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On the cover: Gathering of Unicyclist at Unicon 17 held in Montreal, Canada. July 2014.

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President's Corner

Hi Everyone!

I can't believe that 2015 is just around the corner! But I think that the USA has had an exciting year. I'd like to thank Shelly for her hard work and dedication as the On One Wheel editor for the past few years. However, she decided to step down after nationals. We're welcoming in Richard Tharrett from the Redford Township Unicycle Club as the new editor. As always, please continue to contribute as much as you can. After all, On One Wheel relies on the awesome contributions that we get from all over the United States.

Please submit any photos, videos, or articles to Richard Tharrett: [Send Email to Richard](#)

I'm also quite happy to announce that the Madison Unicyclists have already opened up online registration for NAUCC 2015! They even offer gift certificates if you'd like to pay for someone's NAUCC registration as a Christmas present. You can check it out at [NAUCC 2015](#)

Additionally, Patricia will be hosting a Level Testers Certification workshop via Skype in the near future. If you're interested, please contact Patricia Wilton: [Send Email to Patricia](#)

I hope that you all have an awesome holiday season!

Keep on riding,
Amanda Grzych, USA President



Letter From The Editor

As you all may know, this will be my first On One Wheel publication. I am very excited to hear from the unicycling community and make these editorials. I hope to live up to expectations of all of the viewers of On One Wheel and hope to do as good of job as Shelly did as editor. This is an exciting and new experience for me so I hope you all enjoy. If you would like to contribute to On One Wheel please feel free to contact me: [Send email to Richard](#) and I would be happy to hear what you have to say.



NAUCC 2015

Madison



NAUCC 2015! , Are you going? Its going to be a blast!

NAUCC is to be hosted by Madison Unicyclists, in Madison Wisconsin.

The convention will be held Friday, July, 24th through Saturday August 1st.

This event is exciting for all kinds of riders with different skill levels. There will be many workshops offered for new riders. Some of the featured workshops include: freestyle judging, first timers, learning to ride, unicycle maintenance and specialty skills workshops. A great time is guaranteed for all!

Registration is now open and the schedule of events is available, so get signed up for the unicycling event of the year!

For more information go to the website : [NAUCC 2015](#)



NAUCC 2014

RTUC Advance Group riders compete in the group freestyle event. (Photo by Bill Gilbertson)



NAUCC 2014

Max Schulze competes in the NAUCC 2014 Street competition. (Photo by Danielle Ross)



Did you become a World Champion at Unicon 17 in Montreal?

Not only do the Madison Unicyclists want to congratulate you, but they want to do it in person!

They are offering all recent World Champions free registration and free lodging for NAUCC 2015!

All you need is a plane ticket to Madison and then you can compete for free. They will have locals host you in their homes so that you don't have to worry about housing. More information is available on the website.



UNICON 17

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What Happened?

The 17th UNICON was held in Montreal, Canada.

It was an amazing experience for everyone. There were competitors from all over the world including: Japan, Germany, Denmark, the U.S and many more.

It is biennial competition that moves from one country to another, Unicon is the unicycling world champions!

During an 11 day period 25+ completions occur. This year we many attendees from the U.S.

The Sindelar family took many titles at Unicon as well as the Koehler's, Atkinson's, Wilton's, and several more. For more information and results visit the [Unicon17 Website](#)

Scott Wilton set a new world record of **1:19:07:509**. for the **Marathon**.

Matt Sindelar took **1st** in Freestyle Expert Individual as well as **1st** in Expert X-style.

MadMuni and **TCUC** competed in Large Group Freestyle. TCUC placing 7th and MadMuni 9th.

Max Schulze placed **1st** in Expert Trials as well as **1st** in Expert speed trials.



Photo Credit: Patricia Wilton



Photo Credit: Patricia Wilton

Unicon 17 - Montreal American Competitors



Madison Unicyclists, Large Group Freestyle



Scott Wilton, Muni



Max Shultze, Trials



Martin Panofsky, Muni

Photo Credits: Danielle Ross



Twin Cities Unicycle Club Large, Group Freestyle

Rachel's Unicon 17 Experience

By: Rachel Sindelar

Unicon 17 in Montreal was one of the most incredible experiences of my life. This was my second Unicon. Denmark was my first. Although Montreal was a beautiful city with breathtaking sites and interesting history, it was the people that made Unicon so incredible. People from all over the world gathered to share their love and passion for unicycling. The skills they brought along with them never failed to put me in awe. Spending time with and learning from the best unicyclists in the world inspired me to become a better rider.

As I walked into the gym the first night of Unicon, I immediately was amazed by the skill level of the riders. It was so humbling to see how much talent these riders had and how much hard work they had put into the sport. Their dedication really showed throughout the competitions and constantly captured the audience's full attention. Every single competition was outstanding and an unforgettable event to watch. The first event, the 10K, was amazing to watch and so much fun to compete in. No matter the size of the wheel or age of the competitor, the riders had incredible speed and concentration throughout the entire race. Seeing Scott Wilton break the world record was unbelievable. The spectators along the course had a very enthusiastic energy, cheering and taking pictures, which made competing in the race enjoyable and lively. For unicyclists and non-unicyclists alike, the Unicon 10K was a delightful and compelling sight.

One of my favorite nights of Unicon was the night of the flatland completion. The skills that were landed during the battles were unreal, and the competition was intense. Every single rider had so much talent, and watching them get eliminated kept the audience on the edge of their seats the entire time. This night made me realize how far the sport of unicycling has come because of the passion of the riders. Never did I think that someone could land a front flip on flat ground, but Max Schulze proved otherwise by getting extremely close to landing one during this competition. The freestyle

competition was outstanding, as usual. Not only did I have a lot of fun performing my routines, but I also had the opportunity to be a judge. It is fascinating to see how every country has its own unique style of riding and different types of skills they bring to the floor. So many of the expert freestyle routines left me breathless; people have begun to do unimaginable things on their unicycles. For instance, Katrine Jensen, the Female Freestyle World Champion, executed the skill stand up hand wheel walk with ease. But of course, my favorite moment of the night was watching my brother win gold for the male expert freestyle. The devotion that unicyclists have for the sport was shown through their extraordinary riding.



Photo Credit: Tania Olsen

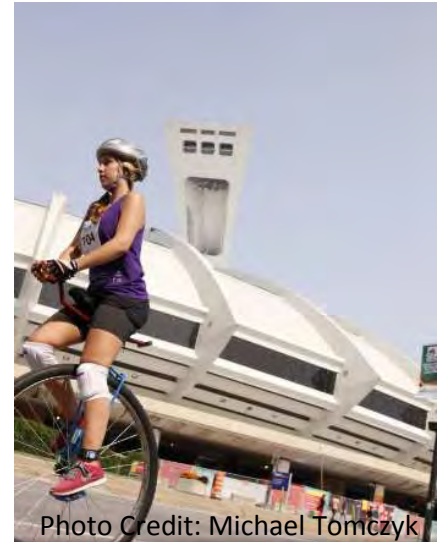
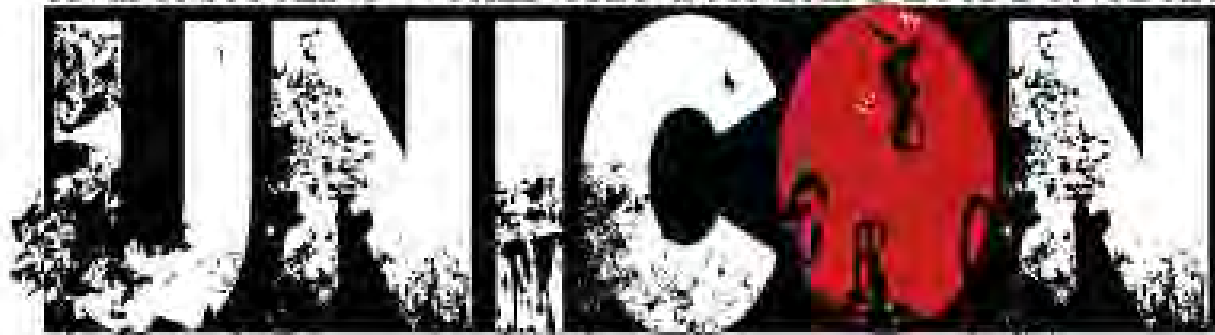


Photo Credit: Michael Tomczyk

The skill of these riders from all over the world is not the only thing that makes them such fantastic people. There is always an instant bond between unicyclists at Unicon, whether or not the same language was easily spoken, a few words could be communicated, or a complete language barrier. I have never learned so many new skills in such a short time. Everyone was so willing to share what they know with one another and eager to learn new skills themselves. There is no better environment to work on new tricks than Unicon. If it's with new or old acquaintances, the friendships that were made at Unicon are sure to last a long time.

No matter the age or skill level of a rider, Unicon is definitely worth the time and money. I strongly encourage everyone to attend Unicon 18 in Spain during the summer of 2016. Every Unicon is an irreplaceable experience that will improve one's riding and give the opportunity to meet many amazing fellow unicyclists.

XVIII UNICYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 DONOSTIA



If you didn't attend Unicon17 in Montreal Canada you may consider visiting Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain for Unicon18.

Where: Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

When: July 27 to August 07, 2016

Why: It's the Unicycling Championships!

It is fun, exciting, you'll learn new tricks, and you will meet many other unicyclists from all over the world.

Website: UNICON18

ULIA MOUNTAIN

The largest green space in the city connects Donostia / San Sebastian with Pasajes, along the coast with spectacular cliffs. It's possible to arrive here on foot from the district of Gros, 4km from the Unicon City.

Apart from its beauty, Mount Ulia has wonderful views of Donostia / San Sebastián, from here we can see in the same line: Mount of Urgull, Santa Clara Island and Mount of Igueldo.



COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE

Cross-country, Hill Climbing, Downhill Gliding y Uphill

Photo Credits: Unicon 18 Website



What to Expect at Unicon18



VELODROME



UNICON CITY

In Donostia / San Sebastián there is **Anoeta Sports City**, which will be the **Unicon City** during the event, a large enclosure where all disciplines and competitions will take place in the same space.

In the **Unicon city**, there is the Anoeta Stadium, the Anoeta Velodrome, an Olympic pool, a leisure pool, several multipurpose sports centre, a sports hall, three frontons, gym, mini-stadium, the Ice Palace, a hotel and a skatepark. This is one of the most complete spots resorts in Spain.

ALL OF THIS IN THE SAME AREA CLOSED TO TRAFFIC



TRIAL HOUSE

Photo Credits: Unicon 18 Website



ACCOMMODATION

5*4*3*2*1*HOTELS AND URBAN HOSTELS.

5.280 hotel- vacancies distributed in 2.879 rooms.

CAMPING AREA IN THE UNICON CITY

Ilumbe parking has the capacity for 150 vehicles; it's placed 400m away from the Unicon City and is connected to it with a footbridge.

ACCOMMODATION IN THE "DIRTPARK" OF IGANTZI

The area where the Muni competitions will take place offers accommodation solutions. It has a hotel with 17 rooms, a hostel and 12 cottages.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TO THE UNICON CITY

There are 2 schools that can accommodate approximately 800 people.

HOSTELS

There are 5 hostels in Donostia/San Sebastián. Approximate price per night: 17,00€.

CAMPINGS

2 Campings in the city, Bungalow for 4 people: 85,00€.

RURAL TURISM

More than 98 rural houses all over the province, located at wonderful and natural environments. Approximate price per night: 30,00€ for a double room.

SURROUNDINGS

Zarautz, Hondarribia, Orio, Segura, Beasain, Irun... they have a broad and varied lodging-offer.

Freestylin' in Europe

In November 2014 Patricia and Scott Wilton visited Italy and Germany to compete in freestyle competitions and help teach riders new skills in workshops. First they visited Harpstedt, Germany for the AJATA Freestyle Convention. Most riders at the convention were from all around Germany and some from Denmark. Patricia and Scott were the only Americans. Patricia says, "There were so many amazing riders there and it was really fun to learn new tricks from them. It was also really great to see many friends that I had met at Unicon in Montreal and hang out with them some more". "Other than at Unicon, I don't think that I've been in the same room with so many of the world's best freestyle riders at the same time".

Next they were off to the Italian Freestyle Championships in Sant'Omobono Terme, near Bergamo, Italy. The Wilton's were invited by Aurora Radavelli, who was the main organizer, to be part of the international judging panel for the competition. Also on the panel was Amanda Laursen from Denmark, and Yuka Fujimoto from Japan. They judged the whole competition and in the meantime gave workshops to teach new skills to other riders. Scott, Patricia, Yuka, and Amanda did a group routine together and demonstrated some amazing skills. Scott and Patricia also did their expert pairs routine from NAUCC 2013.



Italian Freestyle Championships



Photo by Paul Baumgartner

Scott and Patricia Wilton, Amanda Laursen from Denmark and Yuka Fujimoto from Japan.



Patricia and Scott photo-bombing each other.

Redford Township Unicycle Club

Unicycle Lessons

RTUC is very excited for our annual beginner's class to start up in January! It's an exciting time of year for us because we see such a variety of people in our classes. We hope to see many new faces join the club and attend NAUCC this year!

The lessons will run in January and February.



RTUC on National Television!



Photo Credit: RTUC



Photo Credit: WDIV TV

RTUC was invited to ride in "America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit. The RTUC team consisted of 38 riders ranging from 6 to 60+ years of age. It was a long day for RTUC members who arrived at the parade at 7:00am, fresh and ready to go. Oh, and did I mention that it was COLD! It was a 3 mile parade, but with the cold and terrible Michigan road conditions (i.e. potholes, bumps, cracks and train tracks to avoid) it felt like twice that.

As they snaked their way down Woodward Avenue, the team completed many parade formations and showed off their many skills and choreography to the delight of the crowd along the parade route. Many riders at the parade said that their legs felt like Jell-O the next day, but it was all worth it after they saw themselves on National TV on station WDIV Channel Four in Detroit.



2014

Logo by Michael Samuel

NYC UNICYCLE FESTIVAL



Want to go and have some fun in New York City on your Unicycle?

NYC's Unicycle Festival rolled across New York City on Labor Day weekend. It is 3 Days of One Wheel Madness!!

The festival brought over 300 riders to the Big Apple and hundreds of people tried to ride a unicycle.

On August 29, 2014 — Brooklyn Unicycle Day featured a 13 mile unicycle ride across Brooklyn. In the evening, the One Wheel stage show took place at Coney Island USA's shooting gallery annex.

On August 30 and August 31, 2014 — The festival's main events took place on Governors Island from 12pm—5pm each day.

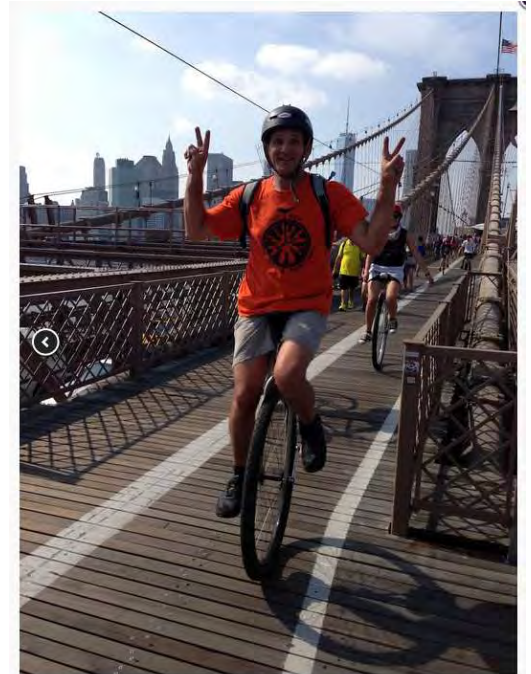
Activities included races, competitions, exhibitions, and a variety of unicycle sports including unicycle basketball and hockey. World-famous riders displayed their skills.

Produced by the Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts, Inc., the New York City Unicycle Festival brings together recreational riders, world-class performers, mountain and off-road unicycle enthusiasts, mono—wheel vehicle inventors, and thousands of unicycle enthusiast, along with circus enthusiasts, extreme sports viewers, and anyone seeking an unusual sight—even for NYC!

All ages and abilities are welcome to attend.

The 2015 event information not available at this time.

[Link to access the 2014 event](#)



Eric Kerr rolls on Brooklyn Bridge



Photos: [Jim Moore](#), Norman Blake, [Noel Y.C.](#), [Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts](#)

Best ways to include your kids in the unicycling fun.



Photo by Kris Holm

After Kris Holm posted this picture of how he takes his child along with him on unicycle rides people began to join in on the fun and posted pictures like the ones below.



Photo by Roland Kays



Photo by John Stone

Upcoming Events

NAUCC 2015
 July 25, - August 1, 2015
 Madison, WI.
<http://uninationals2015.com>

UNICON 18
 July 27, - August 7, 2016
 San Sebastian, Spain

U.S.A. Affiliate Clubs

Atlanta Unicycle Club
 Atlanta, GA.

Berkeley Unicyclists
 Berkeley, CA.

Black Hills YMCA Unicycle Club
 Rapid City, SD.

Butler Wobble
 Butler, PA.

Chatham Unicycle Club
 Chatham, NY.

The Georgia Tech Unicycling Club
 Chatham, NY.

Gym Dandies Children's Circus
 Scarborough, ME.

Madison Unicyclists
 Madison, WI.

New York Unicycle Club
 Manhattan, NY.

One Love Unicycle Club
 Los Angeles, CA.

Redford Township Unicycle Club
 Redford Township, MI.

Sebring Unicycle & Juggling Club
 Sebring, OH.

Snoqualmie Valley Unicycle Club

Spanaway One Wheelers Unicycling Team
 Spanaway, WA.

Twin Cities Unicycle Club
 Minneapolis, MN.

The Wonders Unicycle Club
 Eighty Four, PA.

NAUCC WORD SEARCH

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Time	Judge	TCUC	Be There
Unicycle	Marathon	Madison Wisconsin	Purple Mike
Unicon	TenK	Volunteer	Crank
Pedal	Ready	Beginner	See Friends
RTUC	Practice	Muni	Have Fun
OneWheel	Love IT	Track racing	Signup
MadMuni	Sign up now	Group Routines	Are you going
Seat	Parade	Hockey	Butler Woble
Race	Enjoy	Individual Routine	SVUC
JULY	Vacation	Compete	Don't Miss it
Waterpark	Win	JULY	Have Fun
Ride	NAUCC	Great Time	OOW