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Dave and CarolAnn share their love of unicycling together.

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President's Corner

Hi all,

Your new USA Board has been hard at work since NAUCC 2011. The new website is up and running (thanks to Aaron and Scott!). Check it out at <http://uniusa.org>. While there please note the new USA logo, as well as the addition of USA meeting minutes, USA Board minutes, and more. We're working on online membership renewal; look for it soon!

Speaking of USA memberships, Hans (Treasurer and Membership Chairperson extraordinaire), has finally managed to update the USA database and send renewal reminders to previous/existing USA members. Please contact him should you have any questions about your membership.

Team USA for UNICON XVI is pretty well established though there are still a number of openings for Team USA members in certain events. Contact uniconxvi.teamusa@gmail.com with any questions or comments you may have.

NAUCC 2012 is set for July 10 – 15, 2012 in Saline, Michigan. See the article included in this OOW for more information.

As always, please let me know should you have any pressing issues.

Wendy Grzych
USA, Inc., President

In the World of Trials, Street, and Flatland

by Max Schulze

Jan Strelec 2011:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5v_KqEc2DjM

The first thing that comes to mind while watching this video is power. Not only does this guy have huge moves, but also he's not afraid of heights. Good trials videos are becoming less and less common these days as everybody is shifting towards the more popular street and flatland (even I'm guilty of that). What makes this video even more awesome is that this is Czech Republic's Jan Strelec's first video, although that is no indication of how long he's been riding. He has quite some moves, both big and technical, which are enjoyable to watch. Check it out!

Unite 1 Promo:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr51wc4bsPU&feature=slpl>

Shaffer Nickel is one of those riders to look out for in the future. As a young rider with the skill and ambition he has, he'll be at the top in no time. Shaffer has a powerful high jump, giving him a lot of potential in trials but not limiting him as he has street and flatland skills as well. The video link above is only to show of his progress and hint towards one of those elusive shock and awe tricks. We'll see if he can land it in the near future.

Renowned Series:

<http://vimeo.com/34419820>

Canadian rider Emile Mathieu has taken it upon himself to produce the Renowned Series in 2012. Every month or two he will be putting out a short 2-5 minute episode, which will feature well-known riders with their most recent riding. Keep an eye out for episodes this year if you want to see some quality snippets from a number of riders. Check out the first episode at the link above.

Unicycling is Not a Crime:

<http://www.unicycling-is-not-a-crime.com/>

Probably one of the biggest and best unicycle projects to date, this DVD has showcased the newest and best in trials, street, and flatland unicycling. French unicyclist and producer François Lizé (Bobousse) traveled around the world to get quality footage of 36 different riders from 12 different nationalities. It has beautifully put together sections of trials, street, flatland, Muni, and yes, even BC wheeling and freestyle. The riding has a couple of subtle, never before seen breakthrough moves (I won't give them away) and definitely sums up the progression and frontier of all the styles. Some of my favorite sections include the USA section, which includes American riders Eli Brill, Emele Uka, Will Riley, Forrest Rackard, and Anna Jinks. Other good sections include the trials parts by French riders Maxime Cabot and Adrien Litchfouse, the Swedish brother Martin and Josef Sjönnby, and my personal favorite, Cleden Guichard and Tim Desmet, who don't get as much recognition as they deserve. So if you want an experience as great or better than Dan Heaton's Defect or Universe movies, check out the trailer and buy the DVD at the link above.

Kevin & Colby



After spending a week in Colorado with Colby, Kevin decided to post a new video. Below are some photos that Kevin wanted to share.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpQNWgPew5A>



Talk
about
some
awesome
senior
photos!



Redford Township Unicycle Club



Parade Season

R.T.U.C. had a very exciting and highly visible past few months! Unseasonably warm weather brought out huge crowds to our winter parades. We performed in holiday parades for Royal Oak, Garden City, Gross Point, Saline, and of course, the big Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade which was broadcast nationally. The Detroit Free Press ran a huge photo of our giraffe riders on the front page the day after the Thanksgiving parade. The club was also thrilled to see that the Associated Press picked up a great photo of the club riding in wall formation that was run in newspapers around the globe.

Giving Back

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, the club participated in our annual Salvation Army bell ringing day in Redford Township, Michigan. Families from the club teamed up to ring bells, collect donations and ride unicycles outside of a local grocery store for a worthy cause. The Salvation Army's Christmas Program distributes food, clothing and toys during the holidays to families in need throughout the community. Our club draws the most attention and, as such, collects the most donations for our red kettle collection site. For information on how your club can volunteer to raise funds in your community, please visit: www.salvationarmyusa.org.

Big 10 Basketball

The University of Michigan invited R.T.U.C. to perform during the half-time show when they hosted their Big 10 rival, Michigan State, on January 17th. The club's advance group riders wowed the sold-out crowd of approximately 14,000 with two routines. The first was an encore of the club's 2010 uGames group routine to the music from Grease. The second was a choreographed routine on giraffes. In between, club juggler extraordinaire, Justin Finkel, performed solo sans unicycle.

NAUCC 2012

Summer will be here before you know it. The club is continuing to make plans for a spectacular NAUCC 2012. Online registration will begin very shortly. We hope to see you all here in July!

RTUC Teens

The teen group has been going strong! Many of them have attended winter high school dances with one another. They even decided to have a dance party over mid winter break. Below is a photo!



A group shot from the teens' dance party.

Twin Cities Unicycle Club



Over the past couple of months, TCUC has continued to hold practices and classes in various locations. Currently there are about four practices each week with three of them including class time prior to practice to help those who are newer to unicycling. There have also been many different activities outside of the classes and practices. Over the New Year's weekend, TCUC hosted the third annual TundraCon event. The first day consisted of mostly indoor activities. Different club members took turns leading workshops for all skill levels over the course of the day. At the end of

the day, there was a high and long jump competition and hockey tournament. The following day, those willing to endure the cold, went on a distance ride around Como Lake before going to Zeller's house to warm up with chili. Overall, the weekend was an excellent experience for TCUC. In early January, the TCUC Show Group had the privilege of performing at Minnetonka High School in front of an enthusiastic audience during the halftime of a varsity girls' basketball game. The show was a lot of fun for all the participants, and the group did an excellent job. As well, the Show Group is currently preparing for the annual Mondo show and is looking forward to this performance.

The day after the Minnetonka performance, TCUC hosted its second annual ski day at Highland Ski Area. Members were given the opportunity to come join the club and spend the day skiing or snowboarding. Everyone had a great time, and it was a nice opportunity for the club to get together outside of the gym. Most recently, TCUC has participated in two parades for the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. The first parade was during the day time and had an impressive turnout with sixty participants, fifty-one riders, and almost twenty first-timers.



The club also participated in the torchlight parade which was fun as always. Participants got to enjoy putting glow sticks on their unicycles, and a few riders even juggled flaming torches which added to the excitement. The mild weather made both the parades extra enjoyable, and overall, the club had a wonderful time. Things have continued to run smoothly for the club, and we are looking forward to more fun events ahead as we start to prepare for another busy parade season, NAUCC in Michigan, and UNICON in Italy over the summer.

Lauren's Pairs Routine at NAUCC 2011

By Lauren Atkinson, age 8

It seemed like jumping plastic garbage cans with unicycles was the new big thing as my family walked into the main hall of the unicycle competition. There were four tables. Some people were eating and some buying food, unicycles, unicycle parts, or accessories. Some people were filling into the gym to see the next routines. But when we heard our category, we dashed to get into our costumes. I wore a white shirt, an orange construction vest, a yellow hard hat, and denim shorts. My dad wore a white shirt, yellow construction vest, a construction hat, and blue jeans on. We competed against four RTUC members and two other people. We ended up in first place. Every person that was in RTUC that entered in our category got either 2nd or 3rd place. I think that Cathy and Jim got 2nd and Dan and Jan got 3rd. I was very proud of myself. Everybody was clapping and clapping. After that, everybody was still complimenting our routine. Even a 4 year old (I think) said "I liked your routine". I wonder if I will win another pairs routine with my dad?



Mark and Lauren perform their routine at NAUCC 2011 in Madison, Wisconsin.



A LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hi Everyone!

I'd like to remind you that On One Wheel is composed solely from articles, photos, and videos, from YOU, the reader! If I don't get any articles, there simply will not be an On One Wheel anymore.

Please, take about five minutes to send me links to your cool new video or photos! If you're feeling spontaneous, write me an article. I'd LOVE it! It can be about anything you'd like it to be about; I'm not picky.

The next issue will come out shortly before nationals. Please contact me if you're interested in sending any items. It will be GREATLY appreciated!

Thanks!

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