



New Reunion Information

New Dates – June 8, 9, 10, 2021



EVENT UPDATE: Announcing NEW DATES - JUNE 8, 9, 10, 2021! **We are offering our EARLY BIRD pricing through June 30th. \$355 (a \$20 savings per ticket).** If you are planning on coming, here's your chance to save off the full registration.

Know if you already paid, your registration is confirmed. You need not do anything, except look forward to having an amazing time seeing all our family/friends next Spring!

OMNI RESORT UPDATE: Due to CoVid-19, the Resort/Hotel is still closed, but should be opening to some degree very soon. Please know, that despite any indication from Central Reservations about a 1 night non-refundable rate – our contract clearly states *'refunds up to 72 hours of your arrival'*. Any confusions will be corrected. Please be patient, as they are doing the best they can. Again, please be patient with the hotel. Omni has over 300 hotels... to coordinate through this unfortunate time. Thank you!

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Discounted Rate: 061420Capades

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Accessing Photos from 75th Reunion



Eversnap was an app that we used to save the pictures from the 2015 Reunion.

We recently found out that Eversnap was closing their site and access to the pictures would be gone. Most of them have been downloaded. Go to

www.icecapadestheblade.com

Look under 'Past Reunions – Archives' where you will find reunion pictures from all of the reunions and mini-reunions. Take another trip down memory lane.

You are welcome to save them.

RELIVING FOND MEMORIES



It would have been our beloved Bob Turk's birthday this month. February 1, 2017 marked the date that the big spotlight went out on him. Even though he was bigger than life, he was a quiet man and heard that he laid down for a nap and quietly and peacefully went to sleep. At Bob's request, he did not want a funeral and it is unknown at the present time whether there will be a memorial service.

Over 2 years ago, Bob wrote a love letter to his 'kids' on Facebook. Most of you have already seen it, but just in case you missed it, here it is again. It tells how much he loved us and how we impacted his life. He impacted ours as well and we will all remember what he did for us. It has been left exactly as he wrote it as it was written as if he was having a conversation with each one of us.

Below is an open love letter that Bob Turk posted on Sept. 1, 2014 on Facebook to all of his 'kids'. It just tells how much he loved us and how we impacted his life. He impacted ours as well and we will all remember what he did for us. I have left it exactly as he wrote it as it was written as if he was having a conversation with each one of us.

my dear former ice capades skaters from 1965 to 1986.. i have been trying to write this letter to you for a very long time. i mention those years because those were the years that i was involved with the show... those were the happiest years of my entire career. i hope the same years were happy years in your career also???

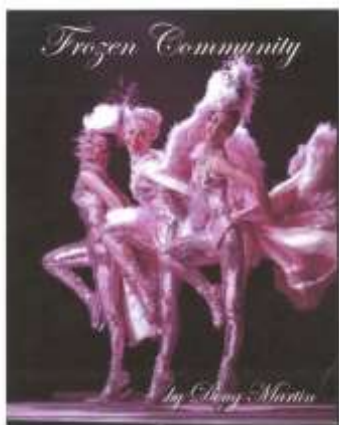
looking back it hardly seemed like work at all did it?? i say that because from time to time i talk to some of you and i hear you say that you will never forget those years and what fond memories you have of all the fun and hard work and how much you enjoyed doing those shows. well, let me tell you the same goes for me !!!!!

i can still laugh and cry with joy when i look back on those rehearsals and laugh and smile and think of all the many combinations you had to learn and all of the steps that george shirley & dear clifford had to concoct to create a show for you to perform every night.. it was work but it was so fulfilling for all of us and i know that most of you did those shows with pride and a sense of accomplishment.. you were the "pride" of icecapades".....i don't think any show in the history of touring ice shows could make that statement..... and thanks to all of you—you made that happen.. the designers and the composers worked their butts off to make all of that happen. the staff on tour took great pride to make all of you look good while you were in front of the audience.. it truly was a miracle that all of that fit in a truck and that you lived in hotel rooms and ate in restaurants, sometimes not the best but when you stepped out on that ice the audience never knew any of that. that my dear darling professionals was called "show biz"" and you did that night after night day after day.... bravo my darling kids. as i sit here i feel that words alone cannot describe all of it... going out after the show and dancin our butts off even those i was already about 100years old.... maybe silly but you put up with me and now at

89yrs of age i can still live off of those precious memories.. how can i ever thank you enough???

principal skaters----your style of skating doesn't even exist any longer.. where did it go???? i would hope that somewhere it is recorded on film, video tape?? i hope it hasn't disappeared off of the face of the earth??? what we see now is shit!!! spins with their faces on their fees with their butts up in the air?? it is disgusting. gliding on the ice doesn't exist any longer... what is left is a vague attempt to leap like a monster who has gotten an electric shock treatment into the air and turn as many times as possible and then twist and jerk what in now referred to as "footwork".... what a joke.. be thankful you don't have to attempt such crap !!!!! you had great exciting music, or romantic music that flattered your skating, and it didn't defy you to skate to it.. i feel so sorry for the skaters today who most of the time look helpless when they go out to skate in front of an audience... enough of that. ..

i will close now with sending my love to you and ask you to remember me as i remember you... love & kisses from one who appreciates you and loves you, bob turk



Doug Martin had published two books called 'Frozen Community' where he wanted to have skaters tell funny stories about their time on the road. Stories were posted before but worth sharing again. Read on.

Sharon Gallagher Beebe (IC 1962-1970)

I was 18, and had just graduated from high school, when I was hired for West Company, along with friends Penny White and Jenny Graves. We caught a train for Atlantic City for our first performance with Ice Capades. Our motel room had no air conditioning. We slept all day with the window open in that heat and humidity. Still it was fun, fun, fun. We worked hard to learn our numbers, and even that was fun.

But then I put on my costume for the first dress rehearsal—I mean, dress rehearsal. Everything was going great! I remembered all the steps and where to stand, but next came the precision number. That was going okay as well, until it came time for the backward circles. Oh, oh. I know I was supposed to fit in somewhere, but *where*? I was used to seeing the other skaters in their different color rehearsal clothes. But now we all looked alike! That taught me to study the faces of the people I skated with, and not the color of their clothing.

And then there was the time I played the lead rose in 'Snow White', wearing a BIG rose head! But that, as they say, is another story.

Richard Morse – (IC 1966-71)

How did I feel while putting on an Ice Capades costume for the first time? Knowing that I was a brief overture and twelve counts of eight away from having to do a pull-through with the now late Lynda Clarke (a move we'd never managed to complete in rehearsal.), I was scared ****less! P.S. We did it!



Dan Rowan and Dick Martin join in the fun as NBC presents the Ice Capades of 1968 as a color special.

SPECIALS: THEY'RE ON THIN ICE

• Spring is here and that means TV's summer repeats will soon be with us. The TV season gets shorter every year because the series do only 26 shows instead of the 39 they used to do.

There will be some specials, such as the Ice Capades on NBC. That is Joanie Sommers on the cover and she will sing a couple of numbers in the 1968 edition of the ice extravaganza.

Joanie has more or less retired since she married and got two children to care for, but she was talked into this appearance. She will sing one of her songs on skates ("Sunday in New York") just to join in the spirit of things.

With Joanie as Ice Capades guests are Rowan and Martin (this special was taped last December before they began their own Laugh-In show for NBC each Monday) and a vocal group called Harpers Bizarre.

Among the noted ice skaters starring in the show this time are Otto and Maria Jelinek, Tommy Litz, Romayne and Steele, Hans Leiter and Ingrid Wendl, a newcomer from Vienna. There will be two big production numbers included in the hour, complete with fabulous costumes.

Except for these TV specials (and not all of them have been too special by any means) and the old favorites such as Lucy, Andy Griffith, Walt Disney and Lawrence Welk, the season

now ending has been pretty much of a bust. Practically none of the new series became a success. Gentle Ben, the Flying Nun and one or two others climbed fairly high in the TV rating system, but out of 32 new shows that is a small percentage.

What happened, of course, was that most of the so-called new shows weren't really different enough from the old ones to make the viewers switch. The networks tend to blame the producers for not coming up with new things, but when they do the network program chiefs usually shy away from them.

One network this year told a producer to go ahead with an idea he had, but when the pilot film was finished, the network was afraid to try it as a series. It was too different, or something. The producer isn't quite sure what scared the network. Now he (the producer) is still trying frantically to peddle it elsewhere, but there are only two other networks and their trepidation about something too fresh runs just as deep as the first network's.

Apparently it will take another season or two like the past one to convince the networks that only something a little bit different can save them from the attrition they're experiencing this season.

Meanwhile, those of you with a sure-fire idea for a new TV series better cool it for a while. The three networks have already bought most of next season's new series from the same producers that furnished last season's shows.

Retro Videos of the Month

Ronnie Robertson at his best



A RARE VIDEO: "Ronnie Robertson being introduced by his partner Tab Hunter. Ronnie performed this routine in Moscow in '61 when we both performed as part of the 1st U.S. - U.S.S.R. Cultural Exchange; Ronnie as "Pagliacci" and I as the American cowboy, the "Virginian". GOOD YOUTHFUL TIMES."

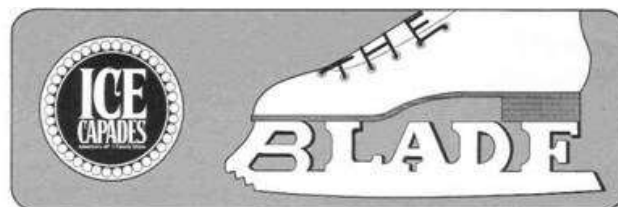
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Dorothy Hamill Special 1976

with Gene Kelly, Mike Eaton, Carrie Weber & Jim McKay



[Click here to view Dorothy's Special](#)



The website, www.icecapadestheblade.com has been revamped and more information has been added. It's still a work in progress. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2021 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including the list of **who's coming**

Cast, Precision & Production Pictures – Relive some memories.

Past reunion Pictures – Check them out for some you may have missed.

Rosters – Looking for someone or remembering who you skated with in the show?

Video links – have been collecting skating 'You Tube' links from the early years.

Program Covers – we had the most beautiful covers

Past Issues of The Blade – just in case you missed an issue

Past Reunion Pictures – relive the times you attended the reunions

In Memorium – remembering those who have left us too soon

Check it out!

Upcoming Events



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2020 ProSkater Open Live Competition in Sun Valley - July 26, 2020

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Sun Valley 2020 Live Auditions - July 27, 2020

Link To Event: <https://proskaters.org/events/2020-proskater-open-live-competition-2/>

Sun Valley ProSkater Workshop - July 28, 2020

Link to event: <https://proskaters.org/events/2020-sun-valley-proskater-workshop/>



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