

### POOL KING



The New Stropie II deck from Pool King Skateboards, redesigned with a deeper concave and wheel wells on a stinger/squaretail shape, reminiscent of Chris's Caster models. Clean, simple graphics on a great size template. 9.5"x32.5" with a 16" WB. Comes in three color graphic choices. [poolkingskateboards.com](http://poolkingskateboards.com)

### EARTHWING

With a similar weight and deflection of performance racing decks twice the price, the new black carbon Mystery Model comes in at 3.9 pounds, and the Boomerang speed carver, 2.9 pounds. These decks are souped up, tricked out and built for speed in the USA. Call Brian, and adopt your new baby today. [earthwingskateboards.com](http://earthwingskateboards.com) or (347) 623-3421.



### RACK'N'ROLL

Rack'N'Roll is a skateboard storage unit built by SVD Carpentry, a Toronto-based wood-working business dedicated to quality craftsmanship. Features include a rack for up to four skateboards of various sizes and a storage cabinet below. The cabinet is capable of housing a multitude of accessories, all in one convenient, wall-mounted unit. Rack'N'Roll also offers a smaller version without cabinets. Customization options are available. [rackyourboard.com](http://rackyourboard.com)



### REFLEX

Now you can get gravity-poured bushings made from the same high-rebound Reflex Formula urethane found in the world's best wheels. The new Reflex "Compatible" Bushings are available in sizes that fit your current favorite trucks. Mix and match the three different shapes along with your choice of eight different durometers to completely dial in your ride. Reflex Bushings are guaranteed to make your trucks turn better. [sk8trip.com](http://sk8trip.com)



### DAN DENGLER

Dan Dengler is making more boards than ever – all hand made from salvaged wood of trees being thrown away! With no two boards ever the same, in all shapes and sizes from 20" to over 12 feet, in more



than 40 types of wood. As Joe Lehm from Timeship Racing states: "Dan's boards are as unique to ride as they are to look at, and each one has a story dating back to when he cut down the tree and milled the wood." Contact Dan at (970) 401-0412 or visit [dandenglerlongboards.com](http://dandenglerlongboards.com).

### BOMBSQUAD

Bombsquad Longboarding nose guards are an inexpensive and effective way to save your board from those gnarly high-speed collisions that could trash your board. It utilizes the truck mounting hardware to attach to the nose and or tail of the board. The patent-pending design features slotted mounting holes so that upon impact neither the board nor the hardware is damaged. Bombsquad has several designs to choose from, and is coming up with new designs to fit most all board designs. [bombsquadlongboarding.com](http://bombsquadlongboarding.com)



### GROUND CONTROL

Introducing SYNABIS — a breakthrough biocomposite hemp epoxy. This is an industry first: a non-toxic biocomposite epoxy with unsurpassed strength characteristics, to replace harmful formaldehyde, high dioxin, high outgas and carbon products. With a little ingenuity and a lot of science, GC has formulated a revolutionary new manufacturing standard for the longboard industry. Based on attributes found in marine epoxy compounds, SYNABIS provides a natural, durable, high-strength molecular bond through a fusion of modified organic materials. GC longboards offer incomparable resilience, flexibility and structural integrity while still reducing the carbon footprint, one push at a time. [groundcontrolboards.com](http://groundcontrolboards.com)



### UNITY

Unity Skateboards was launched four years ago with one intention, on changing skateboarding. The foundation's built on pure skateboarding. Something different, something skateboarders could for once feel like there was a company out there just for them. No hype, no million-dollar attitudes toward the lifestyle, just the good in change. [unityskateboard.com](http://unityskateboard.com)



### COALITION

Coalition Skateboards embraces the idea that skateboarding breaks down social boundaries. No matter who you are or what you believe, skateboarding brings us together. "Diversity, strength and solidarity...you can't stop the human alliance!" [skate-coalition.com](http://skate-coalition.com)



### DECKCRAFTERS

Just introduced is the Chris "Turkey" Stopnik design. He's been punishing a few different shapes and has dialed in a good one. Bottle nosed for some flavor with a full round tail for pop and control, it's 8 3/8" x 32 3/4" and double drilled for 14 1/2" or 15" wheelbase. Also keep an eye out for the limited-edition Steve Olson design, summer 2009. [deckcrafters.tv](http://deckcrafters.tv)



### URBAN CULPRIT

Houston has tons of dark history, and Urban Culprit is bringing it to the surface. More than just a skateboard company, they strive to expose inner-city artists to other urban areas. Combining a variety of subcultures, Urban Culprit is on a mission and all are welcome to join in. Boasting of their boards' quality and quarterly releasing a new artist keeps them at a rapid pace year round. [urbanculprit.com](http://urbanculprit.com)



### KAHALANI TRUCKS VIA DADDIES

Daddies Board Shop now carries Kahalani longboard trucks in both 184mm and 204mm sizes. They come with an extra set of Khiro Double Barrel Bushings and are the much sought-after item from Sweden. Daddies imported them so you don't have to! Free UPS ground shipping within the continental USA. In other news, Daddies has picked up top downhill competitor Kevin Reimer as a 2009 sponsor. [daddiesboardshop.com](http://daddiesboardshop.com)



### ORANGATANG

After rigorous testing, prototyping and abuse (that may be illegal in most states), Orangatang is proud to present three wheels that are more predictable than your body odor. Currently, all are 83A durometer: The 75mm Durian, 70mm Stimulus and 65mm Fat Free. That's correct; at Orangatang we love making you say ridiculous names. More durometers coming in August/September. Every freeride wheel comes pre-



broken in. We've developed special machinery to stone-grind a thin layer off the contact patch and lip radii in order to break up the surface structure. This makes the wheels dependable for grip as well as sliding (smooth slides out of the box) and makes further wheel break-in more consistent and predictable. [orangatangwheels.com](http://orangatangwheels.com)

### LAX

The new Lax "Ankle-Biter" is the best surfing cross trainer! It's set up with Bennett Trucks and 78A Alligator Wheels for unreal banking and carving. The deck is 14.5" wide and 48.5" long, giving you effortless leverage over the large USA-made Bennett bushings. The combination of the surfboard shape by Troy Churchill and the genius idea to add the wheel holes makes this board an industry first! Skate more and surf better! Also just released is the Lax "Secret" 9.5" x 38" model. The "Secret" graphic has more than 26 hidden symbols camouflaged into the printing, giving you something to do when it's raining. [laxskateboards.com](http://laxskateboards.com)



### MIDDLE AGE SHRED

Check out the latest video from UK MAS (middle-age-shred.com) affiliated punk rockers AFS (that's Arthritic Foot Soldiers, in case you were wondering) for their song "Chicks and Beer." The video was filmed on location in the Simparch bowl at Blackpool's Ramp City skatepark in the UK and features Carl Arnfield on his home-made "skatar," which was built by Carl and Big Woody, with flow from the dudes at Buffalo Longboards in the UK back in 2004. AFS have just recorded their third album, "Immature Nobodies," in the USA for Turkey Vulture Records. [afs.me.uk](http://afs.me.uk)



### MIRAMAR

Miramar Longboards is proud to announce the opening of its first Miramar Gallery. Located at 153 W. 2nd St. in the Arts Colony of Pomona, Calif., the Miramar Gallery showcases skateboard art in addition to other art by local and international artists that work with Miramar. Our grand opening was Saturday, May 9, showing art from Miramar co-founder Nick Brown. We had a tremendous showing and great response! If you're in Los Angeles, Orange County or the Inland Empire, come by and see us! [miramarlongboards.com](http://miramarlongboards.com)



### TECH DECK

Modeled after the kidney-shaped Kona Pool at the now-defunct Del Mar Skate Ranch, this replica bowl by Tech Deck will conjure up nostalgic memories for many skaters. The packing features photos of Chris Stropie and Tom "Wally" Inouye from "The Legacy of Warren Bolster" book. [techdeck.com](http://techdeck.com)



### TNTRIDE

TNTRide launched in 2005 in San Diego. They specialize in speedboarding equipment and sponsor downhill events and riders locally and nationwide. Michael Freifeld and Robin Sandberg are among TNTRide's most notable sponsored riders. Soon they will launch their very first in-house product called XT Wheelz. [tntride.com](http://tntride.com)



### NOMAD

A crew of friends sharing a common passion for skateboarding started to print some T-shirts. They dreamed of an alternative brand focusing on quality and original graphics. Now established in more than 22 countries in Europe, plus Russia and Japan, they are actively supporting the skateboard scene. [nomadskateboards.com](http://nomadskateboards.com)

### CALIFORNIA BONZING

The California Bonzing Co. has just released their latest in what is sure to be a long line of jaw-dropping flicks. The Twin Peaks Edition film features the largest hills in San Francisco with epic views as California Bonzing skateboarder Jacob Marx mashes an all-original 18" long and 4" wide 1970s plastic FreeFormer down some heart-stopping skate terrain. [californiabonzing.com](http://californiabonzing.com)



### BUSTIN BOARDS

Bustin Boards announces the launch of their brand new interactive website and complete build-a-board program. Known for the unique graphic customization program that allows customers to design their own board graphic online, Bustin has pushed their tech-savvy appeal to another level, offering the full board-building experience. The interactive program offers a cool visual display of the setup in addition to a dynamic scoring system that rates the setup's performance in the areas of Downhill, Carving, Sliding, Commuting and Speed. [bustinboards.com](http://bustinboards.com)

### SKUNKTECH

The SkunkTechBoards Project 1 is a speedboard like no other. Engineered by the geeks who build spaceships and race cars, each handmade board features aerospace-grade aluminum honeycomb wrapped in the highest quality carbon fiber. With its Formula One-style chassis construction, the Project 1 conquers hills with the handling and responsiveness of an open-wheel racing car and the precision of an F-22 fighter jet. Kerry Dunn, championship-winning race mechanic, and Rob McKendry, international downhill racer, have partnered to produce this unparalleled racing longboard. [skunktechboards.com](http://skunktechboards.com)



### ARBOR

The Arbor Collective is proud to announce the release of a new model created with friend and nine-time ASP World Surfing Champion Kelly Slater. This follow-up design builds on the foundation created by Arbor's original Slater model. The updated design provides speed down the line and the tightest turning available from any of Arbor's carver-oriented skateboards. [arborcollective.com](http://arborcollective.com)



### LADERA

Flash back to the days of the '80s backyard barbeque with Ladera's new 33" Pool Party. We updated the retro deck to include a deep concave and nose kick, combining a classic '80s shape with a functional '90s mold. The result is the finest of bowl blazers, perfectly suited to light up the pool or park. [laderalongboards.com](http://laderalongboards.com)



### 161 SKATEBOARD TRUCKS

The result of three years of research and development can be found in these precision race tools. The trucks are developed for slalom racing by slalom racers with maximum performance and reliability in mind. The trucks have angles that work for the race courses of today (55° and 20°) and feature axles and spacers that make them easily adjustable to just about any condition (98-122mm) in very little time. Get your pair today and step up on the podium. [ettsexett.com](http://ettsexett.com)



### DUTCHSKATEBOARDS

DutchSkateboards is no mainstream skateboard brand. Every board is customized with shapes and graphics inspired by the customer's wishes. The company makes all kind of boards, from v-lam longboards to old-school transition decks, complete with high-quality hardware. Every board is unique! For examples and more info, check [dutchskateboards.com](http://dutchskateboards.com).



### RAYNE

The new Rayne Hellcat is radically different: increased foot space, a more symmetric shape and the addition of a "Pleasure Dome" to an already inspiring deep tub concave. We made the changes to make the Hellcat ideal for freeriding and racing. The Pleasure Dome makes it easy for riders to master toeside corners, pre-drifts and slick standup slides by adding a second concave in the middle of the board. When engaged in sticky situations, the Pleasure Dome grips your toes where there is normally no concave. And in heelside turns the Pleasure Dome ensures no foot slip. [raynelongboards.com](http://raynelongboards.com)







# NOTEWORTHY

## PRODUCTS, PEOPLE, EVENTS



causing quite a stir. A new entry into the market is Rotule Longboards, who are based in Quebec City. Yan Poirer, Pierre-Michel Brown and Jonathan Talbot head up the company. As Yan indicated in his interview with us, they are indeed gearing up for big things.

"For this new season, we were determined to build a very professional product," Yan said. "Everything that needed

to be precise on the deck is absolutely precise: the holes, the shape, drop-through, wheel wells, and not to forget, the molds, are CNC-cut. From A to Z, we made sure that every board would be virtually perfect, from molding to final cut."

Rotule has also introduced better graphics with screen printing. "We worked closely with a friend, Olivier Potvin. He is our graphic designer for that. We prefer giving this job to someone more talented than us. I am very pleased with his work. I like that I just needed to describe well what I wanted to get in the exact style I was looking for. We are designing everything else, from every board to the website. We believe that being close with our branding will result in a more true and precise image of what we want to express," Yan said.

The company says their boards are designed for high performance. "Our first passion is speed carving. [But] we like every style, especially freestyle, slide and downhill, which our boards are devoted to. Rotule is also very proud of their efforts to be the most ecologically friendly shop possible. Their shop is in a commercial building, and they share the same ventilation system with the building's other tenants, which means they cannot use any toxic products. "Our water-based varnish is the most advanced on the market," Yan said. "It is the kind professionals use for guitar and pianos, with exterior properties." He added that their epoxy has no organic compound vapors, and they reuse the same pure bristle paintbrush over and over again.

The grip tape on the decks is made of recycled crushed glass and is the toughest on the market, ad-



Pierre-Michel Brown (L) and Yan Poirer of Rotule Longboards.



hered with 100% solid marine grade epoxy. "We use vegetal pigment to tint our wood. Our screen printing ink is water-based...just some soap and water to wash the screens! We are very careful with all consequences our production has on the environment," Yan says.

Yan sees longboarding growing. "Kids, with the Web, can find any YouTube longboard videos, and we know once they come to know what the various longboard communities are like, they'll dream to have their own. Something [many] don't realize is how Quebec City is a longboard city. The spots are endless – always one to discover. When you have a car, you just have to head somewhere in the suburbs and you'll find great hills to have fun."

Quebec City is home to a longboard specialty shop called Free for All that just opened this year. The owner is a friend of Yan's. "He's a guy who started from nothing and risked himself in a market dominated by well-established skate, snowboard and other extreme sports shops. This guy is well placed to tell you that the longboard market is exploding at the moment; the timing is great. We try to help each other, and I think we will have a prolific partnership for a long time. Organizing events is the next step we want to come up with," Yan said.

We'll be featuring a review of their Brainwash decks in the September issue. For now, find out more at [rotulelongboards.com](http://rotulelongboards.com).

### PENNSYLTUCKY DOWNHILL DERBY

By Bryan Tomasetti

"Body Count, Body, Count... The Tension mounts. On with the body count!!" – Ice-T



Harrisburg, Pa. – What happens when two veteran vert skaters put their years of collective wisdom together with their passion for skating, good times and high speeds? Welcome to the Pennsylvania Downhill Derby, the most off-the-hook happening in the northeast speedboard scene this year. More than 20 riders converged for an invitational weekend of racing sponsored by Rayzor Tattoos, Comet Skateboards, TNTRide, Loaded, Randal Truck Co., Colabo, Skates on Haight, Daddies Board Shop, Concrete Wave, Bliss Boards and Core Board Shop.

Veteran old-school skaters "Radiation Ray" Young and Dean Keller of Harrisburg provided a giant white 15-passenger van, free registration, free food and housing and several prizes for the Downhill Derby festivities. Riders were treated to many local hills starting Friday night and continuing until Sunday afternoon. Speeds in excess of 55 mph were recorded via GPS.

Derby extras included perfect weather, a visit from the local roller derby girls' team, a night trip to a pro indie wrestling match and getting chased off of a few nice hills by angry cops and neighborhood security.

The caravan rocked out to classic Body Count and old-school punk tunes (no banjos, please).

Over a hill and through the woods outside of Harrisburg, the first racing hill shoots down, rolling from steep section to steep section, passing a road-kill deer at the bottom. After a few warm-up runs the crew began GPS racing. A small GPS device recorded the top speed during each run. Michael "FiFi" Freifeld took top honors Saturday, reaching a speed of 52.5 mph.

Of course, Johnny Law arrived just as the last racer was about to push off – and it was an angry cop, not one to be messed with or one who thought downhill was cool – bummer. He drove off with the threat of return and the last racer finished bombing the hill while others packed up.

After lunch the Body Count resumed. A nice neighborhood "S" curve saw a few old guys speed past some of the young blood – until neighborhood security gave us the boot and called the Long Arm of the Law. Not to be thwarted, the crew loaded up the white whale and turned to greener pastures.

The final hill of Saturday proved to be a fast challenge and ate a few competitors alive. The wounds were gnarly but superficial, and everyone avoided visiting the ER. With daylight fading and the Body Count rising, a happy bunch piled into the van, heading back to Dean Keller's place. That evening the skate scene camped out, shared stories, feasted on a table full of food and Dean's BBQ and prepared for a night of skating or watching live wrestling and generally having a good time.

Sunday dawned bright and early with a trip to Race Hill. From the starting line, the first 100 yards offer a gentle downgrade into a steepening 90° turn with a quick drop-off into speedland. The friendly neighbors came out to film and chat about "those crazy skateboarders." Races from the top of the hill began after several warm-up runs. An intermediate race started lower on the hill and accommodated riders not quite ready for the entire drop.

If this wasn't fun enough, "Radiation Ray" sponsored a last-minute GPS run and offered up \$100 cash to the fastest rider. Anthony Flis hit 56.3mph and narrowly beat Jeremy Ross (2<sup>nd</sup>) and "FiFi" (3<sup>rd</sup>) for the \$100 prize.

True to the vibe of the event, Anthony used the prize money to fill the van with gas as a way of thanking Ray and Dean. An additional cool move was made when Jason Salvi of Comet Skateboards gave his 7<sup>th</sup> place prize to the one grom attending the Derby – talk about a stoked kid!

Everyone enjoyed a great weekend. Plans are evolving to run another invitational event in the future. Perhaps the greatest thing of this entire weekend was watching a fun-loving group of talented skaters compete like madmen and walk away from the event as friends. This is what the scene is all about and bodes well for the future of speedboarding.

#### The First Pennsylvania Derby Downhill results:

1. Michael "FiFi" Freifeld
2. Anthony Flis
3. Jeremy Ross
4. Pat Schep