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WELCOME DOMINATOR

Kings Dominion has welcomed the arrival of *Dominator*, a B&M floorless coaster, to its parking lot where it will be constructed on International Street behind the Scooby Doo Ghoster Coaster and the *Berserker*. *Dominator* will be the 14th roller coaster at Kings Dominion! *Dominator* is the world's longest floorless roller coaster and contains the world's largest loop.

Dominator offers a 148' drop at 65 mph and has 5 inversions. This will be the largest drop of any coaster at Kings Dominion.

Dominator has been relocated from Geauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom in Aurora, OH near Cleveland (also a Cedar Fair property). In its move we had all hoped for a new exciting name, but that will not be due to a licensing concern with the new name according to Ed Kuhlmann, Director of Sales and Marketing for KD. Even without a new name, this is the perfect addition to the coaster line-up at Kings Dominion and with its new colors – nothing could be more striking when you pull into the parking lot next year!

Dominator will have a fast moving line and a fantastic ride!

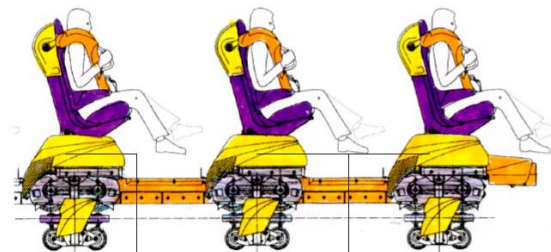
With a floorless B&M added to their superb collection that includes

Volcano, which is the world's only coaster that launches riders vertical from the top of a volcano, *Avalanche*, the only operating bobsled coaster of its type in the US, *Hypersonic*, the world's first air-launch coaster, and three great wooden coasters too Kings Dominion is the place to visit in 2008.

Track for *Dominator* in KD's parking lot.



Same Name – New Colors
Dominator's New Colors





Griffon - #400 for Brian Lydy of Indiana



ACEr or Employee? Both!
What could be better than an
Alpengeist ERT with an ACE member
John Turner at the controls.

“There’s no better way to spend a morning” By Danny Barnes

This was a sentiment echoed over and over during ACE Dives! on a beautiful Friday morning in early September. Of course, ERT on *Griffon* is itself reason enough to get out of bed early, but add *Alpengeist* (with ACEr John Turner at the controls!) and you’ve got yourself a cure for caffeine addiction. Who needs Starbucks when you have both of Virginia’s big blue B&M beauties all to yourself? Scheduling the event during the one weekend between Labor Day and the start of Howl-O-Scream meant near-ERT conditions all day on all rides, even *Griffon*!

ACE members (79 in fact) attended from 13 states including UT, TX, and NV. The event was significant in that it was the first ACE-sponsored event at Busch Gardens Europe since Coaster Con XXVI in 2003. Especially after the success of *Griffon* Media Day in May, we were anxious to return to Williamsburg, and Busch Gardens was excited to have us back. ACE Dives! was the first of what we hope will become an annual event. And with a cloudless 85° day we couldn’t have asked for a better day to mark our return to the World’s Most Beautiful Theme Park.

At lunch in the Black Forest picnic area, we got to pick the brain of BGE’s director of communications, Cindy Sarko. While she did field some good questions about *Griffon* and the park in general, the Q&A session started out on an odd note when a couple of ACErs were more interested in the railroad-crossing-style gates on Interstate 64. But before the discussion could veer off into a VDOT press conference, Ms. Sarko quickly steered the questions back to *Griffon*.

Of course, there was plenty to do during the day including the trivia contest, which was part scavenger hunt and part history lesson. Most attendees remembered *Glissade* and *Die Wildkatze* (Wildcat) but how many of you remember that Busch Gardens had a kiddie coaster from 1976-1984 called *Das Kätzchen* (Kitten)? During lunch we all got a snack voucher and a Game Pass good for free plays in the Oktoberfest games area, and later in the day prizes were awarded to the people who got the most trivia questions correct – Brandon Loudin, Ben Burnett, and Vicki Chaffee.



Courtesy of Vanessa Thomas



**ACE members gathered for a group photo at the 1st ACE Dives at Busch Gardens Europe
79 attendees from 13 states!!!**

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS

Virginia

James, Mary, and Alicia Baker of South Riding
Christopher Barnett of Virginia Beach
Megan Burnett of Newport News
Robert, Michelle, Carter, and Sydney Louthian of Great Falls

Maryland

Phillip Carson Jr. of Chevy Chase
Eli Davidson of Kensington
Andy Doyle of Catonsville
Bill, Kathy, Tommy, and Delia Lynch of Catonsville
Steven Nichols of Gaithersburg
Brian Swann of Severn

Delaware

Kenn, Anthony, and Nick Matthews of Felton



An Evening with Go-Karts Plus

After a full day at Busch Gardens Europe, about 20 ACE members headed 20 minutes north for a very different experience. Go-Karts Plus in Williamsburg, VA premiered a recently relocated the Python Pit roller coaster to its small amusement park. We all came to ride and enjoy the evening visiting with owner Robert Miller!

Go-Karts Plus offered ACE members a free ride on the kiddie coaster or a very generous discount on their 2-hour ride wristband. We had a blast whether we just rode the coaster or enjoyed the go-karts, kiddie rides, disk-o, or bumper cars.

What a great evening to wrap up two events in the Mid-Atlantic in one day! We look forward to returning next year. Thank you to everyone at Go-Karts Plus for treating us to a delightful evening.

VOLUNTEERS I NEED YOU!!!!

If you want to volunteer in the region contact me! I have lots of ideas to implement, but need help to do it. Do you have an idea? I will get you started to do it!!!
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Shattering Apollo's Chariot's One-Day Record at Busch Gardens Europe! By John Allen

Friday morning, September 21, 2007, started out cloudy and overcast. Before Busch Gardens Europe (BGE) employees dropped the chains to the Italy section at 10:30 AM, where Apollo's Chariot reins, an ACE member from San Jose and David, an enthusiast from New Orleans, joined MACC & ACE members John Allen (Midlothian, VA) & Jim Harris (Virginia Beach) who were already waiting for the opening of Apollo's Chariot. It was Jim's 56th birthday and he wanted to break his 2005 record (of 103 rides) by riding twice the number of his age, or 112 rides on a single day

Jim's friend, John Allen, who'd introduced Jim to MACC and ACE in 1999, decided that he'd also break Jim's prior record with 104 rides that day, just to keep Jim on his toes. Although John Allen said from the start that he would visit the Soaring Eagles walking club in Ireland that morning, Jim knew that John would be back to break his prior park record of 103 on Apollo, and John would ensure that Jim stuck it out for the entire 11.5 hours!

After the chain dropped, John Allen and the San Jose ACE member walked at a fast pace boarding the front row on the first train out that morning, on an otherwise empty train. Jim and David lagged behind just a little, while talking, never imagining that they'd miss that first train and be relegated to the second of two trains that day. After the first 10 rides, the San

Jose ACE member left for Northern Virginia for his flight home, and John walked to Ireland for Soaring Eagles. In the meantime, Jim and David finished out the first hour before David moved on to enjoy other aspects of the park. When John Allen returned after 30 minutes, Jim had a 5 ride lead. That difference held until Jim's second pit stop, which brought the difference down to 3 throughout the afternoon. Later, it picked back up to 5 as their pit stops evened out, and Jim gained another when one train they had ridden together had only 1 spare seat and John deferred to the leader.

The weather remained overcast and cloudy. Jim and John noticed light attendance throughout that Friday, until almost dark, based upon the parking lot. At one point, even Danny Biggerstaff, whose wedding had taken place on Apollo's Chariot, showed up for a ride – Danny acknowledged that it was his first ride that day. The ride operators announced the 100th ride and almost every ten thereafter.

Around dark, park attendance & the number of riders significantly increased for the Halloween activities. When circling around back into the queue, the crowds were generally light enough that they'd make the next train or at least the second train after the one they'd been riding. Because restrooms were so far away, those stops generally took them one or two cycles of trains.

The weather was so ideal that the demands for food, water, and pit stops were minimal. Jim and John had some water and some snacks throughout their 11.5 hours of riding, finished the day feeling great, and even deferred one train near the end in order to ensure riding the last two rides on the last train out that evening at around 10:05 PM. Even David returned to finish out the last hour on Apollo's Chariot, and to ride more in the front row.

When all was said and done, John Allen had doubled their ACE friend, Cowboy Bill Greene's age of 71, with 142 rides that day. Jim Harris had set a new, probably unbeatable record of 148 rides in a single day on Apollo's Chariot -- giving Bill some room to "grow on," too!!!



Photo courtesy of Jim Harris.

John and Jim on their 148th ride.

Both Jim and John have ridden around 100 coasters each in 2007 that they'd never seen before 2007. John has ridden over 406 coasters since 2003 that he'd never ridden previously.

A Frighitingly Cool October Morning

Mad mazes. Flights of fear. Grizzly takeovers. And one “temporarily dormant” volcano. It can only mean one thing... ACE Fall Thrillfest at Kings Dominion.

On an October morning in Doswell, 108 ACers assembled for ERT on *Volcano: The Blast Coaster* and *Flight of Fear*. And we proceeded to break *Volcano* early in the ERT session. Okay, so we didn't actually *break* it. It may have been warm most of the day but it did start off chilly, and the LIMs were having trouble getting a full train up to speed and shooting it out the top of the mountain. Luckily, we had *Flight of Fear* to keep us busy while *Volcano* was reset. But there would be no back-seat rides on *Volcano* until the sun came out and nudged the temperature up to the mid 70s.

After ERT was the squirt-gun tournament, where the lucky number seemed to be 7. Player #7 won most of the rounds, with player #10 winning whatever few rounds #7 didn't win. The tournament winners were Sam Marks and Charles Mann.

And what Kings Dominion event would be complete without the *Scooby Doo and the Haunted Mansion* shootout? There were some seriously stratospheric scores... some of you have been practicing! The best ghost-hunters in the group were Evangelos Ringas, Ron Jiu, and Mike Worley.

During lunch, we learned about the clearance tent at the front of the park. Everything Paramount has got to go! Cheap! \$20 per bag, stuff as much as you can in it. *Volcano* snow globes, Dora the Explorer backpacks, Scooby Doo basketball sets, *Italian Job Turbo Coaster* coffee mugs, it was a feeding frenzy! Several of us got our Christmas shopping started, and all of our friends are getting Paramount stuff. Don't you think Grandma will love that *Tomb Raider: Firefall* hat?

After ransacking the clearance tent it was time to take over *Grizzly*. In an attempt to get a train full of ACers we made a beeline to the woodie and found the longest lines *Grizzly* had seen all day, and only one train running. We were mostly successful in filling the train with ACers but it actually took several trains before everyone not waiting for the front seat had ridden, and none of those trains were exclusively ACers, but we came close. If you haven't ridden *Grizzly* since the track rehab, you're missing out... this 1982 classic is running great!

Our *Grizzly* fix satisfied, it was time for Exclusive Scare Time at the *Maze of Madness*. We did a headcount at the exit, and everyone did manage to escape the asylum, no thanks to yours truly... this is why I should never be first in the “conga line” going through a maze: I got my group lost. Fortunately the bloody nurse found us and corralled us in the right direction. Or did she...?

As the evening wound down, we left the park with evil eyes staring at us from atop the Eiffel Tower, daring us to come back next year. Fall Thrillfest 2008 will be held on October 11, 2008!!!!



Bob Ziems and Shannon Somerville are ready to blast off.



Robert Cagungan on *Volcano*



John Allen and David Rager catch a ride on *Flight of Fear*.



Enjoying our XLC exit passes!

KD regional event drew 108 attendees from 16 different states!



ACEs gather in front of the Eiffel Tower at Kings Dominion on a very sunny October day.

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Did you know our national website changed?
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Visit www.acemidatlantic.com for winter updates, events, and photos from our region.

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Add it to your address book, so you don't miss one!

ACERS, ACERS EVERYWHERE!!!



THE GAMES



Charles Mann



Sam Marks



Sonia Tunstall



The On-Lookers are ready to play



And the Winners:



Mike Worley



Kim Simone



Sam Marks



Courtesy of Dan Biggerstaff

Dan Biggerstaff had to walk down Loch Ness Monster at Busch Gardens Europe. Nessie just didn't want to finish the ride. Dan and Jan Biggerstaff celebrated their 7th anniversary at BGE on October 27. They were married on Apollo's Chariot by none other than ACE member the Rev. Cliff Herring.

IS IT TIME TO RENEW?

Don't let your membership
run out!

If it is time to renew, please renew quickly, so that you don't miss out on the Rebel Yell and other ACE publications and all the quick email updates and fun stuff ACE has going on. If you have lost your renewal notice, no fear, go to americancoasterenthusiasts.com and renew online or use the downloadable renewal form. If you cannot access the form, please drop me an email.

My summer working at Busch Gardens

by Evangelos Ringas

I always had many friends during high school (Denbigh High in Newport News) who worked at Busch Gardens (20 minute drive away). For me, my high school summers were filled with academic endeavors (Music and arts camp, Boys State, Governor's school), and only a little time for earning cash on the side. I accomplished that through some lawn mowing and occasionally bussing tables at Nick's Spaghetti & Steakhouse in Gloucester point. Even during college, I didn't ever expect to end up working at an amusement park one summer. But after my sophomore year at Duke, an internship position I was supposed to take on at CEBAF (currently called Jefferson Lab) in Newport News fell through at the last minute. My brother-in-law, who worked at Busch Gardens at the time, said, "Why don't you come get a job at Busch doing grounds work or greenhouse work? It pays better than the rider operators, and has decent hours." I decided that I needed to start working soon, so I went to the Busch Gardens employment office, dressed in a jacket and tie, resume in hand.

I remember the interview being pretty short. I also remember telling the lady who interviewed me "that I wanted the highest paying job you can give me – I'll figure it out and do it well." So that afternoon I received a phone call telling me to show up the next morning to pick up my 'cast attire'. I was told that they needed me in the Food Service warehouse. "The food service warehouse?" I remember thinking – "what is that?". I asked about the schedule, and she said 7-3:30, rotating 2 different days off each week. That sounded ok to me. So the next morning I went to work.

I have to admit it was very difficult at first getting up in time (by 6:15AM) to be at work at 7. (Making my 9:10AM class back at Duke was sometimes difficult). But soon, it would become routine. My job was to work with a team that received daily shipments of food items to the park (frozen French fries, strawberries, milk, soda, chicken, ribs, etc.), pull together the orders from each of the 2 dozen eating establishments in the park, and deliver the items. I didn't learn to drive a fork truck, but I regularly used a hand pallet jack, the 'electronic hog' and the "big Joe". Each afternoon, we would pull the orders and accept deliveries. The fun part was making the deliveries each morning to the park eateries before the park opened (between 7 and 10:30). We would set off in teams of 2 to the various areas. Unless we were headed to Italy (when we would drive the "Big Truck"), each of the other 3 teams had a pickup truck with extended sides that we loaded the supplies into. We then headed out into the park. It was pretty cool to drive around the paths that everybody else walks on all day long. For those places that we couldn't get right up to with the truck, we used hand trucks. There was definitely a sense of moving swiftly. Because if you didn't get things done before park opened, you would be using the hand truck a lot more, which really put toil on your muscles.

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Working in the Park – continued from page 10



Courtesy of Ken Moore

What is an enthusiasts to do?
Ken Moore is devastated!



Evangelos Ringas rode his 300th Coaster, the Starliner, at Cypress Gardens in Winterhaven, FL. He has ridden 264 new coasters since joining ACE in 1999. He had only ridden 37 before joining!

Occasionally, we would get emergency orders for the afternoon. Who knew that one day everybody would decide to eat strawberries?? Or that attendance would be a record and there would be a run on ketchup??

Let me tell you about some bleeps and blunders I made while on the job. First, I learned quickly that backing up a truck with a full load blocking your view requires patience and a little guiding help. I was delivering a load of many boxes of frozen pretzels to the eatery in the area that used to be called Hastings (now Ireland). Of course, we try to get as close to the door of the restaurants as we can with our trucks. So I was backing up, backing up, and I hear a... crunch, smack, plop^@##. I had backed right into a fan that was hanging overheard from the roof of the seating area I as backing through. And the fan was running at the time..Oops!

The park went through a lot of strawberries. A lot! One day, the park ended up short an entire pallet full of strawberry flats. Yes, I underestimated the tendency of strawberries stacked 6 feet high to sway side to side when moving them... plop. Besides a little bit of a mess, the majority of the strawberries were intact, and in my mind, still fit to deliver into the park. But, you'll be glad to know, that my supervisor stuck with the policy that anything that 'fell down to the ground' could not be used. So we were to throw all those delicious strawberries away. What a shame... so another guy and I bagged a few to take home ourselves.

Have you ever wondered what spilling several crates of milk cartons would look like? After that summer, I no longer had that thought. Again, it was the swaying that got me. I quickly got better at realizing when and how to take a moment to 'plastic wrap' a pallet load tightly.

I wasn't the only one that had blunders, but my boss liked my hard working attitude and my mistakes were overlooked. My days always went by fast. I also often got 'free meals' from the eatery staff for making their deliveries quickly and accurately. It was definitely a fun summer job that kept me in shape, gave me some steady cash, and allowed me to enjoy my summer.

LATE NEWS: NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT BGE

"Backseat" Bill Galvin spent his October 13 birthday riding his favorite roller coaster – The Phoenix at Knoebels Amusement Park and Resort in Elysburg, PA.

Donnie Mills, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Busch Gardens Europe and Watercountry USA will be the new Executive Vice President and General Manager of Busch Gardens Africa and Adventure Island in Tampa, FL. This move is to fill vacancies created by other corporate promotions. Mr. Mills replacement will be announced next week. We look forward to seeing the progress of Busch Ent. Corp.

A FRIGHTFUL TRIP SOUTH By Stephen Gray

It is a cool Florida evening and you find your self in a very familiar place, but things are far from normal. Every year during October Universal Studios in Orlando Florida undergoes a dramatic transformation from day to night for some very unruly guests. These ghosts, goblins and chain saw wielding maniacs come out to play for Halloween Horror Nights 17: The Carnival of Carnage

This year I finally got a chance to attend Halloween Horror Nights after reading about it for so many years from both coaster fans and other amusement park enthusiasts. It is an event that you should not miss. I highly recommend that young kids enjoy the park during the day and not attend the nightly festivities. The few kids that I did see in the park during the night were mostly crying from fear.

This year marked a huge step for the designers of HHN. A landmark agreement was made with New Line Cinema to bring its most famous horror icons to life so that guests could face them in real life. Freddy, Jason & Leather Face were all on hand to make sure that people like me were scared out of our minds. They did not disappoint.

Jack made his return this year to a wide round of applause. He was the featured character at last years sweet 16 event and also the lead character in years past, but this year he has full creative control and he went crazy.

He created 8 new houses and 4 shows for our entertainment. The usual scare zones were gone, but they gave way to the Carnival of Carnage which was just as good. The transition of the park from day to night was amazing. During the day you can stroll the avenues of Universal Studios and think it is just your regular park. As night falls the park is cleared of people and the transformation begins. Smoke fills almost every area of the park and the ghouls come out. Lights are changed to being eerie effects to life. Roving bands of chainsaw men roam the midways scaring innocent people. Mad men on carousel horses scream into people scaring them half out of their minds.

The icon houses of Freddy, Jason and Leather Face were really good and had many scenes right out of the movies you could easily recognize. The sets and lighting really made you feel like you were in the movies. Mary Shaw even had her own house. Dead Silence: The Curse of Mary Shaw was an exact replica from the movie, right down to the dolls. It was a little creepy to enter the room where every doll followed your move with their eyes. Universal did not forget about Christmas either, because you had a haunted house based on Christmas. It was a lot of fun to have psychos from the local insane asylum offer you fresh baked Christmas cookies.



Courtesy of Stephen Gray
Stephen Gray, Popeye, and his Dad



Courtesy of Stephen Gray
Jack at Universal Studios

If you have a chance to go to Halloween Horror Nights it is something you should not miss. I really do recommend that you leave your kids at home for this unless they are a little older. It is way too intense for kids to handle. I am eagerly looking forward to next year's event with much anticipation. You can see all the information for the event on halloweenhorrornights.com including houses and shows that were performed.

After moving to Virginia earlier this year, our family finally visited Busch Gardens Europe for the first time on the last two operating days of 2007. The park was one of the best landscaped parks we've seen, and the Halloween decorations were all high quality. The standard circular layout with small twisted pathways make the park seem much larger than it is. My daughter enjoyed exploring all of the different shops tucked into the different countries. Howl-O-Scream was going on at the park, but we were focused on coasters. We made it onto 4 of the 5 coasters (sorry, Nessie! We'll have to try *Loch Ness* next time). BG doesn't have many coasters compared to some parks, but it certainly has quality. All four that we rode are contenders for first in their category in my all-time lists. Our first coaster on Saturday night was *Apollo's Chariot* in the dark. Wow! Lots of quality air-time with less crushing G-force on the helix than any other hyper that I recall. We went back and rode twice Sunday morning to confirm our high opinion and to enjoy it again. Amazing at night, terrific during the day.

Next we boarded *Alpengeist*. It has to be the fastest inverted coaster we have ever ridden. The speed at which we flew through the loops and other elements was breathtaking. We returned to it Sunday morning and pummeled down the slopes again. My son,

THE FIRST TIME By Stephen Peeples

Jordan declared it immediately after his first ride as "the best inverted coaster ever". I'm close to agreeing. The use of the snow-covered mountain theme and the low ground-hugging elements are just a bonus to an already great ride.



Photos courtesy of Stephen Peeples

Sunday morning we were there at rope-drop to run (or walk briskly) to *Griffon*. We all enjoyed our first ride on a floorless coaster. We were in the 3rd row in seats 2-5 from the right side. The line was already pretty long by the time we exited, so we chose not to repeat, but it was a great way to start the cold day. I like to have multiple rides before I pass too much judgment. However, my first impression is that floorless coasters, certainly not this one, will not supplant hypers as my favorite type of coasters.

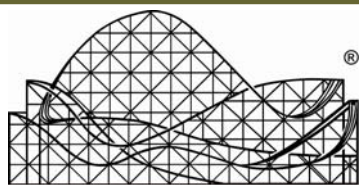
The last coaster we tried was *Big Bad Wolf*. I've loved the idea of a suspended coaster forever, but I was a little disappointed when I finally rode my first at Cedar Point. However, I am back in love with the idea after BBW. It's

not my favorite coaster there, but it is a unique ride that is not to be missed. The theming, which is difficult to see as you fly past, is very detailed. The final hill, which dives down to the river, keeps the excitement up till the very end.

We also rode *Curse of DarkKastle* twice and *Corkscrew Hill* once. We all enjoyed these animated 3-D rides. Kathy in particular thought that *DarkKastle* rivaled *Spiderman* at Universal Orlando. We rode the train during the day and the "Pumpkin Express" version. Unfortunately, Saturday was packed and Sunday was much worse when we headed home at 3. I would've thought Saturday would have been busier, but the last-day Sunday crowd was huge. There were cars sitting all the way to the interstate waiting to get into the full parking lots, including the auxiliary lots..

In summary, here is my favorite order: *Apollo's Chariot*, *Alpengeist*, *Griffon*, *Big Bad Wolf*. We enjoyed all four and can't wait for a quiet summer weekday so that we can try to get our fill of each of them.





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From the Backseat...

As another fantastic coaster year comes sadly to a close, I am so pleased by what this region accomplished this year and love what we have in store for 2008. Thank you to everyone who completed our regional survey – what fantastic ideas you had! Some of them are already in the planning stages for next year! If you have not completed the 5 minute survey yet, please do so quickly, so I can implement your feedback and ideas – visit www.acemidatlantic.org and click on ACE Survey. I want every member in the region to complete it!

I hope you all enjoyed a visit with fellow ACErs at our end of the season WAVE (informal meeting time at the park) and all of the events for the year.

As we continue to plan events and arrange special things with the parks, I want to reiterate that at each event, we are special guests of the park and need to exhibit our best behavior. As the new year brings the potential of media events, I want to remind everyone that a media day or other special filming is not an ERT and should not be expected to resemble one – you are there to assist the park in their success. If you have questions, please feel free to email me directly and visit www.acemidatlantic.org to view the guidelines for participating in a media event or

www.americancoasterenthusiasts.com/conduct to view the ACE code of conduct.

Thank you to everyone to has submitted articles and photos for publication and volunteered to help out in the organization for events. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with anything or have an idea that you want to do – please email me at eringas@aceonline.org and I will be more than happy to help you get started! I need volunteers to keep our region active.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! Watch your email for updates throughout the winter and another newsletter in the early spring/late winter. What are you doing over the winter – send me your story! I hope to see everyone at Planet Fun in Greenbelt, MD on February 24. Don't miss it – it's a kiddie size ton of fun!

-Elizabeth

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coaster Christmas Dec 1-2 Silver Dollar City Branson, MO

No Coaster Con January 19, 2008 Willowbrook, IL

Winterfest January 26, 2008 Texas

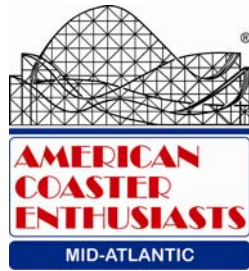
Eastcoaster February 2, 2008 Northampton, PA

Jeepers, It's Winter February 24, 2008 Planet Fun, Greenbelt, MD

Coasterbash XIX March 1, 2008 The Bradley House (Pittsburgh, PA)

Fall Thrillfest October 11, 2008 Kings Dominion, Doswell, VA

Wild One Roars. October 12, 2008 Six Flags America, Largo, MD



PRESENTS

JEEPERS: IT'S WINTER!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

Who says the Mid-Atlantic can't ride all year?
Join the region at our winter social/riding event at
Planet Fun in Greenbelt, MD!

Planet Fun is located at 6042 Greenbelt Rd Greenbelt, MD 20770 in the Beltway Plaza Mall.

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11:00 PLANET FUN OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

11:30 LUNCH AT BENNIGANS outside of Beltway Plaza Mall THERE WILL BE GIVEAWAYS!!!

2:00 MEET IN BIRTHDAY PARTY AREA OF PLANET FUN

8:00 PLANET FUN CLOSSES FOR THE EVENING

LUNCH IS TO BE PAID BY YOU AT THE RESTAURANT (DUTCH TREAT).

EVENT WILL INCLUDE 2 HOURS OF UNLIMITED RIDE TIME ON ALL RIDES
INCLUDING **THE HAUNTED ROLLER COASTER** AND 20 Jackpot Game Plays – Ball Blast

\$10 FOR ACE MEMBERS

\$13 FOR NON-ACE MEMBERS

The payment of registration fees by, for, or on behalf of participants releases and hold harmless the American Coaster Enthusiasts and its 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 responsible for the behavior of their guests.

NOTE: ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY – THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

YOU MUST REGISTER BY Thursday, FEBRUARY 15 TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT!

Name	City & State	Email address for registration confirmation	ACE # or 'Guest'	\$10 + \$3 for Guest
			TOTAL	

NO REFUNDS · NO EXCHANGES · NO RAIN CHECKS

To register, cut out or photocopy this form. Advance registrations must be post-marked by February 15, 2008. Personal checks **ONLY** please. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** You will receive an email confirmation; if you do not please contact me.

Make check payable to **Elizabeth Ringas** and send with a completed registration form to:

Elizabeth Ringas ACE Regional Representative 12024 Ivy Hollow Ct Glen Allen, VA 23059

Inclement weather, equipment problems, or other unforeseen circumstances may affect this schedule. However the park will endeavor to provide ride times and the rides listed. There is no on-site registration, so mark your calendar and send in your form today.