



### EVENTS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, AUG 31**

SKATING DAY - DJ Lee

**SUNDAY, SEPT 1**

SKATING DAY -

DJ Misbehaviour with DJ MR G

**MONDAY, SEPT 2**

SKATING DAY - DJ Rob Scott  
LABOR DAY

**SATURDAY, SEPT 7**

SKATING DAY - DJ TBA  
ROSH HASHANAH

**SUNDAY, SEPT 8**

SKATING DAY - DJ Lee

**SATURDAY, SEPT 14**

SKATING DAY - DJ Walden

**SUNDAY, SEPT 15**

DELAYED OPENING - 3pm  
DJ Misbehaviour  
YOM KIPPUR

**SATURDAY, SEPT 21**

NO SKATING

**SUNDAY, SEPT 22**

SKATING DAY  
DJs Rikky Rivera & Alex

**SATURDAY, SEPT 28**

SKATING DAY - DJ Lee

**SUNDAY, SEPT 29**

DELAYED OPENING - 3:30pm  
DJ Rob Scott

#### THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2002 from April 13th to October 31st. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

#### CPDSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## Skate-A-Thon 2002

by Lezly Ziering

This Labor Day Weekend, Atlanta, Georgia will be host to thousands of skaters from all over the U.S., and no doubt other lands as well, for their 7th annual Skate-A-Thon.

Coincidentally, the Skate-A-Thon shares an anniversary with the CPDSA - we too celebrated our 7th anniversary this year - on the Fourth of July.

I received an email from a friend in New Orleans telling me that she was going, which is what originally hipped me to the Atlanta event. I subsequently learned more about it from one of my students and a CPDSA member who's taking the midnight train to Georgia for the festivities. He astounded

me by telling me that there are 16 rinks in the Atlanta environs - what a bonanza.

The Skate-A-Thon is three nights of skating from Friday, August 30th to Sunday, Sept. 1st at three different rinks.

On Friday the host rink is Skate Towne (that's right, Towne with an e - say that ain't quaint) - skating starts at 11:55 and goes till 4:00 AM at a cost of \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. The DJ is billed as "Atlanta's own - DJ Mike."

Saturday the 31st, the venue shifts to Decatur, Ga. Host rink - Decatur Family Skate, from 11:55 till 5:00 AM. The cost here goes up to \$11 in advance and \$13 at the door. The DJ

(surprise, surprise) is N.Y.'s own Big Bob, of Empire fame.

The final night, Sunday Sept. 1st, is also in Decatur at the Golden Glide from 11:55 till 4 AM with our man Big Bob spinning the discs. The cost is the same as on Saturday. I thought it odd, the variance in the Friday prices with those on Saturday and Sunday. There is a deal, however, where you can buy into all three nights for \$25 and save three bucks.

A nice touch is that the proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to the Atlanta Shelter for Women and Children. The other item of note is that Skate Towne skaters can be 18 years and up, whereas at Decatur Family Skate and the Golden Glide it's 21 and over.

It should be a blast - there will be raffles and contests for big prizes and the various regions of skaters will be struttin' their stuff - Detroit style, Chicago style, Frisco, LA. and New Orleans style with some N.Y. thrown into the mix. Further data and lodging info can be found on [www.skategroove.com](http://www.skategroove.com).

The only rub is that by the time you read this it will be too late - but there's always next year. I may just give it a shot in 2003.

Lee, Kathleen and Lorraine, three long-time CPDSA members, skate circles around each other as they dance around the Skate Circle on a recent weekend.

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# New Look for Skate Guidelines

A team of dedicated skaters repainted the rink guidelines a few weeks ago.

The painting crew, led by CPDSA grounds committee chairman Steve Heuring, included Steve Gertner, Russell Marcus and Aristidez. Their hard work has made our rink a safer place. All of us at the Skate Circle owe this group a debt of gratitude.

The old lines had faded and a confusing second set of lines had begun to show through - creating a confusing and potentially dangerous situation. The new lines are bright and extra bold, delineating the rink area in no uncertain terms.



CPDSA skater Robert Mclean struts his stuff.

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DJ Walden keeps the party going by mixing CD's.

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Bill, Russell, Ed and Calvin getting ready to unload the CPDSA sound equipment out of Russell's truck at the Tavern On The Green parking lot.

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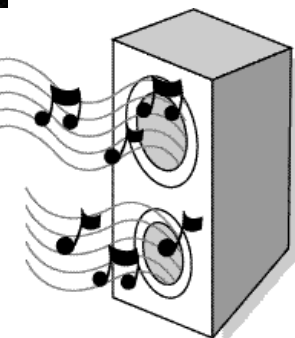
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# The View from Skater's Road

by Bob Nichols

In the last issue of this newsletter, I tried to describe how a small group of volunteers work together to make the Skate Circle come alive out in the park each weekend. It really is a beautiful scene - people who care a lot about skating work hard to make something very special happen. I want to personally thank every one of you who carries a gate, swings a broom, assembles the canopy or does any one of the little tasks necessary for us to enjoy our little dance skate party to its fullest. You are the greatest!

What I glossed over was the weekly struggle to bring the audio equipment and DJ booth related materials into the park. Besides the main audio system, the battery, and the speakers, there are sun canopies, chairs, medical kit, rain tarp - the infrastructure we need not just to play the music, but to do so safely and comfortably.

Over the past seven years we have been able to store this material in a free corner of the Mineral Springs food concession's back room. This year, through no fault of our own, we are not allowed to use this convenient staging area, we must store our equipment outside the park and it makes things exponentially more difficult.

Our main storage room is at 58th street and 11th avenue, about a mile and a half from Skaters Road - just far enough, especially when you take into account the steep hills from 11th avenue up to 9th - that a truck or station wagon is an absolute necessity. Complicating the situation is the fact that there is no electricity in the storage room and no way for us to charge up our main battery or the batteries in the Crate peripheral speakers, which must be recharged after every day they are used. We have solved that problem by keeping the batteries and speakers in my apartment. After the first couple of weeks of carrying the heavy car battery up and down a flight of stairs twice a day, my back started complaining and now one of our volunteers - usually Calvin Coleman - has to do the heavy work.

In fact, Calvin has been the one who has taken on the toughest job, unloading the storage room, loading the truck, getting the battery from my apartment, unloading the truck onto the handcart and pushing it

into the park. Yes, he does get help, Bill Levy is usually there to share the work in the morning and other volunteers often help Calvin and me in the evening when everything goes back into storage and up to my place for charging, but Calvin is the one who is always there, coming and going. He deserves your recognition for his tireless dedication to the Skate Circle.

No less worthy of recognition is Bill Levy, our equipment committee chairman and chief engineer, who keeps the audio equipment in tip top condition and continually refines the workings of the system. This year, Bill has taken on the additional burden of arranging the logistics of trucking the equipment.

Since the CPDSA cannot afford to own and operate a truck, Bill must make arrangements for transportation every day that we operate; it is a frustrating and thankless task.

I must not forget to thank Tariq Bilal, who is most often our trucker, Russell Marcus who has volunteered his pristine pickup truck for the skaters on various occasions this season, Lezly who allowed us to use his brand new (two week old) Vibe for the job, Greg Gonzales and his 4 by 4 and Jay Stewart who has helped us truck in our equipment each time he played at the Circle this year.

Without the help of these people and their vehicles, we would probably be trying to hitch up a group of six or seven skaters to a harness rig - like Santa's reindeer or a dog sled - to pull the carts in and out of storage.

I should also thank the volunteers who have taken the bumpy truck ride to and from storage - Stu Pollack, Greg Gonzales, Greg Reese, Clay Blivens, Steve Lindsey, Dale, Dennis and Dee... I'm leaving someone out... Thank you, guys, really, thank you.

We still have two more months to go in our season and we're going to need help right to the end. Every week brings logistical problems with vehicles and volunteers and we might be forced to try the reindeer routine before the year is over; but I'm fairly confident that there are enough people who really want to keep the Circle rolling who will rise to the occasion.

The Skate Circle Lives!

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*The CPDSA is facing the most daunting challenge in its 7 year existence.*

Our budget has almost doubled from last year - and our money pool is almost exhausted.

To perpetuate this highly valued and much loved source of recreation, relaxation and spiritual sustenance - we need your backing and your assistance - it cannot continue without your help!!

We are having a fund raiser, this Labor Day Weekend -

during which we will be giving away premiums for donations and soliciting your contributions to help keep "our thing" alive. It's the third of the five fund raising opportunities we are allowed each year.

Be generous - dig deep - we do have some hot items for you to take away and enjoy for years to come.

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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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