

# TRANSCRIPT



First, we'd like to announce the birth of eight more pages in this, the tenth, issue of Trans-World. Second, we would like to tell you a story.

Why is it there is always someone or something that stands out and above the rest? Predominantly because of hard work, perseverance, and desire. Congratulations is in order for a group of skaters that have surpassed all boundaries that normally seemed closed to others.

Because of their geographic locations, loss of skateparks, demise of magazines, etc., these skaters had to rely on their ingenuity to make their skate scene happen. In a column to Dr. Rick in Thrasher magazine, the name Skate Fate was mentioned. This infamous skate rag was to become one of the first avenues for skaters in the Midwest, Mideast, and East to contact each other. Skate Fate's creator, Garry Davis began to send names and addresses to all that inquired. Skaters began contacting each other by phone or mail. More skate rags were created. Pretty soon road trips were planned. Gas, food, lodging, or money were never considered an obstacle. If they wanted to go—they went.

The first major "backyard ramp" contest happened in Cincinnati, Ohio. From there growth snowballed—more skaters from more states. New bonds were formed. Soon a group of six or so skaters put their heads together and formed what is now called the M.E.S.S. (Mid Eastern Skateboard Series). This series has proven to be the best "backyard ramp" series ever. The MESS just completed their second year of successful contests with over 50 amateur entrants in the finals held in South Carolina. The entrants came

from at least ten different states, many who drove over 700 miles to get there. In particular, Britt Parrott deserves a medal for all his organizational efforts this year.

Somehow, this whole story relates to us a real pride in skateboarding as more than just a fad or simple recreation. You should be proud of your performance. Let's face it, whoever heard of anyone driving over 700 miles to Hula Hoop?

Here are some comments from some who were there this year, either in body or in soul:

*Peggy Cooper*

*"I've never been to a MESS. I simply lost."*

—Garry Davis

*"They were definitely hyper-enthusiastic."*

—Moto

*"I think they're very resourceful in organizing their events. They do it on their own and it's great. A major force. How do they survive with those sweat-bugs. They sting you to death."*

—Mark "Gator" Rogowski

*"The entire MESS has proven that individual skaters as a cooperative effort can and will advance skateboarding once again to a world class sport. My highest compliment to all those whose dedication and energy made MESS '84 a huge success. A special congratulations to Britt Parrott."*

—Jim Goodrich

*"It's probably the best thing that's ever happened to the Mid-west skate scene."*

—Rob Roskopp

*"These guys have proven you don't have to live in California to be happening."*

—Stacy Peraita