

## M.E.S.S. #2 Middletown, Ohio by Bryan Ridgeway

With the sounds of turkeys, roosters, chix, and buzzards in the background, I soon realized why the ramp was nicknamed, "The Pleasant Ramp." The 30 or so skaters present didn't seem to be affected one bit for the ripping on the ramp was intense. I knew this contest had the makings of a massive affair when 10 more skaters strolled in. My prediction was accurate as usual. Over 40 skaters had registered for the contest. This was by far the biggest backyard ramp contest in this area since M.E.S.S. #1. The contest started at 2 p.m.

In the 2a division, first place honors were taken by Marty Richardson of Michigan. His airs and inverts paid off in

the long run. Close behind (and most behinds are close) were a couple of Chris's. In second was Chris Metz and in third it was Carter.

Snagging the third place honors in the 3a division was Doug Walker. Some of the tricks he pulled out of the bag were caballeros, 3 ft. high pogos, alley oops, and the smoothest backside ollies I have ever seen. Lyle Conoho earned the second place slot with his rad combination of airs and inverts. I'm talkin' wall to wall. There was never a doubt in any of the judges minds who deserved first this day. It was the skating of Brian Beauchene that had everyone in an uproar. Brian blazes 3 ft. frontside ollies as well as his new move, the "palm air".

The sponsored division was taken by Madrid/Tracker teamrider, Bill Danforth of Michigan. His combination of a

smooth style, bio moves, and flawless runs made it hard for anyone to top him this day. In the second spot, Marty Jimenez blew a few minds with his frontside air switch-handed and then landed to the tail type air. Third was taken by Walker boy Brett Martin and his flailin' fakie footplants.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the sponsors who believe in the east coast. It is so important that you keep supporting us because we have been ignored for so long. The skaters here take it upon themselves to make things happen instead of waiting on someone else to. Our contests are totally organized, judged, and run by and for the skaters. I think that the scene is a little different as well as the attitudes from Cal.

See ya at M.E.S.S. #3.



Bob Pribble, Frontside footplant



One of the smoothest ramps in the Midwest. The "Pheasant" Ramp



Paul Heugeson, layback air