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Smoky Mountain Coasterfest Dazzles Once Again!

Story by Matt Lambert

Stores have had their holiday decorations out for weeks, people are beginning the present shopping, the first frost has come, and over five million lights have been hung in the Smoky Mountains theme park. This is the fifth annual Coasterfest at Dollywood, which has become a tradition for many from all over to help transition into the holiday spirit. On November 19th a hundred and sixty excited and cold coaster enthusiasts made their journey to Dollywood early in the morning. Some of the attendees had an additional reason to be tired from the night before. At 11 p.m. the previous night they were participating in Dollywood's 1st Annual *Light the Way 5K*, which benefited the *Share it Forward* program. Everyone was bright eyed and eagerly ready for the day's events to unfold. We first took the annual trek up the valley to Blazing Fury and started the morning with our annual group photo and announcements. Then the infamous Scavenger Hunt was

handed out. During the hour of ERT on Blazing Fury, the group was able to indulge in an assortment of muffins, coffee, and hot chocolate. Since Blazing Fury decided to be temperamental, several attendees were given unscheduled walking tours. Even though ERT was cut, in true Dollywood fashion, the ops treated us to an all day Q2Q entrance pass.

Making our way over to Adventure Mountain for front of the line access was next, since the park was getting ready to open. The attendees were then left to go and ride, explore or work on the hunt. At noon we all met in Dollywood's Blue Ribbon Pavilion for more events. Dollywood's PR manager, Pete Owens, treated us to some special videos never before seen by any of the public, which was an amazing opportunity. Immediately afterward we began the auction for coaster stuff donated by the park, such as wheels, brakes, and bearings. The coveted items were the

posters that were hung around the park. The one that caught the eyes of the audience was a poster for the announcement of Wild Eagle. We were able to raise over \$580 for the National Roller Coaster Museum. We wrapped everything up at the pavilion with the raffle for a chance to win a behind the scenes walking tour of Wild Eagle, the new coaster being built for 2012 at Dollywood. The raffle raised \$620 for the *Share it Forward* program. Twenty extremely lucky attendees were given hard hats and taken on a behind the scenes tour of Wild Eagle, where there was plenty of fresh mud. The winners climbed on the lift platform, hiked all the way to the turn around, and were able to climb on and over the structure. It was easily the best construction tour ever with some great photo opportunities.

Dollywood replaced the Babes in Toyland show at Celebrity theatre this year

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Everyone poses for the group photo before being unleashed on the park!

Upcoming ACE Regional & National Events...

Mid Winter Tour of Dorney Park, February 3: Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom (Allentown, PA)

Eastcoaster, February 4: Northampton Community Center (Northampton, PA)

Great Coasters International Tour, February 5: Great Coasters International (Sunbury, PA)

Winter Warm Up, February 11: Six Flags Over Georgia (Austell, GA) *See event flyer in this newsletter!*

Bumper Cars On Ice, February 25: Tucker Road Ice Rink (Ft. Washington, MD)

Winter Adventure, February 26: Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)

CoasterBash! XXIII, March 3: Salvatore's (Pittsburgh, PA)

Wisp Mountain Coaster, March 4: Wisp Resort (McHenry, MD)

Apocalypse Preview, March 10: Six Flags America (Largo, MD)

Spring Fling, April 21: Six Flags Over Georgia (Austell, GA) *See event flyer in this newsletter!*

ACE Spring Conference, May 18 - 20: Cedar Point (Sandusky, OH)

Beech Bend Bash, June 3: Beech Bend Park (Bowling Green, KY)

ACE Dives, June 9: Busch Gardens Williamsburg (Williamsburg, VA)

Coaster Con XXXV, June 17 - 22: Dollywood (Pigeon Forge, TN) & Carowinds (Charlotte, NC)

ACE's Rush To The Sky, June 30: HersheyPark (Hershey, PA)

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

Welcome New Members

...as of 1/22/2012

Tennessee

Addison Shelton, Knoxville

James Burns, Greeneville

Brandon Perry, Jackson

Georgia

Sloan Rawhoof, Atlanta

Johnnie Norton, Warner Robins

Mark Barnett, Stockbridge

Tom Sikorski, Atlanta

North Carolina

Kat Immethun, Greenville

Lance Ahrens, Charlotte

Greg Bailey, Charlotte

Alabama

The Pfaff Family, Birmingham

(Joshua & Becky)

Jennifer Newton, Florence

Emily Morgan, Gardendale

South Carolina

The Dutterer Family, Simpsonville

(Meredith, James, Ellie)

The Bachmann Family, Greenville

(Drue, Rebecca)

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



Saturday
February 11, 2012

In 2011 we introduced you to the first ever *Winter Warm Up*

off-season event. In 2012, we're making it our newest annual event! This year you can expect more presentations (and some goodies!) from Alabama Adventure, Carowinds, Dollywood, Lake Winnie, Six Flags Over Georgia and Wild Adventures all capped off with a catered lunch from the most famous food truck in Atlanta, The Varsity! If you missed the inaugural edition of this event, you owe it to yourself to get to the 2012 version!

| Event Prices | |
|--------------|------|
| ACE Member | \$20 |
| Guest | \$25 |

Schedule Summary

(subject to change without notice - all times Eastern)

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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

Registration Form - Winter Warm Up at Six Flags Over Georgia - Saturday, February 11, 2012

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| Name: | | | Membership # or Guest of: | | |
| City: | State: | Email Address: | Meal Option: | Event Fee: | |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | | |

Advanced Registration Only! Sorry, there is no on-site registration for this event.

Mail in registration must be post-marked by **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**
Last day for online registration is **Sunday, February 5, 2012**

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 (service fees apply). At this time, we can not accommodate those attendees with Vegan food requirements.



My First ACE Event (Fall Finale at Six Flags Over Georgia)

Story by Griffen Elder, age 9

My experience going to Six Flags was great! The best ride there by far was...GOLIATH. It was tall! It went 70 mph! I even threw my hands up the second time! This coaster was really scary. I had loads of butterflies in my stomach. It felt like it took forever just to get to the top! The scariest part was just looking at that drop. It seemed like it would take forever just to get all the way down to the very bottom!

Mind Bender was also one of my favorites: two loops, dragging slowly up to the top, tall, fast, long, and definitely intense. Another cool thing about Mind Bender is that it was the first steel ride in the park! When I first saw Mind Bender, I felt pretty worried. I got butterflies in the stomach. When I got off, I felt the opposite... I felt great!

My other favorite ride was the Georgia Scorcher. It was one of the scariest rides in the whole park! It had steep drops, tall hills, and sharp curves. These are not the only reasons it is scary, it is also the only stand-up coaster in the whole park! This ride just about got 100,000 butterflies in my stomach. This coaster was fun! This coaster was scary! And so, of course, this was one of my favorite roller coasters out of a lot.

Now, the Fright Fest CarnEvil show was cool, and meeting all the ACE members for the Fall Finale was even better! We had VIP seats at the show, and we received goody bags with tickets to ride the Terror Train.

ACE Rocks!



The Fall Finale attendees pose for a group photo with Park Representatives Melinda Ashcraft and Brad Malone. The park provided attendees with goody bags complete with tickets for a free ride on the all new Terror Train after answering questions related to all the new things in store for 2012!



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



Saturday April 21, 2012

Spring Fling in 2011 was a smashing success and with the 2012 version we thought, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

Just like last year's event, you can expect a day packed full of things like ERT, a delicious picnic lunch, free drink coupons, a behind the scenes photo walk back tour and a night reception complete with hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda and those delicious fried pies! We're even throwing in a Monster Mansion walk thru before the park opens to sweeten the deal.

With the price unchanged from last year, you can bet on getting your money's worth and then some at what has become one of the nations "must do" events for ACE members everywhere.

| Event Prices | With Season Pass* | Without Season Pass |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| ACE Member | \$35 | \$60 |
| Guest | \$50 | \$75 |

*You must have a season pass in hand before purchasing this option!
No admission tickets are issued if you register using this method.

Schedule Summary

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| 7:45a | West parking lot opens. Free parking until 8:30a. |
| 8:00a - 8:30a | Check in at front gate. If you're late, packets will be available at "Will Call" until 5:00p. |
| 8:30a | Season Pass* processing opens and breakfast in the Promenade Pizzeria. |
| 8:45a | Monster Mansion walking tour. Tour times will be distributed at check-in. |
| 8:30a - 9:30a | ERT on Georgia Scorcher and a few other "tall" friends of this Southern "Jezebel". |
| 9:00a - 10:00a | ERT on Mindbender, as well as a few other surprises for people wishing to visit Gotham City. |
| 10:00a | Park open to the public (and you!). |
| 12:00p - 1:00p | Lunch in the picnic pavilion (behind Ninja). Raffle tickets for photo walk back tour on sale. Winning tickets will be drawn at 1:00p for 30 winners. |
| 1:30p - 2:30p | Photo walk back tour for winners. |
| 8:00p | Gather at the Crystal Pistol for presentations, door prizes and a Q&A with park officials. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda and water provided. |
| 9:00p | Park closes to the public |
| 9:15p - 10:30p | ERT on Great American Scream Machine & other "stealthy", "super" things. |
| 9:30p - 11:00p | ERT on Goliath, Mindbender & one more "devilish" surprise! |

Registration Form - Spring Fling at Six Flags Over Georgia - Saturday, April 21, 2012

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| City: | State: | Email Address: | Meal Option: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | Event Fee: | |
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Mail in registration must be post-marked by **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**
Last day for online registration is **Sunday, April 15, 2012**

Total Payment: \$

Send your completed order form & payment to:

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

While Six Flags over Georgia 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. *Sorry, only Six Flags Over Georgia Season Pass vouchers can be processed.



ACE'S SCANDINAVIAN SOJOURN : A SOUTHERNER'S PERSPECTIVE

STORY BY: RICHARD BOSTIC, ASSISTED BY RONNY COOK



From L to R: Richard Bostic , Michael Morris, Leonard Haywood, Alex Dickey, Angie Fugo, Ronny Cook, Janna Kelly, Jeff Kelly

When I went on the ACESpana trip back in 2009, it was by far one of the most amazing vacations I have ever experienced. In addition to getting to visit parks in a different culture than we see here, it is also a great opportunity to spend time with fellow enthusiasts and grow friendships while enjoying our common interests. When Scandinavia Sojourn was announced for the summer of 2011, I knew it was a trip I could not miss. Since the 2009 trip was my first trip to Europe I thought that there was no way the overall experience could be better in Scandinavia. I was wrong.

We landed in Helsinki, Finland around 1300 the day before we were required to be at the hotel to meet with the group. Helsinki is an interesting city and fairly new compared to many cities in Europe. Walking around the city you can see the Russian influence in the city's architecture. In fact, many movies during the cold war would use Helsinki to shoot scenes that are supposed to be set in the Soviet Union. After making our way to the Crowne Plaza Hotel and getting a quick lunch at the hotel restaurant we decided to spend the remaining time that afternoon checking out some of the sites around our hotel. Some of these sites included the Tempeliakio Church inside of a rock for-

mation, the train station, Routatientori Square and National Theater, and a couple of the city's art museums. That evening we met with a couple of friends for dinner at a local Finnish restaurant down the street from our hotel before calling it an early night to begin shaking off the jet lag.

The next day would provide us with time to see much more of the city, so we decided to purchase Helsinki cards that would allow us to enter most of the sites we wanted to visit along with providing us with transportation. Some of the sites we visited were the Uspenski Cathedral, a Finnish Orthodox church that was originally built by Russia, and the incredible Lutheran Cathedral overlooking Senate Square that included a statue of the Russian Czar Alexander II. Also in this area we visited the Market Square at the harbor where we tasted some of the sweetest strawberries we have ever found. We also visited the Seurasaari Open Air Museum, which is a collection of historic buildings showcasing what life used to be like in different parts of Finland prior to modern times. The most impressive site we visited in Helsinki was the Suomenlinna Fortress, a sea fortress that has served Finland, Sweden, and Russia. While no longer practical as a military base, the fortress is more than just a tourist attraction and is a popular picnic destination and

actually contains about 900 permanent residents. It contains a Garrison Church and several museums detailing the history of the fortress, along the fort itself where you can explore the passageways and armament locations. After stopping by Stockman's Department Store, the largest department store in the Nordic countries, we went back to the hotel to gather our registration materials and bus assignments for the trip. After getting everything settled we joined some friends at a local restaurant that served Lapp cuisine before we settled in for the night.

Want to hear how
this story ends?

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for the rest of the story!

with a new show called *Dollywood's Christmas on Ice*. This show brings in the performers from the Ice Theatre of New York and places them on a rink with the combined talents of some of Dollywood's best singers. This is a truly amazing show with some beautiful singing and awe-inspiring stunts.

The night began to fall and the millions of lights dazzled everyone in the park. Everyone met in the traditional area of the Lumber Camp grill, where we were given hot chocolate and amazing Danishes. The answers to the scavenger hunt were revealed, and the attendees were given prizes for the Scavenger hunt that ranged from plastic plates to Dollywood Gold Super Passes for the 2012 season. Then it was time for the highlight of the event, which is an hour ERT in the dark on Mystery Mine and the award winning Thunderhead. The temperature cooperated and kept the coasters running till the ERT ended.

As the event came to a close, everyone left with an anticipation of what is to come next year. We are already in the thought planning stages of what could be done next year to improve the event and maybe a little ERT on a coaster called Wild Eagle at night could help with that. We hope to see everyone next year at Smoky Mountain CoasterFest on November 17, 2012 at Dollywood.

The Wild Eagle Construction Tour winners show Wild Eagle some love.



Thunderhead was running spectacular throughout the day making our evening ERT session insane!!



Adventure Mountain was showing attendees how to have fun while exercising!

Saturday June 16, 2012

Join ACE Southeast as we host a regional event to kick off Coaster Con XXXV in style! We'll start the festivities off at Lake Winnie where "The South's Favorite Family Amusement Park" will open it's gates for another day full of fun for attendees.

With morning ERT on Cannon Ball and Wild Lightnin' followed by a picnic lunch complete with ice cream sandwiches, this is the perfect place to get that good ole dose of Southern Hospitality. You'll even have 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.

We couldn't ask for a more charming park to start the week off with, so step back in time with us to a place where the traditional amusement park is still alive and well!

Schedule Summary

(all times Eastern)

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9:30a - 10:00a | Registration at the front gate. |
| 10:00a | Park opens to the public and you. |
| 10:00a - 11:00a | ERT on Cannon Ball & Wild Lightnin' |
| 12:00p - 1:00p | Lunch |
| 10:00p | Park closes to the public and you. |



| Event Prices | |
|--------------|------|
| ACE Member | \$30 |
| Guest | \$35 |

Registration Form - Lake Winnie Regional Add On Day - Saturday, June 16, 2012

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| Name: | | | Membership # or Guest of: | | |
| City: | State: | Email Address: | Meal Option: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | Event Fee: | |
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| City: | State: | Email Address: | Meal Option: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | Event Fee: | |

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Mail in registration must be post-marked by **Wednesday, June 6, 2012**
Last day for online registration is **Sunday, June 10, 2012**

Total Payment: \$

Send your completed order form & payment to:

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

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2012 CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES!



Photos courtesy of Carowinds



Photos courtesy of Dollywood



Saturday
June 23, 2012

Regional Add On Day!

Join ACE Southeast & Six Flags Over Georgia as we host a regional after party to end all after parties on Saturday, June 23.

With the festivities starting late in the afternoon, Coaster Con attendees have plenty of time to make their way from the Carolinas to the heart of Georgia for what is sure to be a memorable night. From an evening reception (with all the fixin's!) to the night time ERT on Gotham City's finest and their large, devilish friends just up the hill, this is one after party that you want your name on the list for!

| Event Prices | |
|--------------|------|
| ACE Member | \$20 |
| Guest | \$25 |

NOTE: All registered attendees will receive a one day admission ticket whether you have a season pass or not. These tickets are only valid the day of the event and cannot be used at a later date.

Schedule Summary

(all times Eastern)

Note: Event attendees that are attending Coaster Con may pick up their registration packet for this "Add On" event during the Coaster Con check-in. Please visit the ACE SE Hospitality Table to do so. Only those attendees that pick up their registration packets during this time will receive free parking. All others must pay the parking fee.

- 10:00a Six Flags Over Georgia opens to the public. All registration packets not picked up during Coaster Con check-in will be available at Will Call. Those attendees who do not already have their registration packet must pay a parking fee - \$16/regular, \$20/premium.
- 7:00p - 7:45p Behind the scenes walking tour for all attendees.
- 8:00p Evening reception at the Crystal Pistol. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda & water provided. Remarks from Park President with a Q&A session to follow.
- 9:00p Six Flags Over Georgia closes to the public.
- 9:15p - 10:00p ERT on Mindbender and Batman: The Ride.
- 9:30p - 10:30p ERT on Goliath & Dare Devil Dive.
- 10:30p Event attendees exit through the front gate.

Registration Form - Six Flags Over Georgia Regional Add On Day - Saturday, June 22, 2012

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| Name: | | | Membership # or Guest of: | | |
| City: | State: | Email Address: | | Event Fee: | |
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| City: | State: | Email Address: | | Event Fee: | |

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Last day for online registration is **Sunday, June 10, 2012**

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**Saturday
June 16, 2012**

It's time again for the only ACE regional event that requires a signed waiver as the Southeast Region takes on the challenge of America's most popular whitewater rafting river, the Ocoee, home

to the 1996 Olympics, with more than 200,000 rafters braving the rapids each year.

The Middle Ocoee explodes into five miles of almost continuous whitewater, with over 20 Class III and IV rapids. From the Class IV Grumpy Rapid at the start, to the grand finale Hell's Hole, the Ocoee guarantees a memorable whitewater adventure. And your fee also includes photos of the trip.

Our outfitter will be *Ocoee Outdoors*, one of the best in the area and they know how to get the most out of the river.

ACE Southeast Rafts the Ocoee River

(all times Eastern)

- 1:30 PM Attendees at Lake Winnie should leave after lunch Using I-75 north to Exit 20, Cleveland TN then follow the signs on the 64 bypass to take US 64 / 74 East to the Ocoee River (approximately 1 hour travel time)
- 2:30 PM Check in at Ocoee Outdoors and turn in waivers. Their address is 1985 Old Copper Road (US 64 / 74) - Benton, TN 37307. See www.ocoeeoutdoors.com for full instructions & directions
- 3:00 PM Raft instruction and leave on the bus for the river. Each raft holds a maximum of six persons + guide.
- 6:00 PM Approximate time for return. View photos which will be available for later download from www.acesoutheast.org

Ocoee Zipz

SPECIAL! Add a zip line adventure from *Ocoee Zips* for only **\$39+tax** the morning of or the day after rafting! Across the street from *Ocoee Outdoors* headquarters with seven spectacular zip lines, over 6,000 feet of adrenaline-pumping fun and zip line trips lasting over two hours! For more information and to reserve go to OcoeeZipz.com. For "morning of" zip trips contact RUlrich@ACEonline.org to get this discount.

| Event Pricing | |
|---|------|
| ACE Members & Guest | \$50 |
| The raft trip includes all rafting equipment (raft, paddle, helmet, life vest), photos, bus transportation to and from the river from Ocoee Outdoor's headquarters and a professional guide in each raft. All rafters must be 12 years of age or older and sign a release/waiver for both the American Coaster Enthusiasts and Ocoee Outdoors (both downloaded from www.acesoutheast.org). | |

What to expect, even if you've never been rafting before: the Ocoee is a great river for everyone from the beginner to the experienced whitewater rafter. With its nonstop action (like a rollercoaster on the water) there is never a dull moment during the day. You will be out in nature enjoying all that it has to offer. You will be trained to have a safe trip, and your guide will lead you to enjoy the best of the river. You should wear either a bathing suit or shorts and a t-shirt, preferably synthetic as cotton tends to hold water which keeps you wet and clammy. Tennis shoes or sport sandals (no flip-flops) must be worn. Don't forget the sunscreen - particularly if you are fair skinned. The water reflects and enhances the chance of sunburn. If you choose to wear prescription or sunglasses use a string or "Chums" to hold them in place. Be certain to bring a change of clothes and a towel (there are showers). At the outpost you will be able to enjoy the photos taken along the way, which are included in the price of the trip.

Registration Form - ACE Southeast Rafts the Ocoee River - Saturday, June 16, 2012

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| Name: | | | Membership # or Guest of: | |
| City: | State: | Email Address: | | Event Fee: |
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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 **Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

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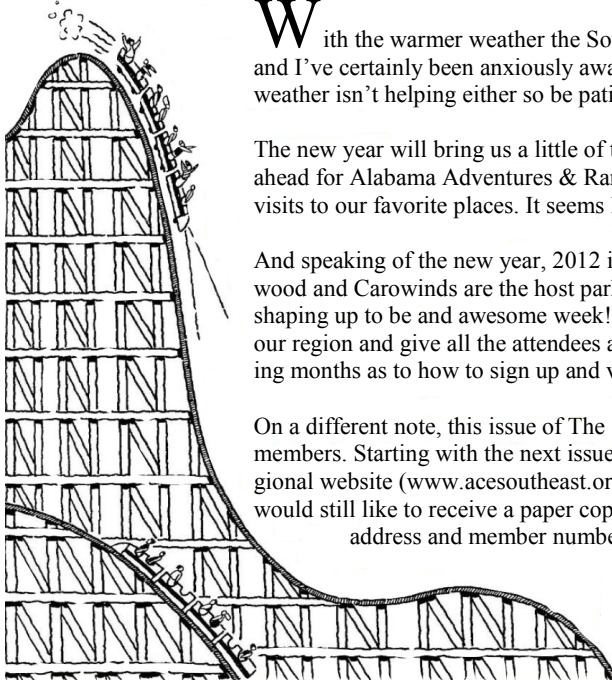
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To register for this event, complete this form and mail it in along with the two event waivers (available at our website). Make check payable to ROBERT ULRICH. Personal checks & money orders only. Sorry, there is no online registration available for this event.

Rafting trips go rain or shine - your registration is a non-refundable fee and all registrations are final. Participants must be age 12 or older to raft the Ocoee River. Your rafting fee includes all rafting equipment (raft, paddle, helmet, personal flotation device), transportation to and from the river, and a professional guide in each raft, along with downloadable photos after the trip. 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. Signed waivers issued by the American Coaster Enthusiasts and Ocoee Outdoors are required to participate in this activity.



The Brake Run



With the warmer weather the South has been experiencing lately, you would think Spring was already here, and I've certainly been anxiously awaiting the opening of our regional parks for their 2012 season. The warmer weather isn't helping either so be patient friends, the countdown to opening day has begun!

The new year will bring us a little of the good with Wild Eagle and Windseeker, the bad with the uncertain times ahead for Alabama Adventures & Rampage and the ugly with the constant threat of rising gas prices hindering visits to our favorite places. It seems like 2012 is going to be another crazy year.

And speaking of the new year, 2012 is also our turn to host the National Coaster Con ACE Event in June. Dollywood and Carowinds are the host parks, and we've got three other regional add-on days to bookend what is shaping up to be an awesome week! We'll be looking for "Regional Ambassadors" to help show off the best of our region and give all the attendees a true dose of Southern Hospitality. Look for more information in the coming months as to how to sign up and volunteer your time.

On a different note, this issue of The Southern Scream will be the last one that is printed on paper and mailed to members. Starting with the next issue, the newsletter will be available online for download only from our regional website (www.acesoutheast.org). For those of you who still cherish those paper copies, don't fret. If you would still like to receive a paper copy, just send an email to me at jherrington@aceonline.org with your name, address and member number, and I'll add you to a list of people still wanting paper copies.

I hope everyone has a great 2012, and I look forward to seeing everyone at any (or all!) of the great events that we've got lined up for our region. This is going to be the best year yet!

Josh

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