

FUEGO

Fuego Longboards was started by 'tap' a retired tattoo artist and skateboarder, as a family run, positive, uplifting skateboard and longboard company. Fuego's products represent their respect, love, and devotion to their father Jah Almighty. His music 'reggae', and skating with the sum of these as a way of life. The products mix old school shapes, sizes, and reggae inspired graphics with contemporary features. fuegolongboards.com



MICRO MINI RAMP

The Railslide Micro Mini Ramp is manufactured by the Irish skater owned company, Railslide. At just 16ft long, 6ft wide and 2ft high, it's a very cool ramp to have almost any place of the house. It is also one of the most competitively priced mini-ramps in the world. It retails for \$895 and this includes shipping. railslide.com



PRESSURE DROP

Pressure Drop is stoked to announce the arrival of their first plywood/formica deck. The RD - 42 model features a 12mm birch plywood with a black formica bottom, 9 3/4" x 42" dimensions, and a generous concave. Pressure Drop is also proud to announce ABQ local Chris Miller has been added to the Race Team. pressuredroplongboards.com

ARBOR

Arbor have just introduced The Bogart. It's a chopped down, stringer-style mini, with a fat, functional shape and tight wheelbase for poaching any street walker's line. [Arborsports.com](http://arborsports.com)



JBOARDZ

With a desire to bring surfers back into skating Jboardz offers a small line of longboard decks — "The Spear" and "Big Spear." Designed for carving smooth powerful turns- with a sweet bit of flex. These boards feel, ride, and, with their look, reflect the spirit of surfing. jboardz.com



KAHUNA

At Surf Expo this September, Kahuna Creations released several new boards. The Neo Fish and Retro Fish have a mild concave and springy camber shape and come with the classic Kahuna tropical sand as grip. Also new is the Magma longboard with a unique top graphic. kahunacreations.com



EARTHWING WHEELS

Earthwing has just released a 62 mm wheel called the Superball. The highly abrasion resistant, high rebound nature of this particular formula fits right in with the demands of sliding. Available in 62mm "Slide A", 65mm 78A, and 72mm 78a. earthwingskateboards.com



GFH BOARDS

GFH have teamed up with Khro to create a unique 85A durometer bushing. These green bushings are made exclusively for GFH. [Gfhboards.com](http://ghboards.com)



SMA

During the ASR, SMA held an outdoor barbecue at the Washington Street Skate Park in San Diego. Owner Skip Engblom performed duties as the chef and cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone with an appetite. In other news, SMA has welcomed back Jesse Martinez and Mark Jones and honorary SMA guest pro rider Pat Ngoho to the team. Another pro added to SMA is Marco Gomez from Bogota, Colombia who is now living in Los Angeles. smaskateboards.com



CHICAGO

[Chicagolongboards.com](http://chicagolongboards.com) is a small shop run by Julian Nicks. Their goal is to provide customers with the opportunity to create their own deck, however mild or wild they want. They are constantly trying out new concepts, so if you have a concept for a deck, and need a capable builder to put your idea on wheels, then send them your requests. chicagolongboards@comcast.net



BUTTONS HAWAII

Buttons Hawaii is a company based off of the legendary Buttons Kaluhiokalani who single handedly changed the shortboard surf revolution in the late 70's and early 80's. He also had a huge affect on skateboarding. There are 12 models from 29.5" to 60." buttonshawaii.com



DREGS

Dregs have just introduced a number of new decks along with new wheels This is only a small sample of the new product. Pictured is the Classic D 70mm offset wheel and 46" Pirate longboard. dregsskateboards.com



OLD MAN ARMY

Since its beginning, Old Man Army has been uniting 30 to lifers. (Some have never left the board and some who found their way back). With a grassroots magazine, a spankin' new lineup of decks, and over 2000 years of on board experience in their forums, you need to check out OLDMANARMY.com Not in the game for fame, but making a name just the same.

MOTION

Motion went back to the drawing board and transformed the almighty BigFish into a flying fish for 2007. With this new honeycomb/ fiber-glass board weighing just under 2 pounds. It's just a bit stiffer than the former BigFish, but still has the powerful EZ-FLEX. info@motionlongboards.com



C-11

The C-11 Scribe's main feature is its trucks. By adjusting the "degree pointer" one can effectively change the kingpin angle. The angles are adjustable in 10 degree increments which offers the rider a large range of styles in the one truck. The Scribe trucks have performed well in tight slalom and have also been ridden up to 60 mph. The C-11 is arguably the most tunable skateboard in the world. Grombiz.com



HONEY SKATEBOARDS

Handcrafted in California, Honey Skateboards favors quality craftsmanship over mass production. Carefully inlayed patterns are mirrored on the top and bottom of the boards, laminated with five core layers of hard maple, then finished with a barefoot-friendly clear grip to let the beauty of the wood shine through. There are a choice of five models: 27" Flashback, 36" Hybrid, 40" Pintail, 40" Carver, and 43" Cruiser. honeyskateboards.com



SECTOR 9

Sector 9 introduced their Bamboo line of skateboards almost two years ago and the response has been very positive. Secrets is the latest addition to their four board line of bamboo skates. This 40" board is 100% bamboo and comes set up with 9" Gullwing Alpines and 70m/78a Bamboo wheels. It comes with a mild concave and a classic surf shape swallow tail. The Bamboo Line of skateboards was created as an alternative to the maple boards. Sector9.com



LONGBOARD HAVEN

A new Toronto based website has just started up. Longboard Haven is aimed simply to make those

hard-to-snap parts easier to find, easier to get your hands. lbhaven.com

REVOLVER BEARINGS & ZEBRA TRUCKS

The Revolver RRT 9-Ball Ceramic bearings distribute the pressure equally to create a barrier against microscopic flat spotting inside the races that can steal speed and performance. The T-Inserts combined with their unique spacer allows these bearings to be tightened down which means no wheel slag from side to side and also keeps bearings in perfect alignment with the trucks. Interstate Zebra Trucks incorporate style, performance, and a light-weight truck without compromising strength. A medium tension bushing and a strong easy to adjust kingpin make Interstate trucks a mid range pricepoint alternative. If you're interested in selling their products contact revbear@telus.net skate-vault.com



TUNNEL

Tunnel has added a couple of new Soft Rocks to the line-up. The soft blue 75As are excellent for rough surfaces, and the Old School amber are a great all-around wheel for longboards and cruisers. Tunnel has also released the Marshall Coben Cruiser. Hailing from Santa Monica, Coben was best known for his amazing high jump skills in the seventies. His mini-deck, shaped by Tunnel founder Mitch Haake, is 26" by 8", 7-ply maple pressed in California. The deck features a silk screened graphic on the bottom and a die-cut grip for the top. tunnelskateboards.com



INSECT

Insect is proud announce a new, streamlined look for the entire lineup of longboards, slalom, and speedboards. They are using a newly engineered fiberglass construction technique that results in decks that are slightly thinner and lighter weight (nearly 1/2lb in some cases), all while retaining the super-responsive flex. Decks and completes are available online and at select skate shops worldwide. insectskateboards.com



SKATERBUILT

Jake Piasecki is known to many a skater as one of the gnarliest of the modern-day vert gladiators. Skaterbuilt wanted to commend Jake for his poolriding and vert efforts by producing a new wheel to Jake's exact specs. The Jake Piasecki wheels are 60mm tall, 40mm wide, and made with Skaterbuilt's exclusive "Naturally-White" urethane in 99a hardness. skaterbuilt.com



FLEXDEX



Flexdex emailed us to tell us they have come up with a new material for their boards. This new black-colored ingredient will apparently make the new boards lighter, faster and flexier than their predecessors. flexdex.com

CONSPIRACY

Conspiracy Skateboards has a new DVD: "Saikou" (pronounced Psycho) and it is the result of a vast collection of some of the best concrete and DIY spots from around the country. Saikou includes footage from the infamous Fallen Warehouse Death Bowl, the Oregon Trifecta, and the Conspiracy Crew's northwestern tour. Conspiracyboards.com



TOES ON THE NOSE

Toes on the Nose has expanded into the hard goods market offering longboards. skateboards.360Incorporated.com, the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of Toes on the Nose Longboards have been making longboard surfboards and skateboards since the early 90s. There are twelve models currently available ranging from 7.75" x 36" up to 9.5" x 44." toesonthenose.com



ONE

One is about pushing the creative and technical levels of skateboarding, by taking a freestyle approach to ones skating. The team is made up of JJ O'Donnell, Matt Henry, Shannon Sexton, and AJ Kohn. Be on the look out for their logo, hand painted, artist and Performance Tip series. oneskateboardco.com and performancesk8.com



BOARD PUSHER

BoardPusher offers on-demand printing of custom skateboards with no minimum quantities, and hosts a skateboarding and snowboarding pic forum which is open to public submissions. They are now offering an assortment of old school shapes. Boardpusher.com



PRO DESIGNED PADS

Wild Bill over at Pro Designed informs us that wrist guards are now on sale for \$25.00 a pair — while supplies last. Prodesigned.com



F13

Danny Creadon and the folks down at F13 continue to innovate. They have re-launched their website and added new info for custom designing. They are also starting to utilize carbon fiber, maple, birch, formica, to create a spectacular beamed concave deck. factory13.org



NAVIGATOR TRUCK CO.

Recreated from the ground up, Navigators newly redesigned trucks are hand molded then digitized into an animated program to smooth out any imperfections left behind. The truck features a new pivot for consistent turning and rebound. Navigators are cast with the highest 356 aircraft grade aluminum. They are manufactured in the USA and "guaranteed for life." Sizes range from 127mm, 133mm and 137mm. In the works is a Ben Schroeder designed 9" hanger. navigatortrucks.com



ALPHASKATE

Forged from hardened chrome vanadium steel, the Alpha tool is incredibly strong. It's only 3" long yet it extends to nearly 4 1/2" ... It has 3/8", 1/2", and 9/16" wrenches, a 1/2" socket, both Phillips and Allen screwdrivers, and even a grip tape file. The Alpha also can be carried on your key chain. In a bid to eliminate wheelbite, Alphaskate have also developed a newly designed truck. The truck has a hidden pair of adjustable wheel bite screws to eliminate wheel bite. Alpha has a 5.0" truck for street and a 6.5" truck for cruising or longboarding. Tel: (650) 533-7952 or alphaskate.com



PURE UNLIMITED

Pure Unlimited is a new skate and surf company founded by Pete Lugo and Belinda Lagos on the belief in American made products and PURE hardcore skateboarding, and surfing. They are currently offering 7.5", 7.75" and 8.0" boards. Soon to be released are models with widths of 7.625" and 8.25". The Pure team is Neil Metzner, Udo Lingman, Marc Jefferson, and Robert Johnson. pureunlimited.com



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NITRO BEARINGS

Nitro Bearings welcomes three-time Overall World Slalom Racing Champion, Jason Mitchell to the team. Jason rode the Nitro Ceramics to the 1st place in many races in 2006 and has designed a new ceramic which bear his nick name: The Racer X nitrobearings.com



JONES SODA

We don't normally cover soda or any type of beverage, but this time, we couldn't resist. Way to go, Scott Starr.



LANIKAI



Lanikai produce boards and accessories for girls. Longboards and pool boards tried and tested by Vicky, Charlotte, Kristie, Hannah and Tori whom skate and own Lanikai. Three of the girls are sponsored by Lush Longboards in the UK already but really felt the five of them could combine to create something extra special. For more info and photos visit myspace.com/lanikaikateboards. Trade enquiries call YDNA Surf & Skate 44 1202 555 455.

OLD MAN JAM



The Old Man Jam was held at Brooklyn's Owl's Head Park on Saturday September 9th. The turnout was represented by skaters of all ages. Those who "looked" 30 or older were given free "Old Man Jam" t-shirts and tons of other great giveaways were raffled off by the event host, JJ Rudisill. The main action was in the Wally Holliday-built pool. Allentown, Pennsylvania's John Babiarz was likely the oldest skater at the event, proudly holding up his AARP at one point. "JohnnyB" was also the lucky recipient of a Wes Humpston-signed 44" Bulldog longboard. Skaters enjoyed the all day snake session in the pool, which was highlighted with lots of grinds, some big airs, and a few good slams. All participants were left hobbling away with big smiles and hopes that this event becomes an annual gathering.

SIEGRIST ON FIRE

On August 19 and 20 of 2006, the third race of the French downhill championship was held at the Izoard Pass in the French Alps. The course was 2

kilometers long, with a lot of turns and it offered some spectacular views. The race was organized by the CND, Commission Nationale Descente who supervise all the French races. It was also a regional IGSA event. In stand-up, Martin Siegrist dominated. For more info go to izoard.net and descente.fr. Speaking of IGSA, the world championships were held in Scheid Switzerland this year. The road was one of the most challenging in the history of downhill skating. It was very steep and technical and favored lightweight riders. Over 200 competitors from 20 countries showed up to race. The winner in downhill stand up once again was Martin Siegrist.



Martin Siegrist

JAY BOY BOOK LAUNCH



The book launch for "Jay Boy" was held on Saturday, September 9th. Over 200 people met up at San Diego's Basic Bar. There were a number of notable guests including Jay's wife, Alisha, their new daughter, Venice and Jay's son, Seven. Jay's step-father, Kent Sherwood was on-hand to sign books. Other notable guests included, Paul Constantineau, Nathan Pratt, Wes Humpston, Dave Hackett, Steve Olson, Denis Schufeldt and Mr. Bennett. Special thanks goes out to the event sponsors - Michael Early of Pool King Skateboards, Mark and Debra Zenter of Z Sports Distribution, Buddy and Traci Carr of Tailtap.com, Greg Matson of Z Flex and the Basic Bar, who provided a great environment along with some terrific pizza. "Jay Boy" features images of California during the 1960's and early 70's. The photos were taken by Kent Sherwood and recently captioned by Jay Adams. The book was edited by Glen E. Friedman and is co-publishing venture between Concrete Wave Editions and Pool King Skateboards. It is available via tailtap.com

THE 4TH ANNUAL TORONTO BOARD MEETING

By Nick Pourgoutzidis

This year, I was lucky enough to witness my first Board Meeting. As I kicked into the parking lot I was in awe at the mass of riders converging. All were

dressed in collared shirts, with ties to match. A few had full-on executive attire. After a few proud (and quite ecstatic) words from Matticus, the newly appointed guide of this growing tour, 148 longboarders took to the streets. As we approached the first hill in our ride, the adrenaline in the crowd began to pump and the cheers became louder. Passers by gawked in amazement at the dozens upon dozens of bobbing and weaving heads that poured into the street, asking "what is this FOR?"

AMERICAN NOMAD BOARD MEETING



Photo: Michael Haller

Fred Smith, Bill Danforth and Jay Kelly

The 2006 American Nomad board meeting took place over September 23rd & 24th in South Windsor, Connecticut. Bill Danforth and Jay Kelly conducted break out sessions at Connecticut's more favorable skate spots, demonstrating new products by way of old techniques and creating much-needed stoke in southern New England. Barking dogs and pool coping could be heard throughout the neighborhood as Bill Danforth, Fred Smith and scores of others enjoyed watching skaters from across the east give a clinic in miniramp ripping, body slams, and deck heckling.



SLAC PASKAPOO DOWNHILL RODEO

The first annual Paskapoo Downhill Rodeo, an international downhill race put on by the Speedboard & Longboard Association of Calgary on Aug. 26th was a surprising success. The contest was hosted at Calgary's Canada Olympic

Park (formerly Paskapoo) was put together in just a couple months. The inaugural event went off big with a huge crowd of spectators and an international line-up of racers who took on the steep winding course with no holds barred. The electronic microchip timing system employed worked perfectly capturing racer's individual times and leaving no question in qualifying.

Buses to run the racers back up to the top of the



Photo: Jeremy Burke

Group shot of Toronto Board Meeting — over 145 skaters showed up.

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hill helped insure racers were rested and ready for their next heat. The eight-man heats forced riders to go hard to clear the pack or suffer traffic congestion on the course's seven corners. This also made for great viewing by spectators who lined the tree-lined course from the top to the bottom—eyes fully bugged out as racers rocketed by at speeds reaching 50 MPH, or worse, flew by after being ejected off their board. There was a fair bit of carnage on the challenging course.

The final heat for the \$5000.00 first place prize didn't go down until 9:30 PM with the setting sun leaving some of the course quite dark—adding to what was already a gnarly run complete with two speed bumps. However, the general consensus from riders seemed to be that it was one of the best courses they'd ridden in competition. The Downhill Rodeo drew 67 racers from around the world. Although the top qualifier with some sizzling fast runs early on, Jim Z got shut out in the end. The Rogers brothers also made a strong showing only to be denied in the finals. Carnage took its toll on many riders in the all-day event.

Top Five Race Results:

1. Max Erwin - Vernon, BC – \$5,000
2. Danny Farmery - Seattle, Washington – \$2,500
3. Jody Willcock - Kimberley, BC – \$1,250
4. Mike McGoldrick - Vancouver, BC – product and sponsor prizes
5. Mischo Erban - Vernon, BC –product and sponsor prizes

SLAC organizers are already hard at work making the Paskapoo Downhill Rodeo an annual event, however next year's competition, which may be extended from 1-day to 3-days, in August, will also include other gravity sport competition including luge and slalom.

SANDIA ALL AROUND CHALLENGE

By Joe Lehm
Photo: Rob Palmer



The 6th Annual Sandia All Around Challenge was hosted by TimeShip Racing and featured 40 skaters competing in 9 events. First up was Banked Slalom. Then the start ramp and timing system were moved 30 feet onto the ditch side bike path for the 74 cone leg crushing slalom challenge. The next morning was the Downhill on Sandia Crest Road with many exciting close heats. No one was surprised to see both of the Rogers brothers in the Pro final along with Ryan Ricker and David Price. The Sunday Journal featured the race in a front page article with a couple of nice pictures of the finals and of Dave Rogers, the winner.

Los Altos Skate Park was host to the evening's elective events: Longest Grind, Best Trick and 360's. High Jump and Ollie Jump were held the

next day after the 8.3 mile Cross town race was won by John Huey. Ditch shuttles ran all afternoon, and the Awards Party was held on the patio of Kelly's Brew Pub with good food, draft beer and TONS of prizes for everyone.

Men's All Around (calculated from 9 events)

- 1 Ryan Ricker 165 points
- 2 Will Brunson 157 points (tie!)
- 3 Andrew Mercado 130
- 4 John Rogers 129.25
- 5 John Huey 127.5

Women's All Around

1. Isa Ruiz 126 points
 2. Judith Rogers 90 points
 3. Claire Bartlett 72 points
- Complete results at TimeShipRacing.com

2006 SANDIA ALL AROUND CHALLENGE — A PARTICIPANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Words by Jeff Tatum

For the last few years now I've been drooling over photos of the flood control ditches in New Mexico. One of the Pool King team members that I manage, Starr Adams, lives in Cerrillos and he's wanted me to visit for some time. When I heard about the Timeship Sandia All Around Challenge I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone and fly out there. Joe Lehm of Timeship Racing has been hosting downhill and ditch contests in New Mexico for six years now. Ditches like Indian School and Rio Bravo stretch eight miles or more with bridges and tunnels to pass through and an occasional wall ride along the way. Riding these ditches is more like surfing or snowboarding than skating, with the goal of riding till your legs give out. The Timeship bank slalom contest held in the Rio Bravo ditch was the first competition I've entered in 28 years and had a blast. I competed with downhill legend Will Brunson, skaters from Texas, Dave Rogers from Colorado, who won the downhill race held at Sandia Ski Area, Chris Miller from So Cal, and wicked local Ryan Ricker who won the overall challenge which consisted of seven separate events. I have to say everyone I met and skated with on this trip was way cool.

Starr Adams took second place in the ditch slalom youth division and Malcom Hecht took first place. Andrew Mercado took first in the best trick, Will Brunson won the overall ditch slalom, James West Jr won the traditional slalom, Ryan E.P. took the trophy for the longest bowl grind, Ryan Ricker took the trophy for the cross town race and John Rogers did the most 360's, Starr was the youngest contestant and I was the one of the oldest. The three day long contest ended with a ditch jam in the Indian School ditch where all the contestants got together for a just for fun session. Joe rented a cattle type truck to shuttle everyone back to the top of the ditch after each run. The true core skate mentality of this contest and the skaters that are attracted to it could make it one of the most prestigious skate events over the next few years.

KAHUNA CREATIONS – DOING WHAT THEY LOVE

An Interview with founder and owner Steve McBride

What is your background? I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and when I turned 15, my family moved to Saudi Arabia and traveled the world. I picked up skateboarding in Saudi Arabia, with my

brother Mike, in the late 70's, and learned to surf while traveling worldwide. I held several senior level marketing management positions in the high tech industry in the S.F. Bay Area. **How and why did you start Kahuna Creations?**

I was on a business trip to Sydney, Australia to conduct seminars. My head was spinning during the seminars because I had gotten into a car wreck. I was in a rental car in downtown traffic driving on the left side of the road. I looked right when I should have looked left and smashed into some Aussie locals. I picked myself up and drove my car with the fender half off and scraping the road and went to the business meetings. After the meetings, I took off to Dee Why Beach, rented a surfboard, and had one of the best sessions ever. I remember sitting on my surfboard between sets and thought to myself that I was totally sick of the high tech scene, sick of reporting to senior executives that were incompetent and sick of marketing stuff that I couldn't care less about. So, it dawned on me that I wanted to do something that I actually love. So there, on the Australian line-up, I decided to do something different.

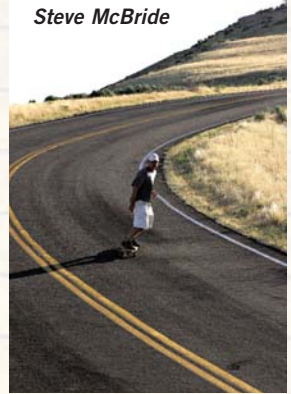
It was downhill from there... I decided to create a business based in what I love doing...Skate, Surf and Snow sports. After several months of creating the business plan together with my wife, DeNee, we decided that we wanted create a board sport company and pay tribute to the Hawaiians that invented board sports in ancient times. The Hawaiians invented surfing, which is when and where all boardsports began.



Kahuna artist David Ray Gould (on the left) and Steve at September's Surf Expo.

to get into longboards as well as surfboard and snowboards because I wanted to start a business doing the things my family and I were actually stoked about. I figured that if I ran a business based on everything I love, it would be successful. It is a challenge to manage each business and maintain unique designs and stay competitive in each area, but we are doing it. I am living the dream... starting a business with products I love and risking all to fund the venture. As long as we are doing what we love to do, it is working. **What are some of the new products you're bringing to market?** Longboards. We have been working for the couple of years on devel-

Steve McBride



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oping a performance longboard that delivers both deep carving and control features and look incredible. Artist, David Ray Gould, has hand painted a spectacular volcanic explosion on the top of the deck that reflects the aggressive nature of the longboard. We debuted the new "Kahuna Magma Longboard" at Surf Expo in Orlando a few weeks ago and the reaction surpassed our expectations. At Surf Expo, we also debuted our new Kahuna Beach Board longboard lineup. These fish tail longboards are built for both new riders as well as those who are experienced longboarders who can appreciate the flexibility and carving potential of these longboards.

The artwork is clean and fresh and features tropical sand on top of the decks as grip. The feel of these boards are unbelievable. **What are some of the special features that make your longboards stand out?** Each of our longboards is dialed in to deliver what the market is looking for. We have interviewed riders around North America to get real world input regarding both the ride and designs they are looking for. Whether riders are looking for a "grab the rail and bury the turn performance board", a "big sweeping carve-up-the-hill cruiser board" or a "barefoot, noserider board", we create a board for each style. The unique signature feature of Kahuna Creations' longboards is the use of tropical beach sand as grip on top of most of our boards. Instead of using grip tape, we uniquely fold sand and shells into the finish to provide a beachy feel. Our Kahuna Magma Longboard features actual black lava sand sprinkled all over the top of the deck which provides a great look as well as gives the firmest grip.

SLAM CITY JAM

This was the first year Slam ventured into another city after several years since its debut in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Lack of a venue due to renovations for the 2010 Olympics saw the 3-day event seeking a new home—it found one at Calgary's Stampede Park August 25-27. Although 20,000 people attended, this was lower than previous Slam events. It was definitely a boon for Calgary skaters as well—several of which did quite well in both street and vert competition. The event drew skaters from the US, Brazil, Mexico, France, Chile, Australia and Canada—the \$100,000 USD in prize money was certainly one of the reasons. Of course with many teams competing stateside in the King Of The Road contest, the numbers of competing pros was less than expected. Hawk's Boom Boom Huck Jam vert ramp served as platform for the weekend's vert contests that saw Rob Loriface throw down seamless runs to win despite Sandro Dias' high-flying efforts on his last run. Lincoln Ueda also logged significant air-time throughout the competition but just couldn't stick it every time.

With only six women entered, the Women's vert contest would have been a real let down if not for the head to head contest between Brazil's Karen Jones and Californian Holly Lyons. The Slam street course hosted a myriad of new ideas in-so-far-as obstacles that seemed to raise the bar for those competing. Most stuck to the standard elements of the terrain with the usual moves—and in this case it paid off for riders that stuck to that formula. However, Tony Trujillo and Calgary's Riley Boland's aerial prowess and stylish flowing lines did not go unnoticed by the crowd. Like Women's Vert, Women's Street was

somewhat short on riders—but that didn't stop Lacey Baker and Vanessa Torres from thrilling the assembled. Playing it somewhat safe but sticking everything was the path to follow.

Men's Vert

1. Rob Loriface
2. Sandro Dias
3. Neal Hendrix

Men's Street

1. Greg Lutzka
2. Chad Bartie
3. Ryan DeCenzo
4. Magnus Hanson
5. Nathan LaCoste

Women's Vert

1. Karen Jones
2. Holly Lyons
3. Vanessa Torres

Women's Street

1. Lacey Baker
2. Vanessa Torres
3. Lauren Perkins



Rob Loriface

TOP CHALLENGE

Held on the final long weekend of the summer, Montreal's Top Challenge is always a blast. Attendance was a little less than last year (darn rain) but the spirits were good. The sliders got a huge response from the crowd and the slalom comp went off without a hitch.



Photo: puragence.com

SPEEDBOARDING

- 1-Mischo Erban
- 2- Noah Sakamoto
- 3- Nathan Lang

SLIDE

- 1- Chris Dahl
- 2- Will Jolly
- 3- Fabrice Gaëtan



Chris Miller stopped by Skate Supply in September to check out his limited edition deck. Next to him is Debby Gordon of Fibreflex.

SLALOM

- 1- Mike Cividino
- 2- Claude Regnier
- 3- Aki von Glasow

BICKNELL HILL "FULL MOON MADNESS" TS OUTLAW

By: Dave Heady

Skaterbuilt's Dave Hegstrom kept the spark alive for the L.A./O.C. slalom scene by hosting an outlaw race at Dogtown's fast and steep Bicknell Hill on "Full Moon Thursday", September 7th, 2006. There were plenty of skaters and onlookers that were visibly entertained by the action. The locals even busted out a street ramp to hurl themselves over the gate and down the hill. The new parking lamps and full moon provided ample lighting conditions which made for excellent viewing of the race—with over 100 spectators lining the street and sidewalk.



Billy Wahl at Bicknell Hill

Photo: Sumdumsurfer

As they made their way through the 6.5 ft. cone spacing, it looked pretty close with Floyd Reid, Attila Aszodi, and The Carrasco Bros. all on fire. "Axeman" Tim Kienitz stepped it up big later in the race by starting his run in the street behind the gate—to post one of the fastest times of the race. A lot of fast racing and clean runs took place that night, but in the end it was clear that slalom ace Mike Maysey was in a league of his own as he ran five cones per second CLEAN for the win! After the awards and trophies were handed out, DT legend Skip Engblom threw-down some extra cash for a super-tight 5.5 ft. race and Maysey easily took first place and the money again—with Floyd not too far behind. Thanks goes to Skaterbuilt, Khiri, SMA, PPS, and Sk8Kings for setting the race up and kicking down the money and prizes.

RESULTS:

1. Mike Maysey
2. Dave Carrasco
3. Tim Kienitz



On October 14, about 80 racers showed up to New York City's "Broadway Bomb." This was the 4th year of the 8.5 mile race. Pictured left to right are Adam Colton (third place), James Soliday (second) and Kaspar Spurgeon Heinrich (first).

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BOWLBASH 2006

Words and Photos: Alex Post



John Magnusson

The grand finals of Globe's Bowlbash 2006 took place at Area 51, Eindhoven (The Netherlands) on October 15th. Area 51's new location and perfect MU bowl appeared to be a great location. The 24 qualified transition riders from Europe knew how to impress the judges and to amuse the audience. The riders went unbelievably fast and took a lot of risks. In the last three seconds of the final heat Andy Scott performed a huge BS 360 over the hip which sealed his first place status.

END RESULTS:

- 1st Andy Scott, England
- 2nd Ivan Rivaldo Alvarez, Spain
- 3rd Alain Goikoetxea, Spain

NCSA PROMOTES HELMET USE



Initially launched in mid-2005 and run only on Ncdsa.com, the five banner set promoting helmet use via consequence-oriented animations is now freely available to web sites wishing to help spread the word. Owner/webmaster Adam Nathanson has steadfastly promoted skateboarding safety since Ncdsa's launch in 1996. "It's the senseless, easily-preventable tragedies I've seen posted over the years that this campaign was designed to prevent," says Nathanson. Download the free banners from ncdsa.com/nohelmet. Congrats on 10 years, Adam!

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Yes, the holidays are upon us, and what better gift than the gift of a book or DVD...or a subscription to CW. Here are my choices for some great skate presents



1. **The Answer is Never** – Jocko Weyland & Scarred For Life – Keith Hamm – both books were published several years ago, but they are well researched and well written (they will appeal to old and new skaters alike)
2. **Miami Inverted** – Robbie Weir & Willie Miller – great coming of age skate story for kids from 9 to 12
3. **New Truths and Realities** – CP Kaestner – heavy duty poetry from a Chicago skater
4. **Agents of Chaos DVD** – Scarecrow – most skate DVD's wish they had this much creativity. The skating is as brilliant as the skits.

A NEW INSURANCE PLAN FROM CASA AND SPAUSA

Skateboarding has always faced a major hurdle when it came to finding any sort of event or park insurance. At best skaters were subject to insanely high rates, or in a lot of cases just simply told, "No." As of Nov 1st, things changed. Through the Canadian Amateur Skateboard Association (CASA), and SportsInsurance.com, there is now a very progressive insurance program that not only will provide coverage to all aspects of skating, but will do so at a far more realistic rate. The biggest problem insurance companies had with skateboarding in the past, was a complete lack of knowledge. They simply assumed that the all people skating were unreasonably reckless, and that the activity was simply a liability nightmare. Their response was to highball figures, and the result was that many contests, demos, and even parks, ran with no insurance, or just did not run at all.

CASA started working directly with the people at SportsInsurance.com and SPAUSA (Skate Park Association of the USA), to put together a program that would address the concerns of the insurers. The result is that through CASA and SPAUSA, rates have dropped significantly. The key to getting these rates is membership into CASA or SPAUSA). For more info on the Canadian program contact CASA at ca-sa.ca or thenurmis@gmail.com, for info on the U.S. program contactspausa.org.



Bruce Logan and the Godfather of skateboarding, Larry Stevenson at the launch of the new Makaha film at the ASR show in September

SURF EXPO



The Surf Expo trade show held in Orlando has big plans for the January event. Team Pain is extending the contest ramp to 80 feet, and Volcom's throwing in whopping \$35,000 as prize money. There's an All Girls Skate Jam session on Sunday from 1-2PM. The 2006 Skateboard Hall of Fame Awards will be at Surf Expo on Friday at 5pm. January 11-14th, 2007. surfexpo.com



Scott Tansley gets in the zone at a Sydney, Australia outlaw slalom event at the Allawah Bike Track.

Photo: Bill Fonseca

SYDNEY OLD SCHOOL NITE JAM

Words by Johnny the Fox



Photo: Bill Fonseca

Adrian 'Errol' Jones hits the shallow end of Bondi to a flaming reception.

The Sydney Old School (aka S.O.S) is a growing concern to the powers that be, in this city. Every week these days you hear of (or see) their late night gatherings. The S.O.S stage all sorts of clandestine underground activities at these skate park vantage points from 'Bank Shootouts' thru to illegal fundraising activities. They even stoop to stealing old company logos to promote their gatherings on flyers. The S.O.S is not the seedy riff raff you would think that would be associated with such activities though. They are respected members of society from doctors, accountants and art collectors thru to film critics, firemen and national sports champions. Their actions are as unpredictable as habitual old bowl riding skateboarders can be. In their world, there are no rules, only more bowls to be built, to be ridden, to be mastered!

On the 26th of July under the guise of "an old-school late-night fancy-dress goth-horror metal-punk night" they blatantly walked into Bondi Beach skatepark and conducted a skateboard bowl jam contest. Dressed to scare and horrify, they skated into the night for trophies and prizes under the moonless sky un-harassed by local council rangers who no doubt slept on soundly unaware nearby.

Using the latest Old School Skateboard technology, The S.O.S had cleverly based their secret underground news grapevine around CHARLIEDONTSKATE.COM, the Australian old school skater's web site. CHARLIE DONTSKATE is The S.O.S's number one supporter and sponsor - thanks Braden, you RULE! Being in Bondi we also scored some prizes from KRACK surf/skate shop which is only 50 yards from the park on the beach - thanks Tim!

Special guest judges were arranged from another underground old school skate group: Naccoss and with their arrival things got going big time. Flaming coping lip, Ghoulsh outfits and rad skateboarding ensued unabated into the night. So now you have all been warned: travel to Sydney at your own peril but if you do, make sure you contact the S.O.S for the most amount of old school fun you can get down under!

CORRECTIONS:

The photo for Matt Henry was taken by Andrew Garrett. The correct email address for Vintage Boards is abksk8@hotmail.com.