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Smoky Nountain coasterfest - An ACE Christmas Tradition

he morning started bright and early with a chilly start. All attendees were asked to lend a hand to Dollywood and the local Sevier County Food Pantry by bringing cans of soup. This would be of great help to the community but also help the Dollywood Attractions Department compete against the Foods Department for bragging rights on the number of cans gathered. Many attendees brought cans and each of them was greatly appreciated.

We took the walk up the vallev toward our morning ERT on Blazing Fury. We were greeted with 25th Anniversary lunch boxes, which contained muffins and coffee. They ran out before everyone was able to get one, but Dollywood never disappoints. They went and got more very guickly and apologized immensely. The morning ERT on Blazing Fury was a half hour spent in complete darkness. The other half had riders experience the ride with all the lights on. This gave a whole new perspective to the classic ride.

After the morning ERT, announcements were made and the soon-to-be famous Scavenger Hunt was distributed. Then we headed over to Dollywood's new attraction for 2010, which is Adventure Mountain. Attendees got front of the line access to enjoy it as long as they would like. After this was finished, people went on their way to either experience the park or work on the challenging scavenger hunt.

At one o'clock we all meet for a behind the scenes hard hat tour (minus the hard hat) of the new area being developed in the old Dreamland Forest area. We were able to see the new Barnstormer being worked on, which is an S&S Screaming Swing.

When darkness begins to fall in the hills of the Smokies, Dollywood becomes a ChristStory by Matt Lambert



The group gathers at Blazing Fury for the group photo before being released upon the park!

mas wonderland full of beautiful decorations. There are lights on anything that will stand still and even on moving objects, like the parade and roaming characters. This was a time for many to enjoy the evening of Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood and go eat at some of the favorite shops. The wide variety of treats is always enjoyed, whether it is a sit down meal, a full Christmas buffet, or a street vendor. People that participated turned in their Scavenger hunt answers and began their wait to see whether or not they would be the ultimate winner or come in last place.

As the park began to close, everyone met in the Lumbercamp Grill and was treated to the traditional "amazing" hot chocolate. The park had surprised us with three large sheet cakes decorated just for us. The cakes had roller coasters on them, and we were treated to a coffee bar that included syrups, chocolate sprin-

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Upcoming ACE Regional & National Events...

Bumper Cars On Ice, February 12: Tucker Road Ice Rink (Fort Washington, MD) Winter Warm Up, February 19: Six Flags Over Georgia (Austell, GA) *See event flyer in this newsletter!* ACE Is Getting Wet, February 26: Great Wolf Lodge (Williamsburg, VA) CoasterBash! XXII, March 5: Salvatore's (Pittsburgh, PA) Winter Coaster Solace, March 18-19: Knott's Berry Farm (Buena Park, CA) The Great Nor'Easter, March 19: Canobie Lake Park (Salem, NH) Running Wild, April 2: Wild Adventures (Valdosta, GA *See event flyer in this newsletter!*) ACE Spring Conference, April 8-10: Universal Orlando (Orlando, FL) Wooden Warrior Coaster Day, May 7: Quassy Amusement Park (Middlebury, CT) Rumble Run - Kentucky Rumbler Marathon Ride, May 7: Beech Bend Park (Bowling Green, KY) Thrills In The Hills, May 20-22: Dollywood (Pigeon Forge, TN) ACE Day at Six Flags America, May 22: Six Flags America (Largo, MD) ACE Day at Lake Winnie, May 28: Lake Winnie (Rossville, GA) Spring Fling, May 29: Six Flags Over Georgia (Austell, GA) Holiwood Nights, June 3-4: Holiday World (Santa Claus, IN) Coastermania, June 3-4: Cedar Point (Sandusky, OH) Beech Bend Bash, June 5: Beech Bend Park (Bowling Green, KY) Coaster Celebration VX - B&M Bash, June 11: Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ) Seaside Screams V, June 12: Casino Pier (Seaside Heights, NJ) CoasterCon XXXIV, June 19-22: Six Flags Over Texas (Arlington, TX), Sandy Lake Amusement Park (Carrollton, TX) ACE's Scandinavian Sojourn 2011, July 13-24: See ACE's website for park listings and locations Carolina Coaster Classic (C3), September 3: Carowinds (Charlotte, NC) Smoky Mountain Coasterfest, November 19: Dollywood (Pigeon Forge, TN)

Register at www.acesoutheast.org to be included in the ACE Southeast electronic updates via email!

Welcome New Members

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North Carolina

Jason Snow, Knoxville

Robert Aiken, Asheville

Georgia

Michael Elias, Lawrenceville Emily Dingess, Lawrencville David Tidwell, Atlanta

Log-in to www.aceonline.org to access the ACE Membership Directory and easily locate these and other ACE Members contact information



<u>Saturday,</u> <u>February 19,</u> 2011

J oin ACE Southeast as we team up with SIX regional parks to present the biggest event of 2011!

Winter Warm Up brings presentations from Alabama Adventure, Carowinds, Dollywood, Lake Winnie, Six Flags Over Georgia and Wild Adventures together in one location for an all day event full of park presentations, giveaways and goodie bags that will surely be remembered long into the 2011 coaster season.

And what better way to improve an already great event than by adding an Atlanta icon to the mix. The day's lunch will be catered by none other that The Varsity! Bring your appetite as their famous Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chiliburgers, Naked Dogs, Chili Dogs, French Fries and Onion Rings are provided in an "All You Can Eat" fashion and followed up by a sampling of their famous desserts!

Event Prices	
ACE Member	\$20
Guest	\$25

Schedule Summary

(subject to change without notice - all times Eastern)

8:00a - 9:00a	Check in
9:00a - 9:30a	Alabama Adventure presentation
9:30a - 10:00a	Carowinds presentation
10:00a - 10:30a	Dollywood presentation
10:30a - 11:00a	Lake Winnie presentation
11:00a - 11:30a	Six Flags Over Georgia presentation
11:30a - 12:00p	Wild Adventures presentation
12:00p - 1:00p	Lunch (provided by The Varsity)
1:00p	Auctions & Giveaways
	tely following the auctions & giveaways,

there will be a construction tour of Six Flags' new for

2011 coaster, Dare Devil Dive to end the day!

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Registration Form - Winter Warm Up at Six Flags Over Georgia - Saturday, February 19, 2011

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Story by Robert Ulrich

The year 2010 saw a number of firsts, including the premier season of Lake WinneSPOOKah in Rossville, Georgia. Family-friendly Lake Winnepesaukah joined the Halloween theme park bandwagon on Friday and Saturday nights with a mixture of fun and frights. And Lake Winnie kept the celebration affordable with a ticket price of just \$22 (and widely distributed a \$2 off coupon).

After passing through the turnstiles, guests were greeted with a large area under an illuminated spider web. Around the edges were a number of frighteningly funny scenes such as a petting zoo of animal skeletons. The legend of the Lake was written out as "The Legend of Wet Winnie."

Visitors got the idea that things were different this time of year. To aid visitors the frights fell into one of three categories, the most frightening marked with a skull as "not appropriate for ghouls under 12!"

The park's train was one of these, transformed along the way with some standards of the haunted house biz; a chainsaw, body parts, etc. But while travelling the perimeter of the lake there were a couple of unique surprises we won't spoil here – just go back next Halloween and see for yourself.

This first time effort showed a lot of work and ingenuity in the displays and use of current structures and rides. And for the park historians displays of old artifacts were a delightful treasure. Within the initial turn to the lift of the Cannonball were the original Mad Mouse cars. There up in a tree, was a Fly-0-Plane vehicle. And throughout were surprises and delights that made the warm October nights a great time to visit the lake.

All of the rides were open the night we attended, and the Cannonball is a great night ride that is not often available due to summer operation and darkness setting in late. But in October surrounded by darkness the coaster performed exceptionally well.

So, when summer 2011 is over and the leaves start to turn we'll head to Lake WinneSPOOKah for a good time, again.

"When summer is over and leaves start to turn. As you come to Lake Winnie, this lesson you'll learn. Be sure not to wander too close to the lake, where Wet Winnie died from the bite of a snake."





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kles, and whipped cream. The answers to the scavenger hunt were given out and just as mentioned; if you play you will win something. Everyone that played went home with something.

Dollywood attractions donated a huge lot of items for the auction to raise money for the National Roller Coaster Museum. A good majority of the items for sale were brought to raise money for the Food Pantry Canned Soup drive. The most coveted auction was for a coveted two person invite to attend media day for Barnstormer. This also included being the first ride out on media day. The group was able to raise over \$500 for the soup drive.

Once the park closed, it was time for what everyone had been waiting for, ERT in the dark on one of the best wooden coasters and on of course on Mystery Mine. The day warmed up and was beautiful allowing ERT to be absolutely amazing, with no worries of closing due to temperatures. Not very often can you ride these two rides in darkness and be fortunate enough to have a perfect sky.

Overall it was a wonderful event to be a part of and the general consensus was all who came had a great time. What better way to get someone in the Christmas spirit than to come to Dollywood for Christmas in the Smokies. The icing on the cake was being with fellow ACE'ers and having an amazing time. Make sure if you did not come this year you mark your calendars. Smoky Mountain CoasterFest is November 19, 2011, and we're already thinking about ways to make it even better. ...continued from Page 1



ACE'ers enjoy Adventure Mountain

CORRECTION!

In the last edition of *The Southern Scream*, Vice President & General Manager of Carowinds, Bart Kinzel, had his name misspelled due to a typo. ACE Southeast regrets this error and sends their apologies to Mr. Kinzel.



G ive Kids The World has teamed up with Cedar Fair Parks and ACE in 2011 to present

"Coasting For Kids 2011." Join ACE and your favorite Cedar Fair park on Sun-



day, July 24 and pledge to ride a roller coaster from 7:00am until 5:00pm (or at least as long as you can handle)! Stay tuned for more information regarding this special opportunity.



Register online at www.acesoutheast.org to be included in the ACE Southeast email updates!



Saturday, April 2, 2011

ACE Southeast and Wild Adventures are raising the bar for the annual ACE Southeast event, Running Wild.

How does ERT on two great coasters

sound? How about we throw in a photo scavenger hunt complete with a trophy for the winning team? Not good enough? Well then... let's top it off with a .38 Special AND a Charlie Daniels concert (both free with admission), priority placement of your personal chairs in the general seating area for both concerts, exclusive access to Splash Island Water Park with season pass holders, free parking, a meal voucher, bottomless soda wristbands, a pre concert reception with the general manager and an exclusive animal meet-n-greet.

Think that's "wild" enough for you? Well.. there's one more tidbit that's the wildest of them all. You get all of this for only \$35 bucks. That's not a typo people - \$35.00 for every ACE Member with or without a season pass and only \$5 more for their guest. You can't beat a deal this good folks, so join us as we run wild at Wild Adventures!

Event Prices	With Season Pass* Without Season	
ACE Member	\$35	\$35
Guest	\$40	\$40
*You must have a season pass in hand before purchasing this option!		

Schedule Summary

(all times Eastern)

8:30am - 9:15am	Registration at the front gate. *Scavenger hunt packet pick up.
9:15am	Escorted walk back to Cheetah for the group photo and ERT. Priority placement of your chairs in the concert general seating area.
9:30am	ERT on Cheetah & Hangman starts.
10:00am - 7:00pm	Wild Adventures open to the public.
10:30am	ERT ends.
12:00pm	Splash Island Water Park opens to Season Pass holders and ACE Members.
4:00pm	Scavenger Hunt ends.
6:00pm	.38 Special Concert (free to attendees)
6:30pm	Pre Concert Reception and chat with GM Bob Montgomery, Scavenger Hunt winners (with trophy) & an exclusive animal meet & greet.
8:00pm	Charlie Daniels concert (free to attendees)

Registration Form - Running Wild at Wild Adventures - Saturday, April 2, 2011

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Name:			Membership	# or Guest of:	
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Name:			Membership	# or Guest of:	
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Advanced Registration Only!				Total Payment: \$	
Mail in registration must be post-marked by Wednesday, March 23, 2011 Last day for online registration is Sunday, March 27, 2011				Send your completed	order form & payment to:

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 (service fees apply).

Josh Herrington, ACE Regional Rep 653 Teagarden Lane Starkville, MS 39759-7409

While Wild Adventures will endeavor to provide ride times and the rides listed, inclement weather, equipment problems or other unforeseen circumstances may affect this schedule. Your registration is a non-refundable fee, and all registrations are final. Admission to the park and ERT sessions are included in your registration fee. The payment of registration fees by, for or on behalf of participants releases and holds harmless the American Coaster Enthusiasts, Inc., and it's Officers, Directors, Executive Committee Members, and representatives from any and all liabilities related to those activities. Members of ACE are expected to abide by the club's code of conduct at all times during the event, and members are also responsible for the conduct of non-member guests. At this time, we can not accommodate those attendees with Vegan food requirements. *Scavenger Hunt participation requires a digital camera or cell phone camera and you must have the ability to extract photos from the device.



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Saturday, May 28, 2011

Join ACE Southeast as we head to "The South's Favorite Family Amusement Park", Lake Winnepesaukah on Saturday, May 28 for a full day of fun!

We're starting the day off with ERT on Cannon Ball and Wild Lightnin' followed by lunch, a mini golf tournament and much, much more! You'll also get the chance to ride the only known working Eyerly Fly-O-Plane in the United States and the oldest Shoot-the-Chutes ride still in operation, Boat Chute.

Also this year, the Carousel Association of America has scheduled their "Band Organ Rally" for the same weekend. Hearing and seeing these beautiful band organs playing seems like the perfect compliment to a traditional amusement park like Lake Winnie.

Step back in time with us to a place where the traditional amusement park is still alive and well!

Event Prices	
ACE Member	\$30
Guest	\$35

Schedule Summary

(all times Eastern)

9:30am - 10:00am	Registration at the front gate. Pick up forms for the mini golf tournament.
10:00am	Park opens to the public and you.
10:00am - 11:00am	ERT on Cannon Ball & Wild Lightnin'
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Turn in mini golf tournament forms
3:30pm	Mini golf tournament prizes awarded to winners
10:00pm	Park closes to the public and you.



Registration Form - ACE Day at Lake Winnie - Saturday, May 28, 2011

Name: Members		Membership	# or Guest of:		
City:	State:	Email Address:		Meal Option: Standard DVegetarian	Event Fee:
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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 (service fees apply).

While Lake Winnie will endeavor to provide ride times and the rides listed, inclement weather, equipment problems or other unforeseen circumstances may affect this schedule. Your registration is a non-refundable fee, and all registrations are final. Admission to the park and ERT sessions are included in your registration fee. The payment of registration fees by, for or on behalf of participants releases and holds harmless the American Coaster Enthusiasts, Inc., and it's Officers, Directors, Executive Committee Members, and representatives from any and all liabilities related to those activities. Members of ACE are expected to abide by the club's code of conduct at all times during the event, and members are also responsible for the conduct of non-member guests. At this time, we can not accommodate those attendees with Vegan food requirements.



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DARE DEVIL DIVE - SIX FLAGS OVER GEORGIA





BUZZSAW FALLS - ALABAMA ADVENTURE





BARNSTORMER - DOLLYWOOD





SPLASH ISLAND WATER PARK EXPANSION - WILD ADVENTURES





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Sunday, May 29, 2011



n 2010, we made Spring Fling the ultimate, no-miss, regional event and in 2011, we're upping the ante all over again!

This year Six Flags Over Georgia is pulling out all the stops for what will

be a day full of surprises! How does 3 1/2 hours of ERT sound? How about a continental breakfast AND a nighttime reception complete with snacks and two drink coupons good for your choice of soda, water, beer or wine? If those aren't good enough, how about an invitation to the media day for Dare Devil Dive if you register by March 31?!?! See, we told you we were upping the ante and this isn't even all of it! There are tons more surprises in store for attendees, so what are you waiting for? Join ACE Southeast as we "dare" to tackle some the Southeast's most "devilish" coasters during Spring Fling 2011!

Event Prices	With Season Pass*	Without Season Pass
ACE Member	\$35	\$60
Guest	\$50	\$75
*You <u>must</u> have a season pass in hand before purchasing this option! No admission tickets are issued if you register using this method.		

Schedule Summary

(all times Eastern)

8:00a - 9:00a	Check in at the front gate. Free parking until 9:00a. If you're late, packets will be available at the Will Call office until 5:00p.
9:00a	Continental breakfast at the Promenade Plaza. Season Pass* processing opens.
9:00a - 10:30a	ERT on Georgia Scorcher plus some other surprises that you shouldn't Dare miss out on.
10:30a	Six Flags Over Georgia opens to the public. Group Photo at Dare Devil Dive.
12:00p	Lunch in the Picnic Pavilion and a special presentation.
2:00p	Walk back tour for raffle winners.
8:00p - 9:00p	Night reception at the Crystal Pistol with a special presentation. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda & water provided.
9:00p	Six Flags Over Georgia closes to the public
9:00p - 11:00p	ERT on Superman: Ultimate Flight and even more surprises that you shouldn't Dare miss out on!

Registration Form - Spring Fling at Six Flags Over Georgia - Sunday, May 29, 2011

Name:			Membersh	Membership # or Guest of:		
City:	State:	Email Address:		Meal Option:	Event Fee:	
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Mail in registration must be post-marked by Wednesday, May 18, 2011 Last day for online registration is Sunday, May 22, 2011				Send your completed order form & payment to: Josh Herrington, ACE Regional Rep 653 Teagarden Lane		

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 (service fees apply).

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The Brake Run

As I sit in my chair and listen to the cold wind blowing outside, I can't help but think of the warmer days ahead. Before too much longer we'll return to our favorite local parks to ride their best coasters and see what new goodies 2011 has in store for us. The Southeast is getting everything from a giant swing set to a new coaster and when you factor in some new water attractions at two parks and a million dollar light show at another one, it would appear that the Southeast was on Santa's nice list this past year!

Speaking of lists, there's one list that I never want to see anyone's name on... the "Expired Member" list. If your membership is up for renewal soon, consider giving us another year to wow you. Besides, if you don't, you're realllllly gonna beat yourself up after you see the slate of events that we have lined up for this year.

We're starting a brand new off season event called "Winter Warm Up." Why should the regions up North have all the fun when it's cold outside?! You can expect a day full of park presentations, goodie bags, a construction tour and lunch catered by the famous Atlanta restaurant "The Varsity." I can hear them shouting "What'll Ya Have?" already! We're also going back to Six Flags Over Georgia, Wild Adventures, Carowinds, Lake Winnie and Dollywood for our annual events there and we've included the event flyers for Winter Warm Up, Running Wild, ACE Day at Lake Winnie and Spring Fling in this edition of The Southern Scream. We hope to see you any (or all) of these great events this year!

Here's to a bright and prosperous 2011 from me to you (albeit a month or so late)!

Josh

Thank You!

Thanks to Pete Owens (Dollywood) and all of the other parks that help make the Southeast Region one of the best

Thanks also to Robert Ulrich & Chip Sieczko for their tireless contributions to the newsletter.

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