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## **ZAMBONI® COMPANY TO DISPLAY VINTAGE MACHINE IN MIAMI**

**PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA (January 15, 2003)** – The Zamboni Company is coming to Miami to celebrate with the NHL during its All-Star Block Party, which begins January 30 and runs through February 2, 2003. Zamboni will display one of its “museum pieces”, the Model E34, alongside its contemporary, a Model 500 Zamboni® ice resurfacing machine. Visitors to the All-Star Block Party will be able to take their photo in the seat of the new Zamboni ice resurfer. Members of the Zamboni family will be on site for media interviews.

The Model E34 was one of 21 Model E resurfacers built by Frank Zamboni between 1954-1955, the first units of one standardized design. The Model E machines were built on top of a Jeep® chassis. Some of the machines were actually driven to their future homes by Frank Zamboni either as a complete machine, or with the Jeep towing a trailer filled with the Zamboni machine's components.

In November of 1955, this machine was shipped to its first owner in Chicago, IL. Seven years later, the machine was sold to the Ice Chalet in Knoxville, TN. Zamboni E34 served this facility until 1985, when it was sold to the Village of Baraga, MI. From Michigan, the machine proceeded on to its next owner, the North Lakeland Skating Association in Woodruff, WI, where it was still in service in 1998, at the time of its acquisition by the Zamboni Company.

Zamboni has been restoring some of its earliest Zamboni® ice resurfacing machines. These machines featured the “paddle and chain technology” which is easily recognizable, as the machine's snow tank is open from above and there is a length of chain with a series of rubber paddles that collect the shaved ice and bring it to the tank.

The Model E34 normally resides at Paramount Iceland in Paramount, California. Iceland (which Frank Zamboni, his brother and a cousin built) is where Frank realized that to be successful in the ice business, he would need to reduce the amount of time required to resurface the ice sheet. Frank spent nearly a decade developing his innovative machine, which was soon realized to be necessity for arenas, rather than a luxury.

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