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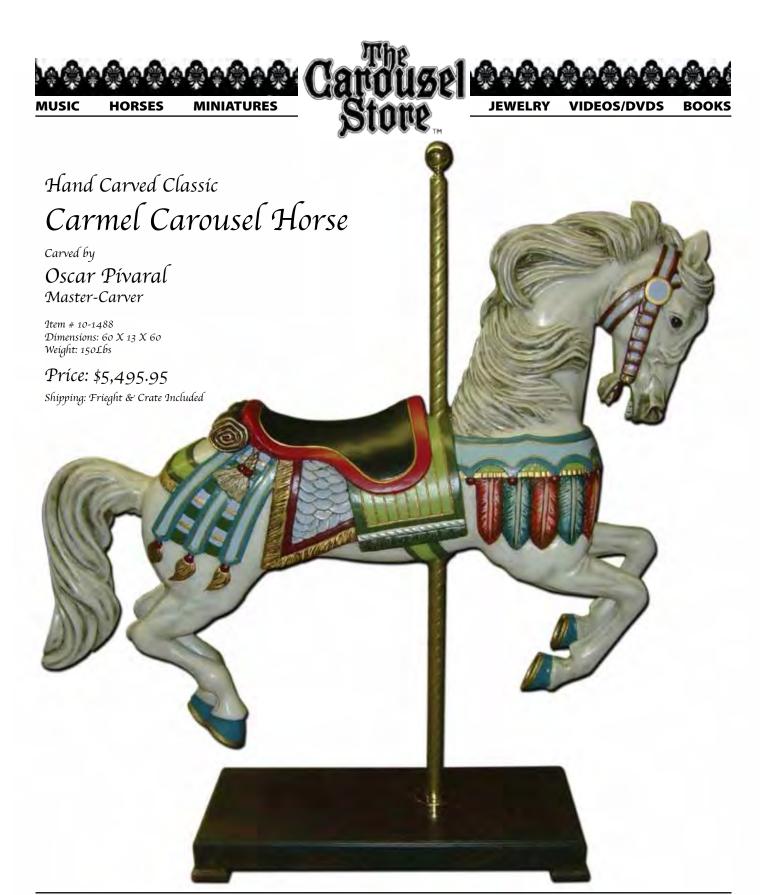
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From Dan's Desk

Dan sends along his apologies as he is not at his desk this month. He is on the road getting carousels ready for the summer. A nice 8.000 mile journey



with stops in Oklahoma, Little Rock, Arkansas, Memphis, Tennessee, New York, Coney Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas then home.

Getting Over-The-Jumps in Little Rock, Arkansas



Photos by Scott Fabbro



Dan was able to stop by and see the Over-The-Jumps Carousel in Little Rock, AK. As you can see, as of early May they were still in the progress of putting the historic machine back up. A gala opening celebration is scheduled for mid-June. For more information, contact the Little Rock Zoo at (501) 666-2406.

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It took four hours to sell the 300 lots comprising the intricate walkthrough attraction, which featured movie props, robotics, animation and all kinds of haunts.

One four-room haunted mansion scene sold for \$44,000, eight framed marquis went for \$6,300; coffins from \$400-\$1,500; four foam gravestones sold for \$1,100; a pneumatic headless zombie



David Norton

for \$2,000; a pneumatic leaper \$1,650; faux mausoleums went from \$3,000-\$5000 each; and a mirror maze was gone at \$19,800. Other prices realized included a WWII searchlight at \$18,750; a forest maze \$4,400; various pneumatic tricks from \$500-\$4,000; a Frankenstein table sold at \$7,150; a rocking boat captain's room went for \$7,150; a scary carousel, \$11,000; an asylum facade, \$4,125; groups of costumes totaled over \$10,000; and fog machines averaged \$550 each.

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CARVER'S CORNER: Carving the Nose, Tongue and Teeth

Carousel Carving Tips and Tricks

By Larry Pefferly Special to The Carousel News & Trader



Last month we glued the head and neck parts of our carousel horse together and started carving the lower part of the horse's mouth. The next step is to locate the branch of the lower jaw (see Figure 1).

Draw a pencil line to represent the branch of the lower jaw. Below the bottom part of the branch of the lower jaw line, begin carving down into the wood at a slight angle, toward the lower lip. Remember to keep a 1/4" deep cut at the back of the bridle. As you are carving from the jaw line toward the lower lip, you should also be carving along the bottom of the 1/4" cut in back of the bridle's cheek strap as well.

To clarify, your eventual goal is to be approximately 2" wide at the bottom (underside of the horse's chin), and a little less than that between the chin and jaw (the lower jaw bone). From the back of the bridle to the edge of the lower jaw bone, the wood should be carved out. Approximately ½" from the edge of the lower jaw bone to the bridle there is a deep, rounded, concave groove that runs between the lower lip and branch of the lower jaw (see Figures 2A (right





side), and 2B (left side), or refer to an anatomy book), then carve out that groove.

CARVING THE TONGUE AND LOWER TEETH

At this point, the branch of the lower jaw will be approximately 5½" wide, not including the throat latch, and the lower lip will be square. Round off the corners of the lower lip to make it look more realistic. Figure 2A depicts a horse with a lolling tongue. If your horse does not have one, refer to Figure 2B. Draw a pencil line between the bottom part of the teeth and the lower lip, all the way around the horse's mouth. Where you just drew a pencil line, make a deep cut. Begin at the back of the horse's mouth and go all the way around to the other side, ending up at the same point as the first side. If your horse has a lolling tongue, first carve that part of the tongue. The cut should end up being approximately 3/8" deep, but carved a little at a time in 1/8" increments, removing the wood between the cut and the top of the teeth and tongue. After the final 1/8" cut, you should be where the lower teeth are (see Figure 3).

Draw a line between the top of the lower teeth and the tongue. Carve much like you did when you separated the teeth from the lower lip. Make a 3/8" cut at the top of the teeth, 1/8" at a time, until the tongue is separated from





them. You will see the very tops of the teeth. If the tongue sticks out over the teeth in the front of the mouth, only do the last step on the sides.

To recap where you should be at this juncture, the part of the bridle where the bit is should be 5" wide. As the first cut in the back of the bridle was 1/4" deep on each side, you carved out a total of 1/2" to form the lower lip. It should be 41/2" wide, side-to-side, at the lower lip. You cut in 3/8" on each side of the teeth (for a total of 3/4"), and the teeth should be 33/4" wide, side-to-side. You also cut in another 3/8" on each side to the tongue (for a total of 3/4"), and the tongue should be 3" wide. This is a good time to carve a convex-shaped bar (bit) in the horse's mouth. It should be approximately 1/4" to 3/8" wide, and carved into the rings of the bit.

Turn the head over, face down, and look at the bottom of the lower jaw bone and chin. There is another concave, rounded groove in the middle, between the throat latch of the bridle and chin, running the length of the lower jaw bone. Carve this out, now. This is a good time to work in the small area between the bottom part of the lower lip and chin that is slightly concaved, as well (see Figure 4 or refer to an anatomy book).

Carve grooves between the lower teeth (refer to the anatomy book) and finish this section of the head. The





lower part of the horse's head is ready for sanding. CARVING THE NOSTRILS AND UPPER TEETH

The next section of the head you will work on is the area beginning 2" below the eye and everything in front of the bridle (the nostrils, upper teeth, and upper lip). Make a ¼" deep cut in front of the bridle's cheek strap, from the rosette down to the mouth. Remove the wood in front of the cut, but do not remove any wood in front of the bridle from a point 2" below the eye, and back up to the rosette at this time. Do remove the wood from 2" below the eye, down to the top of the horse's nose. At this time, only remove ¼" over to the front of the horse's face. This will leave a cut from the rosette down to the point that is 2" below the eye with no wood removed in front of the cut. Do this on both sides. The width of this area will be 6½" as it was 7" to start with (see Figure 5).

Turn the head so you can look at it from the front. A glue joint runs down the exact center of the head. Draw a pencil line parallel to that center joint, 1" on either side, beginning just below the forelock of the mane and ending where the nostrils begin to turn in toward the upper lip. Draw two more short pencil lines $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the last line, from the bottoms of the nostrils to their tops. The two longer lines should be 2" apart, and the two shorter lines should be 3" apart (see Figure 6).

Draw a pencil line separating the upper teeth from the upper lip, all around the horse's mouth. This is where teeth come out of the gums. Carve the upper teeth just like you





did the lower ones. Make a deep cut between the upper lip and teeth, 1/8" at a time, removing the wood until the teeth are exposed and are the same width as the lower teeth or slightly wider.

Draw another short pencil line 1½" from the upper lip where the teeth begin, toward the back of the nostrils (see Figure 7).

The nostrils are located between the two short pencil lines (the ones you just drew, and the ones next to the long pencil line on the front of the face). Carve out between the two short lines and place a ruler on what you did. It should touch both short pencil lines, and look like Figure 8.

As the pencil lines for the nostrils have been carved away, re-draw them on both sides. Look at the drawing from the front of the head to make certain both nostrils are the same size, and that they are directly opposite each other at the top and bottom.

Next, carve everything on the outside of the nostrils. Do not carve the inside of the nostrils until everything is finished on the outside. Begin by working in the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " area between the pencil line at the back of the nostrils and the upper lip. The upper lip should be the same width as the lower lip, perhaps slightly wider. Within this $1\frac{1}{2}$ " area, go from a $6\frac{1}{4}$ " wide nostril to a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide lip. Begin at the pencil line around the back part of the nostril and angle down slightly toward the upper lip until you are deep enough to carve the lip out. Use Figure 52 as a guide. You will have a flared nostril, but this is not a concern at this time. Con-





centrate on getting the upper lip finished. Carve the front of the upper lip round (it is square at the moment) so it will match the lower lip if the mouth were closed. Finish cutting into the teeth line all around the upper lip, 3/8" deep where you rounded the lip, taking out a little at a time as you did on the lower lip. The teeth, and back part of the nostril, will look like Figure 9.

The nostrils on a carousel horse are often more flared and larger than on a real horse's, so keep that in mind when referring to the anatomy book. The nostrils on a carousel horse will sometimes be as high as the back of the mouth, or quite long, top to bottom. An average size nostril on a full-size carousel horse is 2½" top to bottom, and 2" side-to-side. Once you carve away the outside of the nostrils and later decide they are too small, it is too late to make a correction. Remember, you should not depend on wood filler to correct mistakes. Read the next section in next month's issue before beginning to carve around the outside of the nostrils (see Figures 10 and 10A).

The head of your horse should be starting to come alive, and as we proceed in future months you will see your horse looking more and more like a real horse.

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To Paint or Not to Paint, That is the Question for Antique Carousel Horses



Dentzel Arabian with layers of varnish removed. We found full paint underneath.

By Marsha Schloesser
The Carousel Workshop, Deland, FL
Special to The Carousel News & Trader

To Paint or Not to Paint, That is the question?

Whether tis nobler to save, or not to save, to strip or not to strip, oh the dilemma.

Shakespeare and Hamlet did not ask these questions, but many of you do, but first you need to know the lingo:

Original Paint is the very first coat of paint on a carousel, painted at the factory (or sometimes second coat of paint, if the pieces came back to the factory for repainting). This is always the most desirable but difficult to find. Most horses in the last hundred years have had some sort of stripping done to them. When we restore a horse, the first action is to check for any traces of original paints.

Park Paint is the many layers of various types and colors of paint that were never stripped but just built up in successive layers as the animal was painted over and over through the years. This was most likely due to owners or operators who hired or reassigned their unskilled

help to fix the animals up for the summer crowds. If you like the look of your park paint, it is okay, but it is of no real value, unless you want to record the color of the layers. One of the biggest problems that occurs with these horses is that through the years they have been covered in oil-based paints, lacquers, latex paints, even decking paints, which makes them a real challenge to strip.

Many times the park painted horses hide many structural problems on the animal, although occasionally they do offer some layers of protection.

We restored a Carmel stander that had been burnt to a crisp in a major fire. We nicknamed him "the Crispy Critter." The shock and pleasant surprise was that under the layers of crispy black paint, only three small areas of the wood on the horse were burnt—and he still had original paint under all that.

Usually the problems that we encounter are dry rot, wood rot, wood worm damage, termite damage, dried out seams and joints, old metal banding repairs, excessive nails used in repairs, and old bond repairs.

Carousel horses and animals are not like antique furni-



Carmel "Crispy Critter" still shows signs of original paint.

ture. They have been exposed daily to the elements, heat cold, sun, rain, snow (and children). This all takes its toll on wood. If many of these problems are not addressed, they continue to get worse and worse. We restorers really earn our stars in repairing all of these problems.

Back to the original question. There are no absolutes, and no right or wrong when it comes to painting your animal. It depends how much time you want to put into a

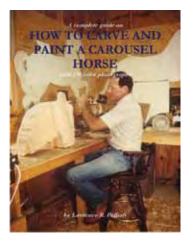
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An Allan Herschell in park paint.

piece, what way is easier for you to work, and what you like. We would all like to save as much as possible, but there are time constraints, and you can't repair what you cannot see.

How do you find old colors once you have pretty much determined there is not a full coat of original paint? There is still a chance of finding some traces of colors. To look for body, mane and tail colors, you take down the paint in a small section or window, layer by layer, carefully. If it is evident the colors do not exist, there still might be some hope. During the process of cleaning, if you look carefully in the carving lines on the trappings you might be surprised and find little traces or flecks of paint.

We are going to skip all the details on the hard stuff, which is the preparation and 90 percent of the work. Everyone thinks painting is fun, which it is, but it is really 90 percent preparation and just 10 percent actual painting.

Carousel colors were often bright and gaudy in order to attract the passing crowds. We have just finished restoring a 30 horse Allen Herschell machine to its original bright paint colors. All live horse colors, bays (red and black mane and tail) palominos, buckskins, and dapple grays. The trappings were all the same colors thoughout all 30 horses: bright reds, yellows, blues, greens, and oranges. I found it interesting that there was no purple on this machine.

Again, back to the question of what colors to paint. You can use the research that you (or your restorer) has done and go back to original colors. I would definitely recommend that on the more expensive carousel pieces, but on a track machine or traveler horse I see no problem in going with whatever colors you like since you have to live with it and I don't believe it would effect the value adversely. Antiquing the horses is for your visual choice. Some people like it, some don't. It is all up to you and your painter or restorer.

Hopefully, you are some of the lucky people who own or are carving a carousel horse. When you are thinking colors, have fun and go back to your childhood.

Education Included Visits to Classic Carousels at Lagoon and Liberty Parks

Keeping in Touch at NCA Technical Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah



Liberty Park's classic Allan Heschell carousel.

Photos by Roland Hopkins

By Roland Hopkins
Carousel News & Trader

he National Carousel Association's annual Technical Conference visited Salt Lake City, Utah this year. The turnout was a bit smaller than in recent years, but this seemed to make for a more intimate gathering.

Carousel enthusiasts from all over the country gathered together for plenty of learning (and fun).

After breakfast on day one, we started off at Liberty Park. It was a beautiful, sunny mid-70s spring day in Salt Lake City and a beautiful day to see the historic park.

Located just outside downtown Salt Lake, Liberty Park offers acres of open space, a tennis facility, swimming pool, children's gardens and the Tracy Aviary.

Niched into one corner of the park is the small amusement area featuring the antique Allan Herschell carousel. Marilee Latta, owner and operator of the Liberty Park Carousel gave us some history on the site. The carousel is



Liberty Park owner and operator, Marilee Latta proudly displays the plaque awarded to her by Bette Largent and the NCA.

actually the second to occupy the space. She has also added an antique swing ride and kiddie car ride along with the concession stand that she operates. Marilee is quite passionate and dedicated to her little corner of the park



Liberty Park's antique swing ride adjacent to the carousel.

which is a refreshing step back in time and would seem to be a positive influence on the whole area. As with many urban parks throughout the country, for all its beauty during a sunny day, Liberty Park has had a history of graffiti and even violence at night. That has all turned around in recent years with the help of Marilee and others like her who are dedicated to ongoing improvements to the park.

From Liberty Park, it was off to Trolley Square for lunch. Given the option of taking the bus, or the four block walk, a few of us took the walk on such a nice day. Take note that Salt Lake City blocks are equal to at least four normal city blocks, but it was a great way to see the park







Above, an advertisement for Lagoon Park from the 1955 National Association of Amusement Parks' Buyer's Guide. Below, photos taken after the fire in 1954.

and the revitalization of the eclectic mix of historic homes surrounding it.

Following lunch was a memorable visit to the Family History Library. After a very entertaining personal introduction to the massive facility, we were sent off on our own to search the wealth of genealogical information. I think Jerry and Marilyn Reinhardt won the research award that day as they were hot on the trail of C. W. Parker's distant family tree when it was time to board the bus.

The last, but not least stop on Friday was Lagoon Amusement Park. Nestled against the Rocky mountains just north of Salt Lake City since 1896, the park actually began operating a decade earlier on the shores of great Salt Lake. When the waters of the lake receded, the park was moved inland to the natural lagoon to help





Lagoon Park's 1906 Herschell Spillman menagerie carousel survived a devastating fire in 1953 and remains in its original placement a century later.

promote the new railroad. To compliment the dancing, picnics, swimming and "Shoot-the-Chutes," a mule drawn merry-go-round was replaced with a Herschell Spillman menagerie in 1906. The roaring '20s would see the addition of a wooden roller coaster, a swimming pool and a fun house.

In the '30s, a new ballroom attracted the "big bands" of Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Glenn Miller. The park was quiet for a few years during World War II until purchased by the current





NCA president Bett Largent presents Lori Capener, Lagoon Corporation Art Director with a commemorative plaque of apprectiation.

owners in 1947. The Freed family added a new ballroom, a cafe, ghost train and several smaller rides making the park the perfect post-war family destination until 1953 when a devastating fire broke out at the wooden roller coaster.

Lagoon president, Peter Freed, now 86 was awakened by news of the fire. He could see the flames from his home 28 miles away. He jumped in his car and drove



The baby swan shown here possibly the last of its kind.

frantically to the park, having to pull over at least once, fearing he was having a heart attack. Upon his arrival, he instructed the fire trucks to soak and save the merrygo-round which they did with streams of water throughout the night. The Freed family immediately went to work rebuilding from the damage and soon the roller coaster, fun house and carousel were up and running again along with a new Patio Gardens which would host popular bands of the '60s including the Rolling Stones, The Doors, and the Beach Boys who even mention Lagoon in one of their songs.

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Hal Boyd enjoys a ride on the frog along side Melba Clapp.

When long time Lagoon employee Lori Capener took over as Art Director, her first order of business was to restore the merry-go-round. Working on a few animals each winter, she stripped them of their garish park paint and brought them back to their original glory.

On Friday night, we finished off with a live internet viewing of the Spokane Ronald McDonald House "Carousel On Parade" auction with plenty of insight from Bette Largent who not only painted one of the horses but was a driving force behind the incredibly creative fundraising effort.

Day two would be the more technical, educational portion of the weekend, but who says that learning can't be fun? We began with formal introductions for those who did not already know each other. Plenty of colorful personalities arose and no two figures were carved alike. Without getting into too much detail, let's just say if you have never heard Charles Jacques' reminiscent musings or Vicky Vandenbout's jokes, you are missing out.

The program began with an enlightening presentation on carousel maintenance. For those who may operate a carousel there were some great inside tips, and for those who just like to ride there was insight into what actually





EDITORS NOTE: Before topping off Saturday night with the classic Twilight Zone carousel episode, we gathered for an impromptu group shot. A few are missing from the photos, but this is most of us. Oh, and if anyone is making a funny face, I asked them to say Looff before taking the shot.

Back row:.. Left to right... Dennis Towndrow, Linda Chavez, Jerry Reinhardt, Marilyn Reinhardt, Ken Kaszubowski, Scott Harrison, Betty Jacques, Lowell Wright, Nondyce Wright, Jo Downey, Bob Lyons, Mary Ann Gordon, Tom Allen, Linda Allen, Mike Jobe, Norma Pankratz, Noel Hinde, Earl Vitus, Bette Largent, and Shirly Vitus.

Front: Don Largent, Charlie Jacques, Melba Clapp, Ellen Moore, Barbara May, Billie Noren, Al Noren, Vicki Vandenbout, Mike Alvernaz Not shown: Bruce and Barb Johnson, Jim Shulman, Rosie Smith, Hal Boyd, John Evans, and our guest, Liberty Park "Mike," and Roland Hopkins (taking the photo).

Note the balloons. Believe it or not, there was a clown training seminar in the adjacent conference room. When she heard there was a carousel conference next door, one of the clowns-in-training thought it would be fun to stop by and demonstrate the proper way to make a balloon carousel horse.

makes them go around.

After lunch, co-conference host Dennis Towndrow's presentation on using the internet to promote your carousel segued nicely into Bette Largent's presentation on using the NCA archives on-line and further into some great tips on using the internet as your own archive resource. "The information is out there, you just have to be a bit of a detective and bring the clues together," she said.

Scott Harrison followed with a presentation on the history of the Saltair Looff carousel. The original animals are long gone to fire and what remained to collectors, but the mechanism will live again in Nederland, CO, with Scott's newly carved menagerie.

The later afternoon was filled with fundraising ideas and insights. These are some very creative people doing some very creative things to promote, raise funds, and successfully support their carousels.

After dinner, we were treated to a presentation of carousels on film impeccably prepared by Scott Harrison. There were no "Lost Boys" here. Scott dug deep, begin-



That's Billie Noren on the far left (hidden behind the ostrich), Scott Harrison hidden behind the pole, Mike Alvernaz (center) and Rosie Smith (right).



Scott Harrison gets his Wurlitzer 125 organ ready as Mike Jobe (center) and Jim Shulman look on. Scott's Wurlitzer is the original from the Saltair Looff he is recarving. He trucked it all the way from Colorado to share it with us at Liberty Park.

ning with a silent film from the '20s and treating us to carousel clips of "Liliom," (the classic French film and the parent of the American version, "Carousel").

Then it was on to the wild "carousel lost its brakes" finale to Hitchcock's "Strangers On A Train" and finally the great Twilight Zone episode #5 from season one in 1959 with Gig Young when Gig's over-stressed adult life brings him back in time to his home town, his family, and his



Liberty Park, Salt Lake City.

childhood park and carousel.

All in all it was a great event and I felt privileged to be part of it.

Next year's NCA Technical Conference is slated for Elmira, NY, and I would highly recommend all to try to attend. I hear rumors there will be a live carousel carving demonstration along with many other exciting and educational programs. But don't wait all year, the NCA annual conference will be in Washington and Oregon this fall visiting seven historic carousels, the International Museum of Carousel Art and Mt. St. Helens. For more information, see the ad in this issue or visit www.nca-usa.org.

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Sweet 100 Anniversary Celebration for Pennsylvania's Hersheypark



Photo by John Caruso

By Kathy Burrows
Public Relations Manager, Hershevpark

Since it first opened in 1907 as a picnic and pleasure grounds, Hersheypark has played a key role in founder Milton S. Hershey's vision for his model town. And along the way, it has generated countless smiles. Now, 100 years after the Park's initial opening, visitors to Hershey have more reasons than ever to be happy.

Hersheypark celebrated the launch of its Centennial season during its Grand Opening Weekend, May 4 through 6. On Saturday, May 26, The Boardwalk at Hersheypark debuted as the centerpiece of the Centennial celebration and helped kick off the second century of this legendary clean, green, family-friendly amusement park.

New for 2007 are five distinctive water attractions, including East Coast Waterworks, the largest water-play structure in the world. The \$21 million enhancement is the biggest financial investment Hersheypark has ever made. The Boardwalk at Hersheypark will offer guests the perfect summer vacation – one that combines a visit to an



Hershey Park at the turn of the century.





amusement park and a trip to the beach.

Hersheypark is already home to more than 60 other rides and attractions, including their historical carousel, PTC #47, which was built in 1919 and boasts 64 beautifully carved horses in 4-rows as well as 10 exhilarating roller coasters. Hersheypark guests can also visit ZooAmerica North American Wildlife Park as part of their one-price admission. With the addition of the Boardwalk, the park offers too much "happy" for just a single day.

To help guests multiply their days and maximize their fun, Hershey Resorts, the Official Resorts of the 100 Years of Happy Celebration, will provide special packages, activities and benefits to guests of The Hotel Hershey,

Hershey Lodge and Hershey Highmeadow Campground. Among these benefits, resort guests get the best price on park tickets and early access to select rides and attractions. In addition, the hotel and lodge will offer a dessert created especially to honor the park's centennial, the 100th anniversary of Hershey's Kisses brand chocolates and the 150th anniversary of Mr. Hershey's birth. Even The Spa At The Hotel Hershey is joining the fun by offering two new nail colors, "100 Years of Happy" (red) and "Happy Anniversary" (silver).

Inside the park, new entertainment will give guests even more reasons to smile. SRO Associates and Matt Davenport Productions have teamed with Hersheypark to take our entertainment to new heights this season.

And speaking of heights, every Saturday at 10:15 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day, guests can look skyward to see a dynamic, high-density fireworks display created especially for the Centennial season and sponsored by Capital BlueCross.

Nothing makes guests happier than great food. This season, Hersheypark will use trans fat-free cooking oil. And as a tribute to Mr. Hershey, a chicken and waffles dinner – rumored to be one of his favorite meals – will be offered at Tudor Grill.

The new offerings carry into the park's retail shops and stands, where a variety of commemorative items will help



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guests remember this year's happy celebration.

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For more information about the 100 Years of Happy Celebration festivities, visit www.hersheypark.com or call 1-800-HERSHEY.





HERSHEY PARK HISTORY

Hersheypark was opened in 1907 as a leisure park for the employees of the famed Hershey's American confectionery company. Later, the company decided to open the park to the public. Today the park encompases over 110 acres and with more than 60 rides and attractions.









Liberty Heights in Baltimore, MD, from the PTC archives.

Milton S. Hershey, founder of the Hershey Chocolate Company, surveyed a site along Spring Creek that would be suitable for his park in 1903. Hershey Park opened on April 24, 1907, with a baseball game played on the new athletic field. The beautifully landscaped park was an ideal spot for picnicking, boating and canoeing. Vaudeville and theatre productions were performed on a rustic bandstand and pavilion.

A merry-go-round was installed and opened on July 4, 1908 (although dates are conflicting in various historical reports, it is assumed that this first carousel is the Dentzel that is now at Knott's Berry Farm in CA).

A 1,500-seat tiered amphitheatre was built next to the pavilion. The entrance sign proclaimed, "Ye who enter here leave dull cares behind." The park was expanded in 1909 with the addition of a tennis court, two bowling





Photos courtesy of Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters, Inc.

alleys, a large band shell, and a photography gallery. Guests could also enjoy a ride on the scenic railroad.

In July 1912, another Dentzel carousel was added to the park. The carousel was 50 feet in diameter and featured 53 carved animals that included lions, bears, giraffes, pigs, rabbits, an ostrich, goats and deer along with two chariots. The carousel was described as the "most magnificent and up-to-date carousel in this part of the country as well as one of the largest."

Several structures were built from 1913 to 1923 including the dance pavilion Starlight Ballroom, a new stage for big bands, a new Convention Hall (now the Hershey Museum), the Hershey Park Cafe and the Hershey Zoo. A new roller coaster called The Wild Cat was added in 1923. A small Ferris wheel, the Aeroplane Swing and the Skooter were added to the park during the 1920s.

A penny arcade, a fun house called The Bug, and The Mill Chute log flume ride were added in 1933. Renovations were made to the Wild Cat roller coaster in 1935 to build up the dips and to more steeply bank the curves.

More attractions were added to Hershey Park each





PTC #47 at Liberty Heights Park in Baltimore, MD.

season, and by 1945 the park contained more than two dozen rides. The Dentzel carousel was replaced in 1945 by a carousel built by PTC (#47) in 1919, which still operates in the park today. In 1946 the wooden roller coaster The Comet replaced The Wild Cat. Twin 66-foot-high Ferris wheels were added in 1950. The Dry Gulch Railroad was added in 1960.

Until the early 1960's African-Americans were not employeed at any of the Hershey enterprises due to a policy set by Milton Hershey himself.

A five-year redevelopment plan was started in 1971 to convert the regional amusement park Hershey Park into a large theme park called Hersheypark. A one-price admission plan eliminated the pay-as-you-ride policy. This five-phase project was orchestrated by Randall Duell.

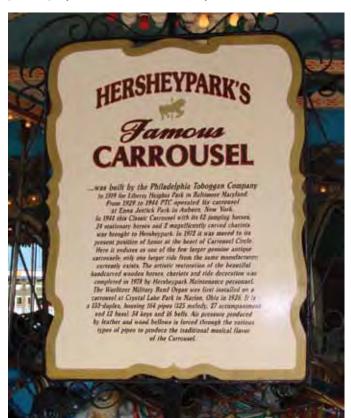




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The first steel looping roller coaster on the East Coast called the SooperDooperLooper opened on July 4, 1977. Twin Toboggans, Hersheypark's third roller coaster, built in 1972, was removed in 1978.

Smaller sized rides were added during the '80s and the '90s started off with the creation of Minetown. The old penny arcade was replaced by a massive three-story building, housing the Minetown Arcade, Minetown Restaurant, and games. Four roller coasters were also added to Hersheypark in the 1990s. In 1996, the wooden coaster The Wildcat was added and was named after The Wild Cat that previously operated from 1923 to 1946.

Several rides were also added during this decade including the water plunge ride the Tidal Force.

Since 2000, three more coasters have been added to Hersheypark; Lightning Racer, Roller Soaker and Storm Runner, continuing the rapid expansion of the park from the mid-1980s.

Carrousel Circle, the first of the 1970s renovations, was remodeled into Founder's Circle in honor Milton S. Hershey. In 2006, Hersheypark introduced the Reese's Xtreme Cup Challenge, the first interactive dark ride to have two cars compete against each other.

And of course, Hersheypark's centennial season this year welcomes the new The Boardwalk at Hersheypark.

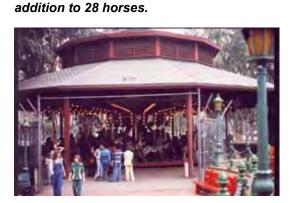


Built in 1902, the Carousel Reportedly First Spun in Hershey, PA

Knott's Berry Farm's Dentzel Menagerie



Although historic reports conflict, it is believed that Hershey Park's first carousel was this 1902 Dentzel. The carousel later moved to Brady Park in Ohio and then on to its current location at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, CA. The three-row menagerie hosts a Lion, a Deer, three Zebras, a Giraffe, a Camel, a Goat, two Bears, two Cats, four Ostriches, four Rabbits, two Pigs and two Roosters in



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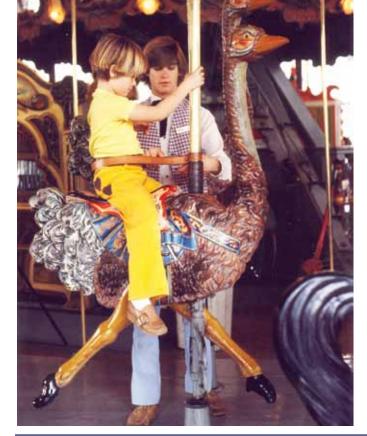


At the 1979 NCA Conference, Fred Fried speaks to the crowd with Bud Hurlbut behimd him and Rol Summit, far right.













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Creative Fundraising Efforts Underway to Assure Opening Day in 2007

Conneaut Lake Amusement Park Strides to Open for 115th Season



This beautiful armored stander was one of many original 1905 Muller animals sold off in the late '80s and early '90s to support the financially troubled park.

Photos courtesy of the Peter and Leah Farnsworth collection.

By Roland Hopkins Carousel News & Trader

The rich history of Conneaut Lake Park in Pennsylvania dates back to its opening in 1892 making it one of the oldest operating amusement parks in the country. However, the financial troubles of the park date back a number of decades and this year is no different. The park hopes to open for the season Memorial Day weekend, but whether it will and how much of it remains in question with the holiday weekend fast approaching.

"We might have to open the park in stages," said George Deshner, director of operations. "Kiddieland will be the first to open, with the adult rides to follow."

Deshner said he hopes to have the park's roller coaster, the Blue Streak, open by the Fourth of July. "There is some work that needs to be done (on the ride)," he said.

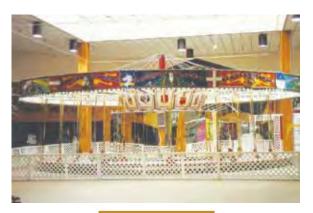
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Deshner was awaiting news on a \$104,000 grant from an unreported source. If the grant comes through, the 115-year old amusement park could open areas like the Beach Club, Hotel Conneaut, Camperland, and the Dreamland Ballroom by Memorial Day. Also, about 70 percent of Kiddieland will also be operational. This would be a great shot in the arm to the park as a number of events are scheduled this spring which will of course raise additional funds.

In addition to seeking the assistance of grants, the debt-ridden family amusement park, which opened in 1892, it is trying to give itself a cash infusion through the sale of tokens.

The \$5 tokens can be redeemed for a Ride-A-Rama all-day ride pass at the park on any operating weekday (Saturdays and Sundays are excluded and the park is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). Because weekday Ride-A-Rama passes are \$13.95 (\$8.95 for those under 46 inches tall), the tokens represent a savings of between \$8.95 and \$3.95.

The tokens can also be kept as a collectible, Deshner said. The gold-colored copper and brass tokens have the park's logo on the front. The back carries a memorial tribute to Don Guckert, a park employee and volunteer who died in 1996.

In a perfect world, Conneaut would like to sell 60,000 tokens which would raise the \$300,000 needed to open





This gorgeous 1905 Muller armoured stander from Conneaut Lake Park was sold at auction along with numerous other figures in the late '80s and early '90s. The owners of the park at the time, Lakeside Real Estate Company, took full advantage of the very hot carousel figure market to raise funds year after year by selling off original animals from the ride. At the original auction, conducted by Rusty and Kate Donahue of American Antiques, this figure was purchased by Jim Aten. It was later acquired from Jim by John and Cathy Daniels and remains in their collection. The horse was restored to its current grandeur by Pam Hessey of Hawk's Eye Studio. The figure was featured in Tobin Fraley's book "Carousel Animals: Artistry In Motion," and also featured in his 1993 "Carousel Animals" calendar.

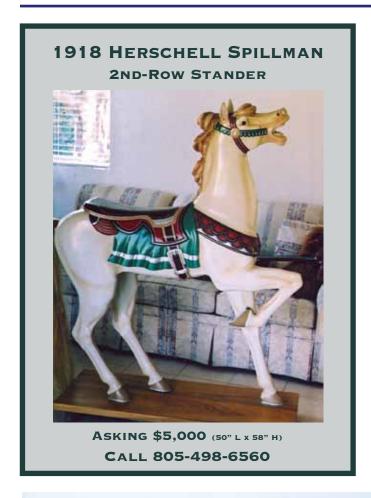
the entire park. They still have a ways to go but they had sold well over 3,000 in early May. The sale began April 24. To order the tokens by mail, call the park at (814) 382-5115, Ext. 104.

Laura Gramelt of Girard is in charge of selling tokens in the Mahoning Valley. Gramelt believes Mahoning Valley residents have a special affinity for Conneaut.

"Many Youngstowners have fond memories of Idora Park, which was a lot like Conneaut," said Gramelt. "They don't want Conneaut to become another Idora." The beloved Idora Park closed in 1984. The rides and buildings have been demolished and the overgrown land continues to sit vacant.

Gramelt said people can also call her at (330) 539-0854 to buy tokens. Businesses that buy more than \$100 worth of tokens will have their names posted at the park as a benefactor and will receive a receipt so they can declare it as a charitable donation, she said.

The idea for the token sale came up after a Crawford County, PA, judge rejected the sale of 3.3 acres of waterfront land at the park to developer Gregory Sutterlin, who wanted to build condos. Sutterlin offered \$1.7 mil-





This 1908 postcard shows the merry-go-round building at Expo Park, later to be re-named Conneaut Lake Park.

lion for the land, but Judge Anthony Vardaro of common pleas court nixed the sale for several reasons, including the fact that the park is a charitable trust that operates under court supervision. It is reported that Conneaut Lake Park's overall debt is around \$2 million.

Conneaut Lake Park opened as Exposition Park in 1892 to take advantage of the adjacent Conneaut Lake. It began as a picnic area like many other parks at that time. The first ride, a D. C. Muller carousel, opened in 1905, and was soon joined by other rides and a midway. In its early years, the park primarily served as a resort, with several hotels and a grand dancing pavilion. Many of the park's buildings were lost in a 1908 fire. In 1909 the build-





This second row jumper from Conneaut Lake Park was sold at Jim Aten's "Carousel Art Extravaganza" auction held in September of 1992. The horse is show right as it appeared in the auction catalog having been recently restored.

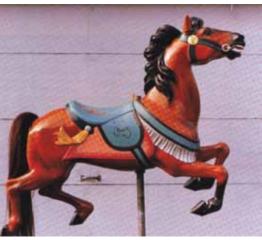
Above, the horse as it looks now, restored by its owner, Lourinda Bray of Running Horse Studio.

According to the NCA census, only five original insiderow Mullers remained on the ride in 2004.

ings lost in the fire were replaced with new concrete block structures. One of the new buildings, Dreamland Ballroom, still hosts concert and dance events to this day.

The park was renamed "Conneaut Lake Park" in 1920 to reflect a move toward more amusements and rides. In 1943, a large portion of the Hotel Conneaut was destroyed in a fire. The ghost of Elizabeth, a bride who supposedly died in the fire, is said to now haunt the Hotel.

In the 1960s, the park opened "Fairyland Forest" to help attract families, but the area eventually fell into neglect and closed in 1985 and was replaced with Camperland.



By the 1990s, the park had fallen on hard times and closed for a year in 1995. In 1996, Ohio businessman Gary Harris bought the park and reopened it, but the following year he was convicted of tax evasion. Harris gave the debt-ridden park to the Conneaut Lake community in 1997, but later filed a lawsuit claiming that he held a 99 year lease on the park. When that lawsuit was lost in 2001, ownership reverted to a court-appointed trustee.

While it remains an integral part of the local economy, the park is still deeply in debt and attendance is not high enough to do much to pay off those obligations.

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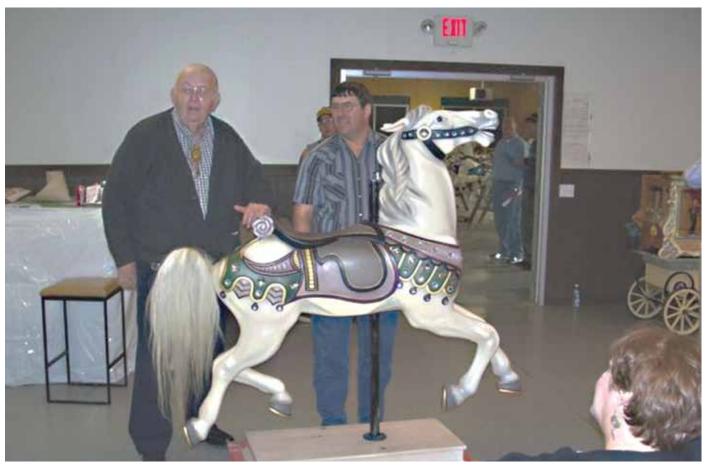






The Auction's Star Attraction, a PTC Jumper Sold for \$9,000

Kissel Spring Auction Kicks Off the Carousel Auction Season in Indiana



A legendary carousel figure himself, Bob Kissel (left) with Sam, who keeps the animals moving at the auction, while his wife Leah works the door. This flashy Abilene Parker rose to \$4,000 in the bidding.

Photos by Butch Schimian

By Barb Nelson Carousel Classics Special to The Carousel News & Trader

On April 7, 2007, 64 registered bidders gathered at the Lawrenceburg, IN fairgrounds for the annual Robert Kissel Auction of Carousel Horses and Related Memorabilia. This auction featured a no buyer's premium and a modest admission fee of \$5.00.

The premiere auctioneering team of Darin Spieth and Dan Satow, whose one of many areas of expertise is in carnival and amusement liquidation, started the public sale at 10 a.m. The auction forum allotted the first two hours to selling miscellaneous amusement items. During this time, the auctioneer's fast-paced movement of these related carousel objects raised the level of audience anticipation for the larger pieces.

The first figures offered came from Kissel's acquisition of a Virginia estate/amusement park where the Her-



Darren Spieth (left) and Dan Satow (far right) taking bids on the PTC jumper which would top out at \$9,000.



Bob Kissel looks on (right) as Darren Spieth gets the auction started.

schell Spillman figures reportedly had been in storage for 50 years. Of the menagerie group, which had a reserve of \$3,000, a large grey pig sold for \$4,000. Two dogs (\$3,500 each) and two chickens (\$3,250 each) found new homes in Florida. This auction parcel also contained several wood horses with a reserve of \$1,000 apiece. Three of these unrestored jumpers sold to a single bidder for \$1,050 each.

The auction's star attraction and high seller (\$9,000) came from the Royal American Shows. This PTC jump-



One of two Herschell Spillman dogs, that sold for \$3,500, each are finding new homes in Florida.



Bob Kissel (left) looks on as this stripped Allan Herschell with wooden body and metal legs brought \$675.



This outstretched Parker flag horse reached \$1,850 in the bidding.

er featured a lolling tongue, anguished expression, and elaborately detailed body carvings complete with feathers and jewels on its side. A Carmel Borelli (yes, encrusted with jewels) realized \$5,750.

A beautifully restored Allan Herschell dapple-grey horse with jewels and a restored Allan Herschell jumper with a western motif came in at \$4,000. Not to be outdone, a striking Abilene Parker palomino jumper with jewels also commanded \$4,000. A large German Heyn prancer attained \$3,000 while a child-size Heyn pony with marble eyes went for \$425. An unrestored Parker flag horse brought a bid of \$1,850.

In addition, an Allan Herschell blanket pony, jumper, with a wood body and four metal legs sold for \$675.

A 1950's metal horse from Riverview Park in Indianapolis brought \$750, while two metal Parker's each went for \$450.

On a smaller scale, three metal, unrestored, Coney Island Pinto Bros. ponies came in at \$200, \$300, and \$325.

A wood zebra, reportedly old and from Mexico, brought



One of the two Herschell Spillman chickens that sold for \$3,250 each hoping to find new homes on a carousel.



This happy-faced, all-metal horse from Riverview Park in Indianapolis went to a new home for \$750.

\$750, while a Rotocast PTC stander sold for \$600. Last, but not least, a restored double-seated chariot with tufted lavender upholstery realized \$1,000.



This Herschell Spillman pig sold for \$4,000.



The flipped and flowing purple blanket gave this horse a bit of distinction. It was one of three unrestored jumpers that sold for \$1,050 each to a single bidder.



This large, polychrome German Heyn prancer brought in \$3,000.



Another unrestored jumper went for \$1,050.

This auction usually takes place the Saturday before Easter Sunday, but watch for Kissel's announcement of the 2008 event date.

Barbara Nelson is an active carousel enthusiast, NCA member, and a loyal Robert Kissel auction supporter for over 20 years. She is a frequent contributing writer to the CN&T, which featured her collection in the November 2005 issue. Visit www.CarouselClassics.net.

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Months of Creative Fundraising Events Culminate With Auction

Ronald McDonald House Carousel on Parade is a Galloping Success!



The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Spokane's "Carousel On Parade" fund-raising event came to fruition in late April with the Carousel Figure Auction. All of the animals were sold in an auction that was broadcast-live via the Internet all over the world.

"The turn out was beautiful and we are all happy it was such a huge success for the families," said Nickie White, project coordinator for The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Spokane.

"We'd like to thank the organizers, volunteers, participants and sponsors for their generous contributions and support," she added. "The funds raised by this event will make it possible for us to continue helping families in crisis who are traveling to be near their child in a hospital."

Twenty-six carousel animals painted by 22 local artists were sold at the auction. Prior to the auction, the figures had been on display prominently throughout the Spokane area and at major events held recently in Spokane, such as the National Figure Skating Championships and the NCAA basketball tournament.

The top-selling animals included: "The Maharajah's Tiger" painted by Kim Saenz; "My Dream Pony" painted

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Nona Hengen, (left) and Bette Largent.

by Marian Flahavin; "Postcard Pony" painted by Marsha Marcuson; and "Yippee Yi, Ki Yeh, Coffee Latte" (shown above) painted by renowned carousel artist, historian, and president of the National Carousel Association, Bette Largent.



Yippee Yi, Ki Yeh, Coffee Latte by Bette Largent

Topping them all was the giraffe, "Standing Tall For America," painted by Linda Schneider. The giraffe featured hand-painted words in calligraphy on the saddle stating why we stand tall and together as a nation and why we are proud to be called Americans. Schneider used different languages "because as a free country we are strong because of our diverse heritage." The giraffe was painted realistically and adorned in patriotic colors.

The auction raised close to \$100,000, while a previously held polo event, featuring the carousel figures, raised well over \$100,000 for the charitable organization.

The other events that led up to the final auction on April 27, included a charity auction on the Internet of stud fees of registered horses, the Gallop Stallion Services Auction. The 3rd annual Cobra Roofing Polo Classic, complete with ladies' hats, swinging mallets and amazingly real horses, which are part of the current resurrection of the polo games in Spokane. The Ronald McDonald House painted ponies, giraffes and tigers were on parade netting even more dollars and even more publicity was gained for the winter parade on the streets of Spokane.

Everyone could participate in the program as a special pony painted by RMH staff and volunteers was raffled off. Anyone could purchase a ticket at a nominal fee. Best of all was the final auction book, created in full color for the attendees of the final banquet auction but also sold at Ronald McDonald outlets. Within in its opening pages was a special one titled, "Charles Looff, Master Carver and Builder of Carousels."

"All things carousel are indeed good for all things carousel," commented NCA president, Bette Largent.

Largent has compiled an outline on "How to Use Carousel Street Art" as a fundraiser. For more information, email her at President@nca-usa.org or snail mail to Bette Largent, 10009 N. Moore St., Spokane, WA 99208

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Euclid Beach Arch Stands Tall

By Frank Brodnick Euclid Beach Park Now

We thankfully have quite a bit of good news to report in this issue. Yes, the historic Euclid Beach Arch in Cleveland, OH, sustained severe damage when it was struck by a vehicle last January and there was the very real danger of it collapsing. The good news is that the structure has been stabilized, properly repositioned on its foundation, and structural repairs are nearly completed. To borrow a phrase from Mark Twain, "reports of its death have been greatly exaggerated." The impact from the accident tore out about a third of the first story walls of the east tower and shifted the tower partially off its foundation about 6" toward Lakeshore Boulevard and about 2" to the east. This caused the tower to lean toward the street and damaged the connection of the crosspiece. In fact, the forces of the impact transferred all the way through to the west tower and caused it to rotate slightly on its base.

The City of Cleveland Building Department and Landmarks Commission responded promptly that day and inspected the damage. Due to the severe damage they called in the Mural house moving company to install temporary scaffolding bracing under the crosspiece to prevent a collapse. At this time no one knew if the driver had any insurance coverage and there was a question about whether or not the street under it was public or private right of way. The driver of the vehicle did have insurance coverage through State Farm, and a claim was filed. State Farm has one adjuster who specializes in damage to historic structures and he flew in on January 23rd and made an inspection. The damage was covered up to the \$25,000.00 limit of the policy. Associated Estates, the owner of the property obtained estimates and a meeting with the owners, councilman, contractor, local community development corporation and EBPN was arranged. We all met at the arch early on a Monday morning and were greeted by a lake effect snowstorm. We moved the meeting indoors to the adjacent McDonald's restaurant and discussed the plans. The consensus was that the proposal was inadequate and did not properly address the damage to the crosspiece joint. To make a long story short, the City demanded a more comprehensive engineering analysis. Once this report was filed, the Board of Building Standards, Deputy Building Director, and Landmarks Commission were satisfied and issued a construction permit for the structural repairs.

Next came a few days of April showers to further delay matters, but the big event came on April 26th. One big question was how to pick up the multi-ton fragile structure. A lot of bracing was installed inside the damaged tower to prevent it from collapsing inward. This bracing connected the remaining walls and the first floor ceiling. Strapping was placed around the tower and long wooden braces were built from the ground to the second story level. Keep



in mind that the third of the first floor walls along the drive-way were nonexistent. Short scaffolding was placed in front of and behind the tower. The front window and rear door were removed and large I-beams were placed on the scaffolding and through the window and door openings. The same was done with two more windows. The I-beams were layered upon each other and steel rollers were positioned between them to allow movement. First the tower had to be very carefully lifted. Experts know how to routinely move entire houses but this job wasn't in the manual and had to be very carefully thought out. Once the tower had been lifted it was pulled backwards to above the foundation, and after repositioning the bracing it was moved slightly in the other direction to the exact spot where it had stood all these years.

The missing portion of the wooden frame was reconstructed and most of the bracing has been removed so the arch is again standing on its own legs. The next step is to duplicate the damaged stonework. The contractors will prepare a number of samples of different materials for the Landmarks Commission to inspect and approve. The final repairs are expected to be completed my mid-May and at that time the road will be reopened to traffic.

At this point a number of "Thank Yous" are in order to all the folks who hung in there, put up with our seemingly incessant questions, and cooperated to produce a very successful outcome. So in no particular order:

Councilman Michael Polensek for keeping on top of the situation at City Hall; David Cooper, City of Cleveland Deputy Building Director; Bob Kaiser and the entire City of Cleveland Landmarks Commission; City of Cleveland Board of Building Standards; Mary Louise Jesek Daley, the councilman's executive assistant and superb historian; Associated Estates Corporation for stepping up to the plate and doing the right thing; Brian Friedman and John Boksansky from Northeast Shores Development Corporation for helping quarterback the project; Kevin, Dave and the rest of the crew from Complete Restoration for a job well done; our EBPN Board of Directors for their support; our EBPN members for their words of encouragement.

Stay tuned for word on an upcoming rededication ceremony and an announcement of a July celebration on the 10th anniversary of the carousel auction.

The 1924 Merry-Go-Round Operated in Montreal Until 1978

A Bit More on Belmont Park's PTC #70



1924 PTC #70 shown here in Belmont Park, Montreal, Canada in 1979.

Photos from the Peter and Leah Farnsworth collection.



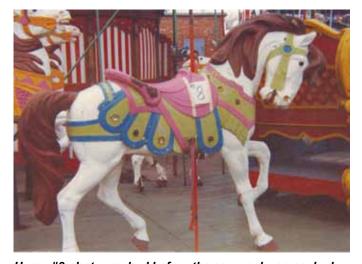
Second row jumper with other horses taken in 1980 before the horses were sent out.

By Leah Farnsworth
Special to The Carousel News & Trader

I enjoyed your article in the February issue and would like to add a little more to the story.

When PTC #79 was offered for sale, there was a bidding war between three U.S. dealers. It was sold to a man in Wisconsin who put numbers on each of the horses and photographed them before the carousel was packed and shipped to the port of Chicago and trucked to Wisconsin. Then the horses were divided between other dealers and appeared in catalogs in late 1979 and 1980. The beautiful oil paintings were also offered.

While all of the horses were together, I was allowed to



Horse #8 photographed before the carousel was packed and sent to the port of Chicago from Canada.

spend many days with the 48 figures, getting to know this era of PTC carving, taking pages of notes and photos. The second row horses were very ornate.

A photo of the # 8 horse shows the longer head and ears on these Caretta carvings. They are like his PTC Silver Anniversary horse and photos of the horses Caretta carved in 1928 and 1929 that won the National Amusement Park carving contests.

Every horse on #70 had a PTC factory stamped brass medallion on the left side of the bridle, showing the row and number. The horse #8 has "Row 1, Number 199" stamped on his bridle.

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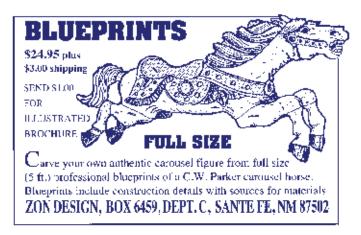
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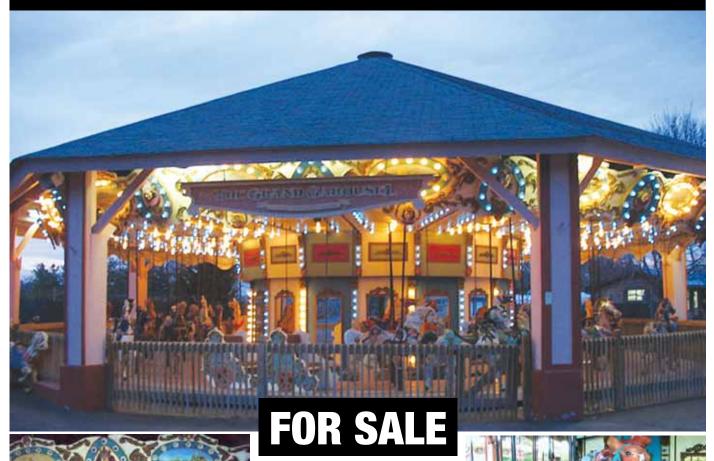
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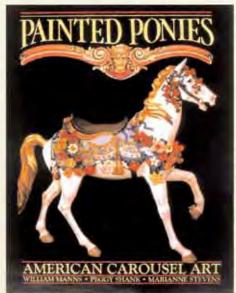
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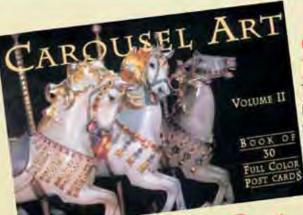
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