



# THE SOUTHERN SCREAM

for ACE members in the Southeast Region

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## Smoky Mountain Coasterfest Gets Thundering Wild!

Story by Matt Lambert & Josh Herrington

The end of the coaster season is coming to a close and that can only mean one thing for the ACE Southeast region; time to head to the Smoky Mountains for the best Christmas event around, Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas! Smoky Mountain Christmas is an amazing spectacle to behold; lights and smells and shows everywhere you turn and ACE Southeast uses this time to hold their annual Smoky Mountain Coasterfest event. While this event is always great, this year surpassed many previous years thanks to a full ERT schedule and plenty of food for everyone to feast on.

As always there were surprises around every turn. The day started bright and early with cold temperatures greeting everyone and once check-in was complete, we made our way up to LumberCamp Grille for an awesome breakfast and coffee spread. A few announcements later and the forms for the annual Scavenger hunt (which was a photo hunt this year) were passed around to those interested in participating and then it was time to ride Mystery Mine for our first ERT. It was still a bit too cold to open the coasters at first, but in true Dollywood fashion they opened Blazing Fury for us and once the temps warmed up, Mystery Mine was able to join in on the fun. After that chilly ERT, we were allowed to join in with the season pass holders for morning ERT on Wild Eagle; a nice little added bonus for those in attendance. Once the morning ERT sessions were over, everyone was turned loose on the park to explore and hopefully find the answers to the photo hunt! Later in the afternoon an auction was held that included lots of spare coaster parts and

park banners and signs. In the end, nearly \$1000 was raised to help support the National Roller Coaster Museum.

In the evening, when the sun goes down, is when Dollywood really shines. The millions of fantastic lights are a true display of the Christmas spirit and once the park closed for the evening, everyone would get a chance to experience the magic of Dollywood at night. Prior to the evening ERT kicking off, everyone gathered for the hot chocolate bar complete with desserts. This would end up being a nice recharge for everyone and a chance to warm up before the cooler temperatures set in. Scavenger Hunt winners were also announced while we waited for the park to be cleared and with the change up from previous years, different winners were all around! After a few last minute announcements, including the sad announcement that Assistant Regional Rep Matt Lambert would no longer be heading up the event for the region, it was time to kick off the evening ERT session. Thankfully the weather

and the temperature stayed in perfect condition the whole night. This meant that the ERT rides on Wild Eagle and Thunderhead, while amazing during the day, would be set on insane mode for everyone that night! Numerous cheers and comments about extreme airtime on both coasters filled the November air and everyone wished the night wouldn't end. Sadly the old saying still hold true, even for coaster enthusiasts: "All good things must come to an end."

To all of those who made it down to our neck of the woods for the event, I am certain you had a great time. To those of you that have never been or are debating on attending one year, I would suggest you marking your calendars for what has become a must-do event for everyone in the club. With the success of Dollywood's 2012 season and our Smoky Mountain Coasterfest event, we honestly can't wait to see what 2013 will bring to the park (and to us)!



Event attendees pose for a group photo before heading off to ride!

## Upcoming ACE Regional & National Events...

**Winterfest**, January 26: San Luis Resort Galveston & Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier (Galveston, TX)

**EastCoaster**, February 2: Northampton Community Center (Northampton, PA)

**Winter Warm Up**, February 9: Six Flags Over Georgia (Austell, GA) \*See event flyer in this newsletter!\*

**Winter Adventure**, February 23: Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)

**CoasterBash! XXIV**, March 2: Salvatore's (Pittsburgh, PA)

**Jeepers It's Winter**, March 9: Location TBD

**ACE Day at FunPlex**, May 4: The FunPlex (Mount Laurel, NJ)

**ACE Preservation Conference**, May 17-19: Elitch Gardens & Lakeside Amusement Park (Denver, CO)

**ACE Dives**, June 1: Busch Gardens Williamsburg (Williamsburg, VA)

**Beech Bend Bash**, June 2: Beech Bend Park (Bowling Green, KY)

**Pre-Con in Con-Necticut**, June 15: Quassy Amusement Park (Middlebury, CT) & Lake Compounce Theme Park (Bristol, CT)

**Coaster Con XXXVI**, June 16-21: Six Flags New England (Agawam, MA), Canobie Lake Park (Salem, NH), Palace Playland (Old Orchard Beach, NE) & Funtown/Splashtown USA (Saco, ME)

**ACE 2013 - ACE in Central Europe**, July 19-August 3: Vidámpark (Budapest, Pest, Hungary), Wiener Prater (Vienna, Austria), Bayern Park (Reisbach, Bavaria, Germany), Skylinepark Park (Bad Woriskhofen, Germany), Erlebnispark Tripsdrill (Cleebronn, Baden Wuerttemberg, Germany), Holiday Park (Hassloch-Pfalz, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany), Europa Park (Rust bei Freiburg, Germany), Freizeitpark Plohn (Lengsfeld, Thuringia, Germany), Belantis Park (Leipzig, Saxony, Germany), Hansa Park (Sierksdorf, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany), Heide Park (Soltau, Germany), Phantasialand (Brühl, Germany), Efteling (De) (Kaatsheuvel, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands), Movie Park Germany (Bottrop, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany) & Toverland (Sevenum, Limburg, Netherlands)

**Coastin' By The Ocean**, August 17-18: Morey's Piers (North Wildwood, NJ)

**ACE Summer Conference**, August 23-25: Canada's Wonderland (Vaughan, ON) & Marineland (Niagara Falls, ON)



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# River Rush at Dolly's Splash Country

Photos courtesy of Dollywood



The man lift shows where the highest point of TailSpin will be!



# TailSpin at Wild Adventures

Photos courtesy of Wild Adventures





# Sky Screamer at Six Flags Over Georgia

Photos courtesy of Six Flags Over Georgia



Photos courtesy of Carowinds



# Dinosaurs Alive! at Carowinds



Saturday,

February 9, 2013

Join ACE Southeast as we kick off

2013 in style! Winter Warm Up brings presentations from Carowinds, Dollywood, Lake Winnie, Six Flags Over Georgia and Wild Adventures together in one location for an all day event full of park presentations, give aways, "swag bags" and that classic "What'll Ya Have" burger from the Varsity.

### Schedule Summary

(subject to change without notice - all times Eastern)

- 9:00a - 10:00a Check in
- 10:00a - 10:20a Carowinds presentation
- 10:20a - 10:40a Lake Winnie presentation
- 10:40a - 11:00a Dollywood presentation
- 11:00a - 11:20p Wild Adventures presentation
- 11:20a - 11:40a Surprise presentation
- 11:40a - 12:00p Six Flags Over Georgia presentation
- 12:00p - 1:00p Lunch (provided by The Varsity)
- 1:00p Auctions & Giveaways

Immediately following the auctions & giveaways, there will be an off season tour of Six Flags Over Georgia (weather permitting).

Event Prices	
ACE Member	\$20
Guest	\$25

#### Registration Form - Winter Warm Up at Six Flags Over Georgia - Saturday, February 9, 2013

Name:			Membership # or Guest of:		
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**Advanced Registration Only! Sorry, there is no on-site registration for this event.**

Mail in registration must be post-marked by **Wednesday, January 30, 2013**  
Last day for online registration is **Sunday, February 3, 2013**

**Total Payment: \$**

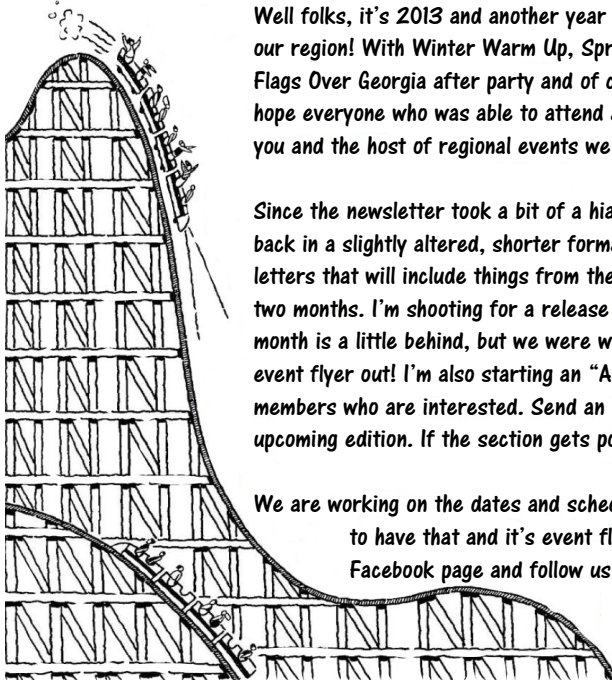
Send your completed order form & payment to:

**Josh Herrington, ACE Regional Rep**  
**168 Teagarden Lane**  
**Starkville, MS 39759-7409**

To register for this event, complete this form and mail it in. Make check payable to JOSH HERRINGTON. Personal checks & money orders only. Don't like snail mail? Register online at [www.acesoutheast.org](http://www.acesoutheast.org) (service fees apply). At this time, we can not accommodate those attendees with Vegan food requirements.



# The Brake Run



Well folks, it's 2013 and another year is in the books. Speaking of that other year, 2012 was a phenomenal year for our region! With Winter Warm Up, Spring Fling, ACE Day at Lake Winnie, whitewater rafting on the Ocoee, the Six Flags Over Georgia after party and of course Coaster Con XXXV, 2012 will definitely be one for the history books. I hope everyone who was able to attend any (or all!) of these events enjoyed themselves and I look forward to seeing you and the host of regional events we're working on for you in 2013.

Since the newsletter took a bit of a hiatus later on in 2012 (thanks to the newest little ACE member!), I'm bringing it back in a slightly altered, shorter format in hopes that it won't be such a beast to work on. Look for bimonthly newsletters that will include things from the previous two months and let you know of the things coming up in the next two months. I'm shooting for a release date on the first day of the two months the newsletter covers. Obviously this month is a little behind, but we were wrapping up the details for Winter Warm Up and I didn't want to leave the event flyer out! I'm also starting an "ACE Southeast Member Spotlight" (see below) that will showcase those regional members who are interested. Send an email to [jherrington@aceonline.org](mailto:jherrington@aceonline.org) if you would like to be featured in an upcoming edition. If the section gets popular enough, we might just feature two members every newsletter!

We are working on the dates and schedule for our annual Spring Fling event at Six Flags Over Georgia and we hope to have that and it's event flyer available to everyone in the very near future! Be sure to check out our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on the latest news.

See you on the midways!

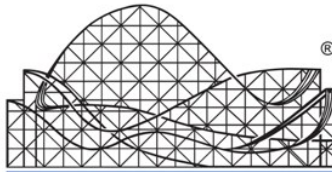
*Josh*

## Thank You!

Thanks to Emily Murray (Six Flags Over Georgia) & Brian Angello (Dollywood) & all the others that help make the Southeast Region one of the best!

Thanks also to Matt Lambert for his tireless contributions to the newsletter.

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## ACE Southeast



Name:

*Tyler Sussmann*

Favorite Park:

*Cedar Point*

Favorite Coaster:

*Colossus (Thorpe Park)*

Favorite Thing About ACE Southeast:

*I'm just a new member, but I look forward to attending my 1<sup>st</sup> ACE SE event.*

Best ACE Southeast Memory:

*Nothing yet!*

Favorite ACE Southeast Event:

*Nothing yet!*

## Member Spotlight