

ALTERNATIVE SPORTS FEATURE

indi\$tinct rollin' crew introduces Freestyle Rolling

Five Central Ohio residents have taken street rollerblading to an extreme stylish level. You don't need just rails and ramps, you can just let your mind wonder and roll—anything and everything tangible is subject to host a brutal mirage of stunts and tricks. The redefining sport is called Freestyle Rolling, the name of the representing click is INDISTINCT.

"We were all still in high school when the name originated. There wasn't any specific time, we just thought about it and it stuck. We wanted a name to describe our team skating and our unique styles as individuals. Indistinct means something that cannot be explained; a figure in the fog, it's indescribable," says the group.

They developed friendships during their high school years and formed a tight bond on the common ground of stylish skating.

"It has just been something a lot of us have been doing ever since we were little. It went from something we liked to something we fell in love with."

Using a range of equipment from Razors, USD, Ground Control, 50/50, Mindgame M1, Senate and 4x4, the crew defeats any trick they set their mind to—grinds termed "pornstar," "soul," "misew," "acid" and numerous

air tricks including "the rocket grab," "mute grab" and assorted spin techniques.

"There have been a lot of crazy tricks done in all of our years skating. But not too long ago, on a trip to Cleveland, Ohio Bentley grinded a drop rail that was about 25-30 feet long to a 15-foot drop and 180'ed out. Also Jordan did a misty flip over a crazy gap, from one parking lot to another, over 7-feet of grass over a wall, then an 8-foot drop."

In addition to making trips to Cleveland, the guys travel to Columbus, Ohio area parking garages, parks and side streets as well as out-of-state escapades to practice their fast growing trade.

"Since Delaware finally got its skate park [Mingo], we tend to go there often and we all skate as much as we can. We can't skate every day of the week like we did when we were younger because a lot of us have jobs and other things. But there are some weeks were we all get to get out and go every day for a week. We try at least three times a week."

When Indistinct goes out for a day of Freestyle Rollin, Anthony Gardner is there with a camera to capture all the moves. Gardner edits the film with a true indie eye and markets the final product to sale on indistinct films' DVDs including the well-crafted short *figures*

in the fog and the most recent project *Classic Black*.

"We have lots of mix tape skate videos with lots of extra footage of them. People can buy our last video we made still. Our newest video is in the making and there is no release date yet. But you can contact us on our Myspace for updates on our projects."

Having devoted dedication and long practice sessions for a passionate sport, the crew is ready to set their eyes on solid future endeavors.

"Bentley is filming for a big clothing company right now and there are some other companies we are filming for. Indistinct Rollin is working hard on their clothing line right now as well. We have a few new shirts and things that will be for sale, also sweat pants and hats."

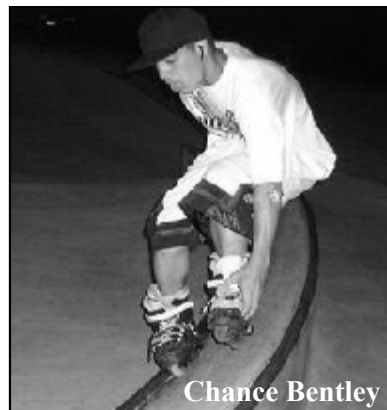
It takes quality skills to make freestyle rolling a livelihood.

"What we're doing was known as rollerblading is now called Freestyle Rolling. Everyone can rollerblade, your grandma can rollerblade, but not everyone can Freestyle Roll. Freestyle Rolling is a mix of skating, fashion and music. It's a way to express yourself, what you think, and how you feel. But no matter what, at the end of the day it's for the love of our sport." NEIL SHUMATE

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Kyle Jordan



Chance Bentley

Meet Indi\$tinct

Kyle "Guam" Jordan 20, skating 8 years, born in Cali, raised in Ohio
Jeremy "Chunk" Craig 20, skating 6 years, raised in Delaware, Ohio
Drew Speese 18, skating 5 years, born and raised in Delaware, Ohio
Anthony Gardner 18, skating 10 years, born and raised in Delaware, Ohio
Chance "Lucky" Bentley 18, skating 10 years, born in Marion, Ohio

FACTS ABOUT ROLLERBLADES

- First inline skate model in early 1700s
- In 1760 Joseph Merlin made an entrance at a masquerade party by skating and playing a violin, but he crashed into a mirror, not knowing how to stop or steer.
- First patented rollerskate in 1819 by M. Petitbled in Paris, France featured three wheels, a wooden plate and leather straps. Wheels were sold in wood, metal or ivory
- 1863 American James Plimpton made a four wheeled skate with two pairs of wheels on each side
- 1980 two hockey player brothers from Minneapolis redesigned an old version of the skate with a hockey boot adding a rubber heel brake; thus, they could skate on the ground the same way as on ice. They sold their skates out of their home and Rollerblade, Inc was born.
- First most successful Rollerblade skate was the Lightning.