

### FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2008:

April 19th, 2008  
Central Florida Fair  
Orlando, FL

May 22nd-25th, 2008  
Indiana Beach,  
Holiwood Nights @  
Holiday World  
and  
Six Flags St. Louis  
Indiana and Missouri

May 24th & 25th, 2008  
WNYCC - Coasterfest '08  
Pennsylvania

June 6th, 2008  
Coaster Mania  
Cedar Point  
Sandusky, OH

July 19th, 2008  
FLCC Annual Picnic  
Orlando, FL

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### Behind the Scenes!

Well, hello, it's been awhile but not forgotten. As you all know, we have been very busy planning and attending great events, trips, Media Events and taking care of many other projects. To have a successful Club, hard work and determination is the key and your Advisory Board is made up of members with those qualities and more. In February, another one of your fellow Family members has stepped up and shown that they are willing and have the spirit and, most important, the heart, to help with all of this hard work. With that said, we would like to welcome Kathy Kubida to the Advisory Board. Kathy has joined the Advisory Board to help maintain and advance our Website/Message Board. We are very excited to have her and all of her knowledge. We all strongly believe that the Florida Coaster Club is **"your"** Club: each and every FLCC Member makes it all happen. Our Mission Statement says that we come from all walks of life, from near and far, both the young and the young at heart, to gather for one reason.....to ride Coasters! But, really deep down in our hearts and souls, we all know that we come together to meet new and to be with fellow *Coaster Lovers*. We truly have gathered together a really Great **"Family of Friends"** Club of Coaster Enthusiasts.

As you read through this edition of the Airtimes, enjoy the memories of our past events and think about the new ones to come. We would like to hear from you next time, meaning we would love for you, yes **YOU**, to write articles for our next Airtimes, so please let us know if you are interested. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Events you attend. We are very excited for another great year, and even more excited that this is the **10<sup>th</sup> year of FLCC!** We hope you enjoy this year with your Coaster Family, riding lots of coasters, new and, of course, your favorites! Also don't forget to tell others about your good hearted and down to Earth bunch of Crazy Coaster Nuts, the FLCC. Last, but not least, never forget your FLCC merchandise to show your pride. Let us know your ideas/thoughts for new and existing items and look for something Brand New at our Picnic on July 19<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

Sincerely  
Hope Brown  
Your FLCC President

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## Coaster of the Quarter!



**CLIFF HANGER (formerly Red Devil)**  
Ghost Town in the Sky, Maggie Valley, NC

Type: Steel-Sit Down  
Make: Hopkins  
Height: 90 ft  
Speed: 50 mph  
Inversions: 1  
Length: 2,037 ft  
Duration: 2 minutes

# MAY MADNESS

By: *Squid McGlamery*  
Membership Coordinator

It all started with a trip to visit The Legendary Cyclone...



A large group of our Florida Coaster Club family descended upon "The City" – New York City that is, and proceeded to try to pack as much fun and excitement as possible into a time much too short. Joey, Mari, and I arrived on the first of the flights, secured a rental van, and eagerly awaited the arrival of our fellow travelers for the next few days. In short order the other flights arrived and Hope, Joshua, Marc, Christal, Marissa, Laura (Mom), Mike C., Sherry, & Bart joined us. Once the second van was rented, we piled our luggage and ourselves into the vehicles to begin our hyperactive journey to experience what New York had to offer.

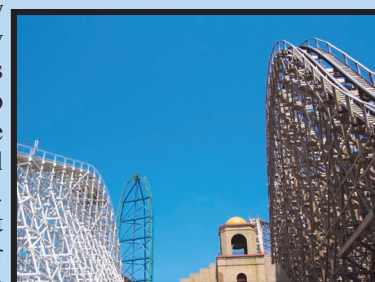


The entire Rice family (Steve, Melanie, Shelby, & Sydney) made the drive up from Florida and met us at Coney Island, along with Christy & John C. who only recently moved to Florida from the area and had arrived earlier to visit family and friends. After getting our ride-bands, all quickly got in line for the Cyclone and took a few slightly more punishing than fun rides. (The coaster has certainly gotten rougher since I last rode 6 years ago). Moving on, we visited some of the other rides in this soon to be closed classic park, before heading over to the subway station to ride in for our appointment at the Top-of-the-Rock viewing level on the 70<sup>th</sup> floor of Rockefeller Center. Even Hope seemed



to enjoy our view of the city, though I'm still not sure she trusted the building to not somehow make her fall off of it. Once returned to the ground, we admired the Rockefeller building and St. Patrick's Cathedral, and then set off to find some sustenance and libations at a nearby Irish Pub. This being our group, of course there *had* to be a mini food-fight, and a slice of lime *did* impact someone at another table... but, we made it out without any casualties, and with full bellies to supply the energy for the whirlwind tour ahead. From there it was off to see Times Square, down to Battery Park on the waterfront to get a view of Lady Liberty as well as the temporary 9/11/01 memorial, followed by a long walk up to the subway station at the "Ground-Zero" site to view the memorials there, and finally back to Times Square again to catch the train back to our vehicles. After enduring what seemed an eternity of a train ride, we arrived back at Coney Island and started the long drive towards Jackson, NJ and Six Flags Great Adventure

The next morning dawned hot and steamy as we made our way to Great Adventure ready to experience the world's tallest and fastest coaster. As we pulled into the parking lot we saw Kingda Ka launch a couple times, so we were feeling pretty confident that we'd get our ride. As soon as the first group to arrive made it through the gates we quickly set out to get in line, only to find that even this close to opening we had an hour wait ahead of us. Figuring that the queue would only get worse through the day, (and worried that it may develop one of the mechanical difficulties for which these type coasters are prone, and close for the day), we elected to wait. Fifteen minutes goes by with no problems, and, though it's warm, we have a bit of shade. Then it happens- the ride goes down, and our shade disappears! – *Did I mention that it was hot...?* After about half an hour the ride finally comes back up and, after what seemed several more hours in the brutal sun, we eventually made our way onto the ride. Suffice to say ...it was not worth the wait. Then it was time to move on to the highlight of the trip for many of us: El Toro! This coaster is flat out amazing in my opinion. From the blazing fast lift hill and massive airtime on the first drop, to the disorienting final turns this coaster did not disappoint. As some were heard to say afterward,



"if El Toro were longer, it might just beat out The Voyage for best woodie." After managing to get in a couple rides, we ventured forth to experience the rest of what the park had to offer. Sadly, this being a Six Flags park, there had to be trouble at some point. So, it didn't come as a complete surprise later when we found out that ALL the water was off in the park, (i.e. no restrooms!) Yet, the park was continuing to serve food and act as though nothing was amiss. Considering the impact this was having on our day, and the total lack of interest in our concerns by any employees, we as a group decided to seek out higher level personnel to voice our displeasure. This took quite a while, but did afford us plenty of "front of the line" passes for our entire group, so from there we set out at a near run trying to pack in as many of the remaining coasters as possible before the park closed.

We set a decent pace and accomplished our goal with one exception; unfortunately Shelby was unable to get a ride on Kingda Ka. The night was closed out in excellent fashion, with several members of our group getting multiple rides on the final trains dispatched for El Toro, before we hit the road again to head into Pennsylvania.

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As we began day three with weather that was as hot or hotter than what we'd left behind in Florida, and a forecast of strong thunderstorms for the afternoon, we were all hoping for the best from the weather and that a Cedar Fair run park would erase the negativity that Six Flags had inspired the previous day. We arrived to Dorney Park and waited to purchase our passes for the day while applying copious amounts of sunscreen against the relentless sun. Once inside the park we headed down to ride the Lazer and to get Sydney onto her first coaster of the trip. Sydney riding the Little Lazer, with her hands up and a beaming smile, next to a young boy who looked absolutely terrified was priceless!



When she got off the ride her opinion was that it was fun but really needed some airtime. Then, onward we went gathering the rest of our coaster credits, as well as visiting some classic rides like The Whip. There were some exciting rides to be enjoyed, though the general consensus among the group was that the "Jojo Roll" on Hydra- The Revenge (an extended inline-inversion prior to the lift hill) was a useless gimmick that only served to dump the contents of your pockets for retrieval later by the staff. Once we finished all the coasters in the park, our group split, with some electing to head to Knoebels, and others to ride a little more before heading over to Hershey for the evening's

ERT. The Knoebels crew had to wait out a fair amount of



rain at the park, but once that had moved on they had some very fast coasters to enjoy. On a side note: Since I did not make the trip to Knoebels myself I cannot guarantee the veracity of my information, but I hear that "Mom" met a very attractive police officer (I believe she said he rated a 45 to a 78 on her scale...), and managed to get their van moved along quickly through a sobriety checkpoint. For those of us who remained behind and headed to Hershey, the same rain that the others had to contend with came in the form of some extremely strong thunderstorms with winds gusting up to 50+mph (which is not much fun to drive a mini-van through I can tell ya!) But, with my excellent driving skills, we made it into Hershey unscathed.

The Hershey crew rolled into town, and, after locating the hotel where we'd be staying, began our trek towards the park to pick up everyone's event packet. Based upon our navigator's advice about a shortcut, we took long, winding, hilly, back roads that indeed eventually lead to the park; and it was interesting. But a *shortcut...? NOT! Well, at least not a timesaving shortcut.* Nevertheless, we did finally make it to the park, and, after a little creative driving along the wrong direction of the exit side of the park's road, arrived near the front so that Hope could go and retrieve the packets. Unfortunately for both those of us who remained at the van and Hope, the contact person was not easily found. So, it took about 45 minutes for her to accomplish the task and return. Once reunited with us, and in possession of the



packets, we hurriedly made our way back to the hotel along much faster roads and checked-in to prepare for some nighttime ERT on Hershey's Racer coasters. After throwing our luggage in the room and doing a little freshening-up, we regrouped and headed back to the park. While waiting at the entrance for everyone to arrive, a person with obviously limited English language skills approached me, pointed towards the park, and asked: Hershey...? ...point, point...Hershey? -- (*No, you're saying it wrong... with an Asian accent! Hershey...? Hershey...?!*) -- When I affirmed that, yes, it was indeed Hershey, he looked at me as though I may just be lying to him and went to confirm the fact with the park staff at the gate. (Subsequent to the aforementioned encounter, those of us who had witnessed the scene decided that I should have told the man no, **Nestle**;

ah, hindsight is always 20/20...) Anyway, that bit of excitement to our evening out of the way; we entered the park and headed back towards the coasters. The fireworks were going off overhead, the night air finally cooling, and our walk back was pleasant enough, until we arrived to the coaster and began our wait that would eventually stretch to a half hour after the ERT was scheduled to start. Once the staff was finally in place we were whisked up the ramp to begin our ride time. The coasters were running well with their wet rails, and for the first few rides the lights were left on creating some very fun rides. After about 20 minutes the typical queue clearing occurred so that you could basically stay on the trains if you were not riding front or back, and the staff kept the trains running until a short while after midnight. So, needless to say we all got our fair share of Racer fun. After laboriously walking back to our vehicles, we bid goodnight to the park and headed back to the hotel for a little socializing and very little sleep before arising early the next morning to head back to the park for more.



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The next morning arrived far, far too quickly for most of us. But in true enthusiast fashion those of us who had not visited the park before set out to get our credits. The first ride to be sampled was Storm Runner, which I found to be quite rough in the front. We then proceeded to make our way around the park riding all the coasters, including a great ride on the classic Schwarzkopf creation: Superdooperlooper, before some of us headed back to the hotel for an afternoon dip in the hot tub and pool. Thusly refreshed we returned to the park for the dinner portion of the event. Once we'd had enough to eat, and the afternoon rain showers ceased, our group



headed over to the Comet. For Sydney this was the culmination of her excitement for the entire trip; a big coaster she could ride! And she loved her ride as much as we enjoyed watching her. From there we traveled out of the park to visit Hershey's Chocolate World and the Factory Works Experience, where everyone gained a new appreciation for the process of turning cocoa beans into the chocolate we love. Then it was time to walk back to Storm Runner for our nighttime ERT.



Scrupulously avoiding the front but instead staying towards the back gave me a new appreciation for this coaster, and we all enjoyed our many rides before once again leaving the park for our trip back to the hotel. Since we hadn't had enough thrilling excitement yet, the decision was made to use the shortcut- at unadvisable speeds, for our return trip. This has since become known as Squid's Wild Ride, and will go down in history as one of the best driving sections of any of our trips! After arriving back at the hotel safe and mostly sane we continued the evening with some camaraderie and a few drinks, before drifting off to bed very late (or very early dependant upon your perspective...)

After a few hours of sleep everyone groggily gathered to make our trip back to NY for our flights home. However, the first destination of the morning was for our final-day coaster family breakfast, so we drove several miles down the road to a Cracker Barrel. We ate a nice meal, while sharing stories of our most excellent adventures over the past few days and planning for more fun on future trips. Once breakfast was finished, everyone gathered in the parking lot to send off the Rice's on their long drive home while contemplating our own daunting trip back to the airport.



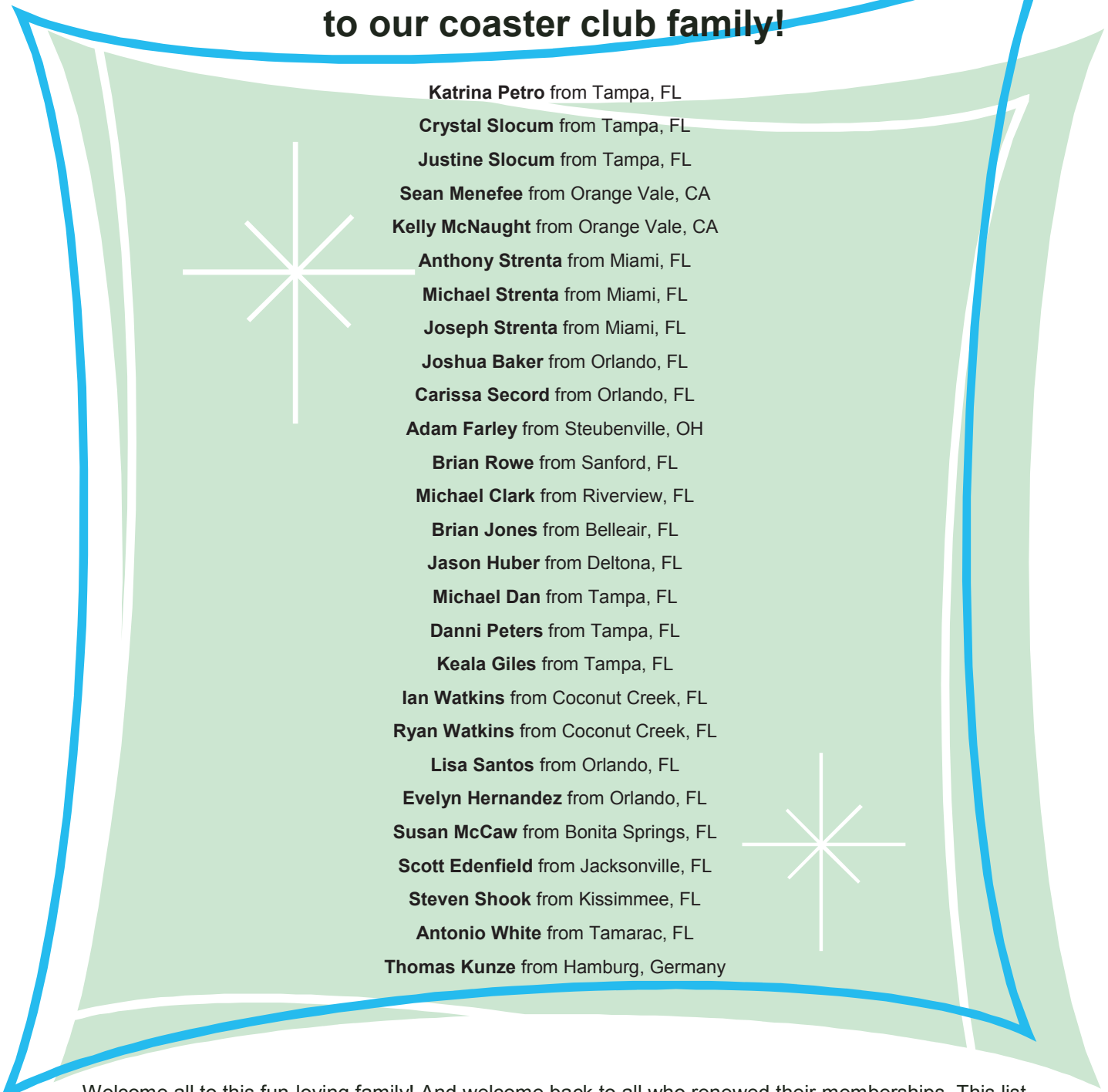
Back on the road, we contended with traffic that finally became so bad as we neared the city that we were not quite sure that the people on the early flights would make it. *Which was not entirely a bad thing... it left us less time to be sad about the end of such a fun filled trip...* Luckily we arrived with just enough time for them to make their gates; whereupon the earliest flight learned that their plane was delayed, so Hope and Joshua returned to spend a little more time with Joey, Mari, and I. After not hearing any announcements about their flight for about 15-20 minutes they decided to head back into their terminal to see what was up. And none too soon it turned out! Their flight was ready and the doors were being closed. Thankfully the doors were re-opened however, and they were able to board their flight home. Finally, the last of us got on our plane back to West Palm Beach and bid a fond adieu to another amazing trip.





# **Welcome New Members!**

**Since March 2007 we have added 27 new members  
to our coaster club family!**



**Katrina Petro** from Tampa, FL  
**Crystal Slocum** from Tampa, FL  
**Justine Slocum** from Tampa, FL  
**Sean Menefee** from Orange Vale, CA  
**Kelly McNaught** from Orange Vale, CA  
**Anthony Strenta** from Miami, FL  
**Michael Strenta** from Miami, FL  
**Joseph Strenta** from Miami, FL  
**Joshua Baker** from Orlando, FL  
**Carissa Secord** from Orlando, FL  
**Adam Farley** from Steubenville, OH  
**Brian Rowe** from Sanford, FL  
**Michael Clark** from Riverview, FL  
**Brian Jones** from Belleair, FL  
**Jason Huber** from Deltona, FL  
**Michael Dan** from Tampa, FL  
**Danni Peters** from Tampa, FL  
**Keala Giles** from Tampa, FL  
**Ian Watkins** from Coconut Creek, FL  
**Ryan Watkins** from Coconut Creek, FL  
**Lisa Santos** from Orlando, FL  
**Evelyn Hernandez** from Orlando, FL  
**Susan McCaw** from Bonita Springs, FL  
**Scott Edenfield** from Jacksonville, FL  
**Steven Shook** from Kissimmee, FL  
**Antonio White** from Tamarac, FL  
**Thomas Kunze** from Hamburg, Germany

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



# CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

## *A.K.A.- The traffic trip!*

By: Squid McGlamery  
Membership Coordinator

Once again it was time for one of our amazing out-of-State trips. This time it was a visit to the west coast Mecca of theme parks: Los Angeles California! We planned visits to Knott's Berry Farm for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Halloween Haunt, Disneyland & California Adventure to enjoy Haunted Mansion Holiday and California Screamin', Magic Mountain to experience Tatsu, and Universal Studios Hollywood to check out the Halloween Horror Nights party our friends out west put on. Along with this exhaustive schedule there were planned side trips to visit both the Pacific Ocean and a couple smaller parks for some coaster action.

So, anticipating an action-packed few days, we all set out to The Golden State.

As our quite large group coalesced around the baggage claim area of LAX, we exchanged our greetings and hugs before heading out to get our rental vans for the adventure. Our crew for this trip consisted of Steve & Mel, Hope, George, Marc, Joey, Marissa, Crystal, Joshua, "Mom" (Laura), Kathy, Mike C., and myself; with the addition of Greg & Patrice and our German contingent- Lars, Peter-1, and Peter-2 (Lars' brother), for parts of the action.

We set out from the airport to quickly check in to our rooms and head over to Knott's for some rides on the always exhilarating X-celerator, and the surprisingly fun –especially with the right weight displacement – new addition: Sierra Sidewinder. While those who had visited the park previously got in some extra rides on X-celerator, the rest of the group set out to add some credits to their lists. Particularly commented upon was how rough Ghost Rider has become, which is quite a shame since it was once a stellar coaster. After everybody got their fill of coaster riding we set off back to the hotel to get ready for a return to the park for the Haunt. Once we were suitably refreshed from our time at the rooms, everyone gathered and headed over to the park for the Haunt dinner special, which allowed us to enter the park early and get in a few of the haunted houses before the deluge of the rest of the public arrived. Because of the head start we were afforded we were able to do all the houses with very minimal crowds. And well done houses they were; the actors at Knott's are given much more flexibility to roam through the house following people, and the layouts were conducive to good scares. We wrapped up the evening with the premier show at Knott's Scary Farm Halloween Haunt- The Hanging! The Hanging, for those who have not experienced, is like Bill & Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure at Universal, but much closer to rated-R than Universal's PG-13. The writers this year did another outstanding job skewering all the crazy things that make up pop-culture, and we all laughed ourselves nearly breathless.

After a typical night of little sleep, we awoke to seize the day and check out the Disney Parks. First up was a visit to California Adventure. The park was fairly crowded, (though nothing compared to what we'd face later...), so we quickly made our way through the park toward California Screamin'. After gathering single-rider passes we waited about twenty minutes and then boarded our trains. The ride seemed quite a bit slower than last time I had ridden, but it was still a fun ride nonetheless. All gathered again, we set out to conquer as much of the park as time allowed. A few of us had gotten Fast-Passes for The Tower of Terror on our way in, so we headed over to see how the California Adventure version stacked-up to our own. I was pleasantly surprised, although not as overall exciting as the Florida version, it was a lot of fun. Lastly, before setting out to dinner, most of us visited the new Monsters Inc. dark-ride. It was a decent ride; with some cool little hidden jokes thrown in, but really not worth more than one experience. All of us ready for some sustenance to carry us through the rest of our day, we decided to take over part of Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen and have ourselves a Carnivale party. Once suitably nourished, the group meandered back towards the park gates to head into Disneyland. And then we saw the crowds... It was not looking very good for getting in many attractions with the thousands that were pouring in the gates. But we persevered, and we headed-in and straight towards The Haunted Mansion Holiday. This total overlay of the traditional Haunted Mansion experience is based upon The Nightmare Before Christmas, and is amazingly well done. There is truly nothing like seeing (and hearing), such a classic ride almost completely differently. Unfortunately The Indiana Jones Adventure was closed and the queues were upwards of an hour or more for most everything else, so we were only able to get in a few rides before the park closed. There were also several of us who got stuck in the Space Mountain



queue for about an hour and a half when it was closed suddenly. We did, however, manage to get in both sides of The Mat-  
terhorn Bobsleds, and managed to be some of the first to ride Space Mountain when it reopened.

The Space Mountain at Disneyland has been completely redone, and the results are very nice. Though I did think it was a little too easy to see the track because of the extra light, the light effects are impressive and the seat-back soundtrack really adds to the experience. A few hearty souls braved the elements, (oh, did I mention it had started to rain intermittently...?), and a line of 2-hours to experience the new Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage; from what I heard, it was well worth it!

The next day was to be an interesting one... Some of us were headed over to Universal Studios Hollywood for the day *and* Halloween Horror Nights, some only for the day, and some headed out to do other things during the day with the expectation of joining those who stayed for HHN. Well... L.A. traffic would have some input on those plans... For those of us who went to Universal during the day, there was a lot of fun to be had. We all enjoyed Backdraft, and agreed that Twister is a poor substitute, thrilled to the Jurassic Park River Adventure- (which is a better version in my opinion), and left feeling slightly let-down after Revenge of the Mummy. The Revenge of the Mummy in California has some interesting moments but is just not up to the caliber of the Florida version. We also did the Studio Lot Tour, of course, and had a lot of fun, even with a couple of the effects not working perfectly; this also gave us a small glimpse into part of the experience that HHN would hold... Those who were only staying for the day left to go try to get to the Santa Monica Pier to ride the West Coaster, while those of us staying settled-in to wait while the park closed and prepared for the night's festivities. While we were waiting for the park to clear we called the crew who went elsewhere for the day, only to find out that they were horribly stuck in traffic and would be running late. So, we went about checking all the offerings available while waiting for the others to arrive. Most of the haunted houses were well done, and, because L.A. people seem to come out later, we were able to experience a couple of them almost by ourselves. Universal also used part of the tram tour to drop guests off and allow them to walk through part of the backlot, a very effective scare zone. The Bill & Ted's show was virtually the same as the one in Florida; pretty bad... By this time it was ten-o'clock, so we started heading towards the front of the park, and finally managed to get in-touch with the crew that was coming to meet us. They were only just getting to the area, so we decided to meet at CityWalk and get a little something to eat and a drink before heading back to the hotel. After a little discussion about our plans for the next day, and some much needed food and beverage, we headed back to the hotel to rest a little before our final day.

Our final day dawned early as we rose to get a jump-start on what was likely to be a traffic snarl due to the closure of a highway underpass near magic Mountain. We had planned out an alternate route to get where we needed to go, and thus confident in our directions, we followed the detour and started looking for the road we needed. Unfortunately, due to navigator error *Oops, sorry!* and a mislabeled road sign, part of the group ended up far from where we needed to be. So, we turned around and headed back towards the park as I quickly worked out the most expeditious route back. Now back on track, we took the best route available, only to end up caught in a huge traffic jam because of an accident. By the time we made it to the park it was already early afternoon, and we needed to leave fairly early to be able to make it back to LAX for our flights, so it became somewhat of a mad rush to get everything done. This was further exacerbated for some because *someone* forgot the tickets back at the car and had to head all the way back to the lot to retrieve them, (this was his second occurrence of forgetting tickets during this trip too... hmmm...) The other group that had arrived earlier was well ahead of us in the park, so we ended up in 3 smaller groups for the day. X was running thankfully, so those that had not experienced it before were able to catch a ride. The overall opinion from the new riders was positive, though it still seemed pretty rough to me. After our ride on X Kathy, Joshua, and I headed up the mountain to get on Tatsu. And what a ride it was! Tatsu is the first flying coaster to really impress me. From the lifthill over the edge of the mountain, through a nice long varied course with some excellent wooded areas, this coaster has set the standard in my opinion for this style ride. Sadly the original launching coaster: Superman Ultimate Escape was closed when we tried to get on, so some did not get to experience. But, we managed to get everything that was open done, including the rarely running Déjà Vu.

By this point it was getting late, so we quickly departed back towards LAX to drop off our vans and get to our flights. The traffic was not very bad for our return allowing us to make decent time back and have a few moments to reflect before everyone headed to their respective flights. Marissa & Crystal were staying in California for another couple days so that they could get down to experience the attractions around San Diego, so we bid them goodbye and safe travels, and dragged ourselves inside to try to find something to eat before our overnight travel commenced. By this point a few of us were starting to feel a little sick with cold symptoms and were really not looking forward to many hours stuck inside a plane. After we had gotten something to eat we shared goodbye hugs and teary-eyed farewells, then boarded our planes with happy thoughts of our recent adventures swirling through our minds.



# FLCC Invades Disney '08



If you missed the Disney event this year, here is a quick sum up of all the fun you missed. The day started very early at Cracker Barrel with about 17 of us for some breakfast to

get ready for our big day. Next up, front gate of Animal Kingdom where we now had 26 FLCCER'S ready to play. As the gang headed off to Expedition Everest Melanie Rice had a great idea to make lunch reservations for all of us at Prime Time, thank you Melanie, and once that was done we headed over to meet the gang and get some rides ourselves. With only a 5-minute wait on a beautiful sunny morning, we all realized this was going to be a great day and we continued on to ride all the rides that Animal Kingdom has to offer and move on to MGM for some Rock n Rollercoaster and Tower of Terror rides and lunch.

Finally, after many rides and shows it was time to feed the FLCC kids, it was great company, tasty food and a lot of fun. Last but not least, it was time for some Magic and some classic ride time at the The Magic Kingdom, thanks to the storm passing over so that for those of us who

waited, it turned out to be a magical evening with some classic favorites, such as Pirates of the Caribbean, Space Mountain and of course the Haunted Mansion,



to name a few. To end the night was the Lighting of the Castle, WOW and the Main street parade, you couldn't ask for a better Disney day. The event pictures are up so make sure to take a look and see what you missed and promise yourself never to do so again [smile].

See you at the next event  
Hope

# 2007 FLCC Conference

by: Mike Hall

It's hard to believe the 2007 FLCC Conference was our 8th one! There was great food, cool guest speakers, lots of fun raffle prizes and good times socializing with all of our crazy fellow club members.



This year's conference was dedicated to the memory of one of our founders and beloved fellow coaster enthusiast, John "Zoom" Lynch, who passed away in 2007. Zoom's daughter, Kim, and her husband, Mike, were able to attend the conference with us where we honored Zoom with a memorial video and our new T-Shirts.

After a delicious dinner and time for visiting with friends, Keith McVeen of Virtual Image Productions, Inc., took center-stage for a half-hour of one of the most entertaining presentations we have ever had. Keith uses the latest in computer graphics technology to create stunning images and true-to-life animations of amusement and water park attractions for parks and ride manufacturers. He had several videos demonstrating his amazing work and then took time to answer questions from our group. We really appreciate Keith taking the time to join us and share his knowledge and talent.



And what would a conference be without our dear friend

Evelyn from Universal? Evelyn came to share what's happening at Universal and update us on Annual Passholder news. She brought along some Universal Annual Passes to give away as well.

After our guest speakers we had our annual conference video put together by myself, Barry Hom, George Booras and Kerri Albright, which was followed by our famous raffle which included some great give-a-ways like pieces of Sheikra's floor.

It's always amazing to me how fast the years go by. It seems we just finish one conference and the next one is already upon us. For a club made up of a family of friends, it is the culmination of another year of good times and cherished memories made having tremendous amounts of fun. Until next year...





# Member Profile

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While we were dating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the 70's, (yes, there were coasters back then!) we went to many amusement parks. The summers in Pittsburg were, weather permitting, spent going to West View Park, Kennywood, Geauga Lake, Idewilde, Cedar Point (if we were lucky) and Conneaut Lake Park. Dave's first "upside down" coaster was the Corkscrew at Cedar Point back in 1977. Karen's first upside down coaster was the "Corkscrew" at Geauga Lake. We also enjoyed the Double Loop Coaster, which was one of the first loop coasters.



But let's go back a ways! Karen grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and once each summer her and her family got to go to the old Coney Island. Her mom would not let her go on big rides but she did get to go on Lost River. In 1969 the family moved to Denver, Colorado. Karen and her buddy, Gail, went to Elitch Gardens and Lakeside every year. Then her family moved back to Pittsburgh, PA where she met Dave, aaaah!



As Dave grew up in Pittsburgh his family went to West View Park to ride the Racing Whippet and Big Dips, which park and coasters are now gone! When we had the opportunity to go to West View and Kennywood in the same year, wow, we were on top of the world! Dave's dad introduced him and his brother to coasters. Dave's grandfather's company picnic would be held each year at Idewilde Park. The only coaster there was the Rollo Coaster about 60 feet high! Years later the picnic was held at Kennywood Park. My grandfather would get enough tickets for about 10 people and we never had to buy any for the whole day. We got miniature golf tickets, row boat tickets, ride tickets oh yes, the winter vegetable capital of the world! We lived there for four months and were then transferred to Orlando for 2 1/2 years, then to Jacksonville for 9 months, changed companies and then came back to Orlando, yea!!!

On all of our vacations throughout the years, we tried to go to some kind of amusement park. I guess we were coaster enthusiasts then before it became "cool" to be one! We visited King's Island, Carowinds, Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Six Flags over Georgia, Hershey Park and last but not least, Cedar Point in 2002. Prior to 2002, our last trip to Cedar Point was in 1979 and the biggest coaster then was Gemini.



We joined the FLCC in July 2003 at the annual picnic. From the very start we felt that we fit in and gained another family! We have been having nothing but fun since then. Dave's favorite coaster is Millennium Force and all coasters at Kennywood. Karen's favorite is Thunderbolt at Kennywood. Our local favorites are Hulk, Dueling Dragons, Kraken, and Expedition Everest. We are extremely excited about the new coaster coming to Universal Studios in 2009. Some of our favorite club activities are the Old Town cruise, summer picnic, and the Central Florida Fair, where Karen always enters something in arts and crafts and foods and usually wins ribbons, sometimes even blue ones! The biggest was getting to ride on a float at Mardi Gras at Universal one year. We sure wish we could do that again!

David and Karen Staub



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