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2007 Amusement Company Meeting February 26, 2007

2006 Fair Season

- Proved to be again one of the safest on record
- Attribute this to all who work in the industry in NC
- NC DOL Rider Safety Program is educating the riding public and will continue
- This Program provides a more detailed understanding for rider operators and owners regarding safety procedures in the areas of personnel protection equipment and ride specific information to be used for training of operators/mechanics.
- Upcoming 2007 fair season will provide more areas of safety and training to further enhance the mission of this Bureau by setting a national standard for other states to emulate

Repairs to Amusement Devices

- Must meet manufacturers requirements
- Must meet the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) 15.0428
- Must have engineer's stamp if manufacturer is not in business
- This includes inflatable devices

Non-Destructive Testing

- Must have written practice submitted to the Raleigh office (Elevator & Amusement Device Bureau, Department of Labor)
- All NDT must meet the SNT-TC-1A
- All paperwork must be submitted BEFORE inspection can be conducted. NDT information filled in on your Data Collection form and send in with your Location Notice.
- Please give our inspectors plenty of time to complete the inspections before your event time. They cannot inspect but so many rides per hour. Also, be ready at the time your request.

Amusement Device Advisory Board

- The Advisory Board does still exist and will be having a first meeting this year in April. Have not had a meeting since last year, but interest and meetings will begin again next month.

- Purpose of the Board is to have input from the amusement industry via representative of each type business on a number of issues, concerns of the industry. It is open to the public for anyone interested. Please contact our office to inform us of your attendance. Meeting dates/times and minutes of the meetings are posted on our website.
- The NC Fair Association is going to sponsor a Rider Responsibility Act for North Carolina. For more information on this, contact Bonnie Holland, Executive Secretary, NC Fair Association.

New in 2007

- Fees will increase on three (3) categories of hard rides: Major, Kiddie, Go-Karts. These fees will be effective April 1, 2007. There is no increase on Inflatable devices this year. New Fees: Kiddie rides - \$45, Major rides - \$90, Go-Karts - \$35/car
- Reason: Bureau is self-supported and receives no money from the State General Fund Budget. We must generate funds for our existence and pay our people/expenses.
- There has not been an increase in fees in 5 years. This is also due to pay increases by Legislature and operating costs have going up. Fees are based minimally on costs for operating and inspecting. The fees are based on a 5-year projection.
- Question: They pay taxes that go to Tourism division within state government. Why doesn't some of this go to us for our charges?
- Answer: None of their money goes to us and probably will not. Jonathan will be glad to inquire on this.
- Permanent Parks receive certificates for the entire park to operate on a yearly basis; however, operational checks are done every other month.
- Portable rides are inspected every time they setup. This cannot be changed since it is written in the statues as Law.
- Once an inspection has started, it will be finished. If the inspector must come back, there will be no charge to come back.
- If the inspector does not have time to complete inspections on all rides that day, there will be a charge of \$250 to come back. Weekend and holiday inspections are an additional \$250.

Bureau Computer Program

- The system is still being worked on. Please check our website for more information on it as we get developed. Will be more efficient than what we currently have manually. The data will come from your actual accurate data collection forms. The program will automatically check NDT expirations as well as Insurance expirations and send a letter of notification of your expiration dates 30 days in advance.
- Our website will soon have a process of verification of your submitted forms online. We plan to have an email automatically sent to you to confirm receipt in our office.

Waterslide Rule

- New rule on regulation of waterslides by NC Administrative Code, NCAC 15.0440. It is ASTM F 2376:

13 NCAC 15 .0440 REGULATION OF WATER SLIDES

(A) The classification, design, manufacture, construction of waterslides shall conform to the rules in this section and the ASTM F 2376 – Standard Practice for Classification, Design Manufacture, Construction, and Operation of Water Slide Systems, which is incorporated by reference. This incorporation includes subsequent amendments and editions of the Code

(B) Copies of the ASTM F 2376-Standard Practice for Classification, Design Manufacture, Construction, and Operation of Water Slide System may be obtained from the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) via U.S. Mail at 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959, via telephone at (610) 832-9585, or via the internet at www.astm.org. The cost is thirty four dollars (\$34.00) per copy.

History note: Authority G.S. 95-111.4(3);

Adoption Eff. December 1, 2006

We inspect all waterslides over 15 feet.

NC Amusement Star Program



Our Bureau created this new program after the close of 2006 fair season. This program recognizes those companies that demonstrate a higher standard above those statutes currently enforced in the state of NC. It's a voluntary program that any traveling show or fixed amusement park can apply to participate in. After successful completion of meeting all program criteria (criteria to be presented at a later date), the company will be awarded this flag to fly at your events recognizing your company for having met the most stringent safety requirements for amusement devices in the United States. This is the only program of its kind in the US. Please submit your suggestions for the program's criteria to the Bureau.

2007 Inflatable Inspection Blitz

- In an effort to reduce the time companies devote to processing Location Notices and having resources available to have all their inflatables inspected at one time, the Bureau has developed a new procedure for the inspection of these devices.
- The Bureau has confirmed fixed sites throughout the state to help companies reduce costs for the transporting of devices to different locations throughout the year for inspection.
- Companies can bring their units to the fixed site or request an inspection at their place of business.
- All companies that request an inspection before March 31, 2007 will receive a 10% discount on any inflatables inspected. You must have data collection forms, insurance certification and location notice completed for these inspections.

- For those who qualify with approval by our budget department, a payment plan is available.
- Budget representative at this meeting for further details about qualification for the payment plan.

Reporting Illegal Companies

- The Bureau has always responded to calls made to our office regarding companies not registered with the state. It is our procedure to investigate any reports of this nature. Calls may be made anonymously.

Grounding Requirements

- Effective 1/1/07, the Bureau has adopted a new procedure regarding the grounding of generators exceeding 5000 watts.
- Operators will be required to drive a ground rod. All generators below 5000 watts will not be required to drive a ground rod.