



Roller Rallies

The Sunday Rally

The Rollers & Coquillages Skate Club organizes one of the largest roller rallies in the world (regularly more than 10,000 participants) every Sunday afternoon. For several hours, the rally leads skaters of all interests and all levels through the streets of Paris. Everyone with a minimum level of proficiency is welcome, whether they belong to the club or not.

Every week, a route is submitted to the Prefecture of Police for approval. The Prefecture provides not only permission to interrupt traffic, but also a full police escort, including policemen on rollerskates (unique in the world) and ambulances.

The Rallies for Club Members

Once a month, the club organizes a rally for its members. These "small group" promenades generally take place outside of Paris, to recapture some of the feeling of the first "bandit" rallies.

Highlighted by a picnic or (in winter) a sheltered lunch, these rallies offer a good opportunity to discover new places to skate and to enjoy the company of the other club members, all in the fine atmosphere of Mother Nature.

The Weekend Outings for Club Members

Every year, the club organizes some weekend outings for its members, generally when the weather first starts to turn nice. On the program are skating, relaxing, and discovering a new region.

***Rollers & Coquillages,
Sous les pavés, la plage !***

(Skates & Shellfish)
(There's a beach under the cobblestones!)

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**Join us every Sunday at
2pm at the Bastille!**



History

In 1996, a small group of skaters began to meet every Sunday at 3pm in the Marais for a skate through Paris. The relaxed spirit of this rally and a passion for skating combined to charm many Parisians into joining this "bandit" rally, which grew until the Prefecture of Paris asked the skaters to form a club to provide some structure to this spontaneous movement.

As a result of the efforts of these skaters to share their passion with others, the Rollers & Coquillages Skate Club was born on December 19, 1997. Since then, Rollers & Coquillages has worked to promote roller skating in general, as specified in Article 2 of its statutes, but always in a spirit of recreation and mutual respect.

Why "Rollers & Coquillages" ?

The name of the club represents its philosophy towards recreation: relaxation, well-being, vacations, sun, beach, and sand...because "There's a beach under the cobblestones!".

A little shellfish on rollerskates, sympathetic and smiling, symbolizes the values of the skaters of Rollers & Coquillages - whom we call "shellfish" - who come together to share, during the course of a rally, a moment of relaxation.

Even while developing into a well-structured club, Rollers & Coquillages has conserved the convivial and familiar spirit of its origins.

The Volunteer Staff

To watch over the safety of the "shellfish" during the rally while keeping spirits high, every Sunday the staff dons their yellow shirts as volunteers to guide the rally and help skaters when needed. Everybody works together to make the rally a time of pleasure to share.

