

SPRING SLALOM & FREESTYLE

SCENES REPORT
JAMS, DEMOS & MORE

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■ TEXAS COLD FUSION SIZZLER — AUSTIN/MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS

On March 28-29, 2009, the Texas Outlaws presented the first major race of the '09 season. This year's Sizzler featured three events over two days and earned a Main status points ranking from the ISSA. Top pros Jason Mitchell and George Pappas were consistently on the podium, but the young guns were there and laying it down.



Pro overall winner Martin Reaves battling Joe McClaren
Photo: Clarence Rivera



Jourdan Adler of Wahoo's, Organizer Eddy Martinez, course setter Jonathan "JBH" Harms and Mark "Gumby" Gosser. Photo: Cat Young

Martin Reaves won the overall for the weekend with two firsts and a second, and Joe McLaren won the hybrid, showing the youth movement is charging ahead. '70s La Costa Boy Marty Schaub, who took 1st place in both the hybrid and GS (Masters' division) said, "JBH's GS course was a screamer – felt like I was 17 again, blasting down the hills of La Costa." Rave reviews were given about Wahoo's Fish Tacos, who generously fed all the racers throughout the weekend. Top four results for each division:

Giant Slalom, Group A

1. Martin Reaves
2. George Pappas
3. Jason Mitchell
4. Jonathan Harms

Giant Slalom, Group B

1. Chris Favero
2. Greg Stubbs
3. Jourdan Adler
4. Pete Cardenas

Giant Slalom, Masters

1. Marty Schaub
2. Bruce Bjortvedt
3. Marcus Soulsby-Monroy
4. Gary Glasser

Hybrid Slalom, Group A

1. Joe McLaren
2. Martin Reaves
3. Jason Mitchell
4. George Pappas

Hybrid Slalom, Group B

1. Keith Hollien
2. Brad Jackman
3. John Stryker
4. Rick Floyd

Hybrid Slalom, Masters

1. Marty Schaub
2. Steve Lavin
3. Marcos Soulsby-Monroy
4. Bruce Bjortvedt

Hybrid Slalom, Group C

1. Chris Favero
2. Trish Erickson
3. Chad Hegerty
4. Jourdan Adler

Single-Lane Tight Slalom

1. Martin Reaves
2. Jonathan Harms
3. Joe McLaren
4. George Pappas

■ APRIL FOOL'S OUTLAW GS RACE — TOYLAND, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

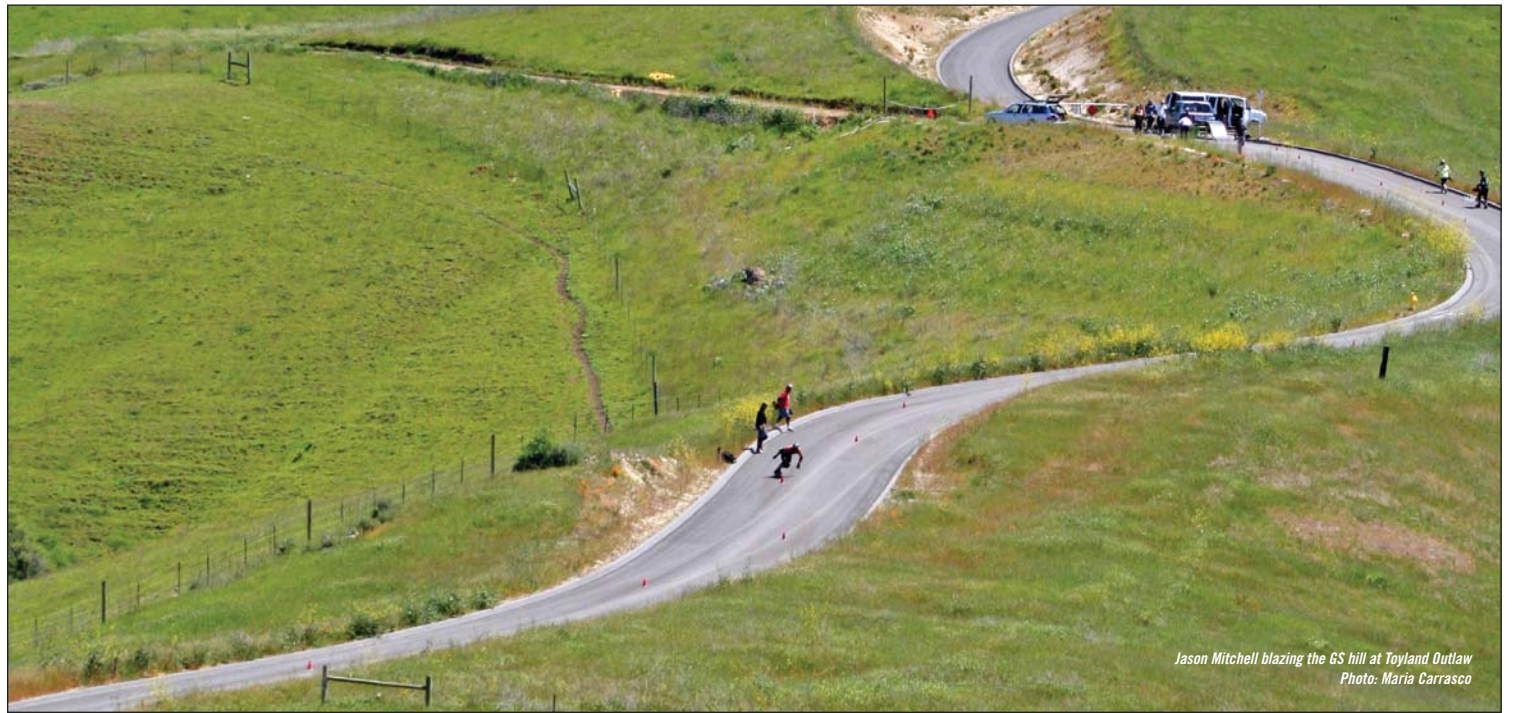


Pro Podium: Mitchell 1st, Carrasco 2nd, Fadell 3rd, Miller 4th
Photo: Maria Carrasco

After the Texas kickoff it was on to Central California for a weekend of fun and mayhem at Toyland. Jonny "Thriller" Miller always makes sure everyone who visits the Toyland Ranch has the most fun possible – on the skateboard and off. Toyland is exactly that: a skateboarder's par-



Kilian Martin Cal State Freestyle Champion & King of San Joaquin
Photo: Maria Carrasco



Jason Mitchell blazing the GS hill at Toyland Outlaw
Photo: Maria Carrasco

adise with a homegrown skatepark, live bands on the roof, raging bonfires, camping on site, BBQs and breakfast cookouts, mad downhill bombing and gnarly GS racing – it's all there. This time around Jonny lined up a secret hill for the GS race that the Bomber said rivaled the famed hills of the original La Costa scene – steep, butter-smooth asphalt roads with no housing or car traffic yet – awesome.

Top finishers in the GS event

1. Jason Mitchell
2. Richy Carrasco
3. Greg Fadell
4. Jonny Miller

Road warrior Jason Mitchell made it to both back-to-back skate weekends and summed it up like this: "What a whirlwind adventure and an awesome way to start off the racing season – two epic events run by top-notch organizer bros."

■ CALIFORNIA STATE FLATLAND FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS — INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

The annual Inglewood Games have always included freestyle in their lineup, but this year took it to a new level by hosting the California State Championship on April 11. Kilian Martin, who just weeks earlier had relocated to Los Angeles from Spain, won the Pro Freestyle division. Kilian is one of the young, outstanding new-generation freestylers blazing a fresh path around the skateboarding world. The Inglewood Games, developed by Bob Staton and Heidi Lemmon, feature street, mini-ramp, Game of S.K.A.T.E., flatland and high jump comps and have grown to more



Cal State Freestyle Champion Kristina Brown bustin out
Photo: Bryan Cooper

than 200 entrants, making them one of the largest city-produced skateboard contests in America. Freestyle Hall of Famer Steve Day was head judge for the event. Top finishers in the Pro and Open Divisions are:

Pro Flatland Freestyle

1. Kilian Martin
2. Ben Farquhar
3. Brett Novak

Women's Open Freestyle

1. Kristina Brown
2. Kindra Bell
3. Cindy Gonzalez

Men's Open Freestyle

1. Lamont Holt
2. Jarell Ware
3. Christian Harris

■ SAN JOAQUIN CLASSIC — SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

A few weeks after the State Championships, the WFSA was at it again, this time in NorCal for an experimental competitive jam-format event, complete with a live video webcast. Local flatlanders

mixed it up with the local street skaters for a game of S.K.A.T.E., Banked Freestyle Best Trick, 360s and more. In the end the new state champion, Kilian Martin, emerged the overall winner and was named the "King of San Joaquin" – a second title in as many months for the Spaniard.

■ FLYING CARRASCO BROTHERS – GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA



Sk8Kings — Kilian Martin, Richy Carrasco, Rene' Carrasco & Keith Butterfield on parade. Photo: Tony Newman

The City of Garden Grove and Sk8Kings paid homage to Orange County legends The Flying Carrasco Brothers at the annual Strawberry Festival Parade on Memorial Day Weekend. The brothers – René, David and Richy – were the first pro skaters to emerge from their hometown of Garden Grove during skateboarding's peak in the 1970s. The brothers were joined by Sk8Kings pro team all-stars Lynn Kramer, Keith Butterfield and Kilian Martin to skate the nearly two-mile parade route and show the cheering crowds and TV cams what freestyle, 360s and slalom are all about. ■

For more info and pics on the above happenings — along with a calendar of upcoming contests and events visit: sk8kings.com