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ROAD TO THE N-MEN PARTY

DANNY, IT WAS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THE RAIN FOR A WHILE. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SKATEBOARD GANG **TIE N-MEN** HAVE AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY IN SACRAMENTO AND OUR PAL **BRYCE KNIGHTS** (FORMER N-MEN ICON AWARD WINNER) DROVE US DOWN FOR A THREE DAY 10 SESSION JAUNT THAT ALSO INCLUDED THE N-MEN PARTY FEATURING THE ICON AWARD TO **KEVIN THATCHER** AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY **TIE BONESIAKERS** AND **JODY FOSTER'S ARMY**. BOTH BANDS WERE GREAT. IT



WAS RAD TO SEE **JFA** LIVE, INCLUDING THEIR COVER OF VINCE GARCIA'S **LINUS AND LUCY** PEANUTS THEME.

FIRST STOP FRIDAY WAS **GOLD HILL** OREGON'S RAD LITTLE LIQUID STONE DESIGNS SKATEPARK PHASE ONE WAS BUILT BY DREAMLAND BUT THE RAD NEW LITTLE MINI KIDNEY WAS WHAT WE WERE THERE TO SEE. IT WAS TOUGH AND GO WITH THE RAIN BUT THE PARK WAS DRY AND WE GOT A FEW RUNS SHARING THE PARK WITH SOME VERY OUTGOING LOCAL SCOOTER KIDS.

SHASTICE PARK SKATEPARK IN MT. SHASTA, CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN RAINED OUT THE PAST FEW TIMES I'VE BEEN THROUGH. SO GLAD I FINALLY GOT TO RIDE IT. THERE'S A BIG BOWL SECTION, A SMALLER FLOW BOWL AND A FUN "OVER THE BOULDER" FEATURE.

WE MADE IT TO **GRANITE SKATEPARK** IN TIME FOR THE EVENING N-MEN SESSION. A LITTLE CHILLY BUT THEY HAVE LIGHTS!

THANKS STEVE-O AND KRISTIE FOR PUTTING US UP!

DAY TWO STARTED WITH A LONG DRIVE TO **WILD ROSE SKATEPARK** A BIG LOOP WITH A LEDGE AND RAIL COMPLEX DOWN ONE SIDE AND A LITTLE SNAKE RUN ON THE OTHER, A BANK AND QUARTER AT THE ENDS. SUPER FUN TO TAKE A FEW LAPS AFTER BREAKFAST.



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JFA

BK GOLD HILL

SEAN BLUEITT



DALTON BEESON

AFTER THAT IT WAS BACK TO POWER-INN ROAD AND GRANITE FOR ANOTHER SESSION.

A REAL TREAT TO SKATE ROGER AND IAT'S RAP BACK-YARD VERT RAMP UNDER THE LIGHTS BEFORE PICKING UP WALLY INOUE AT THE AIRPORT. PACKED HOUSE AT THE BLUE LIGHT INCLUDING N-MEN STEVE-O AND RANDY KATEN, BOB DENIKE OF THE BONESHAWERS, GUEST OF HONOR K.T., RICK BLACKIAT, PETER GIFFORD, TED TERREBOINE, ROBERT SCILAEFLI, BRYCE KNIGHTS.

SUNDAY WAS ABOUT SKATING THE HEEBLE BOWL. THANKS TO ERIC AND ANDREA FOR HOSTING THE SESSION. HIGHLIGHT WAS WALLY'S IMPROMPTU DOUBLES WITH JOHN WORTHINGTON JR. THE OLD MAN KEPT IT GOING FOR A LONG TIME, BUT COULDN'T SHAKE HIM!

TIME TO HIT THE ROAD BACK TO OREGON. ON A TIP WE CHECKED OUT THE NEW SKATEPARK IN LIVE OAK, CALIFORNIA. NEW, CROWDED WITH BIKES AND SCOOTERS AND THE SUN WAS AT A BAD ANGLE.

STEPPED AT CORNING, CALIFORNIA ON THE WAY BACK JUST AFTER SUNDOWN. WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE A FEW RUNS, MIGHT BE WORTH A RETURN VISIT. ☹



WILD ROSE



PAT BLACK



THE FLY, KRISTI, BLACKHART,



RANDY, STEVE-O,



ERIC



TOM

N-MEN SESSION AT BEEBLE BOWL
AND DINER DRAWING



AMELIA & PER BJESSE

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE BIOGRAPHICAL INFO? AMELIA: A high school special education teacher. I grew up in the Gorge, and moved to Portland when I was 18. While working at a used book store in Hood River, I had started reading zines, and was first exposed to bike punk culture. When I moved to Portland, I sold my car, got a bike, and joined the scene. Actually, Per and I met at an epic bike punk party back in 2003. We may have smoothed out a bit with age, but I feel like we're still pretty badass.

PER: Both my parents worked a lot, and had very limited time to get me to activities. That meant that I got used to entertaining myself and in that I got an appreciation for open ended activities that you could do by yourself. I was really into reading at an early age, and when we got a home computer in the early 80s, I got very into programming and building electronic gadgets. I think skateboarding is one of those perfect activities that you can do by yourself and that there is no end to. You can always work on something new. I really love this aspect of skateboarding. The other cool thing about skateboarding is that as soon as there are other people around skating, you can socialize even if you are working on different things and are at different levels. Hanging out with someone just starting out can be as fun as skating around someone that is a hundred times better than you.

HOW OLD ARE YOU AND WHEN DID YOU START SKATEBOARDING?: 44.
A: 35, We started skateboarding 5 years ago.

YOU WERE COMPETITIVE TRACK CYCLISTS, RIGHT? DO YOU STILL RIDE?: P:
We both got really into fixed-gear velodrome racing in the early 2000s. There was a big fixed gear bike thing going on with messenger culture, and

PER @ PIER



there was some cross over between messenger alley cat racing and real velodrome cycling. We went out to the Alpenrose track outside of Portland and tried a beginner class, and got hooked. The obsession grew, and we both ended up training and racing very seriously in sprint length events. The culmination was several masters national championships, a track record and a Masters worlds silver medal for Per, and a track record, a national bronze medal, and a few collegiate medals for Amelia. After six years of racing, we decided to retire. It was the training load, and Amelia going back to school, and it also was not socially the funnest scene. We don't really ride other than for bike commuting. It's hard to ride "recreation

AMELIA @ MC'S BOWL



ride "recreationally" when you have focused so hard on competing. We wanted to find something fun we could do together to replace track cycling. Amelia suggested skateboarding, and here we are.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO TRY SKATEBOARDING? HOW DID YOU START? DID YOU SKATE UP AND DOWN THE SIDEWALK? A: We started with the idea of just being able to skate around for transportation. We got cruisers, helmets, and pads, and started skating in the evenings at the local school yard. After a month or so, I could skate to the store without being hyper-focused on foot placement and balance. A month later, I was to getting comfortable with foot braking, so I could go a bit faster and farther. One day we skated from North Portland to Southeast - 17 miles total. It was so freeing. We got curious about skate parks and got popsicle boards and learned to pump and drop in at TRON Bowl skating was immediately fun and exciting.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR SKATEBOARDING? A: My immediate goal is to recapture the acceptance of risk that I had when I was more of a beginner. I used to let myself get hurt much more than I have lately, and that's meant that my progress has plateaued. So I'm trying to get over that, take more risks, have more fun, and make more advances. Trick-wise, I'd like to get airs above coping on vert someday. Oh, man, that would be the best!

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL KEEP SKATEBOARDING? For forever, or however long it is fun. 25 more years? I don't know. As long as it's fun.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SKATEBOARDING COMPETITION? AMELIA: Nope. Not only do I believe wholeheartedly that I will never be competition-good at skating, I genuinely don't want to get sucked in again. I don't want to do that with skating. I did love bike racing when I was doing it, but I really don't want to do anything like that again. 🐶



DEAN DICKINSON

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO? My name is Dean Andrew Dickinson, I'm 32 yrs old, I teach Basic Digital Photography at Fort Vancouver High School, and I'm a freelance project manager. Originally from Vancouver, WA, went to film school in Orange County, spent three years in Austin, and now I'm back to Portland.

WHEN DID YOU START RIDING? When I was 6 yrs old my Uncle Dan gave me a VHS copy of Evel Knievel's Greatest Hits. Evel Knievel, Uncle Dan, and Pee-Wee Herman have been my biggest influences. In '98 I got serious with riding.

TALK ABOUT THE 100 POOLS PROJECT Originally I just wanted to make a scrapbook of the 100 pools that I've ridden. Mark Lewman, Jared Souney, Mike Daily, Justin Kosman, and Ryan Davis all jumped on board and we were off.

WHAT'S THE BMX VERT SCENE LIKE THESE DAYS? Vert is like a fine wine. It's an acquired taste but it'll always be respected. Guys like DMC, Ron Wilkerson, and Mat Hoffman are STILL blasting vert with absolutely no spectators!

DID YOU EVER SKATE? I never did but my buddy Rob Juan gave me my 1st board for my 31st birthday and ever since I've been hyped on skating! I can't do any tricks and I can barely kick turn but cruising the neighborhood and eating shit is awesome!

HOW HAS YOUR ATTITUDE CHANGED AS YOU'VE GOTTEN OLDER? Growing up and riding Swift in the late 90's things were rough... Here I was away from team sports and jocks, yet I was being treated like a second-class citizen. I had a lot of teenage anger towards anyone that told me I couldn't ride my bike in a public park but I was able to redirect that negative energy. At 18 I became the skatepark monitor at Swift for the city of Vancouver and played a major part in the development for the new Pacific Park. I joined the Skatepark Leadership Advisory Team for Portland Parks and helped with the city's 19 skatepark plan. Now I'm a school teacher who barges pools on the weekends with skateboarders, bmxers, and punk rockers. Still haven't ridden a backyard pool with a rollerblader, ha ha!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A SKATEPARK? Lately, I've been digging the old Airspeed skateparks. 🐾