

NHM L.A. on Wheels Day Information Packet



Event Overview

Celebrate how Angelenos move at L.A. on Wheels Day—a one-day festival at NHM spotlighting the city's vibrant mobility culture.

Zone Schedule and Details

Discussions | [NHM Commons Theater](#)

Join thought-provoking talks featuring skateboarding legends, mobility justice advocates, and design visionaries sharing stories that move our city forward.

Please note: The Charles Phoenix performance requires a separately purchased ticket.

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Program	Description	Schedule
Film Screening & Discussion 	Wheels of Change: Community, Culture & Mobility Justice Short film screening followed by a discussion on mobility justice . The panel, exploring the intersection of culture and movement in our cities, includes Biking Advocate, Yolanda Davis-Overstreet , CicLAVia Executive Director, Romel Pascual , LADOT Director of Strategic Engagement, Clare Eberle , Velo Pasadena Owner, Hrach Gevrikyan , and is moderated by L.A. Historian, Dr. Peter Sebastian Chesney .	10-11:15 am
Discussion 	Skate Culture in L.A. A discussion with pro skaters, filmmakers, and historians exploring how Los Angeles shaped the world of skateboarding. The panel features Professional Skateboarder, Salman Agah , Paralympian, Kanya Sesser , Skate Photographer, Mike Ballard , and Vans Historian, Catherine Acosta , moderated by the Natural History Museum's Edgar Chamorro .	12-12:45 pm
Discussion 	DIY & Drive: Creative Communities that Build Their Own Path A discussion with roller derby skaters, car designers, and builders. Featuring Hot Wheels Designer, Charlie Angulo , Derby Dolls Announcer, Else "Evil E" Duff , Lady Lowriders President, Sandy Avila , and Great Autos Member, Peter Griffiths , moderated by L.A. Historian, Dr. Peter Sebastian Chesney .	1:15-2 pm
Performance 	Charles Phoenix: Southern California in the 50s & 60s Live Comedy Slide Show Performance Celebrating Mid-Century SoCal with Charles Phoenix. <i>An additional paid ticket is required</i>	3-4:15 pm

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Car Show and Bike Show | Car Park and North Entrance Plaza

Enjoy a car show with a wide-ranging collection of vehicles from every style and era, along with a unique collection of motorcycles and scooters spanning decades of design and innovation.

Organization	Description
<u>Great Autos Car Club</u> 	Formed in 1983, Great Autos is one of the world's oldest and largest open, affirming car clubs for the LGBTQIA+ communities and allies. They are a brand-agnostic group, welcoming anyone, whether they own a classic, JDM, hot-rod, or practical classic. They embrace all identities and host multiple monthly cruises and meetups.
<u>Lady Lowriders</u> 	Established in 2021 by Sandy Avila, Lady Lowriders is an all-female car club dedicated to building a positive and safe space for women in the lowriding community worldwide. Explore their beautiful, custom-built rides at the festival. Their display demonstrates the artistry and empowerment these women bring to a car culture they are defining as a major force in lowriding.
<u>California Lowrider Alliance</u> 	Come learn about the California Lowrider Alliance (CLA), a statewide organization dedicated to advocating for and celebrating lowrider culture. Get an up-close look at the culture's incredible artistry! The CLA presents a fantastic showcase of custom mini trucks and cars, intricate RC lowriders, and beautiful custom pedal cars, lowrider, and BMX bikes.
<u>Jurassic Park Motor Pool</u> 	The Jurassic Park Motor Pool is a passionate club dedicated to the ultimate tribute: bringing the legendary vehicles of the <i>Jurassic Park</i> franchise to life. Stop by to see the incredible detail on these fan-built replicas and rare screen-used vehicles.
<u>Redrum Motorcycle Club</u> 	Redrum Motorcycle Club is an Indigenous-based club founded in 2006 on the foundation of the Red Road (a philosophy focused on spiritual and community harmony). Connect with members who embody a commitment to brotherhood, respect, and community Service. Their presence highlights the intersection of motorcycle culture and Indigenous values.

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<u>Sikk Skooters</u> 	Sikk Skooters is L.A.'s go-to place for all things scooters. They are a scooter dealership and repair shop that hosts monthly group rides. Visit their booth to learn about the benefits of scooting in L.A., including gas economy, traffic avoidance, and the chance to explore your city.
<u>DJ Dave</u> 	DJ Dave is an award-winning multi-genre disc jockey and announcer with twenty-five years of experience in the field of entertainment. From local events in Long Beach to corporate and fundraising gigs in DTLA, DJ Dave has had the pleasure of spinning a wide array of music ranging from classic rock to reggae. Everyone in attendance will enjoy hours of awesome jams. DJ Dave specializes in hits and rarities from the past five decades, so get ready for a full day of musical surprises and entertainment!

Skate Demonstrations | Neighborhood Grill Patio

Watch a game of “S.K.A.T.E.” and enjoy demonstrations by roller skaters as they show off their style and skills.

Timed Programming

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Game of S.K.A.T.E. 	Get ready for the Game of S.K.A.T.E.! This competitive, yet friendly, bracket tournament is hosted by Pizzanista! (owned by pro skater Salman Agah) and features eight L.A. pro skate shops battling it out with tricks and skill. The action runs through three escalating rounds—from the P.I.E. round, into the P.I.Z.Z.A. Semi-Finals, and finally the Finals. Skaters must successfully replicate a trick or receive a letter, and are eliminated once they spell out the round's word. Participating shops include: Pharmacy Boardshop, Pawnshop Skate Co., Innercity Skate Shop, Brooklyn Projects, Transport Skate Shop, 2 Felons Skate Shop, and Kingswell Skate Shop.	Round 1: 10 am - 11 am Round 2: 11 am - 12 pm Final Round: 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

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<u>Rowdy Dachshund</u> 	Meet Rowdy Dachshund, the first female dog to become a professional skateboarder! She tore up the streets of L.A. to make history, skating in the 2024 X Games and the 2025 Skateboarding Street League Pro Course. Rowdy has her own pro board and an éS dog shoe. Don't miss the action: she will be the guest official for the entire Game of S.K.A.T.E.!	10 am 12 pm 1:15 pm
<u>California Derby Dolls</u> Derby Dolls 	The Los Angeles Derby Dolls are L.A.'s premier banked track roller derby league. The Derby Dolls will be performing dynamic skating demos of the drills they run to train and prep for their high-energy bouts. It's a unique chance to see the skill and speed required for competition.	12:15 pm - 12:30 pm

Story Time | Bird Viewing Platform

Take a ride through fun and imagination with storytime in the garden!

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<u>Pickle the Drag Queen</u> 	Meet Pickle, a live-singing drag host, performer, and talented storyteller! She is the first-ever Drag Laureate of the City of West Hollywood and writes/performs original music across L.A. Pickle is also the Executive Director of Drag Arts Lab, dedicated to expanding and elevating the art of drag.	10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:30 pm
<u>Lemar Betts, THE SKATESIDE</u> 	Come hear THE SKATESIDE Co-Founder, Lemar Betts, read his children's book, <i>Gromlin Universe</i>. The story is about a friendly robot droid who discovers a strange planet where everyone is on skateboards. The book inspires kids to build confidence and dream big.	11:30 am

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Collection Connections | Lower Otis Booth Pavilion

Roll through L.A.'s history! Discover how all kinds of wheels—from historic transit to skate culture—have shaped L.A. culture and brought people together.

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Vans 	Want to know the real story behind Vans' iconic skate shoes? Join Catherine Acosta, Global Brand Archivist and Historian, to explore the rich history of Vans, the legendary Southern California footwear and action sports brand. Catherine is dedicated to preserving and sharing Vans' deep cultural and design legacy. Get an up-close look at artifacts from the Vans Archive and discover how the brand helped shape skate culture.
Seaver Center for Western History Research 	Step back in time through rare historic photos from NHM's Seaver Center and see how wheels of all kinds transformed life across Los Angeles — connecting communities, fueling innovation, and driving the city's growth.
NHM's History (Material Culture) Department 	Get an insider's view of L.A.'s past! This is a rare chance to explore fascinating, seldom-seen artifacts from the NHM History Collection, all cared for by the Museum. These special objects tell the vivid story of how transportation evolved—from early vehicles to modern transit—and profoundly shaped the culture and community of Los Angeles. Discover the objects that moved L.A. history!

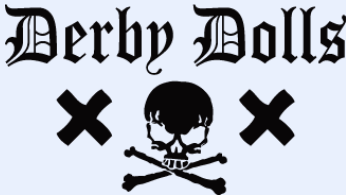
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Exhibitors | Nature Gardens Pathway

Explore an exciting lineup of local vendors and activities for all ages, celebrating everything on wheels—from bikes and boards to skates and scooters.

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<u>Bicycle Kitchen Bicicocina</u> 	Come and learn about bicycle repair and community! The Bicycle Kitchen is a volunteer-run, nonprofit based in L.A. dedicated to making cycling fun, safe, and accessible. The Kitchen provides a welcoming space filled with tools where you can learn about building, maintaining, and riding bicycles. True to their mission, they ensure no one is turned away for lack of funds, fostering healthy, supportive urban communities.
<u>Biking While Black</u> 	Biking While Black hosts community bike rides that put a spotlight on the personal experiences of mobility justice advocates. Come learn about the power of storytelling and collective action. This organization provides a frontline view of tireless efforts to center justice and joy in urban mobility, serving as a testament to the strength of community.
<u>CicLAvia</u> 	CicLAvia is a non-profit organization that works with communities across L.A. County to open streets for a day! CicLAvia transforms L.A. streets into car-free areas for people to safely bike, skate, run, and play. Visit their booth to make a CicLAvia-themed button and learn more about their schedule of free community events.
<u>Give Kids Art</u> 	Give Kids Art is a California-based nonprofit dedicated to providing free art programs and supplies that use art to spark imagination and play, ensuring every child has access to creative tools to build confidence, resilience, and joy. Activity: Hands-on, transportation and wheel-themed art activity designed to spark imagination and play! (While supplies last).

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<u>SK8-BRD-BUS</u> 	Drop by the SK8-BRD-BUS to check out their amazing selection of products that bring massive stoke to skaters of all ages. Learn about their PUSH POSSE and other services available to local skaters in L.A. Meet Kanya Sesser and get your limited-edition re-issue <i>No Legs, No Limits</i> SK8-BRD-BUS collaboration deck signed!
<u>Impala Skate</u> 	Impala Skate is dedicated to building a positive, encouraging, and welcoming community for skaters of all levels. They celebrate diversity and life on wheels in all its forms! Stop by the Impala Skate booth to learn more about their mission and celebrate the joy of skating. They are here to support every step of your skating journey.
<u>California Derby Dolls</u> 	The California Derby Dolls are L.A.'s premier banked track roller derby league. Founded in 2003, this nonprofit, volunteer-run organization is committed to achieving the highest level of competition and enriching its community through sport. Come meet the Derby Dolls! They are dedicated to integrity, high-quality production, and bringing the adrenaline of banked track roller derby to L.A. audiences. Activity: Unleash your inner derby star! Head to the stations to design make-up, get creative decorating a helmet, or generate your perfect skate name.
<u>California Lowrider Alliance</u> 	Activity: Gru's Pinstriping Los Angeles specializes in classic, hand-painted pinstripes, lettering, and vintage detailing. As a skilled custom painter, Gru is dedicated to preserving this dying art form that originated in Southern California, sharing these timeless techniques through his custom work and personalized instruction. Learn the essential techniques and try pinstriping yourself!
<u>LA County Library</u> 	The LA County Library is one of the largest library systems in the U.S., offering residents access to a vast array of free public resources. Visit their booth to learn about all the free resources available to you, including books, music, multimedia materials, and computer and internet access. Discover how your local library can support your interests!

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)



Join L.A. Metro's On the Move and Rail Safety Education Programs to learn how to ride safely and confidently. Through interactive activities, youth and older adults can discover helpful tips for navigating Metro's bus and rail system, learn rail safety tips, and take home resources to make traveling easier and safer.

Los Angeles Department of Transportation



The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is responsible for planning, projects, and operations across the city's mobility network. Come talk to the experts about the future of transportation in L.A.! LADOT manages everything from parking and private mobility to new and improved bike and bus lanes. Focused on ensuring the safety of all people traveling, LADOT is committed to expanding sustainable options and delivering community-driven solutions across L.A.

Mattel, Inc.



Unidos is Mattel's Employee Resource Group dedicated to empowering, celebrating, and promoting Latinx/Hispanic talent and culture at Mattel. They focus on inspiring and enabling their members to make a positive impact at Mattel and in their local communities.

Activity: Hot Wheels Fun! The team will be bringing exciting, hands-on Hot Wheels-focused activities designed to spark imagination and creativity. Stop by their booth for fun for all ages!

Pizzanista!



Founded in 2010 by legendary professional skateboarder Salman Agah, Pizzanista! is a Downtown L.A. staple blending the historic flavor of New York thin-crust pizza with fresh California ingredients. The brand has built a reputation for imaginative, unpretentious dining that celebrates skate culture. Stop by to learn more about their unique brand and full-service skate shop.

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<u>The Skate Hunnies</u> 	The Skate Hunnies are L.A.'s largest, female-founded roller skate community! This joy-driven collective of roller and inline skaters, performers, and adventurers is fueled by fun and focused on community. The Hunnies host frequent skate meetups, lessons, and pop-up events. Beyond the rink, they also cultivate community through seasonal and monthly programming for movement spaces like climbing, volleyball, and hiking.
<u>THE SKATESIDE</u> 	THE SKATESIDE is Los Angeles' leading youth program, using skateboarding and roller skating as tools to transform lives. Their programs go beyond skills, focusing on building confidence, resilience, and creativity in children. THE SKATESIDE will be demonstrating how they nurture character and community through the joy of skating.
<u>Velo Pasadena Bike Shop</u> 	Velo Pasadena was founded in 1988 by former professional road racer and Armenian National Champion, Hrach Gevrikyan. Hrach has spent over three decades establishing Velo Pasadena as a staple of California cycling culture, growing the shop into a vast showroom that showcases the best in cycling brands. Come explore the legacy of this Pasadena institution.
<u>The Wanderwell Society</u> 	The Wanderwell Society is a social club for those who like to get their hands dirty. They are a community of amateurs, artists, nerds, and adventurers with a DIY workshop in Venice Beach. They also host monthly educational events and organize road rallies to unique destinations around Southern California. Activity: Learn how to restore your faded headlights! The Wanderwell team will be hosting a hands-on activity focusing on headlight restoration. Stop by to gain a new skill and chat with the friendly community members.

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Collection Connections | Grand Foyer

Prepare to see museum collections in a whole new way! View a collection of *wheely cool* displays pulled from NHM's natural science departments.

Table Title	Description
Welcome Table 	Pick up your event program and grab (or download) a Scavenger Hunt to explore all the wheels on display throughout the Museum.
Taxidermy Showcase 	Meet NHM's Taxidermist, Tim Bovard! Stop by the table to chat with Tim and get a rare, up-close look at seldom-seen collection items that highlight motion and locomotion in the natural world.. This is your chance to explore how the art of taxidermy helps preserve and tell the stories of natural history.
Wheels in the Wild 	Discover nature's hidden wheels! Come chat with our Museum Educators and uncover hidden gems from the NHM's collection that show how life moves and rolls in the natural world. You'll get a unique look at fascinating specimens from Mammalogy, Paleontology, and Crustacea, showcasing the diverse ways that life—from ancient invertebrates to modern animals—is engineered for motion.

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Other Event Information

ADMISSION

Your General Admission ticket to the museum grants you access to all special talks and events taking place on the Commons Plaza and in the Theater.

- **Free for Members:** Museum Members always receive free General Admission.
- **Special Ticket Required:** The only event with an additional charge is **Charles Phoenix's Performance**. Tickets for this performance must be purchased separately.

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking will be available in the BLUE STRUCTURE PARKING LOT at 700 Exposition Park Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90037. For more information, see [Parking and Directions](#).

ACCESSIBILITY

We aim to make NHM an exciting, educational, and enjoyable experience for everyone. If you have any questions about your visit and our services, contact our Call Center at 213.763.3466 or info@nhm.org. ASL Services will be provided for talks taking place in the Commons Theater. For more information, see [Accessibility](#).

DINING

Enjoy family-friendly food options at the Neighborhood Grill (located on Level G), The Commons Cafe, and select food trucks on this day.