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Riders glide into the
station after one wild
and frightful ride.

THE BIG BAD WOLF'S LAST RIDE...

A coaster that joined the league in 1984, has served as a first coaster to many, and has brought a great ride to thousands of riders for 25 years took it's last trip on Labor Day.

It's something that, as coaster enthusiasts, we never want to think about. We read about it happening in other places, but it'll never happen here, right? Right??

On July 24, the unthinkable happened. The big announcement came. The ride that got many of us hooked on roller coasters in the first place, the first "big ride" for a sizable number of us in Generations X and Y; the Big Bad Wolf was being retired. The word quickly spread: get to Williamsburg as quickly as possible. There's only six more weeks to "Travel at the Speed of Fright".

For those six final weeks, the outpouring of nostalgia for this one-

of-a-kind roller coaster could be summed up by three words: full queue house. Not since the 1980s had the Wolf seen so many people wait in a line that long that many days in a row. While long lines for a roller coaster aren't all that unusual, the atmosphere in the Wolf queue was different than most. When waiting to ride Griffon or Apollo's Chariot, most people converse within their own group but not usually with the rest of the line. But the folks waiting to ride the Wolf all had something in common: they had come to say goodbye.

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Photo Courtesy of Danny Barnes

Getting Together

ACE members from all over the coast traveled down to Williamsburg to take one last trip on the Big Bad Wolf.

INTIMIDATOR



The Tallest, Fastest, Longest, Coaster in the Southeast!

In 2010 Carowinds will debut Intimidator. Themed to Dale Earnhardt, the Bolliger and Mabillard mega coaster will be 232 feet tall, 5,316 feet long, and will go in excess of 75 mph!

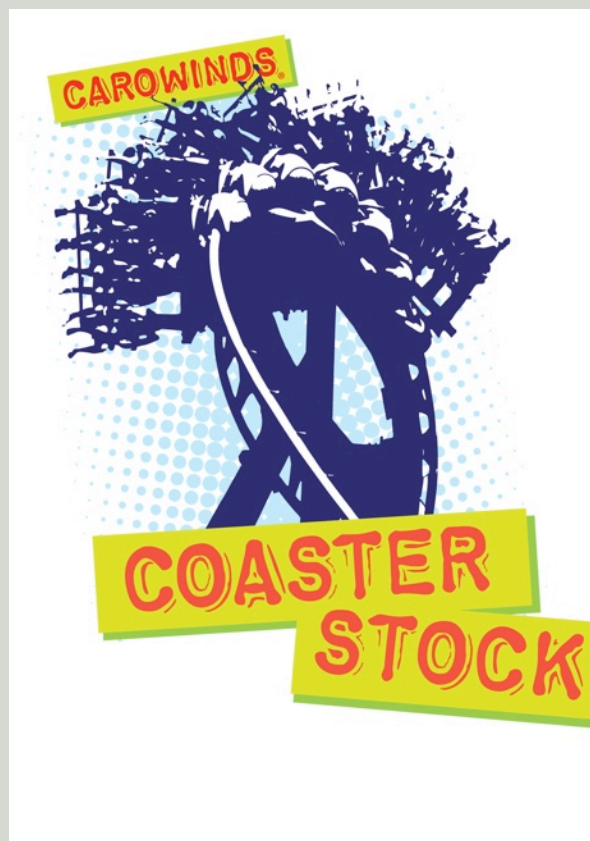
Coaster Stock 2009 at Carowinds was an amazing success. My brother, Mike, and I attended the inaugural marathon event, and look forward to next year already. The day started at 7am with ERT on the Geauga Lake transplant, Carolina Cobra. In my opinion, the best boomerang coaster operating. We continued on to the Phantom Flyers. I had no idea what I was about to witness. Coaster enthusiasts abandoned ERT for for some high flyin' like I've never seen before. It was a complete "snap"-fest. I learned how to snap that day, and look forward to the flyers at every park I visit now. The day continued on with Park Jeopardy, Q&A session,

behind the scenes tour, food, and prizes. The hot topic of the day was the soon-to-be-announced Intimidator. Several clues were given, about racing, and the number 3, which all make perfect sense now. The day

Carowinds' Coaster Stock, hosted by the park turned out as a smashing success for enthusiasts and the park!

continued on with more rides and more trivia, ending with ERT on Thunder Road and Afterburn. The event came to a close at midnight. That must have been the longest I have ever been at a park, 17 hours from start to finish. Dani

Swords, PR Director at Carowinds, and Kings Dominion transplant, is doing a great job. Bring on Coaster Stock 2010 with plenty of Intimidator ERT please!
-Brad Dutterer



Photos Courtesy of Carowinds

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And what a diverse group! People of all ages, from all over the place, even those who don't ride roller coasters, showed up. The common point in a lot of people's stories (many of which they shared with others in line) seemed to be that the Wolf was their first roller coaster, or their first "grown-up" ride. The key to this was the Wolf's 42" minimum height requirement. That's just 3 ½ feet... a height most kids have reached by age 6, and a requirement a taller-than-average 4-year-old can meet. That's why, for so many of us, the Big Bad Wolf was our introduction to roller coasters and the happiness they provide. So even for non-coaster enthusiasts, the closing of the Wolf was something to be acknowledged, a reason to drive to Williamsburg and re-live a part of their childhood before it slipped away forever.

For ACERs, and particularly those of us who grew up in Virginia, it was far more than that. We had lost rides before: the Rocket at Ocean View, Drachen Fire and Hypersonic XLC, among others. But this one was different. Because there has never been, nor will there ever be, another ride quite like the Big Bad Wolf. As we watched more aggressive rides close after just a few years, the Wolf stood the test of time. Ten years passed, then 20, and we just knew that after 25 years the Wolf was here to stay. The Loch Ness Monster had just celebrated 30 years, and it was still going strong. So why would we have any reason to believe the same wasn't true for Nessie's younger sibling over in Oktoberfest?

During those final six weeks, the Wolf and its crew did their best to handle the long lines, and for the most part the line moved quickly. But the increased load took its toll, and it became clear why the park had made the decision to retire the ride. The Wolf was tired. During the final week of

operation, train 3 gave up and bowed out early, unable to make it to the finish line. But the Wolf ran on, unwilling to disappoint its fans during its final days.

And so on Labor Day, ACERs from all over came to see the Wolf off, wish him well and thank him for 25 years of screams, laughter, and great rides. The weather threatened to turn sour all day, and it did start raining several times. But as 7pm neared and the operating day came to a close, the sun set and the clouds stepped aside briefly as the last public riders made their way through the line. After park closing, everyone waiting for the front or back seat was allowed to stay in that line, so the last dozen or so trains went out with only two or four riders, and it was well after 8pm before the line emptied.

Earlier in the week, Busch Gardens had put up 24 of the last 28 seats for auction, to benefit the Sea World & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund. In honor of the Wolf, the \$2500 raised went to support the Mexican Grey Wolf, an endangered species. Also on board the last train was the very first rider on opening day way back in 1984. On that day, when the Wolf opened to the public, John Stout was the first in line and rode in the front row of the first public train. Twenty-five years later, Stout joined us for the very last train. When the time came, we were initially gathered at the QuickQueue/wheelchair entrance. But park officials decided that the last riders should go through the turnstile one last time, so we moved to the main entrance. After a few words from Busch Gardens' General Manager John Reilly, we were sent one-by-one through the entrance and the turnstile, and chose our seats. As I had hoped, I was able to ride in my favorite seat on the Wolf: left front seat of the last car. After everyone was in their selected row, the gates opened and we boarded for the last time. One last check of the harnesses.

One last "Are you ready to ride?" One last release of the brakes. Our final ride had begun, and it was as the Big Bad Wolf was meant to be ridden: in the dark.

Cheering as we left the station, by the time we reached the lift chain our cheers had turned to howling... and for some, tears. Up the chain we went, and before we knew it the Wolf was carrying us through the Bavarian village one last time, skimming past the locked doors and boarded-up windows as the villagers hid from the menace. Just outside the village, the Wolf chases his tail and then pauses for a bit, sniffing the air and deciding where to go next. Up the second lift we go, higher and higher, and we all started chanting "Wolf! Wolf! Wolf!" (This was the point where I lost it... I couldn't hold back the tears any longer.) Finally, we were at the top, the beginning of the end, the Wolf's big finish. Diving toward the Rhine River, the Wolf struggles to hold onto his prey as he skims the river and darts through the woods, up the hill and around the curve towards his den. He is home, and our ride has come to a full and complete stop. The Big Bad Wolf is at rest.

-Danny Barnes

A Season of Milestones

This past summer, Shannon Somerville of Chaptico, MD, rode her 300th roller coaster. Evil Knievel at Six Flags St. Louis in Eureka MO on July 16th 2009.

Also during the first two weeks of August, her boyfriend (and fellow ACER) Bob Ziems of Falls Church, VA, reached a couple milestones himself. He recently got his 700th credit, Big Timber Log Ride at Enchanted Forrest in Turner, OR. He also visited his 200th park, Silverwood in Athol, ID. Congratulations to both of them for reaching their milestones!

-Shannon Somerville



Photos Courtesy of
Shannon Somerville


From The Backseat

Wow, what a year! We have seen so many changes both good and bad in our region. I am very excited about the future of Busch Gardens, even if it is without the Big Bad Wolf, but I see great things to come for the park. I can only wonder and imagine what next year will hold! I am most excited about all the new volunteers in our region and increasing our ability to do even more! Volunteers are what makes our region what it is - a huge thank you goes out to

Thanks to
everyone for a
great summer!

everyone who has given their time this year from organizing events, writing articles for the newsletter or assisting with event registration! Enjoy your winter and don't miss our first regional auction in February at Kings Dominion featuring pieces from around the region including the front train cover of Superman from Six Flags America! See you there!

-Elizabeth

UPCOMING DATES	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
	27-Christmas Town at Busch Gardens Begins	27-Christmas Town at Busch Gardens Ends	No events planned. Stay Tuned for information about future events!	20-Jeepers it's Winter: Kings Dominion Construction tour and Auction

Blackstone Acquires Busch Entertainment Corporation

After many months of speculation, on October 7, 2009, the word was officially released about Blackstone's intent to purchase Busch Entertainment Corporation, for the price tag of 2.7 billion.

The sale of three SeaWorld parks, two Busch Gardens parks and five others is the largest of a string of AB InBev selloffs to help pay for the \$52 billion takeover deal that formed it last year.

AB InBev's Busch Entertainment Corporation is the second-largest theme park operator in the United States after Disney and attracts some 25 million visitors every year.

It was well known in the enthusiast community that AB InBev felt that the theme parks were "not a core business" for the maker of the one of the world's best-selling beer Budweiser and that the sale was an important milestone in their commitment to de-leverage the company.

This sale is definitely good news among BEC employees and Enthusiasts alike. This sale has the potential to put the fate of the parks back in their rightful hands. BEC throughout the years has always been in tuned with the needs of their parks, and with Blackstone backing them, it potentially guarantees this.

Blackstone will pay \$2.3 billion in cash and give AB InBev the right to participate in Blackstone's return on its initial investment, an amount that is capped at \$400 million. This will aid in keeping the name Busch Gardens for the Virginia and Florida Park.

BEC runs three SeaWorld parks in Orlando, Florida, San Antonio, Texas and San Diego, California as well as two Busch Gardens parks in Tampa, Florida and Williamsburg, Virginia. It also has family entertainment attractions in Orlando, Tampa, Williamsburg and Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

The sale is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2010. All hopes lean to the positive with the future of BEC and their parks. Naturally time will tell, but if the mood of the sale is any sign, we are looking towards many great things to come.

-Ken Moore

Celebrating Apollo's 10 year in pretzels.

Dozens upon dozens built models made out of pretzels, and submitted their entries on Snyder's of Hanover Web site, of either their favorite roller coasters or conceptual coasters they could only dream of. Out of those, only 6 made it to the semi finals held at Busch Gardens Williamsburg. The fortunate 6 semi-finalists were treated to travel money so they could make the journey, hotel accommodations, and park passes for them as well as their guests.

In the early morning hours of the semi-final competition, the rules were short and simple. In 3 hours, build as accurate as possible a scale model of Apollo's Chariot, chosen because of the celebrated 10 year anniversary. Sounds easy enough, however they could only use a glue gun and what seemed like an endless supply of pretzels provided by Snyder's of Hanover who was the official contest sponsor with Busch Gardens Williamsburg.

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The **Blackstone** Group®



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and Blackstone Group



Image Courtesy Snyder's of Hanover®

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After 3 hours of researching track path, adjusting and gluing, a winner emerged. A 22-year-old man from Lanham, Md. engineered a roller coaster out of crunchy snacks to win the Pretzel Coaster Build-off Contest.

Gregory Stanton used about five bags of pretzels to build the winning coaster in the allotted three hours. The judges -- which ranged from ACE Mid Atlantic Representative Ken Moore, to Busch Gardens Design and Engineering Manager, to the Vice President of Marketing for Snyder's Pretzels -- praised the winner for his attention to detail, accuracy and overall presentation.

Stanton was awarded a four-pack of Platinum Passes valid for admission and in-park discounts for two years at Worlds of Discovery throughout the United States. Also, he receives a year's supply of Snyder's of Hanover pretzels. The estimated retail value of the grand prize is more than \$1,350.

All semi-finalists were winners however. Busch Gardens treated them like royalty during their week stay leading up to the final competition.

Busch Gardens is tentatively planning to hold this amazing competition in 2010 due to its amazing success. Will they use Pretzels or some other tasty food item? We shall see next year.

-Ken Moore



Contestants
awaiting Build-
off Results

Photos Courtesy Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Ken Moore

SIX FLAGS



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Photo Courtesy Elizabeth Ringas



Photo Courtesy Benjamin Burnett

Fun Things to Win!

ACers were able to win several memorabilia in the door prize drawing at the park including coaster wheels, Joker's Jinx seats and seats from Superman. For the front of the train from Superman be sure to be at the winter event where it will be auctioned off.

ACE Celebrates America at Six Flags

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, 90 coaster enthusiasts and guests from the Mid-Atlantic region and other surrounding regions, came together at Six Flags America in Largo, MD for a day of coaster riding and camaraderie. People came from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Massachusetts, Florida, and even Thailand to experience all the park has to offer.

The event started at 11:15, when everyone got their registration materials. We also got a discount on a 2010 Season Pass. Around 12 noon, it was time to ride. ERT was held in the Gotham City area. Everybody who attended had a choice to make: Joker's Jinx, Superman Ride of Steel, or Batwing. Either way, you couldn't lose. Since crowds were light during the early afternoon, some ACers stayed on riding after the ERT ended. 3 ACers even rode Superman consecutive times. I rode it 30 times in a row, my boyfriend and fellow ACer, Bob Ziems rode 31 times, and our friend John Allen rode 30 times also.

Around 2:45, it was time for the official group photo. It was taken near the entrance to the pavilions. Then, it was time to eat. The picnic was held at the Oak Grove Picnic Pavilions. The food was tasty, it consisted of fried chicken, pork BBQ, corn, macaroni and cheese, rolls, and drinks.

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Photos Courtesy Elizabeth Ringas

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Then, our regional representative, Elizabeth Ringas, officially welcomed us to the event. She introduced our assistant representatives, Danny and Evangelos, and the registration volunteers and Newsletter team, which includes Shannon Somerville and Ben Burnett. She then introduced the general manager, John Winkler, who transferred from Six Flags Great Adventure. He talked about the park in general and mentioned their new attraction for 2010, Thomas Town.

Then, it was time for the raffle. Among the items that were raffled off were 2 seats from Superman Ride of Steel and one seat from Joker's Jinx. I won one of the Superman seats, and John Allen won the other Superman seat. The Dutterer won the Joker's Jinx seat.

Everyone went their separate ways until 6:20 when we met in the WB Theatre to see a performance of Toxic Zombie Bash. It was a good show. After the performance, everyone took a group photo with the cast (seen below). The event was officially over and attendees returned home.

Thanks to the staff of Six Flags America and to our representative for making this event one of the most popular regional events.

-Shannon Somerville



**Wild
One is a
classic who's
thrills never
end!**

Our New Members!

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Pam Gaspard Hampton, VA
John Kesterson Pilot, VA
Tajh Phifer Washington DC
Steven Spencer Woodbridge, VA
Daniel B. Gillespie Glen Allen, VA
Valerie Sanders Harwood, MD

Some Updates in The Mid-Atlantic Region

The Mid-Atlantic is proud to welcome two new assistant representatives to our team! Bill Galvin of Relay, MD and Darrin Bragunier of Hagerstown, MD. We also welcome Wes Friend of Germantown, MD as our new email coordinator.

Two Face: The Flip Side has officially been sold by Six Flags America. The undisclosed new owner has not taken possession of the ride yet and it is still on Six Flags Property.

Is it time to renew?

Make sure that when the time comes, you renew immediately so that you can continue getting the benefits of ACE. Also make sure that your e-mail address is updated on the ACEonline.org so that you can get updates from the region

INTIMIDATOR



**Coaster
Dynamix's Model
of Intimidator is a
Hit!**

Capital Announcement Media Day at Kings Dominion

Two huge pieces of track defined the VIP/media area. The stage just in front of the Eiffel Tower was set up for the announcement, including a curtained backdrop and a veiled area to the left of the stage. The various dignitaries walked out and the speeches started. Bits and pieces of information started to leak out, amidst the hype. As this attendee listened, he wasn't sure if the hype was going to be fulfilled. What would these guys finally announce? The number 305 dropped by Lt. Governor Bill Bolling was certainly an attention-getter. Thoughts of a Millennium Force-type ride overshadowing Kings Dominion came to mind.

Finally the name was announced. Intimidator 305. Named for the infamous NASCAR legend, the Intimidator himself, Dale Earnhardt. After a few more speeches, the video was

shown. It included a point-of-view ride and a spectator's view. This is going to be GOOD. The coup de grâce was the veil drop for the working model. The model can currently be seen in the shop on the right just inside the front gate as you enter the park. Watching the model is a bit entrancing. Just imagine that big 305 foot drop. Just imagine those turns at 93 mph.

The rest of the morning was "typical" media day. Great food, t-shirt (also available in shop), and rides up the Eiffel Tower to look at the construction site. The website has most of the info that was shared that morning. (www.intimidator305.com) There are also some great construction pictures and a construction blog. Check it out!

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Photos Courtesy Bill Gavin

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This attendee did have one question. For a NASCAR-themed coaster, shouldn't the first big turn go left? Not wanting to be the cause of a construction delay, the question went unasked. After the festivities were over, Dominator was open for those of us craving a real ride after viewing videos and models. Ride On!

-Stephen Peeples

Don't Feel Intimidated

YOU must come and ride! Construction is well underway at Kings Dominion for the world's third tallest giga-coaster. *Intimidator 305* is due to open in April 2010 and as the largest capital investment in the history of Kings Dominion, this is one not to miss. *I305* is the third adult Intamin ride to be installed at Kings Dominion joining *Volcano: The Blast Coaster* and *Drop Tower*. Intamin is a design and manufacturing company in Switzerland and the United States that continues to be known for innovation and creativity in their designs. They create 22 different ride designs to a variety of parks across the world. They are best known for their "giga" coaster designs, meaning a lift hill in excess of 300 ft. Their designs currently occupy the top 2 spots of the Golden Ticket Awards and with *I305*, we would love to make that 3!

Intimidator 305 is built around the tradition of the "Intimidator" Dale Earnhardt Sr. and will feature memorabilia along with a design to feel as if you are entering the pits to ride with the Intimidator himself. "We're excited to see this new roller coaster celebrate the speed and intensity of the legendary career of Dale Earnhardt," said Jeff Steiner, executive vice president and general manager of Dale Earnhardt, Inc." The entrance queue will leave the park from the Flight of Fear plaza, bringing

guests down a tunnel into the "pits" of the coaster as they prepare to ride. In the tunnel, a Dale Earnhardt, Sr. show car will be available for photo ops and a tribute wall chronicling Dale, Sr.'s career. Also, in the tunnel is the ride photo/merchandise exit shop, which resembles a car pit-garage that will sell *Intimidator*™*305* merchandise and Dale Earnhardt licensed merchandise. The ride queue line will give the guest a track-like feel with photos and themes that you would experience at a stock-car race.

Intimidator 305 will feature a 300 foot first drop at 85 degrees and is expected to reach speeds in excess of 90 mph. With six airtime humps including S-curve transitions and three ground-level high speed turns, this will be 3 minutes of pure intensity. The coaster will run with two train operation with 1350 riders per hour. It will also be the first coaster in the United States to feature a very unique restraint system which will have overhead lap bars and shoulder straps continuing the mimic the feeling of being in a race car. Wow, can you imagine, the speed and feel of *Millennium Force* combined with twist, turns, and airtime! This is a unique coaster that will create a one-of-a-kind ride.

As I walk around the construction site, I am able to see the unique pieces of this coaster already coming together. The huge trench has already been put in place that will allow the return of the elevator lift cable to be underground. The scattered supports are already in place showing the unique structure of the ride which requires fewer ground to track supports. This unique structure is created by a double spine track that creates a support system within the track itself. The massive lift hill will be supported by only two supports! At the time of publication, the entrance tunnels have been carved out of the hill,

the roof is going on the station and the lift hill is currently 170 feet tall. Progress can be followed throughout construction on www.intimidator305.com.

If you would like to enjoy a construction tour over the winter, don't miss our winter event at Kings Dominion featuring a *I305* construction tour, auction of old regional amusement park items and lots more!

-Elizabeth Ringas

Fall Thrillfest 2009!

The Mid-Atlantic hosted the fourth annual Fall Thrillfest at Kings Dominion on October 3, 2009, where 114 ACE members and guests came from nine states, the District of Columbia and Thailand! The morning started beautiful and clear with ERT on two of the park's 14 roller coasters – *Volcano: The Blast Coaster* and *Backlot Stunt Coaster*. Immediately following the ERT, attendees gathered for our first ACE triathlon. Contestants played on teams to get the highest score on power tower, football toss, and fast pitch baseball to be followed by a Jeopardy style trivia contest at the picnic. After a round of games, everyone was off to enjoy the park and to continue to search for the answers to our photo scavenger hunt. Thanks to Danny Barnes for creating another great game!

During the morning, Mr. John Pagel, Marketing Manager, took small groups into the *Intimidator* construction site to show what aspects have already been built and to talk about what is yet to come. ACE members had a chance to ask questions about the progress, completion times, and where various elements would be placed. Mr. Pagel also described the theming that would be incorporated along with a description of the entrance tunnel from the Flight of Fear plaza.

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The warm afternoon brought us to gather for our picnic including Kings Dominion's famous fried chicken, hamburgers, and hotdogs. Mr. John Pagel gave attendees an opportunity to ask questions about the future of the park, the Nickelodeon change, and the arrival of Intimidator 305. We finished up the picnic with some tough trivia from the park. Congratulations to Adam Swika, Paige Foley, Charles Mann, and Anna Baker for taking the prize!

After a quick group photo, attendees headed out for an afternoon of rides with a coupon for a free picture and clues for the location of hidden coins around the park for more prizes. The evening wrapped up with an exclusive haunt time at the Medieval Macabre maze, new for the year. At the meeting, coins came in from those who discovered

them and prizes were awarded. The winners of the much too easy photo scavenger hunt were announced. The top 5 were Alissa Smith, Pat Schuters, John Crawley, Ron Jiu, and Anna Baker. Congratulations to everyone who did a fantastic job solving this one! After a full and fun day, many headed on to check out the remainder of the Halloween Haunt attractions and some wrapped up their visit to prepare for day two at Six Flags America.

-Elizabeth Ringas

ACers
on a VIP tour
of the I305
construction
site

A Day of Fun and FRIGHT

ACers enjoyed a full day with little crowds throughout the entire day. The weather was great and attendees had opportunities to get the most out of the park!



Photo Courtesy Benjamin Burnett



Photo Courtesy Kings Dominion



Photo Courtesy Danny Barnes

FALL THRILLFEST '09!



Photo Courtesy Ken Moore

A New Christmas Celebration comes to Williamsburg, Virginia

Much to the happiness of locals and enthusiasts alike, Williamsburg will become the scene for the first ever theme park Christmas celebration known as Christmas Town at Busch Gardens Williamsburg.

Starting November 27th, watch as our European themed park is transformed into a festive wonderland of lights, great holiday food and entertainment.

Upon entering the park you will be able to experience all new attractions and shows. Taste a variety of different foods and be immersed in more than a million holiday lights illuminated around the park. As you wind your way around through Ireland, France and into Germany, a spectacular 45 foot Christmas Tree will appear in all its glory before you.

Still have an itch for Griffon? Weather permitting it will be open to get your holiday dive on

as well as various other rides within the park.

Ensure you mark your calendar so you don't miss this first annual holiday event.

Christmas Town opens at Busch Gardens on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 4-9 p.m. beginning Nov. 27, 2009. The park will open each evening Dec. 18-27, 2009, excluding Christmas Day. Some sections of the park will remain closed for the season. Some rides and attractions are weather dependent.

Christmas Town tickets are available for \$19.95. Guests with active one-year and two-year Busch Gardens passes save 50 percent on Christmas Town tickets as well as free parking and in-park discounts. Tickets can be obtained at Busch Gardens Website by visiting: www.buschgardens.com/bgw/

-Ken Moore



Photos Courtesy of Busch Gardens

"I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE, CHRISTMAS..."



Christmas can Last All Winter!

Santa's elves invade Busch Gardens talking to guests and telling them about the great things that are coming this November and December.

Busch Gardens is working hard to create a family friendly, Christmas atmosphere by introducing tons of new lights and decorations!

HELP WANTED:

The Mid-Atlantic Region has BIG plans and needs BIG hands to help us out!

Organizing an event is done completely through phone calls. I will give you notes and ideas for how to plan it! I need people to make the phone calls and setup the event. You are welcome to attend and run the event, but you do not have to!

I need assistance in planning these future events:

- Winter construction tour and auction event at Kings Dominion on February 20.
- Winter event at the Funland Park at Potomac Mills in VA.
- Spring kiddie park go around event (visit all kiddie parks in region in one day/weekend.)
- Busch Gardens spring event.
- Kings Dominion fall event.

I am also in search of a volunteer to manage the organization and volunteers for any media days in the spring and someone to manage the making of name badges for events and the stuffing of the registration envelopes. I need this to be one person who can

commit to do it for each event since I will need to give you the laminator.

Thank you for considering helping out and if you have questions or other ideas, please email me anytime at eringas@aceonline.org.

-Elizabeth

From Behind the Curtain

I would like to give a big round of applause to Elizabeth and everyone who has helped our region progress! Because of their willingness and determination we have grown so much and have gained access to new and fun events all across the region. Our three big events, ACE Dives, Fall Thrillfest, and ACE Celebrates America would never be possible if they had not stepped up to the plate and made it happen.

Since they have done so much for us, lets repay the favor!

-Benjamin Burnett

Our Regional Representative Team!



Photo Courtesy of Danny Barnes

Volunteering for the many positions available in our region takes a load off their shoulders and helps everyone be a major part of the region. With the help of everyone the regional events will stay awesome and we will be able to grow as a region. So I encourage you, if you have the time and talent PLEASE volunteer, help out the region, and help us grow as a team. And when you see our representative or her assistants be sure to tell them how much you really appreciate them!

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