

SOAR ON **WILDEAGLE** DURING COASTER CON XXXV!



Dollywood **Carowinds**

JOIN THE COASTER CELEBRATION JUNE 17-22, 2012

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20
HOURS
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10
MEALS!



At Dollywood, we'll ride *Wild Eagle*, the first B&M Wing Coaster in the U.S. and the Mike Boodley-designed wood coaster *Thunderhead*.
At Carowinds, B&M's *Intimidator* and the Curtis Summers/PTC *Thunder Road* are just two of the 13 coasters we'll enjoy!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Postmarked or online by May 24, 2012

ACE members \$249
ACE members 3–11 \$212
Non-members \$311
Non-members 3–11 \$264

LATE REGISTRATION

After May 24, 2012

ACE members \$284
ACE members 3–11 \$247
Non-members \$346
Non-members 3–11 \$299

YOUR REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- A not-to-be-missed opening celebration!
- Exclusive coaster tours
- VIP seating at select shows
- ERT at Dollywood's Splash Country on Tuesday
- Dollywood Season Pass
- SkyZip Ziplines
- Adventure Mountain Challenge Course Competition
- A unique dining experience

ACE does not pro-rate registration fees for partial attendance. Cancellations are accepted through June 7, 2012; the amount paid will be refunded less a \$35 fee per person. Non-members must register to attend ACE events as the guest of a member who is registered to attend. Members are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their guests.

REGISTER ONLINE!

It's fast, easy and secure to register with your Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card at AmericanCoasterEnthusiasts.org



In 1961, a small tourist attraction opened in Pigeon Forge. Over the years, the park slowly expanded. Jack and Pete Herschend, who owned the popular Silver Dollar City in Missouri, bought the park in 1976; in 1986, Dolly Parton became a co-owner.

The park has won multiple prestigious awards, including IAAPA's Heartbeat Award and the Liseberg Applause Award.

With five coasters, including *Wild Eagle*, the park's coaster collection is sure to please.

Attendee Exclusive! Attendees who do not have a Dollywood Season Pass will receive one in their registration packet.

Attendee Exclusive! Attendees who are registered guests at the Park Vista will enjoy complimentary shuttle service to and from the hotel, in Gatlinburg, to Dollywood – before and after our ERT sessions and throughout the day.

Directions From Interstate 40, take Exit 407 toward Sevierville/Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg. Follow Tennessee Highway 66 South, which will become US 441. At traffic light number 8 in Pigeon Forge, turn left and follow the signs to Dollywood.

GPS Navigation Use 1198 McCarter Hollow Road, Pigeon Forge, TN 37862 to locate the park's entrance.

Learn more about the park at dollywood.com.



When a Charlotte businessman announced, back in 1969, a new theme park that would straddle the border between North and South Carolina, it's likely no one could have imagined what the park would become. Over the decades, a series of high-profile owners (Kings Entertainment, Paramount Parks, Cedar Fair) have each left their mark on the park.

In 2012, attendees will enjoy a park boasting great shows, great food – and thirteen great coasters!

Attendee Exclusive! Spend an additional day at Carowinds on Saturday, June 23 for just \$20 – an outstanding value for a great park. Make sure to add the optional Carowinds ticket to your registration!

Directions From Interstate 77, take exit 90 (Carowinds Boulevard).

GPS Navigation Use 300 Carowinds Blvd., Fort Mill, SC 29708 to locate the park's entrance.

Learn more about the park at carowinds.com.

SHUTTLE BUSES Dollywood is providing complimentary shuttle busses for the convenience of attendees.

On Tuesday, June 19, the shuttles will transport attendees from Dollywood's Splash Country to Dollywood after our morning ERT session at the water park, and to and from Dollywood to Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede for our afternoon dinner.

In addition, attendees who are registered guests of the official host hotel, the Park Vista in Gatlinburg, will enjoy shuttles to and from the hotel and Dollywood for all scheduled ERT sessions as well as during the day.

BANQUET The annual banquet is always one of the highlights of the convention. It's a celebratory evening of awards, delicious food, a silent auction and an address by our keynote speaker. Don't miss out! Add the banquet option to your registration and join us at the Park Vista hotel.

This year's menu features a spring mix salad, chicken cordon bleu, a prime rib carving station, vegetable strudel, roasted potatoes, green beans and the Park Vista's signature bread pudding.

Once registration closes on Sunday, a limited number of banquet tickets at \$70 per person may be made available to those who are not attending the convention.

PHOTO AND VIDEO CONTESTS Each year ACE salutes the talented photographers and videographers in our club. All registered convention attendees will be able to see the contestants' entries and vote for their favorites. The winners will be announced during the annual banquet.

Complete rules are available online at AmericanCoasterEnthusiasts.org/CoasterCon. Call 740.450.1560 or write to ACE Contest Rules, 1100-H Brandywine Boulevard, Zanesville, OH USA 43701-7303 to have a copy of the rules mailed to you.

DIRECTIONS FROM DOLLYWOOD TO CAROWINDS From Veterans Boulevard, turn right onto TN-35/US-411/Dolly Parton Parkway, and stay on that road for just over 18 miles. Turn right onto US-411 North/US-70 East.

Take the ramp onto I-40 East and drive about 66 miles. Make a slight right onto US-74 East (signs for I-26/Hendersonville/Spartanburg) and merge onto I-26 East. Make a slight right onto US-74 East (signs for Columbus/Rutherfordton/North Carolina 108) and stay on that road for about 55 miles.

Merge onto I-85 North via the ramp for Charlotte. Take exit 30 towards I-77 South, and after about a mile and a half, merge onto Interstate 485 Outer.

Take exit 67 to merge onto I-77/US-21 South towards Columbia. Take exit 90 and merge onto Carowinds Boulevard. Allow four hours for the drive.

ACEOnline.org



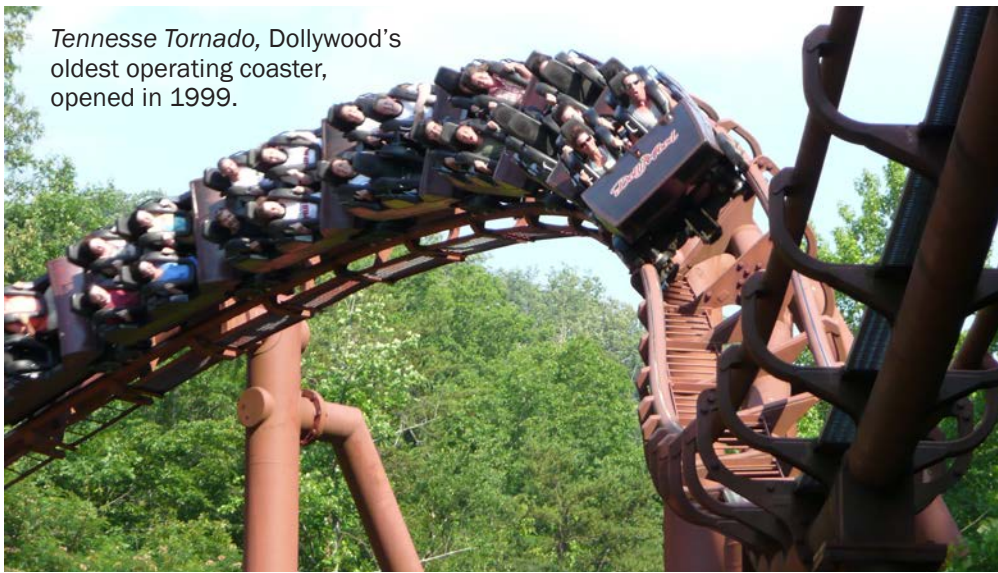
Your club is always online!



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Tennessee Tornado, Dollywood's oldest operating coaster, opened in 1999.



Convention Hotels

DOLLYWOOD HOST HOTEL

The Park Vista – A Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
705 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738 800.421.7275
parkvista.com

HOTEL FEATURES Heated swimming pool, hot tub, fitness center. On-site restaurant. Rooms feature clock radio with MP3 connection, coffee maker, HBO, hairdryer, iron, ironing board and 42" high definition flat panel television. Guests using the ACE reservation code will enjoy complimentary wireless Internet in their rooms.

RATE \$109 per night, plus tax, valid for up to four persons per room. Rate is valid June 15-21.

DEADLINE Reserve by May 16, 2012. Availability is limited; make sure to reserve early.

TO RESERVE ROOMS Call 800.421.7275, and request reservation code ACE.

DIRECTIONS From the Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge Airport: drive southwest toward Middle Creek Road. Turn left and go straight onto Teaster Lane, then onto Dollywood Lane. Turn left at Parkway US 441S and drive almost seven miles. Turn left onto Cherokee Orchard Road. At the stop sign turn left onto Park Vista Road. Allow 30 minutes drive time.
From McGhee Tyson Airport (Knoxville): Take 129 North to 40 East. From 40 East, take exit 407, and turn right onto Highway 66. Merge onto 441 South through Gatlinburg. There are 10 numbered stop lights; at light #8, turn left. The road will split three ways; the middle road is the driveway for the hotel. Allow one and a half hours drive time.

CAROWINDS HOST HOTEL

Comfort Inn at Carowinds
3725 Avenue of the Carolinas
Fort Mill, SC 29708 803.548.5200
comfortinn.com/carowinds

HOTEL FEATURES Fitness center, complimentary continental breakfast, complimentary *USA Today*, outdoor pool. Rooms feature high-speed Internet, hair dryer, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, microwave and refrigerator. Some rooms have kitchen facilities.

RATE \$99 per night, plus tax, valid for up to four persons per room. Rate is valid June 20-23.

DEADLINE Reserve by May 16, 2012. Availability is limited; make sure to reserve early.

TO RESERVE ROOMS Call 803.548.5200, and request reservation code ACE.

HOTEL LOCATION The Comfort Inn, located adjacent to the park, is within walking distance of the park. Follow the directions from Dollywood to Carowinds on page two of this flier to reach the hotel.



Thank you!

ACE events are simply not possible without the (often-invisible) efforts of those who volunteer their time and talents within in the club, and the efforts of our friends at our host parks. Please extend your thanks. In ACE: Dave Altman, Maggie Altman, Tim Baldwin, Dave Bird, Paul Blick, Lee Colletti, Melinda Gaspari, Bill Graves, S. Madonna Horcher, Bill Linkenheimer III, Elaine Linkenheimer, Will Moschke, Kevin Schreiner, Jeffrey Seifert, David Shultz, Stacey Smilek and Steve Smith. At Dollywood: Pete Owens, Ashley Adams, Brian Angello and Jason Boothe. And at Carowinds: Bryn Winburn and John Taylor.

PLEASE NOTE

No materials will be sent to you in advance. All materials, including name badges and admission tickets, will be provided to you at the event. All materials must be picked up during a scheduled registration time.

If you cannot arrive during a scheduled registration time, you are responsible for contacting ACE registration director Steve Smith (440.576.2220 before 10 p.m. Eastern time) to make alternate arrangements.

Registration on Sunday, June 17, at the hotel, will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DOLLYWOOD'S SPLASH COUNTRY

In addition to our Tuesday morning ERT at Dollywood's Splash Country, attendees will enjoy complimentary admission to the water park during its regular operating hours on Tuesday, June 19. The water park is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SALES TABLES

Sales tables are available for rent during Coaster Con XXXV. Sales tables will be open on Sunday, June 17, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, June 18, from 10:00 p.m. to midnight, at the Park Vista hotel.

The two-day fee for table rentals is \$50 per table for ACE members and \$75 per table for non-members (includes simple electrical hook-up). Daily rentals and shared tables will not be permitted. All sales tables must be reserved and paid for in advance.

Table reservations must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2012; there is a 50% cancellation fee after June 7, 2012.

Send your check or money order, made payable to ACE in U.S. funds, to Stacey Smilek, ACE Merchandise Director, 619 Washington Crossing, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-9812 USA; phone number 570.730.4412.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are vital to the club. It's fun, and a great way to support ACE. Check your preferred shift for registration or at the ACE General Store on the registration form.

ONLINE RESOURCES

The club website is your resource for planning your Coaster Con XXXV experience. Online registration is fast and secure. Use eCRIBB, the club's online tool for finding carpool partners or roommates at events.

Visit AmericanCoasterEnthusiasts.org today—and don't forget to follow ACE on Facebook!

MIDWAY OLYMPICS

Line up your five-member teams and compete for the coveted gold, silver and bronze medals in the annual Midway Olympics at Dollywood on Monday. Medals will be awarded to the winning teams during the annual banquet.

The Coasters

(E) indicates ERT is scheduled for this coaster

Dollywood

Tennessee Tornado (E)

1999 Arrow
110 feet tall; 2,682 feet long
48" minimum to ride

Thunderhead (E)

2004 GCII Twister
120 feet tall; 3,230 feet long
48" minimum to ride

VeggieTales Sideshow Spin (E)

2005 L&T Mini-coaster
11 feet tall; 196 feet long
36" minimum to ride

Mystery Mine (E)

2007 Gerstlauer Euro-Fighter
85 feet tall; 1,811 feet long
48" minimum to ride

Wild Eagle (E)

2012 B&M Wing Coaster
210 feet tall; 3,127 feet long
50" minimum to ride

Carowinds

Carolina Goldrusher (E)

1973 Arrow Mine Train
43 feet tall; 2,397 feet long
48" minimum to ride

Woodstock Express (E)

1975 Summers wood
40 feet tall; 1,356 feet long
40" minimum to ride when
accompanied by adult,
46" to ride alone.

Thunder Road (E)

1976 Summers wood racer
93 feet tall; 3,368 feet long
48" minimum to ride

Carolina Cyclone (E)

1980 Arrow
95 feet tall; 2,100 feet long
48" minimum to ride

Vortex (E)

1992 B&M Stand-up coaster
90 feet tall; 2,040 feet long
54" minimum to ride

Hurler (E)

1994 International wood
88 feet tall; 3,157 feet long
54" minimum to ride

Lucy's Crabby Cabbie (E)

1998 E&F Miler Junior
15 feet tall; 416 feet long
36" minimum to ride when
accompanied by adult, 40" to
ride alone. Must be under 54"
or accompanied by a child.

Afterburn (E)

1999 B&M Inverted
130 feet tall; 2,956 feet long
54" minimum to ride

Ricochet (E)

2002 Mack Wild Mouse
52 feet tall; 1,214 feet long
44" minimum to ride when ac-
companied by adult, 54" to ride
alone.

Flying Ace Aerial Chase

2003 Vekoma Inverted
49 feet tall; 1,122 feet long
44" minimum to ride when ac-
companied by adult, 54" to ride
alone; 76" maximum.

Nighthawk (E)

2004 Vekoma Flying coaster
115 feet tall; 2,187 feet long
54" minimum, 81" maximum to
ride

Carolina Cobra (E)

2009 Vekoma Boomerang
125 feet tall; 875 feet long
48" minimum to ride

Intimidator (E)

2010 B&M Mega coaster
232 feet tall; 5,316 feet long
48" minimum to ride

ACE is always online at



Carowinds has had several corporate parents. As a result, several of the park's coasters have had different names over the years.

Woodstock Express was originally named *Scooby Doo* and has also been known as *Scooby Doo's Ghoster Coaster* and *Fairly Odd Coaster*. *Lucy's Crabby Cabbie* has previously been named *Taxi Jam* and *Hey Arnold's Taxi Chase*.

Afterburn was originally named *Top Gun—the Jet Coaster*; *Flying Ace Aerial Chase* was originally *Rugrats Runaway Reptar*.

Nighthawk was previously located at California's Great America, where it was named *Stealth*. It opened at Carowinds as *Borg Assimilator*. *Carolina Cobra* was previously located at Geauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom, where it was named *Head Spin*.

Visit CoasterCon.com

Updated news about this year's con is always just a click away. Visit ACE's official Coaster Con website for updates to the convention event schedule, information about the area – and a message from Dolly!

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE
**INCLUDES A
DOLLYWOOD
SEASON PASS!**

LOOKING FOR EVEN MORE COASTERS?

ACE Southeast has put together an exciting trio of add-on events to round out your 2012 Coaster Con!

SATURDAY JUNE 16 Lake Winnepesaukah Amusement Park

and Ocoee Whitewater Rafting Trip

SATURDAY JUNE 23 Six Flags Over Georgia

Visit ACESoutheast.org to learn more!



Coaster Con XXXV offers a wide range of coasters to enjoy. *Woodstock Express* (top left) is one of the oldest coasters at Carowinds, opening in 1975. *Carolina Cyclone* (top right) blew into the park in 1980. *Nighthawk* (bottom left) landed at Carowinds in 2004, from its former nest at California's Great America. *Mystery Mine* (bottom right) has been one of Dollywood's most popular rides since opening in 2007.

Thunder Road



**ENJOY THE COASTERS OF
CAROWINDS FOR AN
ADDITIONAL DAY FOR JUST \$20**

Coaster Con attendees can enjoy the park on Saturday, June 23 for the exceptional price of just \$20. Make sure to add the optional ticket to your registration!

Tentative Schedule

DOLLYWOOD

Dollywood is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 17

10 a.m.–4 p.m. ACE General Store and sales tables at the Park Vista hotel Registration, Photo and Video Contest entries accepted at the Park Vista

11 a.m.–4 p.m. Welcome Reception at Dollywood Train Depot

5 p.m. Train ride to mountain top for buffet meal and entertainment

6 p.m. **>You must arrive before 6 p.m. >There will be only one train to the mountain top. If you do not arrive before 6 p.m., you will not be able to participate in the buffet meal or entertainment activities.**

8:30–10:30 p.m. ERT on *Wild Eagle*, *Blazing Fury* and *Tennessee Tornado*

Monday, June 18

7–7:30 a.m. Late registration at the Park Vista hotel

8–9 a.m. Continental breakfast at Lumber Camp

8–9:30 a.m. ERT on *Thunderhead*, *Mystery Mine*, Lumberjack Lifts and Lil' Pilots Playground

9 a.m.–7 p.m. Photo contest in the lobby of Dollywood's Pines Theatre

1–3 p.m. Challenge Course Competition at Adventure Mountain

6–7 p.m. Buffet skillet meal at Blue Ribbon Pavilion

7 p.m. Midway Olympics at Country Fair Horseshoe

7:30–9:30 p.m. Country Fair ERT

10 p.m.–Midnight Social mixer at the Park Vista (cash bar); ACE General Store and sales tables will be open

CAROWINDS

Carowinds is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

Noon Welcoming Reception and buffet at Plaza 2 Picnic Pavilion

5:30–7 p.m. Buffet meal at Plaza 2 Picnic Pavilion

8:30–10:30 p.m. ERT on *Intimidator*, *Night Hawk*, Boo Blasters on Boo Hill and WindSeeker

DOLLYWOOD SHUTTLES Convention attendees will enjoy complimentary shuttle service from Dollywood's Splash Country to Dollywood after our Tuesday morning ERT at the water park and to and from Dollywood to Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede for our Tuesday afternoon dinner at the popular dinner and show extravaganza.

PARK VISTA HOTEL SHUTTLES Attendees who are registered guests of the Park Vista hotel will enjoy complimentary shuttle service from the Gatlinburg hotel to and from Dollywood for our ERT sessions, as well as throughout the day.

This schedule is tentative. The official schedule of events will be included in your registration packet.

Tuesday, June 19

ATTENDEES ENJOY ADMISSION TO DOLLYWOOD'S SPLASH COUNTRY FOR THE ENTIRE DAY

7–8:30 a.m. Dollywood's Splash Country ERT on SwiftWater Run, Raging River Rapids, Big Bear Plunge and Slick Rock Racer

7–8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Wave Pool Deck

8:30–10 a.m. Dollywood ERT on Mountain Slidewinder, Barnstormer, Daredevil Falls and Smoky Mountain River Rampage

9 a.m.–7 p.m. Photo contest in the lobby of Dollywood's Pines Theatre

10 a.m.–1 p.m. SkyZip Ziplines

2 p.m. Video Contest at Pines Theatre

3:30 p.m. Dinner and show at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede

7–9 p.m. ERT on *Wild Eagle*, *Mystery Mine*, *Thunderhead*, Lumberjack Lifts and Lil' Loggers' Landing

Wednesday, June 20

8 a.m. Breakfast at Wilderness Pass

8–10 a.m. ERT on *Wild Eagle*, *Thunderhead*, *Mystery Mine*, *Blazing Fury*, *Tennessee Tornado*, Adventure Mountain

1 p.m. Business meeting at Showstreet Palace Theatre

Candidate speeches will follow the business meeting

6 p.m. Cocktail party at the Park Vista hotel (cash bar)

7 p.m. Banquet at the Park Vista

Friday, June 22

8–10 a.m. ERT on *Afterburn*, *Lucy's Crabby Cabbie*, *Thunder Road*, *Woodstock Express* and *Woodstock Gliders*

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Buffet meal at Plaza 2 Picnic Pavilion

5:30–7 p.m. Buffet meal at Plaza 2 Picnic Pavilion

8:30–10:30 p.m. ERT on *Carolina Gold Rusher*, *Carolina Cobra*, *Carolina Cyclone*, *Hurler*, *Vortex* and *Ricochet*

NAME BADGE

You must be registered and wear your official convention name badge at all times to participate in convention activities.

PARKING

Attendees will enjoy complimentary parking at our host parks by showing their Coaster Con name badge or current ACE membership card.

CAMERAS

Attendees are expected to abide by our host parks' camera policies at all times.

BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting is your opportunity to address the executive committee with your questions and concerns. The 2012 business meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20 at the Showstreet Palace Theatre. Members not attending the convention are invited and encouraged to attend the annual business meeting. Members not attending the convention will not be charged to enter the park to attend the meeting, but must leave the park following the meeting unless using a season pass or purchasing an admission ticket.

ELECTION YEAR

This is an election year for ACE. Candidates for the executive committee's elected officers will present their platform speeches immediately after the business meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Attendees are expected to abide by ACE's Code of Conduct to ensure that ACE is always represented in a positive manner. Members wearing the ACE logo, attending ACE events, or identifying themselves as ACE members should be aware that their behavior impacts ACE's reputation. Members found to be in violation of this code are subject to ACE's disciplinary procedures and may receive a warning, have their membership suspended, or have their membership terminated.



