation, not only for her son but for others from Endless Summer in Michigan. She not only made every meet they had, but provided one of those valuable volunteer services of scorekeeping.

So many parents have helped the GLSA that deserve recognition. I'm sorry I didn't stay long enough to meet them all. However, there will be a next time. After the 16 and over class, the roller skating class was scheduled. Unfortunately, there were no entries. I wish I had brought my roller skates and entered and take home a first place trophy to show my son.

Rollerskating has yet to catch on here, but with a few demos from some west coast pros, it may just catch on like in ASPO.

After the competition, we were treated to a demonstration by Mike Folmer of the SIMS team. After being one of the judges for the afternoon, he couldn't wait to do his stuff. Everyone really enjoyed his style and tricks.

Many parents commented how much they and the skaters enjoy seeing SIMS and other team members come by.

One of the prevailing thoughts by the skaters is that they feel they are five years behind. It's my opinion that this isn't so. They just need someone to gage themselves by or to pick up a few pointers.

When the Variflex tour, that went through here a number of weeks ago, is still the topic of some very exciting conversation, it should indicate to those other manufacturers that this part of the country is very enthusiastic and hungry to see more skaters and keep the sport alive.

Those of you GLSA skaters, should drop a line to these teams and let them know you want to see their skaters and that you'll consider their product on your next purchase.

Many thanks to Jerry and Pam, owners of Surf & Turf, for their hospitality and to the many parents and skaters of GLSA.

Hope to see you again, very soon

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Bill Monk, 3rd at SURF & TURF wound up fourth overall in the 16 & over class, at the end of GLSA
Photo Paul Votava Sr

The pace quickened and the crowd cheered their favorites. The points standings in this class were very close coming into this event. This final competition would make the difference. Some of the skaters first runs were cautious, but when they took their second run, it was obvious they were going for it. One could see it on the aerials and canyon airs. Some had not tried them in practice but now was the time. It was a crowd pleaser and young Donnie Nelson, a local skater took the first place, with Bill Sorenson, Chris Moore, Mark Northrup and Mike Blauvelt, making the top five finishers.

Then it was the 16 and over class. This class also had some very close standings among the skaters. The park teams gathered around into cheering sections.

These guys did not hold back. From the beginning they were going for it and the crowd loved it.

The winner was Bob Reeves from Surf & Turf, followed by Mark Carpenter (Skateboard USA), Bill Monk (Endless Summer), Todd Cadieux (Skateboard USA) and Bill Furguson (Endless Summer) making the top five.

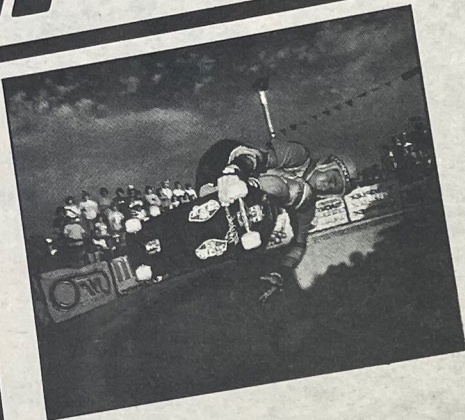
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Blauvelt skating for Endless Summer wound up 5th and 5th overall. Photo Paul Votava Sr.

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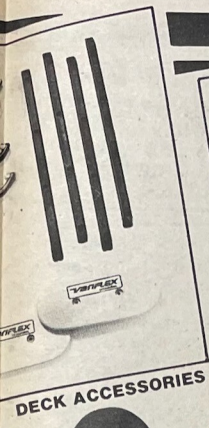
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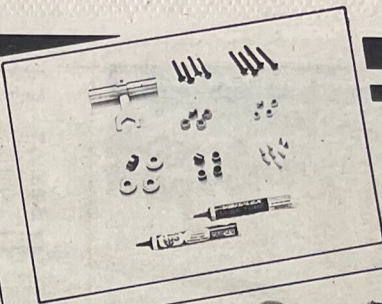
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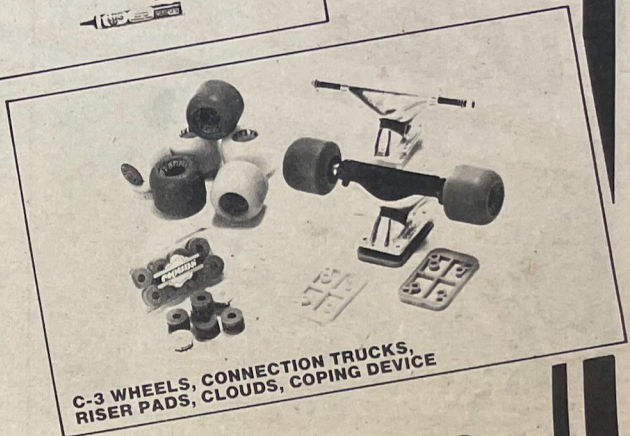
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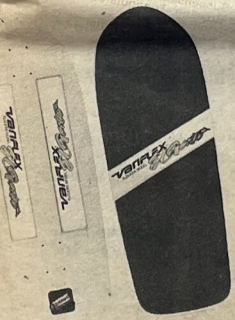
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MARINA DEL REY, CA.
September 21, 1980

THE MARINA BANKED SLALOM EVENT WAS HELD THE DAY AFTER THE LAGUNA SECA DOWNHILL, SO IT MAY HAVE SUFFERED FROM GETTING MORE ENTRIES. BUT THE SKATERS THAT SHOWED UP PUT ON A GREAT SHOW FOR THE CROWD, AND THAT'S WHAT'S ALL ABOUT.

There were four classes of amateurs and a Pro class.

Top pro once again was Steve Olson, who has backed off from skating Pro pool events due to an injury earlier this year and is concentrating of the Slalom events. As he did at COLTON he came up with the top pro spot and won the \$150. first place.

Olson placed just ahead of Duke Rennie (in rollerskates) with a time of 10.870 to Duke's 10.983.

At this event, both skateboarders and rollerskaters were allowed to compete in the same class.

In third place was a name we haven't heard from in a while; Jerry Valdez. "da Jer" took third with a time of 11.210.

The pro purse paid through fifth place, which totaled \$425.

There were some problems with the timing system, which was borrowed from SKATER-

CROSS, but it was of no great consequence.

The Amateur divisions were broken down as follows: 13 & under; 14-16; 17-19 and 20 and over.

The 13 & under class was won by local skater Greg Chasen. Avery Grant(rollerskates) placed second.

The 14-16 class was led by Duke's younger brother, Chris Rennie. Chris posted a 11.376 sec. to beat out Jim Murphy, Mark Ngoho and Eddie Meek.

The 17-19 class had an excel-

lent battle between Lawrence White, Gil Losi Jr. and Chris Barkly. All three skaters were under the 11 sec. mark and just fractions apart.

The "oldtimers", the 20 and over class was won by Phillip Nugent (11.358), beating out the likes of Jerry Hurtado(11.477) and Rusty Morris(11.520).

It was a fun event and it now looks like there will be more Slalom, Banked Slalom and Downhill events on tap in the near future.

Parks are now setting up their schedule for such future events. Perhaps right after the first of the year, when the GOLD CUP and ASPO series are completed

One thing is certain, "speed fever" is back with us. It's allowing many skaters that heretofore did not want to get into pool competition, the opportunity to be part of the skateboard scene. We think this is great.

In addition, we now see many of the vert-skaters, starting to get more serious about the slalom events and many of them are now preparing their "special" board for such events.

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Together, they have compiled the most respectable competition record and have an almost perfect attendance record to all major midwest meets.

Team owners Ron Zaulocki and Bruce Guisela have inspired and promoted the team to schedule practices and welcome pro teams to their skatepark, to help upgrade the local talent.

In so doing, the skaters have been tuned to the like of Eddie Elguera, Eric Grisham, Steve Hirsch, Dave Andrecht, David Z. and the Variflex Team.

The GLSA meet in Roseville, Michigan was the icing on the cake, as the local rippers shredded every thing in sight, including the spectators who anticipated a poor showing of talent.

The locals didn't let the crowd down as they performed some breathtaking maneuvers with courage, style and finesse.

Jex Harrison, king of the knee-highs, led the way with his usual bio tactics, which should move him in the unestablished pro ranks. To his dismay though, he will have to set the standards for all the upcoming youngsters in our area until ASPO MOVES IN!

Chris Moore, despite an arm and wrist injury in midseason, really came on strong towards the end. He was first to master frontal rock n' rolls, 360-540 slide combinations

and a soft touch to his routines.

Ward Cramer, a newcomer from Roseville, is also taking a new song to the walls as he politely packs a punch in his consistent, flowing, high degree of difficulty, maneuvers. He's a definite force to be reckoned with in the future.

Mike the "spike" Blauvelt has had several pro touring teams at his mercy, while he danced a muscle-head routine to their amusement or the edge of control and "sketchi-

ness". A few minor injuries including a head bongo has had him playing catch up most of the summer. In addition to his politeness, he's one heck of a dude to be around.

Bill Monk "mechanical man", put more science into his moves at the recent meet and almost got into the top five. He's got a good head and will certainly be up for the next meet.

Then this year's cream of the crop is Bill Furgusson. He emulated the likes of a superstar as his well manicured lines were laid out as if the walls had his tracks embedded. According to the Variflex squad, he was the best skater they saw in the entire tour, aside from Bobby Reeves, from Surf n' Turf.

All these skaters of the Endless Summer Team were the most outstanding, and they helped Endless Summer become a legend.

Next year all hell will break out with a new generation of enthusiastic skaters. See you there!

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— EDDIE ELGUERA

WE FIRST DECIDED TO DO THIS INTERVIEW, RIGHT AFTER THE COLTON GOLD CUP. BECAUSE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER COMMITMENTS, WE WERE ABLE TO CATCH EDDIE AT THE MARINA GOLD CUP. IT WAS JUST BEFORE COMPETITION STARTED ON THE FINAL DAY.

MARINA DEL REY, CA.
Sept. 28, 1980

Eddie, how old are you?

Im 17.
Are you still in school?

No, I'm out now.

What do you do besides skate?

Ah, resting for a while, I think I'll probably go to college next year

Where do you live?

Lake Arrowhead, California.

Do you have plans for college, like what major will you take?

Probably art. Maybe going into ceramics and making pottery, stuff like that, I like.

That's interesting...How did you get started skateboarding?

Well, my brothers really started me. They skated around the streets and I just picked it up and used it for transportation and just messing around.

How long ago was that?

Oh...about five or six years ago.

When was the first time you skated a skatepark?

Uhm...about a year after Carlsbad opened. So that's got to be about three years? Yeah, about that long.

Are your brothers still skating?

No, they just like to come around and watch me at the contests.

How many brothers do you have?

Two of them. One is 24 and the other is 22.

You skated amateur till about two years ago. Then you got a sponsor, was it Hobie?

Yeah, it was Hobie. I got on the team like in December and I was with them for about a year, I guess. They had some financial difficulties, so I left and went with Variflex.

How did Hobie first pick you up?

They were doing a demo at the Ranch...Colton Skatepark, that's my home park, and I was just skating and they thought I was pretty good, so...They just picked me up from there.

So Hobie went out of business and Variflex picked you up right after?

Well...soon as I got on Hobie, Variflex came out—with their Connection trucks and I think I was probably one of the first one to ride them, 'cause Gil Losi's wife, Jannet manages the park, so you know, I tested the trucks for them, 'cause I wasn't with no truck company then. So when I was with Hobie I was kinda like on Variflex too, riding their trucks.

What kind a wheels were you riding?

Cheaters, Hobie Cheaters.

Now you're in solid with Variflex. You're doing good in competitions, your boards seem to be selling well. What do you see in your future with them?

Well I don't know...(pause) I hope I can work with them after I'm done skating. Maybe doing some designing, you know. Maybe design some wheels and boards and stuff like that.

What do you think of the Losi's?

Uhm...they're real nice people. Like they've got a good relation with all the skaters. Like other sponsors, they just give you stuff and they don't care about you or anything like that.

Who works with you the most, like helping you in new routines and such?

Probably Dale Smith. Yeah he helps me alot, ever since I got on Hobie, he's been helping me out.

Has he actually thought out new tricks for you?

Yeah, like the "elguerio". He was telling me about it one day and I thought it was pretty crazy you know, then I did it. Then he also thought up the "front side rock n' roll", and some others.

Your best know for the "elguerio". How long did it take you to learn it?

Well, he was telling me about it one day and I was...you know, kinda learning it that day, but everytime I do it, I just slide out. So, about four days later, I was still practicing it and I finally got it down pretty much.

How do you feel, like when you're working on something like that and it finally clicks and all the people around just go crazy?

I feel pretty good,...it just makes you feel real good (laughs).

When was the first time you used it, the "elguerio" in competition?

It was at Boulder, Pro Hester, that's when I was turning pro, so that's when I brought it out.

It must have blown some people's minds.

Yeah!...everybody was like...freaked out(laughs).

How did you do at Boulder?

I got third in the finals.

Any new tricks that you've been working on but haven't got it all together?

Oh, I've been working on "ball-copters into a rock n' roll", I've made a few but it's hard to get down. I'm also doing a new trick at this contest called a "pop a rocker". I go up on a fakie, like a fakie ollie, into a rock n' roll, then rock n' roll-in. Footplant fakies, I just got down and some others.

We saw the channel footplant at Big O Gold Cup, that was pretty gnarly.

Yeah it was kinda different.

Who thought that one out?

Ah, it was Dale and Gil. They were both telling me to try it, so I tried it!

We've noticed that you're one of the few pros taking advantage of your popularity and like your family is helping you, setting up demos and tours for you. Do you think that's really important for someone like yourself?

Oh yeah! I think, that it, like if you were number one...you should get to people. Like, you to know them and let them get to know you, like...

Well they do it in other sports right? The top guys go out and push themselves and the products they represent and endorse. Do you think it's helped the sales of your

boards?

Definitely. Like when you go around, people see you skate and they see what you ride and if you do good, they go out and get the same thing. Get the board and ride it.

Variflex set up a tour this past summer and alot of the pro guys in the Team went. How come you didn't?

Well, I had set up a separate tour before. I went to different places like Washington and up to North Carolina and I went to Huntsville, just different places.

So your tour and the Variflex tour conflicted with each other. Would you've liked to have gone with those guys?

Oh yeah!, it would have been fun, but it would have been tiring though. It seems they kept a pretty tight schedule though.

In visiting other parks, what was your reaction about skateboarding out there?

Well, I think skateboarding needs to pick up a little, 'cause everybody's kinda of dying out. I think they should just keep skating. *They don't have to have a park, just ride around you know...to have fun.*

Do you think we should be concentrating more on the street action?

Yeah, I think cities should put like freestyle competitions and bring back slalom. People who don't live near a skatepark, they could have fun at recreational parks.

Beside skating pools, is there any other type of skating you like?



Winners, always seem to sport a nice smile. Here Eddie reflects his feelings after picking up the \$700. first place check.

Well I like mountain road riding, cruising down roads and I think I might get into banked slalom. That seems to be pretty fun.

You said you might want to stay with skateboarding. Do you think there's a future for you?

If it picks up, you know, skateboarding needs help, I'll try to help it, as much as I can.

What do you think of amateur competitions?

I think it's hot. Like the ASPO series, it rips. I wish there was like an ASPO when I was an amateur. I think it's good for the kids to compete cause there's lots of age groups they can enter and compete in.

What would you say to a young skater just starting?

Buy good safety equipment, get a fairly good board, it doesn't have to be expensive and keep on practicing and skate safe.

How do you think you're going to do today?

I hope I'll do good, just try.

Do you think you'll wind up in the top two or three spots?

Well...(reserved smile) maybe.

I hope we don't jinx you. Good luck.

(EDITORS NOTE: Eddie went on to win the Marina Gold Cup with some very impressive new tricks, five of them to be exact. Check the story in this issue.

SENSATION BASIN GOES TO KONA

ELEVEN SENSATION BASIN SKATE CLUB MEMBERS MET AT DAWN ONE RECENT SATURDAY MORNING to find a Chevy Laguna Station wagon packed like a tuna can heading down the road to Jacksonville, Florida. Destination...the KONA SKATEBOARD PARK.

The old park's been going through a renaissance since a change of ownership. They have added a new pool, two fiberglassed half-pipes, excellent artwork, roomy building, and an all around great at-

mosphere that prevails.

Many of the Sensation Basin Skate Club members had never skated the park and were quite excited to give the historic Tombstone wall a shot.

But the real attraction was the newest of the half pipes, the one with the flat bottom and sixteen foot wide.

All day without a thought, the skating energy was flat out. Old faces new faces, everyone was cranking it out.

As fast as time flies when you're having a good time, we got back into our smelly Laguna tuna can and headed back down the road to our nighttime Gainesville port of call.

Is there a better way?

By Philip Chiochio



The Sensation Basin traveling Skateboard Club, making their stop at KONA, Jacksonville.(above)

Mike Cox, a KONA local showing the art of ramp-ripping. Photos by Chiochio



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John Hutson leading Paco Prieto in one of the heats at the LAGUNA SECA Downhill.

IT'S HUTSON AT LAGUNA SECA DOWNHILL.....

Monterey, Ca.
September 20, 1980

LAGUNA SECA RACE

The Laguna Seca Raceway, long known for its car and motorcycle races hosted today a different type of speed event.

It was the Down Hill, and some of the top skateboarders were there to once again challenge themselves and the elements, in quest for the fastest time down the curvy-banked and steep part of the course.

Fog and winds kept the temperatures down (great for this type of event) and also the

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speeds. They could have been faster had it not been for ahead wind that slowed the steep decent.

John Hutson repeated his fine performance at the Capitola Downhill by once again winning this event.

The crowd on had was small compared to the crowd at Capitola. There were about 200 spectators. The track is located outside of Carmel/Monterey, so there is a bit of a drive to get there.

No matter though because the same intensity between the racers prevailed at this event.

Hutson posted fastest time going into the elimination bracket rounds. His fastest was a 35.9122. In the elimination round he beat the likes of Kevin Karnes, Gary Furniss, Mike Goldman, and Paco Prieto for the final top spot.

His first place win earned him \$200.

Paco Prieto put on a formidable challenge as he managed to beat out guys like Duane Peters, Bob Denike, Roger Hickey. He earned \$100.

Roger Hickey placed third (\$50.) and fourth went to Mike Goldman (\$35.).

The race had some anxious moments when Don Bostik and Bob Denike collided in their heat. Fortunately neither was hurt and they returned to the competition.

One of the most improved skaters has to be Freddy De-Soto. Although he only managed to make the first round of eliminations, he's showing great potential as a future downhill racer, to go along with his fine vertical skating.

Fred Lowery was responsible for the event. It's unfortunate that the event was scheduled so close to the Marina Banked Slalom. The entry could have been bigger.



John Hutson in an unfamiliar spot...behind Byron Miller.



Who is this masked man? As near as we can tell it's one of the MADRID "speed" boys, like Roger Hickey at Laguna Seca.

Fred received lots of help from people like Fausto Vitalia, from INDY, who handled the fine announcing.

The general reaction was that the event was a fun event and safe and congratulations should go to all the skaters for their professionalism and their fine effort.

We understand that the folks from the Monterey County Parks Department, who run Laguna Seca, were very much

impressed with the event and will look forward to future events.

A special thanks goes to Mr. W.B. Sessions, Park Ranger for Laguna Seca, who was very instrumental in making the event a success.

Next downhill will be in the Southern California area. We'll give you more details as we get them.

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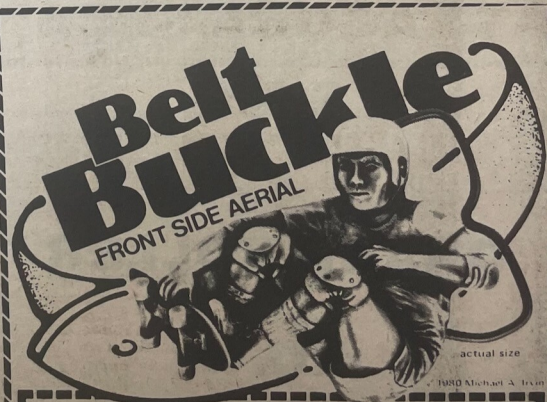


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With a time of 15.01 minutes, Peterson averaged 19.998 miles per hour for the five mile race, lapping the 2 1/2 mile oval at the Ontario Motor Speedway twice.

When asked if Ontario's steeply banked curves, designed for 200 mile per hour cars, posed any problems, Peterson said that the inside of the curve was flat enough to skate fairly easily.

Some skaters were skating high on the banks and fighting it all the way.

Peterson could see no reason to sacrifice the time when the inside was wide enough to skate. This proved to be an advantage in the end.

Tom and sister Lynn, who placed first in the women's division and third overall, are to roller skating, what Eric and Beth Heiden are to ice skating: appealing, sincere and excellent athletes.

The forty million roller skaters in America already knew what race fans at Ontario Motor Speedway discovered August 31. Roller skate racing is a thrilling sport, as exciting to watch as it is to participate.

An unfortunate note: Micke Alba, one of the premier skateboarders in the country, was also a participant in this race and was in third spot going into the finish, when he was tripped and fell, relinquishing his top finishing spot. He suffered some scrapes, cuts and was knocked out for a short while, but he says he'll be there at the next one.

The second race will be October 26th at Riverside Int'l Raceway, on the nine-turn road course that includes a 200 foot elevation change.

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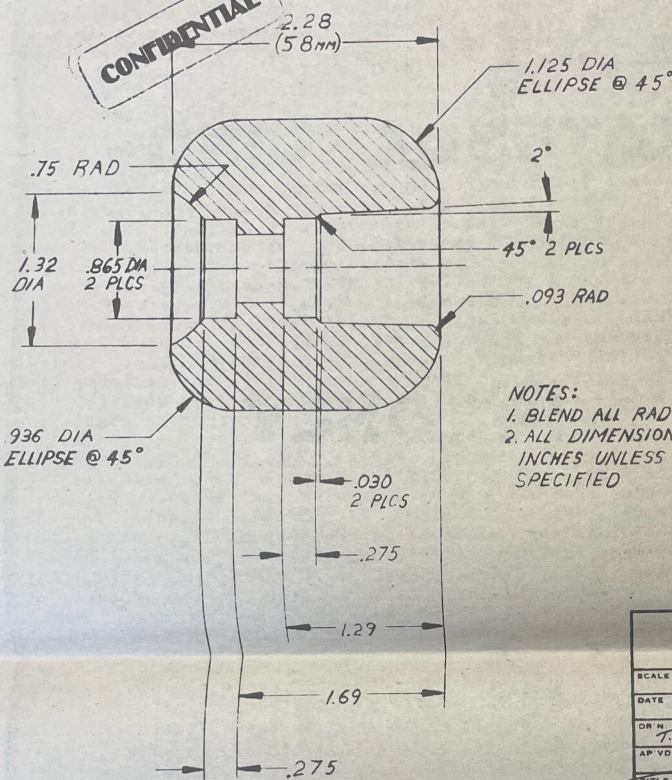
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