



EVENTS SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

- 5/29: SATURDAY** DJ e
5/30: SUNDAY DJ Julio
5/31: MONDAY DJ Moderno
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- 6/5: SATURDAY**
DJ Bennie D & DJ Albert P
6/6: SUNDAY
DJ Jay Stewart
-
- 6/12: SATURDAY** DJ Cuba
6/13: SUNDAY
NO SKATING
Puerto Rico Day Parade
-
- 6/19: SATURDAY**
NO SKATING
Adventures in NY
6/20: SUNDAY
NO SKATING
Adventures in NY
6/26: SATURDAY DJ Jordan
6/27: SUNDAY
DJ Misbehaviour

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holidays in 2010 from April 10th through October 31st. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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by Lezly Ziering, President, CPDSA

It's the Memorial Day Weekend and once again we will have a table at the south end of the Skate Circle with hot new T-shirts, DVDs, high quality music CDs and membership applications for you to help support something you rely on and love—the CPDSA. Basic membership is just \$25 for a year—a pair of movie tickets cost you more—we hope many of you will be able to contribute over and above the basic amount.

Remember the old days, when, if the DJ didn't collect enough "battery money" he would shut down the music until there was

enough in the kitty. He didn't have a fraction of the expenses we have today—our seasonal budget runs about \$8,000 a year.

Is the Skate Circle important to you? What kind of a loss would it be to you if it ceased to exist? How about putting some money where your heart is! Our dedicated volunteers & DJs work hard to make this the best skating event in the city of New York and some say the best anywhere.

Imagine if we charged a dollar admission—a dollar. Would you think twice about plunking

down a buck? Do you skate with us 15 times a season—20 times—50? Can you see how your \$25 or \$50 contribution still amounts to less than a buck at the door? We really need your support. The money doesn't pay anyone's salary, it goes directly to operating expenses—equipment, maintenance, permits, batteries, paint, epoxy patching material, medical supplies and more—just what we require to continue to function.

I'm calling on our skate family to be generous—Let's make it happen!!! And Let's Keep It Rollin'!!!!



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by Nelson Velez and Tommy McInnis

A true story based on the lives and work of Nelson Velez, NYPD HOU police officer, and Tommy McInnis, an MTA Connections outreach worker truly details the lives of some of New York's unsung heroes.

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DANCE ON SKATES

Wednesday 6:30-7:45pm at Crazy Legs Skate Club in Brooklyn - Class: \$20.00 \$29.00 includes class and entry to skate session following the class - 8pm-midnight
Directions: CrazyLegsSkateClub.com

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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

The Skate Circle has already been rolling for almost two months this season, the weather has been spotty and changeable, cool one week, warm the next and then cool again for another two weeks. We know that summer is coming, we just don't know when it will finally settle in and act like summer.

Every year there are minor changes to the Skate Circle, most go unnoticed by all but the most careful observer. We never know what will change; sometimes it is only in reflection, after the season is over, that we finally recognize what has actually happened. Often, we will remember a year and identify it in our minds by some major change that took place, as we do with milestones in our lives.

One change that the Central Park Conservancy has informed us about is that the East Meadow—an area in the park north of 97th Street near Fifth Avenue—is scheduled for a major renovation. The work will start in June and continue until the fall of 2011. Many events normally scheduled for that area will be moved to the Bandshell and the Skaters Road. We do not know exactly how much of an impact this will have on our schedule; chances are that it will not be good news.

One Sunday last year—before we were able to secure a space in the park where we could store our equipment—we took a chance. Neither of our regular truckers could pick us up at the end of the day and we knew it. Still we had faith that we'd be OK. We trucked all of our gear to the edge of the park and then carted everything down to the Circle and set up. Our DJ played a great set, a nice crowd of skaters and dancers joined us and we had a great time.

It was only at the end of the day that we realized we didn't

have a way to get all our gear back to our storage space. We had one friend with a small SUV that could only carry a small part of our equipment. We were stuck with no way to get the bulk of our stuff back to our storage room. We were finally able to get a limo driver at Tavern on the Green to drive our equipment to our storage place—for a price. We were lucky to be able to scrape up the cash and get the job done.

Every year we start off with the desire to keep the Skate Circle rolling and no real idea of exactly how we will make it through the season. We usually have barely enough money to scrape by and though we don't know who will help, we don't let that stop us.

The CPDSA is a group dedicated to keeping the Skate Circle alive. As a 501-C-3 non-profit organization, it might be possible for us to try to get operating funds from corporations or government agencies, but we have chosen to raise our money from our skaters and to recruit them as members. Our strength is that we are independent, we are controlled only by the skaters and dancers who participate in our weekend skate dance parties. We have no agenda or ulterior motives other than to skate and have a good time with our friends.

I always tell people who come into the Circle to visit, that the only way to truly experience the Circle is to dance with us. In much the same way, when you join us and help with your money or your volunteer work, you become part of something that you know is worthwhile as well as just being fun. There is a famous scene in "To Have and Have Not" when Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart kiss; she tells him: "It's even better when you help."

The Skate Circle Lives!



DJ Alchemy



DJ Paul Morales



DJ RC LaRock

Security Guidelines 2010

The Central Park Police have reminded us not to allow unattended bags at the Skate Circle, because they are vulnerable to being stolen. We are a close knit community and things are fairly safe inside the Skate Circle, but there are many non-skaters coming through the area and this is not a perfect world.

The police recommend that you do not bring valuables into the park. It makes sense to leave your new digital camera, video cam, palm pilot, ipod, jewelry and other expensive items at home; unless you intend to keep them in your possession at all times. This will be difficult if you are skating, because we insist that skaters not try to dance in the Circle while wearing backpacks.

Please try to keep your wallet and house keys on your person

at all times—invest in a small fanny pack or a belt bag to wear around your waist. We recommend that you bring a small padlock and use it to lock your backpack to the chains attached to the benches in the baggage area next to the DJ booth.

If you insist on keeping your backpacks on the fence, please do not hang the bag from the top of the fence—lock it to the bottom of the fence—but please lock up your bags. It is easy to see someone rummaging through your bag, but if they walk out of the Circle with it, no one will notice until it is too late.

Small bags and women's purses are particularly vulnerable. Try to leave bags like that in a friend's backpack that is locked to one of the chains in the baggage area. In an emergency, you might want

to speak to one of our skate guards about special security arrangements inside the DJ booth. The best protection is to get into the habit of always locking your bag.

We hope that by taking these additional precautions, no one else will suffer the loss of our property this season. After all, we come here to play and forget our worries.



CPDSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JOIN US!

Name _____

Date ____/____/____

Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home or Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Work or Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Contribution:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

New Member Renewal

Please cut out this membership application and mail it, along with your contribution, to the CPDSA address below.

You can get additional applications and more information from our staff members at the CPDSA Skate Circle, located mid-park at the foot of the bandshell. You can find us by entering Central Park at 72nd street and walking along Olmsted Way toward the center of the park. Just follow your ears. Listen for our dance music. You can't miss us.



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