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WINTER/SPRING 2007

FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2007:

May 12th, 2007
Boomers! &
Dania Beach Hurricane
Dania Beach, FL

May 24th-27th, 2007
May Madness!
Astroland
Six Flags Great Adventure
Dorney Park
Knoebles Grove
Hershey Park

June 2nd, 2007
Fun Spot USA Grand
Opening

July 21st & 22nd, 2007
FLCC Annual Picnic
Splash Island @
Cypress Gardens

August 18th, 2007
Kennedy Space Center

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From the Clouds

Just a quick "Hello" from the clouds. I'm on a plane right now so I really am in the clouds, but it also feels like I'm on "Cloud 9" when I think about our wonderful family. In July of last year when we, the new advisory board, decided to make changes, we were all very excited and had high hopes for success and growth of our family. If you have been attending our events regularly thus far this year, you probably have noticed larger attendance and some new members. Also, if you check the website regularly then you have noticed many improvements and many more updates. And let's not forget our wonderful FLCC merchandise page which has PayPal and Items of the month. We want to make sure that ALL FLCC members are aware of these improvements/changes. So come out to some of your FLCC Events soon and check the website often. Your FLCC Advisory Board also recently had a change of Membership Directors, Nancy Clay will be taking a **well deserved** break and Squid McGlamery is now your new Membership Director. We are very excited to have Squid join the Advisory Board and take over this **very busy** position. We have all the confidence that he will be great! As we all know, in order for anything to be successful, team work is the key, no one person can do it alone. The Members mentioned below (*most of you know them pretty well*) are still working hard together to help guide your FLCC Club into the future so that it will grow and prosper today and in the years to come!

We all strongly believe that the Florida Coaster Club is **Your** Club; each and every member makes FLCC. Our Mission Statement says "To bring together people who share the love and thrill of riding Roller Coasters and to travel near and far in quest of the ultimate Coaster ride". With that said, deep down in our hearts and souls we know that we also come together to meet new friends and to be with old friends. We truly have gathered together a really Great "Coaster Riding Family of Friends"!

We hope that you will all support us in guiding your club this year. Hope to see you on the RAILS soon

Hope Brown
Your FLCC President

Your 2007 Advisory Board

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Coaster of the Quarter!

Mystery Mine

Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN
Type: Steel-Sit Down
Make: Gerstlauer / Euro-Fighter (Custom)
Speed: 46 mph
Inversions: 3
Length: 1,811 ft
Duration: 2.5 minutes
Max Vertical Angle: 95 degrees



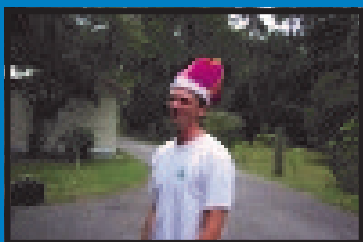
FLCC Membership Director is Changing Hats



I have been a member of the Florida Coaster Club since November of 2000 and have enjoyed serving as your membership director since June of 2004. One of the perks to this job was learning about and

getting to know each member better, especially the new ones. I also enjoyed working with the other top-notch leaders dedicated to our beloved Florida Coaster Club. Due to some personal issues I must leave this position for awhile. I'll still be a regular member, but the Membership Director is changing hats.

Please allow me to introduce you to our new Membership Director: Squid McGlamery. He is a Charter Member



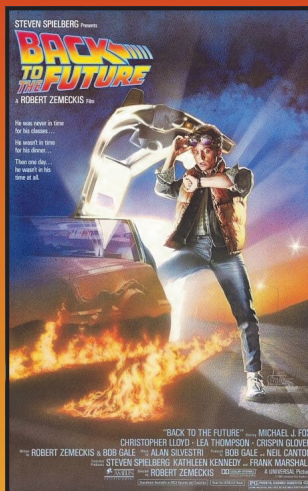
(#18) of the club, which makes him somewhat of a celebrity anyway. It also shows his heart has been in this club from Day One. When he's not riding coasters Squid is doing his part to save the world, or at least those that venture too far into treacherous waters. His occupation? He is a decorated lifeguard who was named Lifesaver of the Year in 2004.

Well, he's sure saving my life by taking on this important role as your new Membership Director. I tip my (hard) hat to him, knowing he will take good care of all of you!

Thanks Squid, for being a Lifesaver Extraordinaire!

Nancy Clay
Member #230

Back To The Future – The Final Ride



On March 30, 2007 a happy/sad day was upon us – *Back to the Future – The Ride* closed. The lines were very long, but the enthusiasm was great upon all the guests waiting to ride the motion simulator type ride. Happiness was felt on the closure of the ride as it was quite turbulent at times with a slam and bang inside the DeLorean. I am also happy as something new will be

taking its place. I wonder what the attraction will be? Sadness was also felt as this attraction will soon be history. I grew up watching the movies of *Back to the Future* and have always enjoyed them. One of my favorite lines was Biff calling out "ButtHead!" While waiting in the long lines to ride, we heard voices of Dr. Emmett Brown. Guests in line were talking and acting like Doc – Great Scott! Some trivia talked about while waiting for our last opportunity to ride was Dr. Emmett Brown's name. Did you know Doc's first name Emmett comes from the word "time?" It is spelled backwards and pronounced (em-it)

We will miss you all – Marty, Lorraine, Seamus, Maggie, George, Jennifer, Biff, Linda, Clara, Jules, Skinhead, Match, 3-D, Mr. Strickland, Doc, Goldie and Needles!

- by Kerri

Cyclone at Coney Island

The Cyclone Roller Coaster is celebrating its 80th Anniversary on Tuesday, June 26th, 2007.

Everyone is invited to join in the festivities for the day. The first 80 people who arrive for the day will be given free rides on the Cyclone.



They are looking for active roller coaster riders who are **at least 80-years-old** to help kick off the celebration. Please contact Marie Martino at mmartino@jjcpr.com if you know of anyone who would like to join in the fun.

Welcome New Members!

Since August 2006 we have added 36 new members to our coaster club family!

Paul Brooks from Esert, FL
Jacalyn, Daniel, Alexander and Kevin Dockery from Auburndale, FL
Bruce Ross from Apopka, FL
Judi King from Winter Park, FL
Chris Buker from Orlando, FL
Edward Tekampe, Jr. from Valrico, FL
Terrance Walker from Orlando, FL
Marisol Strenta from Miami, FL
David (DJ) Nimmons from Cincinnati, OH
Linette Carter from Lighthouse Point, FL
Roy Daniel from Orlando, FL
Lynda Tjarks from Orlando, FL
Veronica and Philip Sierra from Orlando, FL
Peter Dittmann from France
Chris Kraftchick from Orlando, FL
Stanley Cornelius from Daytona Beach, FL
Shari Bice from Altamonte Springs, FL
Elizabeth and Rodger Crouse from Miami, FL
Jeffrey and Pamela Goode from Kissimmee, FL
John Allowatt from Clearwater, FL
Gary Garbenus from Tampa, FL
Nino Wittmann from St. Gilles, France
Jonathan Walters from St. Petersburg, FL
Robert Webber from Tampa, FL
Robert Barrett from Boynton Beach, FL
Michael Watkins from Coconut Creek, FL
Justin Rickey from Orlando, FL
Stefan Deidrich from Miami, FL
Andrew Wall from Jacksonville, FL
Jonathan Rose from Sanford, FL



Welcome all to this fun-loving family! And welcome back to all who renewed their memberships. This list reflects memberships through March, 2007.

Not sure where you stand? Just call or email us for your status and we'll get you back on track. Even if your membership expired, you know we're here for you, and we can reestablish that FLCC family tie!

Please remember that memberships and renewals take 3 – 4 weeks and are processed in the order they Are received.

Squid McGlamery
Florida Coaster Club Membership Coordinator

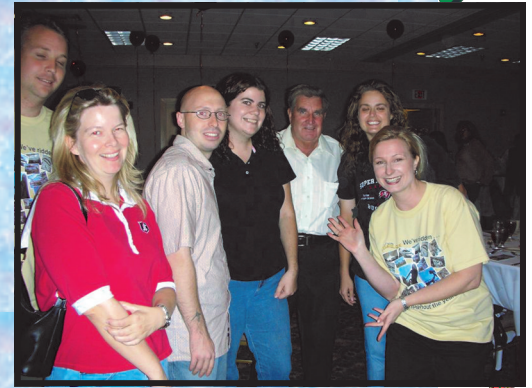
Conference Time Again!

by: Kerri Albright



Another successful conference was upon us as we all came together to celebrate the year! On November 4, 2006, we started out with a warm reception and proceeded with dinner for all to enjoy. Our evening was embraced with awesome entertainment,

good friends and knowledgeable speakers from all over the amusement industry. Mark from Fun Spot Action Park has attended our conference now for three years in a row. Mark spoke about the park, SkyCoaster and Full Speed Race and Golf.



Another great speaker was Marylou from Kennywood. Marylou was thrilled to speak and promote Kennywood and their events. Next to come is KennyCon in July 2007. Joshua from Old Town talked about the history of Old Town and all the attractions and shops around. Melinda represented Sky Venture and how their thrills are to the extreme. Our last speaker was Evelyn from Universal Orlando. All those pass holders! Evelyn has them all under control. Mike Hall, George Booras, Joey Ciborek and

Barry Hom produced another great video this year! Thank you all for attending!

The day after the Conference we made our annual trek to IOA. Sunny and warm was the perfect weather for our event! Hulk, The Unicorn, Dueling Dragons, The Mummy – all great coasters for the young and young at heart! We always look forward to a wonderful day after the conference. Rain or shine – we are there!



ON THE LAKE IN SANDUSKY

By: Squid McGlamery
FLCC Membership Coordinator



It was a cool and somewhat rainy day as our coaster family arrived in Cleveland and set about to gathering our luggage and sharing hugs with those we had not seen in a while. The group coalesced over the course of about half an hour, then we set off to the car rental center to get the vans, and to wait; and wait a little more, for a couple of friends from Germany who were coming in from their international flight. Last contact we had with them they were supposedly “on the ground”, but we couldn’t get in touch with them now, and we were getting a little anxious! After much waiting around we finally departed toward The Point, when the call came from our German contingent: “we’re here! On our way on the shuttle...” So, a quick turn around, and the convoy headed back towards the rental car lot. We lost no time in pulling Lars & Peter into the mini-van, and getting (rapidly), on

our way. Let me just say here that we were running very late by this point... we may have exceeded the speed limit by a little; though we did manage to not run *into* anything.

The two vans, along with the Rice’s who had preceded us into town, arrived at the grocery store and everyone quickly disembarked and set out at a near run to gather the needed supplies for the weekend. After another important stop for the liquid refreshments not available in the grocery stores of Ohio, we set out for the final section of our drive to the park. I cannot speak for the other vanload, but in the one I was driving I think at least a couple people almost fainted at the sight of the amazing Cedar Point skyline as we approached! Upon check-in and arrival at the cabins, we rapidly claimed our sleeping areas, and set about to get prepared for a great evening in the park. After unwinding with a couple of drinks and some nice catch-up time, we set off towards an evening of adventure. There was no real question as to where we were headed first... Top Thrill Dragster awaited! With everyone from our group in the park, we hurried over and got into a fairly short line to catch our first thrill ride of the trip, (if you don’t count the drive into Sandusky...).

A few hours, and many rides, later, most of us met back at the cabins for a little more socializing, eating, and beverage consumption; And a good time was had by all! Of course, we had to be at the Park entrance by 6:30am, so there were many tired people the next day. But the morning was beautiful, the speeches short and fairly entertaining, and the sun rising and illuminating Millennium Force breathtaking. Then, as everyone crowded into the station to start our exclusive ride time, we realized just how many rides we were going to be able to get with such a small group! By just past the halfway point of the ride session we were able to literally walk off of the arriving train and board the next train out. So, needless to say, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and got enough “Millie” rides to last them for a while. Once our ERT was over some chose to stay in the park and get their coaster credits, while others chose to eat. Myself, I chose to go back to the cabin for a nice nap on the patio while watching the water. Then we all gathered again for lunch and a couple more speeches, as well as an invitation from Cedar Point to view television commercial concept videos for the under-construction Maverick and offer feedback. The commercials were completely without coaster footage of course (still being built...), but interesting to see nonetheless. And, at least one of our members offered some constructive criticism... Following lunch, where Hope managed to arrange for extra picnic tables to be delivered to our cabins that evening (she’s frickin’ amazing), many of us retired to the cabins to start preparations for the evening’s party.



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The evening brought a couple more rides in the park and some exclusive time on Magnum XL-200. Anyone who's ridden "Maggie" can understand that there are only so many rides you can take before you are beaten-up beyond enjoyment. So, most of the group left early to return to the cabins for some gourmet food prepared by Chef Rice and helpers, and, of course, some libations! Although it was a cold and windy night, the friends and fun kept everyone enjoying him or herself. It was a great chance to relax away from the park and get to know each other a little better. And Tim and Sarah, our new friends (and FLCC members!) from Texas, regaled us with tales of the trip we could plan to Japan with the connections they have.



The next morning thankfully did not require us to rise before the sun, so we (semi-)leisurely awoke, packed, showered, etc, and got on the road to Geauga Lake for some more coaster riding. Upon reaching the park we discovered that they were celebrating Oktoberfest, much to the delight of Lars and Peter who posed for



pictures under the banners at the park entrance. We all quickly set to getting in our requisite ride on Thunderhawk before heading over to enjoy some floorless action on Dominator, after which a nostalgic trip on Raging Wolf Bobs was in order. Then, it was on to the biggest anomaly I've ever experienced... Villain: a woodie, (albeit with a steel frame), which is rougher in the front than the back. And it IS rough! After a bit of a rest to recover from Villain's punishment, and to wait for the rest of the park to open, we drifted down to X-Flight. The ride-ops on X-Flight reminded us that this was only recently a Six Flags park, churlish and unhelpful are the kindest terms I can think of to describe them. From there we roamed about the park getting in our credits, then stopped for a meal and some authentic

German beer. Along the way Tim found his favorite coaster of the trip: The Big Dipper.

All of us tired from the trip thus far, and the available rides exhausted, we left the park in the late afternoon to head back towards Cleveland and our hotel for the night. After getting everyone checked in we regrouped for dinner at The Olive Garden nearby, where they were oh so thrilled to be hosting a group of 13. Especially thrilled when Joey ordered a bottle of white zinfandel wine... and a straw. Our new friend Peter was the lucky recipient of the "FLCC Birthday Club" honors for the evening, and offered to share with the whole group his slightly over cupcake-sized cake; though after seeing the slice that he gave Hope, I think he could've pulled off giving everyone a slice. Back at the hotel many of us gathered in the pool area to reminisce about the trip and share some laughter, until we were kicked-out because it was closing. By this point most people were so exhausted that they simply drifted off to their rooms for some much needed sleep. The next day found us all groggily greeting the day as we prepared to head back to the airport, well most of us... Laura ("Mom") woke up early and had "The Best Breakfast Ever" at the Denny's across the street. Everyone half-heartedly packed for the trip home and loaded the vans, and we set out to return the rentals and get to the airport for our flights.

After returning the vehicles, we all climbed aboard the shuttle back to the terminal and Hope quickly made friends with the driver. I'm sure we were the most interesting, lively group of passengers she had that day! Upon arrival at the terminal we discovered that a few of us who were leaving 6-hours later could not check-in and go through security until 4-hours before our flight, so our group took over almost the entire seating area of a small Starbucks to visit with each other before the early fliers had to go catch their plane. As with the end of any of our trips, it was very sad to say au revoir, though we knew many of us were going to see each other two weeks later for Halloween Horror Nights. Hugs were shared all around as we said our goodbyes and planned for future adventures.



And so, another successful Florida Coaster Club trip came to a close.

As an end note: Though the six hours of sitting in the Cleveland airport was not very enjoyable for Kathy, Joey, or myself, the fact that our connecting flight was virtually empty, thus affording us all individual rows, almost made up for it!

Member Profile

Lisa and Chris Colantonio

We both were born in Long Island and moved to Florida in 1990/1991. We didn't meet each other until the Fall of 1999 when we both worked at the local movie theater in Palm Bay, Florida. I (Lisa) had just graduated high school and it was Chris' senior year of high school. That is when we started dating each other. After he graduated in 2000, we both moved to Gainesville Florida where we attended the University of Florida for four years. After graduation, we moved to Orlando where I have worked at Dueling Dragons, Kraken, and am currently applying at Disney as well. Chris is a Junior Financial Analyst at the Animal Kingdom Lodge.



We just got married in April 2006 and went on a month long honeymoon to California. We both love to travel so we went from San Francisco and Napa Valley to LA, San Diego, and Vegas. We hit just shy of 50 coasters and visited 5 sporting areas/fields.

My first roller coaster was Kumba in 1994. I was 13 years old and scared to death. My friend's OM team made it to state that year, held in Tampa, so I was peer-pressured to ride. I was so nervous in line. My friend was like, "Just focus on the seat in front of you if you feel sick, but whatever you do, do NOT close your eyes!" I loved it! At the time, Kumba was new and smooth and the biggest thing in Florida! I was so proud of myself. So, that's when I started keeping track of all the coasters I've ridden. I started off slowly, being the only one in my family brave enough to ride, but when I met Chris, my coaster count sky rocketed.

I hit #170 the other week when we went to Six Flags Over Georgia for our annual trip in October. Goliath. Air-time galore!!!

Chris started riding coasters at a much earlier age than I did. He didn't consider himself an enthusiast until he met me and by then, he had ridden many, many coasters across the country. But with time, the gap between his count and mine has almost closed, if not completely.

Our favorite coasters include: Millennium Force, X, Nitro or Goliath (SFoGA) or Apollo's Chariot (Okay, any B&M hyper I guess :), and Mind Bender (SFoGA) as far as the steel goes.

Wood? Well, we love the Georgia Cyclone (Packed with airtime!), Grizzly (PKD, especially at night), The Racer (PKI), and Ghost Rider (KBF).

The trip never ends when we walk out of the park gates. When I get home, I take all the video footage and pictures we took during our outing and edit together a DVD with music and captions for fun. My most proud one is of our trip to Six Flags Great Adventure, NJ to ride Kingda Ka.

When we're not riding coasters or traveling, we enjoy watching movies, watching the Gators play on Saturdays, the Bucs and Giants play on Sundays, reading fantasy novels (our favorites are the Dragonlance series), and playing softball during the Fall and Spring.

We became members of the FLCC when we first moved to Gainesville in 2000/2001. My mom surprised us with the membership and a tee-shirt for my birthday. We haven't been able to participate in many activities lately but we have had plenty of fun times with the club, including Kraken witch commercial a couple years back, ERT on Cheetah at Wild Adventures, GA, Sheikra media day, Islands of Adventure day, and a meeting at Sea World.

We enjoy getting to know the other enthusiasts and members of the club, the ERT's, and the filmings the most. We hope to see you again soon. Enjoy the ride!

Lisa Colantonio and
Chris Colantonio

WARNING!

THIS EVENT MAY BE TOO INTENSE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
NO COSTUMES ALLOWED

Over 20 brave souls sought out thrills and chills of a different sort last October as the FLCC held its 3rd annual Fear Fest at Busch Garden's Howl-O-Scream and Universal Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights.

Friday began innocently enough with a delicious pre-scream buffet and show at Howl-O-Scream. Soon that calm would break in a most frightful manner, for we were *Trapped in the Walls*. Busch's newest house provided a great scare as you tried to escape from the horrid fate of being forever trapped, well, in the walls! Demons and gruesome apparitions came from all directions, driving us from the house and to safety back in Timbuktu.

We then proceed to what we thought was a little bit of joy, a wedding, but little did we know that the couple was *Deathly Departed*. Taking over the converted Ubangabanga bumper car pavilion, Departed always offers a good scare, and this year was no exception. Seems like the bride's and groom's registry had a listing of gruesome gifts, us! Lots of startling effects, boo doors and hideyholes kept us jumping throughout the house.

Then after making our way through several scare zones, filled with zombies, fiends, stilt creatures and other things that go bump in the night we made it to *Freaked!* Freaked is a freak show and clown oriented house which some of our compatriots really didn't take a liking too. The weird and macabre took center stage here with multiple paths, strange carnies games, chainsaw wielding clowns and, well, freaks, chasing you through this mostly outdoor house.

A little clubbing, literally, was in order, and we got into the pretty crowded *Club Muse*. Little did we know that we were the inspiration, and art materials, for these maniacal artists. Stretched skin, blood, faces hewn from people's skulls were some examples of the media these artists used. Vampires roamed the club, seeking fresh blood and inspiration for their twisted artwork. Of course no bizarre art club is complete without an exploding toilet and a police raid to send us scrambling for our lives.

Next up was 3rd *Dementia*, their always cool 3d house, which takes over Ackbar's tours every October. Complete with cool polarized 3d glasses and psychedelic artwork, cleverly camouflaged actors leapt out of the walls, bringing the 3rd dimension truly to life, not to mention making you jump or eliciting a scream!

Our Howl-O-Scream houses wrapped up with *The Hunted*, a trip in the wilderness, a lone cabin, faintly smelling of smoke was the only building and your only hope for cover during the night. As we entered, backwoods hunters found a different prey, us, as they stalked us through the house as it burned down around us all.

Of course no trip to Busch is complete without a few coaster rides, so throughout the night we hit our favorites as we made our way through the park. We rode Kumba, the poor now-departed Python, Scorpion, Gwazi, Montu



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and their latest addition SheiKra. Everyone had their fill of several types of thrills both of the ride and the scare factor!

Saturday evening began with the reawakening of some old friends at Universal Studios. For you see, we were guests of honor for a party, their Sweet 16. Not just any party, our hosts were the icons of the past including the Storyteller, the Caretaker, the Director and who could forget Jack, the most insane clown of them all (or maybe his brother Eddie?). Our night began with the Storyteller and her new home, the *Dungeon of Terror – Retold*. A run down roadside attraction tells the story of famous murders, and its hostess has her family make sure we're well taken care of. Cheesy roadside dioramas mask the Storytellers true story, our deaths and our eventual fate as souvenirs and sausage for future visitors who decide to take a break at the Dungeon. Her "family" of mutants and freaks make sure we had a memorable stay, sharpening their knives and getting their tools ready, making sure this is one tour we'll never finish.



We then made our way through *Deadtropolis*, but it was a bit early and the zombies still hadn't made their way to the streets so we went to visit a few more old friends, the Caretaker and the

Director. Our visit with the Caretaker was very sober, rumors of his death were exaggerated as we entered *Screamhouse Resurrection*. The Dr. Caine society hosted us in his newly rebuilt home, but our hosts were not very good. After we made our way through the funeral home, past the funeral of Dr. Caine's dead daughter Cindy, our real reason that we were invited was revealed – that Dr. Caine had returned and was conducting his experiments upon the dead and living once again! Seeking immortality and to resurrect his dead daughter, Dr. Caine sought our very souls, not to mention our hearts and minds, for his dark purposes. We fled through the house, getting away from his shaven headed followers, and both men and women shaved their heads in allegiance to their master. We thought we escaped through the garden and crypts to find Dr. Caine mocking us as we made our way out.

Soon after we experienced one sequel that many people never thought they'd see – the Director's *All Night Die In, Take 2*. Featuring some of the cream of the horror crop, brought to vivid life, or undeath, by the Director, we escaped the clutches of the twisted killer in *Scream*, while we watched others not so lucky caught and killed. The dead cheerleader trapped in the garage door was a sure sign that we were lucky to get out. We then entered *The Ring*, hunted by the undead girl and eventually we made our way out thru the well. Thinking we were safe once again, we found that the well transported us to one of the most gruesome places, the labyrinth world of *Hellraiser*. Pinhead watched our every move, and the walls were lined with the skins of prior guests, as well as their body parts strung from the ceiling. His servants, sexy demon women, a HHN special, hunted us, trying to make us their next victims. We then entered the prison of Hannibal Lecter and *Silence of the Lambs*, just to find that



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Hannibal was not the prisoner, but our jailor. We fled, avoiding our fate to be his next dish with fava beans. The Director then unleashed all of his stars on us, but we avoided being stuck in the sequel forever.

After seeing the huge line for *Psychoscarepy*, we moved toward the back of the park, going through *Deadtopolis* and avoiding the army of zombies that roamed the streets. The poor souls only wanted our brains, and our trip through the "Alley" was most eventful as an organized group of the undead tried to hunt us down for their next meal. We made our way back to *Run, Hostile Territory*, where Jack's brother Eddie hosted us in his Hostel. Strange tortures awaited those too slow to avoid Eddie's friends such as being ground up by a lawn mower, being cut to pieces by a meatsaw and being electrocuted by the electric chair. So we ran through and then went to the back of the park next to MiB.

The park was getting full, but poor Norman Bates asked us to be his guests at *PsychoPath*. A detective warned us that this was a crime scene, but little did we know that was a trip into the dark recesses of Mr. Bates mind. Mother assaulted us from all sides as we made our way through the house, we spied upon other guests thru peepholes in the walls and then had to escape from Norman's insanity and sharp knives as we made our way out of the closet and back into the night.


We took a break, just to find that a group of military style gentlemen worked their way down the street. Marching in step, they stopped in front of us and then suddenly a whistle blew and chainsaws roared to life as they tried to chase down the unlucky to add to their collection of trophies! The return of the Chainsaw Drill Team was a fun time as they found a few FLCC members who they definitely wanted to add to their collection.

After a close escape, we plunged into the darkness behind the stairs for a second day at *People Under the Stairs – Under Construction*. Hard hats with a light were given to a few lucky people as we were hunted by Father and his family throughout the house. Shotgun blasts tore thru the walls as we were splattered with blood (ok water) from unlucky victims who weren't quick enough to avoid Father. His family pursued us through the house, making sure we couldn't take anything from this construction site.

With most of the houses done, we then split up, some went to dinner, others explored the streets, visiting the vampires of Castle Vampyre as they stalked the streets during their *Blood Masquerade* by Shrek and making their way thru the Pumpkin demons and goblins, both tall and small of *Harvest of Souls*. Bill and Ted thwarted the plans of Lex Luxor in a pop battle of the stars, featuring heroes and villains from the movies of the past year.

Last, but certainly not least, we visited Jack's new home, *Psychoscarepy – Maximum Madness*. We knew that some of our own had been committed so we had to go visit. Visiting Jerry at his new home was a life threatening experience. The inmates took over the asylum with Jack as their inspiration and leader. Avoiding electroshock therapy, birthday parties in the TV room, the infamous bathroom, complete with lovely smell, and ending in the shower, being threatened by the biggest of the inmates, not to mention the most insane. Beware of the ducky!

A fun weekend of scares was had by all and I know that many look forward to seeing what new horrors can be created by the twisted minds at Universal and Busch for this year's event.



It's a Small, Small, Magical World

By: Mike Hall

After several years of our absence, the FLCC once again officially invaded the magical World of Disney in January of this year. We started the day at Animal Kingdom for a journey to the Himalayas, with a layover along the way in Australia to visit our friend Nemo. *Finding Nemo—The Musical* is in the newly enclosed Theater in the Wild where you're immersed in

singing and dancing live on stage in the undersea world of Nemo and all of his friends. The half-hour production includes original music, live actors and unique larger-than-life puppets. It was definitely a hit among us FLCCers.



Leaving the theater we headed for Everest which was towering in the distance. At it's base we explored the remote Himalayan village's local artifacts and heard tales of the feared yeti, then boarded a rickety train for a trip to the forbidden mountain. Expedition Everest packs some great moments including the backwards section in the dark, the drop out of the mountain and high-speed run to the finish. An encounter with the giant legend

rounds out the thrill of Disney's newest attraction.

From Animal Kingdom we headed over to Disney-MGM Studios for a ride on the hair-raising club favorite, The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror. Rock 'n' Roller Coaster was closed for it's annual rehab during this visit, but there was still plenty to do in the park, like the Lights, Motors, Action Extreme Stunt Show. This adrenaline-filled show features fast cars, pyrotechnics and precision stunt choreography in a favorite brought over from Disneyland Paris. Our second favorite pastime in the club is eating and we made good on that history by chowing down on some great Mediterranean delights at Mama Melrose's Ristorante Italiano. After another drop on the Tower of Terror, it was time to head to our final destination for the day, The Magic Kingdom.



Some of us made our way to Pirates of the Caribbean to see the new Captain Jack Sparrow and Barbossa animatronics recently added to the ride. These figures are some of the most realistic-looking animatronics ever created and at first we thought Johnny Depp was really in the ride! Others ventured over to the Main Street Bakery for some magical treats while the crowds lined the street for the nighttime parade. We joined up again to watch Wishes Nighttime Spectacular and ended our night with rides on Space Mountain, Thunder Mountain and Barnstormer.



Disney knows how to harness the magic and this trip didn't disappoint. The crowds were light throughout the day and a fun time was had by everyone.

A VISIT TO THE OLD TOWN

By: Squid McGlamery

The crowd slowly arrived at Flipper's Pizza and we began to settle into conversations with our fellow Club members and friends. Lars was in attendance with his whole new crew of international recruits; I'm tellin' ya', we gotta watch this guy; I'm convinced he's working on a take-over... (*Tongue firmly in cheek.*)



The late afternoon provided us with some nice breezes, but the sun was not cooperating and refused to linger behind some clouds long enough for us to enjoy our dinner. After some gastronomic delights courtesy of the fine chefs tending the pizza ovens, we headed out to visit our favorite drinking establishment: Son on the Beach. The club was afforded a private room for an hour. The fact that the room was illuminated predominately by red light was a little disconcerting, but we persevered and managed to share some fine conversation and some wonderful door prizes, including a new shirt to show off Lars' physique (if he doesn't mind not breathing much...).



Everyone quickly lined up when it came time to purchase their ride wristbands, wishing "Pooper" well on his last night managing the Old Town rides, and we set off for a few circuits on the Windstorm. True to its promise the Windstorm delivered a turbulent but enjoyable ride, and we all left a little dizzy. With almost an hour before the meet-up to prepare for the car cruise, everybody set off to get in some rides on the other attractions. Including an extended Dragon Wagon ride made possible by a sleeping attendant. And Danyale and I got in a particularly good ride on the tilt-a-whirl, leaving us even dizzier than before.

At the appointed hour everyone gathered to get their car assignments and practice their parade wave. The riders in the cruise really seemed to be a hit with the spectators, as I heard comments like: "Man, look at his pipes!" And, "Would you look at her curves..." After the circuit in front of their admiring fans, Club members proceeded to venture out to catch some rides on G-Force, Sling-Shot, and the World's Tallest Skycoaster. Thanks to an earlier conversation with a receptive Danyale, her and Hope were set to join me for their first-ever flight on the Skycoaster. When we suited-up and Danyale was told that it would be her job to pull the cord, I worried briefly that our flight was not to be, but she rallied to the occasion and agreed to be our designated "puller." After what seemed an interminable wait, we finally journeyed out to be hoisted 300' into the air before a lengthy plunge towards the lake. Of course many wanted to be there to witness Hope's first ride on her "when hell freezes over" list, so we had quite an audience, including Pooper who made a special visit during his work-rounds. Upon reaching our apex and getting the prompt to "Soar!", Danyale, (after a little difficulty with the mechanism), sent us into our plummet earthward. Judging from their screams of fright turned quickly to screams of jubilation, I'd say they enjoyed it!

By this time it was getting late for me, being that I had over a 2-hour journey back home and had to work the next day, so I bid adieu to my friends and began my travels. However several people remained to share their love of thrills and ride into the night.



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