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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ July 28, 2018  
Coasters on Rye!  
ACE Does  
Playland Fest II
- ◆ July 29, 2018  
Luna Park Fest  
VIII



Welcome, New York City Region,

Our region is a very special one, with its rich history and constant renewal of its amusement parks. Currently operating we have Luna Park (Brooklyn, NY), Rye Playland (Rye, NY), Adventureland (Farmingdale, NY), and Deno's Wonder Wheel Park (Brooklyn, NY) to name a few. Soon, we expect to have Legoland New York (Goshen, NY) join the ranks.

Our amusement parks are spread throughout the metro-NYC region; however, each has its own special qualities. We hope that you are able to not only join us at future events, but also enjoy the parks on your own and/or with friends and family. Please refer to upcoming events for summer fun.

Our region has had some exciting news this year with the Coney Island Cyclone making the top 25 wooden list at the golden ticket awards last year. We are excited for what is to come in NYC region and we hope we see you soon.

## The past few years.....

Have been very exciting for our region. We have hosted to date seven Luna Park Fests, starting with the opening of the park, that have brought ACEers from around the world to Coney Island.

In 2014 Luna Park built and opened the Thunderbolt, a steel roller coaster by Zamperla. This Thunderbolt is named for and sits on the site of the famed wooden roller coaster torn down in 2000. The coaster has a 90-degree vertical drop and top speed of 65 Miles per hour. It has inversions of vertical loop, zero G roll, immelman loop and a corkscrew, and has been a star of Coney Island along with the legendary Cyclone.

Luna Park Fest V was a special add on day to Coaster Con XXXVIII in 2015. The event brought over 100 ACEers and guests to NYC. Other Luna Park Fests have been held at various times during the Spring, Summer, and Autumn and have included lunch, Q &A and swag. Luna Park Fest VIII on 7-29-2018 will follow Coasters on Rye II at Rye Playland on 7-28-2018! Both will be special streamlined events by popular demand.



## Meet the Regional Reps

### David Finkelstein



### Regional Rep

David is a native Brooklynite, physician, and former Docent at the New York Aquarium. He joined ACE in 1996, becoming Assistant Regional Rep in 2007 and moving on to Regional Rep in 2011. David has ridden over 1100 coasters in over 400 parks on three continents.

### Luko Simlesa



### Assistant Regional Rep

Luko moved to NYC from Dubrovnik, Croatia in 1993. In 2001, he joined ACE and met many friends. He soon was asked to join the NYC region as Assistant Regional Rep. Luko has been to over 60 parks and 600 roller coasters around the U.S.A and Europe.

### Anthony Ubinas



### Assistant Regional Rep

Anthony was born and raised in NYC and his family has always taken trips to parks. He grew up in Seaside Heights and went to Six Flags Great Adventure and Coney Island. Anthony joined ACE in 2001 and has been to over 70 parks and has ridden over 600 roller coasters.

### May Ubinas



### Assistant Regional Rep

May was born and raised in WI, moved to Cincinnati, OH and lived there for seven years before moving to NY. May has been to over 80 parks and has ridden over 700 roller coasters.

### Colleen Whyte



### Assistant Regional Rep

An ACE Honorary Member, Colleen was the previous Regional Rep and continues on as an Assistant Regional Rep.

## **Meet the Parks....**

### **Luna Park**

Luna Park is located in Brooklyn, NY. Luna Park is currently owned and operated by a subsidiary of Zamperla. The park currently has over 20 rides and 6 roller coasters (Thunderbolt, Cyclone, The Tickler, Steeplechase, Soarin Eagle and Circus Coaster). The latest roller coaster, Thunderbolt opened in 2014 to long lines and glowing reviews from the general public. Visitors can either buy Luna cards or ride wristbands. Address: 1000 Surf Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11224; Website: [www.lunaparknyc.com](http://www.lunaparknyc.com)

### **Deno's Wonder Wheel Park**

Deno's Wonder Wheel park is also located in Brooklyn, NY, in between sections of Luna Park. It is a small park with over 10 rides and 1 roller coaster. It is well known for the Wonder Wheel and Spook-A-Rama. The Wonder Wheel is a unique Ferris wheel with gondolas that run on short interior tracks that allow for swinging. The Wonder Wheel has been a historic landmark since 1989. The Spook-A-Rama is a dark ride, built by Pretzel Amusement Ride Company. The Sea Serpent is a small Miler kiddie coaster that adults are allowed to ride. Address: 3059 Denos Vourderis Place, Brooklyn NY 11224; Website: [www.wonderwheel.com](http://www.wonderwheel.com)

### **Rye Playland**

Rye Playland, properly known as Playland Amusement Park, is located in Rye, NY. It is currently run by Westchester County and one of the few government owned and operated parks. Rye Playland has over 20 rides and 5 roller coasters (Dragon Coaster, Crazy Mouse, Super Flight, Kiddy Coaster and Family Flyer). They are well known for the Zombie Castle darkride and the Derby Racer. The Derby Racer is a racing horses carousel. The Derby Racer runs at 25 miles per hour and remains one of only three still in existence. Address: 1 Playland Parkway, Rye, NY 10580; Phone: (914) 813-7010; Website: [www.ryeplayand.org](http://www.ryeplayand.org)

### **Adventureland**

Adventureland is located in Farmingdale, NY and has been open since 1962. It is family owned and has over 30 rides and two roller coasters (Turbulence Coaster and Lady Bug Coaster). Admission is free and you can purchase tickets or a ride band. New for 2018 is Mystery Mansion, a two story dark ride. Address: 2245 Broad Hollow Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Phone: 631-694-6868; Website: [www.adventureland.us](http://www.adventureland.us)



## **Meet the Parks cont.....**

### **Fantasy Forest at the Flushing Meadows Carousel**

Fantasy Forest at the Flushing Meadows Carousel is located in Queens, NY and is one of many amusement parks to have been operated on that site since 1939. Fantasy Forest has one roller coaster and over ten rides. Admission is free and you can purchase tickets or a ride band on weekdays. Address: 5351 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY 11368; Phone: (718)-788-2676; Website: [www.fantasyforestnyc.com](http://www.fantasyforestnyc.com)

### **Castle Fun Center**

The Castle Fun Center is located in Chester, NY. It is an indoor/outdoor amusement park, home of the Dragon Coaster, the relocated Python Coaster formerly at Party Zone USA in Middletown. Address: 109 Brookside Avenue, Chester, NY 10918; Phone: (845) 469-2116; Website: [www.thecastlefuncenter.com](http://www.thecastlefuncenter.com)

### **Victorian Gardens**

Victorian Garden is located in the famous Center Park in NYC. They have over 10 rides and one roller coaster (Mini Mouse). Address: Wollman Rink in Central Park, Enter park from 59<sup>th</sup> st and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Phone: (212)982-2229; Website: [www.victoriangardensnyc.com](http://www.victoriangardensnyc.com)

### **Adventurer's Family Entertainment Center**

Adventurer's Family Entertainment Center is located in Brooklyn, NY. They have 20 rides and the regions only Wacky Worm (TL\*3 Coaster). Address: 1824 Shore Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11214; Phone: (718) 975-2748; Website: [www.adventurerspark.com](http://www.adventurerspark.com)

### **Boomers!**

Boomers! is located in Long Island, NY and host over 5 rides, 1 roller coaster (Family Coaster), Go Karts and miniature golf. Address: 655 Long Island Ave, Medford, NY 11763; Phone: (631)475-1771; Website: [www.boomerslongisland.com](http://www.boomerslongisland.com)

### **Kids N Action and TurtleBoo**

Kids N Action is an FEC located Brooklyn, NY. They have a Miner Mike that adults are ordinarily not allowed to ride. Address: 1149 McDonald Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230; Phone: (718)377-1818; Website: [www.kidsnaction.com](http://www.kidsnaction.com)

TurtleBoo is an FEC in Spring Valley, NY. They also have a Miner Mike that, by report, adults are not allowed to ride. Address: 175 NY-59, Spring Valley, NY 10977; Phone: (845)746-2100; Website: [www.turtleboo.com](http://www.turtleboo.com)

## In Memorial- Our Regions Great Losses This Decade

**Tanya Regan**

**1974-2013**



Tanya was an amazing, sweet and outgoing person. Her favorite roller coaster was Nitro at Six Flags Great Adventure. She lived in The Bronx, NY and worked as an accountant. According to many friends, she had boundless amount of energy and never seemed to rest. Tanya also never had anything negative to say about anything or anybody. According to Mark Davidson, her favorite quote was, "If you can't deal with my positive energy, please step aside." She made it to every event that was held close to her region and was often the first one to register. Tanya, was easy scared at Halloween events and on darkrides, and even claimed to hate them, but she always put on a fun show getting frightened. A rating system was established by an ACE member, for haunted attractions (one to five Tanyas) depending on how scary it is. We thank Tanya for her contributions to ACE and her continued contributions, we are so grateful for the time we had with her.

**Martha Andrews**

**19??-2012**



Martha was a quiet and shy, but a very warm and funny woman. She lived in NYC and loved to work making brass jewelry and other crafts. She was a [discovering] artist, who worked on all her crafts. Many ACERs, the few and the lucky ones, not only learned from her, but also enjoyed her handmade projects. She attended many of the events around NYC, NJ and the surrounding regions. She enjoyed roller coasters, dark rides and flat rides at the parks. But, Martha also enjoyed listening to music and attending punk rock and rock concerts. We thank Martha for her contributions to ACE and her continued contributions, we are so grateful for the time we had with her.

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## Adventureland Amusement Park

Farmingdale

[www.adventureland.us](http://www.adventureland.us)

<i>Ladybug Coaster</i>	2000	Zierer	Tivoli	0
Was Family Coaster at Naval Land, Japan 1995-1998				

<i>Turbulence</i>	2015	Mack	Custom Spinning Coaster	0
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## Adventurer's Park Family Entertainment Center

Brooklyn

[www.adventurerspark.com](http://www.adventurerspark.com)

<i>TL*3 Coaster</i>	2007	D.P.V. Rides	Big Apple	0
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## Boomers! Long Island

Medford

[www.boomersparks.com/site/medford](http://www.boomersparks.com/site/medford)

<i>Roller Coaster</i>	1999	Zamperla	Family Gravity Coaster	0
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## Castle Fun Center

Chester

[www.thecastlefuncenter.com](http://www.thecastlefuncenter.com)

<i>Dragon Coaster</i>	2018	Miler	Family Coaster	0
Was Python Pit at Jeepers, Albany, New York 1997-2010				
Was Python Roller Coaster at Party Zone USA, Middletown, New York 2011-2017				

## Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park

Brooklyn

[www.wonderwheel.com](http://www.wonderwheel.com)

<i>Sea Serpent</i>	1999	Miler	Family Coaster	0
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## Fantasy Forest at the Flushing Meadows Carousel

Flushing

[www.fantasyforestnyc.com](http://www.fantasyforestnyc.com)

<i>Corona Cobra Coaster</i>	2013	Miler	Family Coaster	0
Was Python Pit at Jeepers, Southfield, Michigan 1999-2012				

## Kids 'N Action

Brooklyn

[www.kidsnaction.com](http://www.kidsnaction.com)

<i>Miner Mike</i>	1995	Wisdom	Powered Miner Mike	0
Adults not allowed to ride.				

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### Luna Park

Brooklyn

[www.lunaparknyc.com](http://www.lunaparknyc.com)

<i>Circus Coaster</i>	2010	Zamperla	Speedy Coaster	0
<i>Cyclone</i>	1927	Harry C. Baker	Wooden Cyclone	0
ACE Coaster Classic ACE Coaster Landmark				
<i>Soarin' Eagle</i>	2011	Zamperla	Volare	0
Was Flying Coaster at Elitch Gardens, Colorado				
<i>Steeplechase</i>	2011	Zamperla	MotoCoaster	0
<i>Thunderbolt</i>	2014	Zamperla	Custom	0
<i>Tickler</i>	2010	Zamperla	Twister Coaster	0

### Playland Park

Rye

[www.ryeplayland.org](http://www.ryeplayland.org)

<i>Crazy Mouse</i>	2003	Zamperla	Zig Zag Coaster	0
<i>Dragon Coaster</i>	1929	Frederick Church	Wooden	0
ACE Coaster Landmark				
<i>Family Flyer</i>	2001	Zamperla	Family Gravity Coaster	0
<i>Kiddie Coaster</i>	1928	NAD	Wooden	0
ACE Coaster Classic New For 2018: ACE Coaster Landmark Adults not allowed to ride.				
<i>Super Flight</i>	2004	Zamperla	Volare	0

### TurtleBoo

Spring Valley

[www.turtleboo.com](http://www.turtleboo.com)

<i>Train Roller Coaster</i>	2017	Wisdom	Miner Mike	0
Adults not allowed to ride.				

### Victorian Gardens at Wollman Rink

New York

[www.victoriangardensnyc.com](http://www.victoriangardensnyc.com)

<i>Mini Mouse</i>	2003	Zamperla	Mini Mouse	0
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