

Fan Curves

Welcome to Fan Curves!

This is the premier newsletter for the ACE Northwest region.

Our primary focus is to inform everyone about events that are taking place as well as offer recent news and updates on our Northwest parks and roller coasters.

We also will showcase our own ACE Northwest Profiles of regional members. This is a way we can get more acquainted with one another. If you are interested in being profiled, contact Lisa Zigweid at lzigweid@aceonline.org. We welcome any feedback.

Regional News

A Message From Steve Gzesh:

Dear ACE NW Region Members,

As many of you may know, I've been a long-time member of ACE and have served as the ACE Regional Rep for the northwest area since 2002, not to mention a stint as ACE Public Relations Director (2005-2007). I'm still very much an active member of this organization, but I've come to realize that it's time for me to step down from this position and let some new blood represent this region.

I've chatted with Robert Ulrich, ACE Regional Rep Director, about who would best serve as the new NW Regional Rep, and we offered the position to Lisa Zigweid. As you know, Lisa has been very active as one of our Assistant Regional Reps and has been a driving force behind our redesigned NW regional Web site.

She has accepted the offer and I've also agreed to stay on indefinitely as one of her Assistant Regional Reps to ensure we have a smooth transition. Rex Wheeler will also stay on as Lisa's other Assistant Regional Rep.

I know you'll hear from Lisa very soon. She's eager to get to know you and build our community of coaster enthusiasts. Our region may not have the biggest parks or the most members, but we certainly have some of the best coasters in the world!

I hope I'll get a chance to see you riding one of them this summer. And don't forget, the ACE Summer Preservation Conference will be hosted at our very own Silverwood Theme Park on August 26-27!

Best regards,

Steve Gzesh



Puyallup coaster, ACE Summer Conference, 2004.
(Photo courtesy: Marlon Scott)

Upcoming Events

National Events:

Silverwood Summer Preservation Conference. August 26-27. Registration flyers are available online at aceonline.org and our regional web site acenorthwest.org. You can also register online at the national web site.

Informal Meetup:

Fun at The Country Mercantile in Pasco. August 28, 2011. The Mercantile has confirmed we are more than welcome to drop by and check out their new RollerCoaster. They also make and sell their own gourmet food and operate a chocolate factory that they give tours to. We plan to meet in front of the Mercantile at noon. This would make a fun respite for those driving home from the Silverwood event. Please contact Lisa Zigweid at lzigweid@aceonline.org if you are interested in going.

About Informal Meetups

We are now offering members a chance to meetup at parks at their own leisure as a way of connecting with other members and to ride roller coasters. These are events that do not require registering for. You simply show up at the designated park. When a meetup is planned, you will be informed by email, our regional web site, and in our Fan Curves newsletter.

We hope to see you at one of these!

Park Discounts

Playland at the PNE is offering all ACE members (and their friends) a special discount admission to the park for 2011. This discount also includes other events such as the PNE fair and Fright Nights. If you visit <http://www.pne.ca/groupsales/index.html> that will take you to the page where you punch in the code number. If you have problems with this link, you can also access the PNE's Group Sales link on our ACE Northwest Home page <http://acenorthwest.org>.

Online Survey

If you have not done so, please take a few moments and fill out our ACE Northwest Survey by visiting <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NY68WF8>. By filling this out, it will help Lisa in planning future events.



Lots of ERT in store at ACE Summer Conference.



Informal Meetup at Wild Waves, May 14, 2011.



Playland Landmark Day, June, 2009.

ACE Northwest Profiles

Lisa Zigweid, Kirkland, WA

First Coaster:

Monster Mouse (Oaks Park, 1977). The Jantzen Beach Dipper would've been my first coaster if it hadn't been demolished.

Top 3 Wooden Coasters:

Ravine Flyer II (Waldameer).
Raven (Holiday World).
Hades (Mt. Olympus Theme Park).

Favorite Coaster Event

ACE Preservation Summer Conference (2010).

Top 3 Favorite Parks:

Kennywood, Holiday World, and Six Flags Great America.

Coaster Collections:

Photos and memorabilia of defunct NW coasters, vintage Chein toys, books, paintings, t-shirts, and musical models.

ACE Involvement:

Joined ACE in 1999, NW Regional Rep (2011-present), Regional Webmaster (2009-present), Asst. Regional Rep (2010-2011), and ACE History Committee (2010-present).



Lisa "working" on the Puyallup coaster, July, 2010.

Steve Gzesh, Kirkland, WA

Coaster Count:

865 (155 Wood, 710 Steel). I've ridden coasters in 16 countries in North America, Europe, and Asia.

First Coaster:

Matterhorn Bobsleds (Disneyland, 1968).

Top 3 Wooden Coasters:

The Voyage (Holiday World).
Beast (Kings Island).
Boulder Dash (Lake Compounce).

Top 3 Steel Coasters:

Millennium Force (Cedar Point).
Expedition GeForce (Holiday Park).
Superman/Bizarro (Six Flags New England).

Favorite Coaster Event:

ACE European Coaster Odyssey (2002).

Top 3 Favorite Parks:

Cedar Point, Disneyland, and Kennywood.



Steve enjoying ERT on Playland's Coaster, 2009.

ACE Involvement:

Joined ACE in 1980, NW Regional Rep (2002-2011), PR Director (2005-2007), and Asst. Regional Rep (2011-present).