



EVENTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 9/4:

SKATING DAY - DJ Julio

SUNDAY, 9/5:

SKATING DAY - DJ Rob Scott

MONDAY, 9/6:

SKATING DAY - DJ Rikky Rivera

SATURDAY, 9/11:

SKATING DAY

SUNDAY, 9/12:

SKATING DAY

SATURDAY, 9/18:

SKATING DAY

SUNDAY, 9/19:

SKATING DAY

SATURDAY, 9/25:

SKATING DAY (Yom Kippur)

SUNDAY, 9/26:

SKATING DAY

SATURDAY, 10/2:

SKATING DAY

SUNDAY, 10/3:

SKATING DAY

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2003 from April 11th to October 31st. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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African American Parade

by Lezly Ziering

Here is an idea whose time has come. The CPDSA has been approached in the past about a contingent of skaters appearing in the African American Parade. This season there have been several inquiries and omens that have led me to believe that the time is right.

The Central Park skaters in past years have joined the Halloween Parade and had a great time doing it. And I have the feeling that this parade is another that would offer us a memorable experience and at the same time show our support for the African American community which would really appreciate our participation.

I am presently working on the logistics of setting up a musical accompaniment for us to skate to for both this parade and the Halloween Parade. Skaters can sign up for the African American Parade at our fundraising table over the Labor Day weekend. The sign-up is only to determine if there are enough skaters interested in the event to make it feasible.

The parade is scheduled for Sunday, September 19th. We would meet at 110th St. and 7th Ave. (Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.), at 1:30 PM. The parade will kick off at 2:00 PM and the route runs from 111th St. to 142 St. The time involved is estimated at an hour or

an hour and a half (which probably means two), so whomever is involved should be able to get in at least the last hour and a half in the Park, which, as we know, is the best time. I am told that the street has been recently paved so it should be a smooth ride - free of potholes, broken pavement or cobblestones.

We are in the process of arranging to have either a pickup truck or my car set up with a pair of speakers and Rob Scott will supply the music, so this parade should be a blast. We will have the details ironed out by the Labor Day Weekend, so do visit us at our fundraising table for answers to your questions and to sign up.



Tammi and Ray feel the groove as they work out at the Skate Circle



Steve gets ready to cartwheel across the Skate Circle.

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and one of our CPDSA t-shirts. We will have t-shirts on sale at the Circle this Labor Day weekend. Membership checks will also be accepted at the fundraising table at the south end of the circle.

This season we are emphasizing the importance of your membership in our organization. If you are not already a member please join. If you are already a member please renew. Individual memberships are a bargain at \$15 for the entire season. For \$25 you can get a membership

Your dues money helps defer the cost of Parks Dept. special events permits, police amplified music permits, transportation and storage costs, equipment maintenance and repair and all the other expenses we must cover to keep "our thing" alive.



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If you would like to contribute stories or photos for consideration in our next newsletter, please contact: marci@cpdsa.org

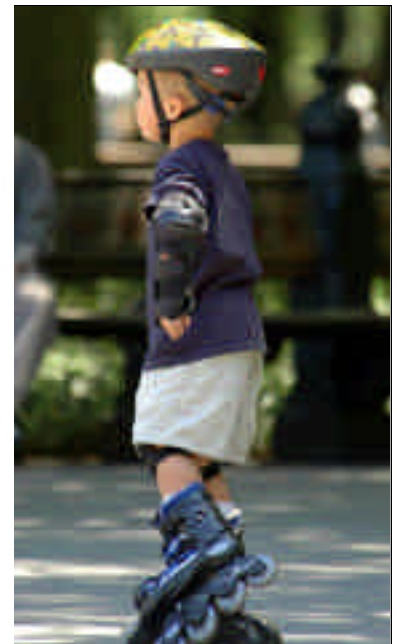


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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

Labor Day Weekend! It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over. The Skate Circle started the season at such a high point - with the Whitney Biennial art installation - that it seems almost impossible that we have reached September so soon.

It has been a pretty good year so far. True, there have been too many rainy days, but, we didn't have a lot of those steamy ninety degree days - when it is a struggle just to skate around the rink a few times without fainting from the heat. The summer has been uneventful, things have gone pretty well - which makes me uneasy - I'm wondering what will go wrong.

Our sound system is sounding pretty good - due to the efforts of our chief engineer, "Segway Bill" Levy - who has been busy all season, tweaking up the FM transmitter and antenna so that the signal is cleaner and stronger and the wireless speakers at the ends of our area sound better than ever before.

Another very positive development is that Steve Warshaw - a skater who is a real computer expert - has volunteered to get our website back into working order. For the first time in a year we are able to post PDF files of this newsletter on our site, so that anyone with access to the web can download and read them. These PDF files offer a special bonus, because Marci is able to post color photographs in them. For a real treat, look at the PDF of Volume 10 Issue #2 which features brilliant color photos of the floorscape museum art project by *assume vivid astro focus* that was in our area during the opening weeks of this season. We plan to post more new photos from this season and you can expect to see other improvements to the website in the very near future.

All around the Skate Circle there have been small incremental changes. We finally started making some repairs to the pavement, filling in the dangerous spot at the manhole cover next to the booth

and trying to patch the worst of the small imperfections on the West side of the South freestyle area. There is a lot of work that still remains to be done - like patching the long cracks that continue to grow in the Northwest end of the main rink. We put off this work because it always seemed to be raining during the weekdays and if it wasn't raining it was too hot or just too nice to spend the day on hands and knees doing pavement repairs.

Part of the danger of having no pressing major problems is that it is too easy to put off the hard work of keeping the Skate Circle running. It's an all too common quirk of human nature to delay those pesky little maintenance jobs until they have grown into emergencies. You may have noticed that the white guide lines around the rink are badly faded and could use to be repainted. We can wait until next year, but soon all the lines will be worn out and we will lose another bit of the infrastructure that makes our Skate Circle run smoothly.

There are many small things that must be done to keep the Circle operating at peak levels. The infrastructure - whether the pavement, the website or the sound equipment - is there to enhance your skating pleasure; but the only way to be sure it survives and continues to operate is for you to get involved and to do your part in keeping the skate circle going. I'm not just talking about moving the barricades and pushing the equipment box up the hill. We need people willing to take on the big jobs - skaters who will join the Board of Directors and be ready to take on the responsibilities of running the CPDSA.

It's not going to happen tomorrow, but soon the CPDSA is going to need new leadership or it cannot survive. If you really love skating and you want the Skate Circle to continue at the level it has evolved to, you will join us and make sure that the CPDSA has a future.

The Skate Circle Lives!



Gail and Steve dance together on a lovely day at the Circle.

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New Member Renewal

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

You can get additional applications and more information from Lezly Ziering 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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