

King of the Coast Contest Series

Event at the XDreams park in Rochester New York



Amazing park, ran by cool people.

Sometime in February my friends at the Heater skateboard company did a demo at the newly relocated XDreams park in Rochester New York. They came back raving about how good the park was. I am currently chairperson of the North American Skate Association and was looking for a solid park to host the 2nd contest in the N.A.S.A sponsored "King of the Coast" series. The 1st contest was held at the Charmcityskatepark in Ballimore and was pretty successful, alot of kids, alot of prizes, alot of good times! I didn't want to hold the next contest at a substandard park so I was extremely excited about the prospect of an amazing park, that was ran by cool peeps! Chad Butler who works at the CCD Distribution (they sponsored the Heater Tour, which Chad managed) called Jason at XDreams and set the contest up for Sunday May 21.2006.



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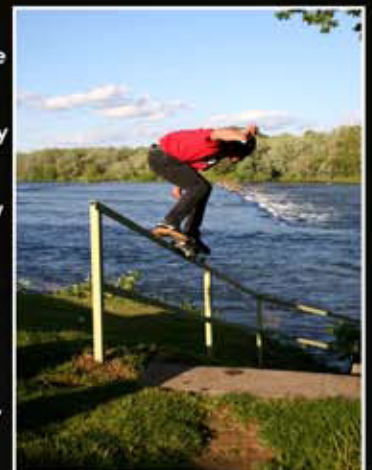
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11 people 1 van 6 hours. Im in!

Rochester is no where near New York city but it's always worth the stop. Ryan Bixler switch tails in front of Lady Liberty on route to Rochester. Ryan was one of eleven people on the trip stuffed in a ford econoline conversion van. The van is nice but I think we needed a stretch limo to fit everyone comfortably. I tested the vans response time and felt out how she handled stuffed to her gills with prizes and people ready for a six hour drive. Once I was confident the that the tires werent going to pop,old lead foot set in and at ninety five mph what should have taken six and a half hours only took four. That four hours did'nt include time spent at a rest stop about a third of the way into our journey. A couple of the guys had had a few drinks and had to go potty. When Justin Lennon was peeing on the side of the port o potty rather than in it. I knew this trip was going to be amazing! I went to the bathroom (in the port o potty) and when I emerged Justin was jumping on a handrail that dropped off a cliff into a very fast moving river. Thankfully he never quite made into the river, but it ended with him completely upside down head in the dirt. Justin limped back in the van with the rest of us and we pressed on! We rolled into the Red Carpet Inn at about midnight. Sketch and I handled the check in. Sketch was in shorts and a t shirt and it was freezing.The hotel office was closed so we had to check in through the little window. The night manager was Indian and barely spoke english, we froze for an hour trying to check in. The process ended with him shouting for the hundreth time "No Parties" in the thickest Indian accent. Try saying it once it's pretty funny. Our rooms were tucked away in the back of the hotel. When we rounded the turn there was a man passed out on the hood of his car and not one street light. A very sketchy end to a very long night.



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Take the trip to Xdreams

I had scheduled the contest practice from 10:00 to 12:00, so I needed to get set up and ready to take registrations by 10:00. Getting to the park by 9:00 was my goal. With eleven people showering I didn't know how realistic a goal like that was but to my crews credit they were all up by 7:30 showered and ready to go. We even stopped by Mickey D's and had some hotcakes with that weird shit they call orange juice. We made it to the park by 8:50 and the door was open. I walked in and met Jason the owner, a surprisingly young but super cool park owner. I went into the park to scope things out and it looked so amazing that I immediately forgot about the registration forms and banners that needed my attention. I had to skate this place. After the demo in February the Heater guys talked non stop about the huge roll in to ski jump at Xdreams. The guys weren't exaggerating in the slightest. This roll in was at least 18 feet high and the ski jump looked to be about 12 feet high. I rolled in a few times feeling out the ski jump and then I looked up to see Meatball, one of the Charmpark locals that came with us, had decided it was time for him to own up to all his shit talking he had been spitting on the drive down. Meatball is a little overweight, hence the nickname, and to see his 4 foot 240 pound ass come flying at you mach 10 down an 18 foot roll in, is spooky, especially spooky when he's lost control and screaming about the 5 bucks everyone owes him because he made the roll in. He spoke a little too soon. As he approached the ski jump he was leaning back way too far and by the time he hit the ski jump he shot his board 30 feet above him destroying a light and landing him on his head. Luckily the only casualty was the light he knocked out! I skated a little more and then got down to business. It was about 10:00, so I got registration underway and things continued pretty smoothly throughout the day. The local kids are big airing helmet wearing rippers that didn't stop until the lights went out in the park. It was a really good contest. There was a great mix of kids; hesh and fresh and alot of crazy shit went down. 10 year old kids doing boardslides to feeble down the double set rail, burley ass 360's over the ski jump and a hundred other tricks worth mentioning that I dont have room for in these four pages. In the end Gumble from Baltimore won it with clean lines and a solid mix of flips,rails and a crook up and down the massive hubba in the center of the park! If you are from the Rochester area or even if you aren't definitely take the trip out to the Xdreams park. You wont be disappointed.



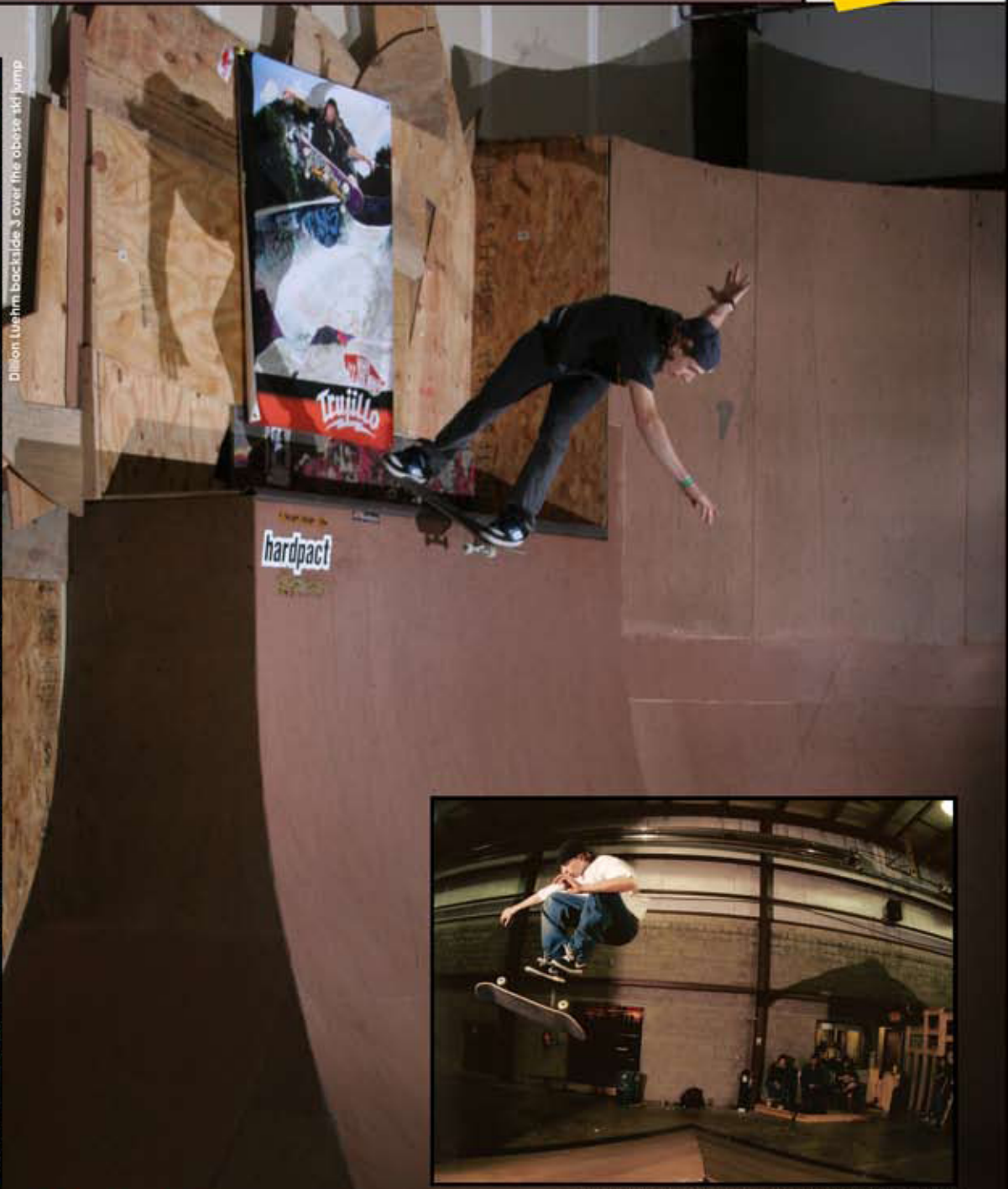
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Dillon Luehm backside 3 over the abesse 360 jump



Sean Emery switch 360 flip over the hip Photo by Bart Tararuj

Thanks XDreams

I would like to thank Jason at XDreams for helping promote skateboarding and giving the contest series and everyone in upstate New York a home.