



Airtimes

WINTER 2005

FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2006:

February 5, 2006

Winter Safari
Busch Gardens Tampa

To Be Announced:

- Old Town
- Charity Event
- Sea World
- Fun Spot
- Universal Orlando
- Disney
- Wild Adventures
- Dania Beach Hurricane
- Cypress Gardens
- Out of State Trip
- Media Days
- Film Shoots
- Annual Picnic
- Conference

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"A View from the Top!"

Time sure does fly by ... when we're having fun!

Here it is November ... already! And another Coaster Season is coming to a close. Is it just me ... or has this year been just jam packed with Great FLCC events? We put together a record number of events this year ... **TOTALING 18!** This included all of our Traditional FLCC Events, plus some great Special Events. We had some fantastic opportunities to participate in various Special Film Shoots, too! We rode Kraken at SeaWorld, Orlando for a National Geographic special. We "*weathered*" the Hulk at Islands of Adventure with Al Roker of NBC. We enjoyed ERT on Kumba at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, where we were also invited to attend **Media Days for SheiKra ... with all day ERT!** Another outstanding highlight of the 2005 Season was our **First Ever Charity Ride-a-Thon** hosted by *Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, FL.* *This unique event benefited 4C (Community Coordinated Care for Children), for which you helped raise over \$2,500.00 for the Kids in the Orlando area!* You rode *The Triple Hurricane* a record **70 times in two hours!**

In this edition of the Airtimes, we'll talk about our most recent events and/or member trips, over the past three months. We've created many great memories with *old and new Coaster Buddies* on our multiple out of town road trips, like Six Flags Over Georgia & Wild Adventures, Cedar Point, and even some California Parks. We also paid our dues to the *Halloween gods* at various Central Florida Parks.

Our 2005 Season has truly been a **GREAT & FUN FILLED YEAR** **A BIG THANKS to YOU,** our members of the Florida Coaster Club. We couldn't have done it without you! Until we meet again for another Great Coaster Season in 2006! Please sit back, relax and enjoy your ride ... with Airtimes!

Sincerely yours,
Marc Meagher
FLCC President and Club Administrator

Coaster of the Quarter!

SheiKra

A species of African hawk known to dive straight down for its prey

Type: Steel—Sit Down

Make: B&M

Height: 200 ft

Speed: 70mph

Max Vertical Angle: 90 Degrees

Length: 3188 ft



All
FLCC
Riders!



Sherry's favorite photos!



The Loss of a Husband and FLCC Member

I lost my husband, Woody, July 20th, 2005. We had only been married for 4 years, but had been best friends and soul mates for almost 9 years. A friend of ours told us about the Florida Coaster Club back in 2003, and after checking it out for ourselves, we finally joined in January 2005. Woody had the time of his life with everyone in the club! He loved the club and all the roller coasters he rode, and made it even more fun for him to have so many fellow coaster freaks along to enjoy them with him. He was so excited when he got to attend his first club event, and he was so looking forward to his first summer picnic bash... he had even gone out and bought the biggest water gun he could find! He was armed and ready for all the fun he had heard we would be having at the annual picnic. Sadly though, he didn't get to make his first picnic... he was taken from me unexpectedly, and quite suddenly, just 3 days before the event. Woody was just 35 yrs old, and had been riding roller coasters since he was tall enough to get on them. He remembers when Busch Gardens Tampa had only one coaster! He had such a love for life and roller coasters... and as a special tribute to him, later this year I plan to take some of his ashes with me onto two of his favorites, Hulk and SheiKra, and let him 'blow in the wind' forever more..... one last roller coaster ride for my beloved husband, and my best friend.

— Sherry Fitz Randolph

The Florida Coaster Club offers our deepest condolences to Sherry, and the rest of Woody's family and friends. He was a true coaster enthusiast, a friendly and vivacious guy, and he will be missed.

2005 CONFERENCE T'S

We had been receiving pictures from John (johnnyupsidedown) Weincek from his many adventures into coaster-dom. We thought a picture he sent of SheiKra was most special. We asked him if we could use the photo on this year's T-shirt. He agreed, so this year's shirt features a photo taken by johnnyupsidedown. He gets credit on the shirt and a free T-shirt. Also, this gave us the idea to make next years T-shirt design a contest, open to all members. Design of next year's conference T-shirt is open to all members. Submit your design to the FLCC board for review and we will choose the best design for next year's shirt. We know that there is talent out there. Let us see what you've got. Hey, Zoom's getting burned out on these shirt designs. So get busy, we'd like to have a winner by next year's picnic. BTW, Johnny saves most of the riders in this photo were FLCC members.



Ken and Zoom Lynch

Annual Summer Picnic Bash 2005

On July 23, 2005, Mike Hall hosted the FLCC Annual Summer Picnic Bash. The day was hot and bright. Many played volleyball, swam in the lake, participated in an egg toss, ate a lot of food and socialized with friends from all over the country. The video cameras were all around thanks to Barry, Joey and Kerri. Laura "Mom" cooked a wonderful meal with all the trimmings, and Joey "Emeril Jr." was our official cook on the grill. The night was full of entertainment. We had the presentation of last year's video and then enjoyed fireworks brought by club members. Another great picnic!!!!



By: Johnny Fleps

Howl-O-Scream at Busch Gardens

A creepy night was upon us all! The haunted night bestowed our group starting with dinner at the Desert Grill. As we filled our tummies, especially with chicken tenders and honey mustard sauce, a musical show of the dead was enjoyable. Janis Joplin, Cher, and Elvis were among the dead singing in the show. A mad dash was then made when we headed out for all the haunted houses: Deathly Departed, The Hunted, After Hours, The 3rd Dementia, Freaked and The Mortuary. Riding the roller coasters on this ghoulish night made a freaky impression! At the top of Gwazi, the cool chill of the wind and screams of the guests below made the hair on my skin stand up! Dance music was all around to make the night fun, and it did! Between the huge eyeball staring at you, the ghostly characters scaring you, gruesome bloody effects in the haunted houses, and dense fog to blind you, it was a memorable night! Check out the picture of FLCC Zombies before they enter the 3rdDementia.



By: Kerri Albright

Welcome

New

Members!!



Burma Zautis of Orlando, FL
John McConaughy of Orlando, FL
Katrina Petro of Tampa, FL
Crystal Wulff of Tampa, FL
Justine Slocum of Tampa, FL
Peter Anzalotti of Tampa, FL
David Santoro of Kissimmee, FL
Kathleen Seaman of Dunedin, FL
Jody, Laura, Andy and Sam Cressman of St. Petersburg, FL
Annie Johansen of St. Petersburg, FL
Barbara Maat of Palm Bay, FL
Joe Faulkner of Panama City, FL
Nick Paradiso of Lakeland, FL
Edgar Dubray of Pembroke Pines, FL

Since July 2005 we have added 18 new members to our coaster club family!!!

Welcome all to this fun-loving family! And welcome back to all who renewed their memberships. This list reflects memberships through September. Hurricane Wilma put me behind in processing. I am happy to report that I have 12 more new and renewals to process now. Our family continues to grow!

Not sure where you stand? Just call or email us for your status and we'll get you squared away. 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.

Nancy Clay, Member #230
Membership Director

FIRST FLCC PHOBIA HALLOWEEN EVENT at Cypress Gardens was held on Saturday 10/29/05:

The park was open from 10am-11pm and Phobia began at 7:00pm and the "Friendly Frights" for the young "spookers" started at 3pm. Other than myself and a few friends, it turned out to be a lot of fun with:

Friendly Frights consisting of, **Pumpkin Heads:** Discover how to turn an ordinary pumpkin into an extraordinary Jack-O-Lantern! From painting to carving and other decorating tips, pumpkins get makeovers and then are put on display.

Bitty Bats: Take an ordinary clothespin, black construction paper and googly eyes to make a cute-as-a-button "Bitty Bat."

Pumpkin Patch: Color a pumpkin to sign and put on display in the park's "Pumpkin Patch."

Ghost Pops: This classic favorite takes the tasty lollipop and turns it into a cute ghost!

Tote Your Treats: Get ready for the big night by creating a customized tote bag to hold your Halloween stash.

And for those young at heart or those that just enjoy simple fun, beginning at 7:00, when the sun goes down the park is transformed into a friendly but *spoooooky* Amusement Park. With old and new Halloween songs playing throughout the park, bright lights shining as all the rides are going, Glow Stands everywhere, creepy creatures filling the streets, 5 Haunted houses/ woods and Haunted Ice Skating Show for your scary enjoyment, Phobia is sure to get you into the Halloween Spirit.

A RAINY NIGHT IN GEORGIA 2005 FLCC GEORGIA INVASION

The two-day, two-park, Florida Coaster Club's Georgia Invasion proved once again that a little rain can't dampen that FLCC spirit of fun. Although we were small in numbers, we had some BIG FUN!

Day One: Six Flags Over Georgia. We began our morning with a "breakfast club" meeting at IHOP in honor of our absent President, Marc. We headed over to the park where we were greeted by ACE friends Chris Johnson and Robert Ulrich at the gate. Robert graciously helped us out with a coupon for a Q-Bot and we took up a collection and got another to cover the rest of the group so we could squeeze in all the fun on the rides instead of the lines. Q-Bots in hand, we headed for those coasters. We took our knocks on the Georgia Cyclone to make sure everyone was awake, and then put our feet to the fire on Georgia Scorcher. Next was The Great Gasp. We know it's not a coaster, but this was the last weekend of operation for this historic ride before it is disassembled to make room for their new hyper coaster. After a delightful ride, we all got our commemorative buttons. (We'll show 'em to you Marc!) By then it was "hotter than Georgia asphalt" so we decided to cool things off on Shake, Rattle & Roll – the indoor scrambler. Somehow, with a little luck and some persuasive but polite words by our fearless leader, Kerri, we got the whole ride to ourselves! Choosing individual seats, we rocked and rolled for three non-stop "ERT" rides! It was great, but I am glad that happened before lunch! We flipped over the ever-popular Mind Bender, battled Batman the Ride, and cheered because Dejà Vu was actually running for all who wanted to ride. We hit Ninja, and it hit back (Ow! Ow! cool head-chopper, Ow, Ow, Ow!), then rode the classic Great American Scream Machine. Superman Ultimate Flight was next and proved to be a super-hero of a ride. One of us even "lost control of his face" it was so intensely thrilling! What would a trip to Six Flags be without a tour of the Monster Plantation? We all got in line for the Dahlenega Mine Train but that's when the weather got "turbulent." Rain poured and lightning flashed and we had to call it a day. But what a day it was! Fun, hills, spills and thrills all accompanied by FLCC friends. And we couldn't forget that "catchy" little tune from Mr. Six no matter how hard we tried! It was STUCK in our heads as we drove down the road to Valdosta.

Day Two: Wild Adventures. More FLCC members joined us for Day Two at the always fun and friendly Wild Adventures park. One member didn't even know she was coming until she was almost there. Steve Rice managed to get his daughter Shelby there and make it a surprise! And they brought delicious chocolate chip cookies too! After a sample of them we were off to our Wild Adventure! We were granted an hour of ERT on Cheetah and rode this wild woodie as much as we could take. Enough to shake that Mr. Six tune out of our brains! Cheetah is a little rough, to say the least, but the staff was very nice to us. We "allowed" them to open the coaster to other park guests a little early and headed over to the Gauntlet. Wow! What an awesome ride! Great airtime. With flying still on our minds we took a spin on the Aviator and shot over to the Boomerang. It was pretty warm then so we decided to take on the Tasmanian River Rapids – several times. We all found out that Shelby loves those water rides. After a quick run on the Gold Rush, mastering the Mystery maze, and a hand-slapping good time on Fiesta Express, Shelby talked us all onto the Frontier Flume. Well, OK, we would have gone anyway, but it was fun! Since we were already wet many of us took a few trips down Blackfoot Falls. Completely saturated now, we squished our soggy selves over to Hangman to dry off before lunch. Wild Adventures provided lunch vouchers as part of our admission and we had a nice choice of places to eat. The rains came while we were eating, allowing more drying time for some of us. After lunch we visited Swamp Thing, Ant Farm Express, Bug Out, and a few of us even braved Tiger Terror. Can you say credit? Craving more airtime, we gravitated back to the Gauntlet to enjoy this thrilling ride. A stop at the gift shop completed this fun adventure and we went our separate ways with souvenirs and memories of FLCC friends and two fun-filled days in Georgia. Thanks to Kerri for leading us on an exciting Georgia Invasion.

Ya'll come back with us next year, ya hear?

By: Nancy Clay



Trip in California

Met up with George, Hope, Joey, and Tom on Thursday for Knott's. No lines! Silver Bullet is a good, but typical B&M inverted. Did have a pretty nice dive element that threw Tom and me for a loop in the back seats. Hope got beat up on Ghost Rider, but towards the front. I had a good little ride with some nice air. We rode pretty much everything in less than 3 hours (including almost getting Tom on the Riptide where Joe would have had one of the best video spots of the year). For their Haunt, George had set us up with the pre-scare dinner buffet which was very well done and had a ton of food for all. Then into the haunt and check out how they did their event. Scaractors everywhere! This was an off night and there were creatures all over and each house was teaming with them. They targeted Hope and went after her (then stayed with her) in almost every house. They really did a fantastic job and we had a great time despite the jetlag from the other four. The lack of alcohol at the event really made a difference in the way the people acted towards the talent. A very refreshing thing to see.

Did Disneyland with the gang for a bit on Friday as well to get a ride in on Space Mountain. Love the new effects and music. Pretty smooth ride, but not as much air time as ours gives. Mostly right turns, felt like a Nascar race gone wrong. Still, all in all, a pretty nice coaster. It was a lot of fun hanging out with the small group and I hope to do it again in the future.

The rest of the trip was the typical Disney stuff that cast members do when they visit the "mother park." Pin trading, pics with characters, signatures, using Fastpass to its fullest, and generally having a fun time. Got about 6 rides on Matterhorn (or the bust your butt ride as Patrice calls it), 4 on Space Mountain, 3 on Big Thunder, 4 on Mulholland Madness, but none on Gadget this time. On our last day (Friday) we went on Mulholland and came off hearing screams from the Paradise Pier area. Jokingly our friend Dan says, "Hey there are people on Screamin!" "No, just kidding...hey...wait a minute...there ARE people riding!" Yep, to end our trip on the last full day, California Screamin finally reopened and we got 4 rides in on it. Once in the front, once in the middle, once in back and another towards the front. 2 runs during the day and 2 at night with the lights. A perfect end to our long trip.

By: Shady



Photos by: Dale Tucker

*The FLCC Cedar Point **INVASION!***

Roll Call started in July on the FLCC Message Board and after 33 pages (largest topic ever on the FLCC Board) of flight booking, car & cottage renting and t-shirt (and other unique items) designing, FLCC went from the Boards to the Point for 3 days with 23 FLCC Members and 5 Cottages on Lake Erie!

Our trip began September 16th, Friday morning around 10:00a, for those departing from Orlando; we also had some members leaving from South Florida and Jacksonville the day before with the plan to ultimately meet in front of Lighthouse Point at 4:30pm.

First on the agenda was to get everyone checked in and settled into their cottages and head over for Starlight at Cedar Point from 5:30-11:00p. First group ride of the evening was Magnum-XL 200, or as the locals call it "Maggie" and of course we had fun but painful ejector air on the way in. Next was Wicked Twister, back row for some and others to the front but either way, very smooth, fast and a lot of fun and a great view of the beach. Next was the New MaXair, No Air (as Josh would call it) kind of a disappointment to many, no airtime, the restraints were absolutely miserable, the cycle was short, to sum up... just not much fun. Next up the Wonderful Millennium Force, this coaster is what many Coaster Enthusiasts come to ride and after a quick

30 minute wait, we were on, with a couple in the front row, without anytime for anticipation up the lift and straight down and the screams of excitement begin, cruising now through the dark with some great embankments and airtime, the *Force* doesn't let up until the last over bank going into the brakes, we ended up with 4 rides for the night and it got better each time. Next we decided to head over to Raptor, which is their inverted B&M, Raptor has an interesting layout, but nothing special to speak of other than that, but still fun for all. Following Raptor we made our way over to Blue Streak, this is a traditional out-and-back coaster with lots of airtime. Lastly some took a ride on Demon Drop since it won't be there next season, this is their free fall ride and it's okay, nothing to jump up and down about (not that you could after the brakes), but it was fun. This concluded our first Evening; from there we headed back to the cottages and partied until about 4:00a....

Day 2: Breakfast Buffet at TGIF over at Breakers was first on the list, after that we hit Maggie again, and had a good ride. Next we headed over to Gemini to ride but because only the Blue side was running we decided to skip it until later and instead we hit Cedar Creek Mine, this is your average mine train with a decent helix at the end. After that some hit the Corkscrew, the world's first triple-looping coaster and others waited. Next up some did Iron Dragon and others went across the way to ride Wildcat, this is a Carnival style milder version of the Windstorm. Once we all re-grouped we headed toward Mantis a B&M Stand-Up coaster, some enjoyed. Now toward the back of the park for Mean Streak, it had been down for a good part of the day, but we finally got on it and it was fun, a little rough, but if you keep your back off the seat it's not too bad but YES there is still ALOT of brakes and it could use some grease. Now for some indoor riding, Disaster Transport, which I like to call the Que a "Cheesy Rave Club" but alot of fun. Next back toward the Gemini with a pit stop for Woodstock express and YES we filled the train with FLCC Members and made funny faces for the camera, would you expect less. Finally on to Gemini and with both sides running this made for a great hand-slapping, smooth ride with great airtime. As for "Credits" or rides not able to ride, Top Thrill Dragster was down for the season and there were no kids with us so NO ride on the Jr. Gemini.

In closing, many have made trips to Cedar Point but never in this fashion nor this memorable. With our wonderful FLCC members, matching shirts, designed especially for this trip by one of our own, thanks again Joey, great weather, all the extra activities over at the cottages, such as the first ever FLCC CP Cook-Out, thanks Steve and Melanie Rice, the 200mph hand dryers (right Josh) and lets not forget the Great rides. We will return again with an even larger FLCC crew....so look out CP....We'll be back!

To sum up the CP FLCC Invasion...."It don't get no better"! **THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!**

By: Hope Brown

Please visit the following sites created by other FLCC members!

**John Wieneck — <http://www.johnnyupsidedown.com>
Greg Johnson — <http://www.virtualcoaster.com>
Joey Ciborek "*Slinky*" — <http://www.coasterjoe.com>**

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