

“GO ZAMBONI!”



A LEGION OF FANS, both young and old, sit entranced by a fascinating, ungainly juggernaut — the Zamboni, ice resurfacing machine. It’s pleasantly hypnotic. Swirling back and forth across the ice, the Zamboni somehow makes everyone forget about time for a while. It’s like watching a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat — you don’t want to know how it’s done, you just enjoy it for what it is ... magic. You watch, as this boxy behemoth floats over gnarled and chewed up ice, and before your eyes, it mysteriously changes into a glassy-smooth sheet of perfection. For many, it’s worth the admission price alone. From 1949-1964, either a complete Jeep vehicle or chassis was used on virtually all Zamboni machines. In 1949, the Model A Zamboni took 10 minutes to do a job that used to take over an hour-and-a-half.

SCHULZ AND ZAMBONI



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ZAMBONI DOES THE OLYMPICS

For more information on the Zamboni ice resurfacing machine, history, how it works and cool Olympic collectible stuff, click around their great web site at zamboni.com.



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THE ZAMBONIS, perhaps the only band that writes, plays, performs and lives ... hockey! You can make a living only singing about hockey? Yup! The band’s anthem song, “Avalanche!” was played continuously throughout Colorado during their Stanley Cup victory season. Band member Dave Schneider (Hartford Whalers fan) describes the Zamboni’s music as a blend of indie rock, twang, punk and ’60s Brit-Pop with an occasional “cheesy hockey organ” thrown in for good measure. They pay homage to the dean of ice machines in their song “Great Zamboni of Devotion.” Check them out at thezambonis.com

CHARLES SCHULZ LOVED HIS ZAMBONI MACHINE.

The grandfather of the comics page, Schulz was a die-hard hockey fan and owned his own rink. Often he would let others take a spin. He liked Hilary B. Price, creator of the popular comic strip *Rhymes with Orange*, so much that he joked of buying her one! According to Price “I sent him a copy of the *Rhymes with Orange* book, and he wrote me a letter back and said ‘I am amazed by the brightness of your ideas ... I am seriously thinking of buying you your own Zamboni for Christmas.’”

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My Other Jeep Vehicle is a Zamboni

RUNAWAY ZAMBONI. While driving a Model C machine 450 miles up the coast of California to Berkeley in the 1950s, Frank Zamboni lost all steering control. The runaway Model C finally came to rest in the loving grasp of some oleander bushes. The faulty steering wheel shaft was fixed and Zamboni drove the Model C out of the bushes using the Jeep 4x4. The rest of the ride went well and Zamboni successfully delivered the Model C to his client.