

 OFF The Road With Jerry



This was a very fun down hill ski run southeast of Canton in this 1967 picture. This was the Canton Ski club run 1 mile east of the southeast Newton Hills 4-way intersection. We believe this area was rented from the Larsgaard Fairview family. There was even a tow rope working, pulling everybody up the bug hill that faced north. The tow rope was powered by an old truck set up on blocks on top of the hill. One back truck wheel was modified into a rope pulley, and the truck engine ran it in hold gear.



This was another winter wonderland for kids sledding in Canton. This 1967 picture shows kids on the north Milwaukee street hill running downhill south. We wonder if the city closed off the street or not, or maybe just for an afternoon every now and then.



This is a 1978 picture of a big Ice Skating pond just east of Kennedy Park. City crew had just cleared off a recent snow storm of 5 inches before this photo was taken.



Nugget of Interest #1
The Sioux River winter Ice pack broke up on February 17 without any known ice jams or excitement. The steady above average temperatures dissolved it and only a few semi-large ice hunks could be seen like this on the west shore down by the dam. A pop can can be seen, in reference to showing signs of ice slabs 10 to 15 feet long at most.



Nugget of Interest #2
This photo shows completely open river over the dam on Sunday, February 18th, running somewhat high. But the river was extra high when winter started and the ice was hardly ever good enough to ride on most of the winter.

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