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Music Score Playing- California Dreaming, Mamas & Papas

Welcome to **Vintage Skipper Visits the Mayflower Doll Club**

As you all know, collecting habits are personal. I, for example have put myself on a limited budget as the dolls in my area of collection can be expensive. How did this Skipper thing come about? Simply. I thought it time to start rounding up dolls from my own childhood. I remembered my **Skipper** very clearly, loved her dearly and felt she was a good reflection of my childhood. Seems the circumstances of getting her were typical peer pressure. I literally remember begging for her-my excuse was that the neighbourhood girls had an issue with me dragging out Tammy to play Barbie with them-they said she was not a Barbie and I couldn't play. But that would be what children do as silly as it sounds. Shortly after joining the Mayflower Club I began thinking about dolls in a vintage light but laughed at the prospect of ever finding a Skipper like mine again. I managed to get my hands on a small pink dress I vaguely remembered. I discovered it to have a Skipper tag & thought how small the zipper was & how well made...I could never sew like that **now**. Of course the intent was to find the **one** Skipper I remembered. But once **that doll** was found, I went into collection mode.

There were vast differences in hair colours, so many neat outfits & accessories! I noticed a faint number on the doll's behind. Rather than assume this was nothing more than a part number, I decided to investigate-**step in** the dolly detective & some theories. To date I have not been able to document **the part number idea** therefore it is a mystery for me to unfold. And so it goes that I became obsessed with only the **1st Issue Skipper, # 0950 a SL doll**, which is the focus of tonight's program. Having been part of that period in time, I am impressed to have discovered that the Skipper ® doll has been the only other doll, other than the Barbie ® doll in Mattel's line that has been in continual production since first being introduced to the consumer market in 1964.

Rebecca will hand out some reading material I put together that I call "**Skipper Fast Facts**" to take home later on in the program.

1st Skipper Fast Facts

Description typical Vintage 1st Issue Skipper # 0950:

- Represents a girl with blonde, red, or brunette (brown) long hair, hand cut in a straight style with bangs.
- Eyes look to the right and are of same colour blue as her older sister Barbie.
- No eyelashes other than a thin moulded line above eye painted black.
- Smile is hardly noticeable and closed.
- Doll is a straight-legged doll of vinyl (tan colour), which is a petroleum-based by-product.
- Markings: SKIPPER © 1963 / Mattel, Inc. appear on the right buttock of the doll body. (This number changed slightly for the first issue Skipper line in 1965 to: © 1963 / Mattel, Inc.) There is also a number on the left buttock, which is sometimes difficult to see. The left buttock number significance is of interest to me and investigation is ongoing. It is documented that dolls carry part numbers on arms and legs but there is no mention of the exact significance of the number appearing on the left buttock. Another mark may be found on the rim of the doll's head: ©1963 Mattel Inc. and on the sole of the foot Japan.

Interesting Notes about the First Skipper

- Variations in hair colour aside of the initial three colours were; pale lemon blond, reddish auburn or titan, two-toned brunette.
- Oxidizing causes the brunette and auburn hair by now to show a reddish tinge or carrot colour in many cases.
- An original hair colour of brunette or auburn should have a brown painted scalp and be heavily rooted.
- Two-toned brunette haired dolls are usually heavily rooted & likely issued in 1965 along with or soon after *Colour Magic Barbie*®, which accounts for why collectors of Skipper® refer to this two-toned hair doll as *Colour Magic Skipper*.
- Stock #0950 Skipper Straight Leg was re-issued from 1969-1971(hitting the market in 1970) with a pinker skin, lip colour slight change & new plastic clear X stand-the box had new art work on it.
- Stock # 0950 identifies Skipper as a straight-legged doll as apposed to a bend - leg version, a twist 'n' turn type, etc. much like Armand Marseille, for example, issued head types 390 (socket head) or 370 (shoulder head).
- Although these straight-legged first issues of type # 0950 are marked 1963, this date would represent the patent date. The doll itself hit the consumer market in 1964.
- Skipper was introduced as Barbie's little sister.
- The original Skipper # 0950 was not continued after 1968 as we know her with the tan body & tan skin tone face. It is noted that in the last half of 1966 to 1968, the doll was sold with a pink skin body.
- A re- issue of #0950 was produced in 1970 to 1971 with a pink face and pink body.
- The last year the 1st Issue Skipper® face mould was used was in 1978.
- In 1994 a limited edition was produced with Skipper wearing the popular Happy Birthday outfit to celebrate her 30th Anniversary.

“Vintage” picture of the girl holding her Skipper



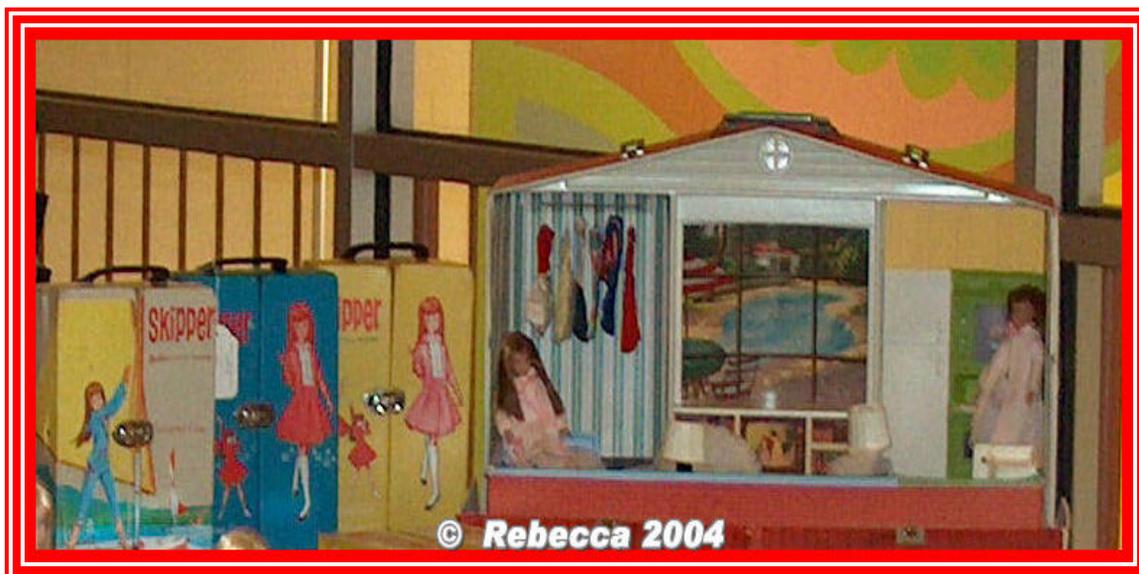
Skipper Accessories & Favourite items I've collected

**Skipper & Barbie Dulex Play House
With Skipper Clothing &
Furniture**

3 Different Skipper Travel Cases

1 Land & Sea - grey & white

2 Standard clothing cases blue & Yellow



Music Score- Little Surfer Girl, Beach Boys

Presentation

What you see before you is a collaborative effort. My many thanks to **Rebecca** for loaning her great ramp, some of her dolls & all her work with the technical devices , music, and laptop - as together we present as many Skippers to you as possible on an **even keel** – which means same original suits & shoes. We have an ulterior motive-some good old interactive girl **FUN between all of us!**

You are being asked to take part in the **first ever Mayflower Skipper Pageant** as the judges for the coveted **Miss Mayflower Skipper 2004 Title**. After meeting each of the participants you must simply decide which doll has the most appeal to you. Vote by ballad being handed out, afterwards. If hair colour is your fancy, doll disposition, doll write-up or it's personality, condition, a look, or combinations- the decision is yours & anything goes! Remember that doll collecting is fun and keeping with the spirit of amusement & fun.. Listen **carefully**, as you may discover certain hopes, dreams & actual accomplishments of two vintage dolls you already know... as we bring you to that part of the program with our interpretation of the first ever **Miss Mayflower Skipper Pageant** that being the...

Bathing Suit Competition which, by the way, you wouldn't catch **us** in a million years! So let's get on with the show

18 SKIPPER CONTESTANTS



BRUNETTE CATEGORIE

1. Miss Sussex

MISS SUSSEX comes from the **Town of Sussex**, the Hub of NB. This talented young girl is the **Queen of the Antique Classic Car Show**. She enjoys working on her father's Dairy Farm milking cows, feeding the chickens. She is a member of the 4 H Club. She hopes to attend the Agricultural College or Forestry College in NB. This Country lassie has Beautiful Thick Shiny Titan hair and is a **#3** production. She is sponsored by **Sussex Cheese Factory**.

2. Miss Lr. Sackville

MISS Lr. SACKVILLE comes from **Lower Sackville, NS**. This young girl loves to go to the **Drive in Theatre** on Saturday nights. She also enjoys singing, ballet dancing, playing softball and reading. When she graduates from College she hopes to be a Teacher. This Beautiful Thick Shiny Brunette is a **#3** production. The **Sackville Flea Market** sponsors her.

3. Miss Oklahoma

MISS OKLAHOMA comes to us from the **Lindsay region of Oklahoma City**. She has a keen interest in music, a result of being able to play piano by ear. She is a member of the Junior and Senior choirs at her church & is an assistant Sunday school teacher. She is currently studying piano at the **Conservatory of Music** and hopes to be a concert pianist some day. Her hair is a mousy brown. She is a **#1** production. Her sponsor is the **Don Messer's Jubilee Show**.

Music Score- You Should Be Dancing , Bee Gees

4. Miss Cole Harbour

MISS COLE HARBOUR comes from **Porters Lake**. This young lady is the **Queen of the Eastern Shore Days**. She enjoys swimming, biking and surfing at Lawrencetown Beach. She likes collecting stamps and thinks she will start collecting dolls **Imagine!** This Beautiful Thick Shiny Light Brown haired gal is a **#2** production. She is sponsored by **Harbour Motors Ford Dealership**.

5. Miss Halifax County

MISS HALIFAX COUNTY has come from the **Queensland Beach** area. When she graduates high school she plans to attend the Halifax Business College while taking night courses at Dal in Accounting. Her plans are to work for the Federal Government in the field of Taxation, specializing in Estate work. She enjoys scuba diving & is an Amateur figure skating coach. She is a member of the CGIT who accompanies young children from the Protestant Children's Orphanage to see the **Animated Xmas Window Display at Simpson's** each year. She has very thick brunette hair that seems to have some highlights if you look closely under certain lighting. She represents a **#3** production issue and is sponsored by **Simpson's Dept. Store**.

6. Miss Port Wallace

MISS PORT WALLACE comes from the area of **Waverley Rd. Dart**. She enjoys rolling skating and playing baseball. When she finishes University she plans to be an Airline Stewardess. This Beautiful shiny Brunette is a **#4** production. The **Canal Club** sponsors her.

Music Score- Dance, Dance, Dance, Beach Boys

BLOND CATEGORIE

7. Miss California

MISS CALIFORNIA is from San Diego. She spends her summers surfing at Lawrencetown Beach. Her interests are in caring for animals and hopes to become a veterinarian some day. As an exchange student she works after school at **Dr. Ainsleys Animal Hospital on Quinpool Rd.** Her hair is a beautiful thick blond and she is a **#5** production issue. The **Dingle Park Canteen** sponsors her.

8. Miss Parrsboro

MISS PARRSBORO comes from the **Village of Diligent River**. This talented young girl is the **Queen of the Old Home Week**. She enjoys gathering dulse when the Fundy tide is out and Rock Hounding, as she collects rocks and has found many great fossils along the cliffs. She enjoys scooping Blueberries, haying, and is a member of the 4 H Club. She hopes to attend Veterinary College in PEI. This Country Lass has Beautiful Thick Shiny blond hair and is a **#5** production. She is sponsored by the **Colchester Blueberry Factory**.

9. Miss Halifax

MISS HALIFAX is a hometown girl! She currently attends **BC Silver High** but a new school called **J L Ilsley High** is being built very soon that she will go to. Her interests are in the area of stamp collecting & she is a member of the Halifax Jr. Bengal Lancers. She sails using a junior class boat known as the "FJ" or Flying Junior. Recently she was crowned Miss Blue fin Tuna of the **North Lake Tuna fest** while vacationing in PEI. She plans to be a lawyer and hopes to attend Dalhousie University. Her long hair is a very bright & shiny blond. She is a **#4** production issue and is sponsored by the **Jubilee Boat Club**

Music Score -Saturday Night Fever, Bee Gees

10. Miss Truro

MISS TRURO comes from the **Town of Truro**, the Hub of NS. This talented young girl is the **Queen of the Tulip Festival**. She enjoys skiing, broomball and reading. She hopes to attend the Agricultural College or Teachers College. This Beautiful Thick Shiny Blond is also a **#4** production. She is sponsored by the **Acadian Lines Bus Ltd.**

11. Miss Florida

MISS FLORIDA comes to us from sunny **West Palm Beach**. Once graduating from high school she plans to go on in the field of physical education. Her interests are gymnastics, basketball, and camping. Her hair is a long straw coloured blond. She is a **#2** production. The **Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron** sponsors her.

12. Miss Hubbards

MISS HUBBARDS comes from the **Village of Hubbards NS**. This talented young girl is the **Queen of the Lobster Festival**. She enjoys swimming at the great beaches in her area and is a Life Guard. She enjoys reading and singing. She hopes to attend University in Halifax for a Business Degree. This Beautiful Thick Shiny Blond head is a **#5** production. She is sponsored by the **Shore Club** of Hubbards.

Music Score- American Pie, Don McLean

REDHEAD CATEGORIE

13. Miss Ohio

MISS OHIO has come from **Cleveland**. Her interests are dancing & having fun for now. Her hobbies are sewing, writing poems and stories. She hopes to spend a good deal of her time in the future as a Guide or Scout Leader as well as a volunteer for worthy causes that help children. She wants very much to be a writer of children's stories. She represents a **#2** production issue with long sandy red hair. **Saturday Afternoon Bandstand** is her sponsor.

14. Miss Bedford

MISS BEDFORD comes from the former **Town of Bedford**. This talented young girl is the **Queen of Bedford Days**. She has spent most of her youth sailing in Bedford Basin. One of her favourite things to do is to go to the famous **Chicken Burger in Sunnyside-** where you could get 2 chicken burgers and coke for **80 cents (1964 of course)**. Miss Bedford attends Private School in Rockingham (**Mount Saint Vincent Academy**). Her other interests are Skating and Drama and learning to drive a car. When she graduates from University she hopes to be a Lawyer. This Beautiful Thick Shiny Red Head is a **#2** production. She is sponsored by the **Dartmouth Yacht Club**.

15. Miss Nova Scotia

MISS NOVA SCOTIA attends Edge hill Private School in **Windsor**. She enjoys acting, live theatre, sculpting, and art-in particular portraiture. She will be attending the Nova Scotia Art College for her post secondary schooling. Her hair is a nice shade of titan red with a bit of a wave. She is a **#3** production issue. **Edge hill Private School** sponsors her.

16. Miss Saint John

MISS ST. JOHN comes from the **Town of Rothesay NB**. This talented young girl is the **Queen of the Reversing Falls**. She enjoys volunteering at the local hospital as a Candy Stripper. She hopes to become a Doctor after University. She also enjoys dancing and reading. This Beautiful Thick Shiny Red Head is a **#6** production. She is sponsored by **The Fundy Line Motel**.

17. Miss Horn Lake

MISS HORN LAKE has come all the way from **Horn Lake, Mississippi** to finish high school with the hope of attending Truro Normal School. Her interests are in genealogy and she has discovered Nova Scotia connections after a visit to the old Horne Settlement in Eastern Passage while tracing her German ancestors. She hopes to someday become a history teacher. She is a **#5** production issue with very long glossy carrot red hair. **The Flying Dutchman Motel in Bridgewater** is her sponsor.

18. Miss Dartmouth

MISS DARTMOUTH comes from **Dartmouth**, the **City of the Lakes** that is now part of the HRM. This Beauty is the **Dartmouth Natal Day Queen**. She has spent most of her youth as a member of the Canoe Clubs on the Dartmouth lakes. Her other interests are Ballet and Scottish Dancing and she is a member of Girl Guides. When she graduates from College she hopes to be a Police Officer. This Beautiful Thick Shiny Red head is a **#1** production. She is sponsored by the **Banook Canoe Club of Dartmouth**.

Closing Pageant Comments

Music Score- I Just Want To Be Your Everything, Andy Gibb

"This will conclude the Skipper Contestant Parade. A quick note of nostalgia. Did you know it was the **Beatles** 40th Anniversary and **Skipper's** 40th year in production this past February? Both arrived in **New York** in **1964** -the **Beatles** taking North American by storm and **Skipper** doing likewise at the New York Toy Fair!

Please come forward to view the dolls to decide you're favourite. Don't forget the display items on your way or after you cast your ballot. Your ballot is to be handed over to Rebecca. She will tally & announce the results.

Music Score- How Deep Is Your Love, Bee Gees & finish out Music from the (Beatles) Yesterday & All You Need Is Love

The Pageant Winners are as follows:



MISS MAYFLOWER SKIPPER 2004 -- Miss Bedford, NS Lt.

First Runner up -- Miss Parrsboro, NS Rt.

Princesses – Miss Dartmouth, NS Lt

Miss Halifax, NS Rt

Miss Sussex, NB Bk

“Hope you’ve enjoyed yourselves as much as we did putting this together. Thank you madam president & club members for Program Time & our special thanks to those who really got into it by dressing 60s. We would like to leave you with a parting thought. “

You are never too old to play dolls!” Contact us at:

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