



Kennywood News Release

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Coaster Enthusiasts travel across the ocean to visit world-renowned parks!

West Mifflin, PA- Tomorrow (Sunday, June 4) over 80 members of the European Coaster Club (ECC) will visit Kennywood amusement park. The group is traveling a long distance to ride the best coasters, at the best amusement and theme parks, in the United States – including Kennywood’s three classic wooden roller coasters, the Jack Rabbit, Racer, and Thunderbolt, famous steel coaster, Phantom’s Revenge, and indoor coaster, the Exterminator.

Justin Garvanovic, founder of the ECC and editor of *First Drop* magazine, eagerly shares, “I make no secret of the fact that Kennywood is one of my top 5 parks (Worldwide), so I can’t wait to get back!” His group is in the United States for 18 days, visiting 22 amusement parks, including two of Kennywood’s sister parks: Lake Compounce in Bristol, CT, and Idlewild & SoakZone in Ligonier, PA.

Enthusiasts will arrive at Kennywood’s front gate early and make their way to the world-famous Thunderbolt for what, in the United States is known as “ERT”, i.e., “Exclusive Ride Time.” (Back in Europe it’s known as “ERS” or “Exclusive Ride Session”.) One of the favorite perks of ride enthusiasts is the opportunity to ride a coaster either before or after a park’s regular operating hours... exclusively. The Thunderbolt will operate solely for the ECC from 10 to 11 AM when it opens to the public.

In addition to coasters, enthusiasts take pleasure in experiencing the other rides, games, food, entertainment and ambiance of the parks. They will gather in Kennywood’s Pavilion #23 for a catered picnic from 1 to 2 PM. Joining them will be Jerome Gibas, Kennywood General Manager, and Carl Hughes, retired Kennywood Entertainment President.

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