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SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA DEBUTS THE WORLD'S FIRST 'HYPER-TWISTER' ROLLER COASTER IN '99

Park's 10th roller coaster is its tallest, fastest and longest

(Gurnee, Ill.) In keeping with Six Flags' reputation for leading the amusement industry in introducing state-of-the-art thrill ride technology, Six Flags Great America announces the opening of Raging Bull, the world's first steel "hyper-twister" roller coaster, in the Spring of 1999.

Featuring a towering 200-foot drop that plunges riders 65 degrees into an underground cavern at more than 70 miles per hour, Raging Bull is the first roller coaster in the world to combine the unparalleled thrill of a steel "hyper-coaster" with the tight, intense twists and turns common to a wooden "cyclone-style" roller coaster. The ride features six "inclined loops" – steep, high-speed turns banked as much as 50 degrees (or, loops lying horizontally) – plus a combination of towering hills and gut-wrenching drops that comprise nearly a mile of track.

The multi-million dollar attraction spans the entire length of the Park's Southwest Territory, wrapping behind the Stunt Show Arena, paralleling the guest parking lot and rising over the queue line for the Viper roller coaster. Featuring a bold orange track and wine-colored support structure, Raging Bull's lift dominates the Park's "skyline," dwarfing its neighboring roller coasters the Viper and the American Eagle, whose maximum heights are 100 and 127 feet, respectively. The next tallest roller coaster in the Park is ShockWave, the seven-looping mega-coaster that opened in 1988 at 170 feet. The addition of Raging Bull brings the Park's roller coaster tally to 10.

"Raging Bull is more than just another 'speed coaster' due to its unique design. The combination of speed and exhilarating track configurations will make this a must-ride experience for roller coaster enthusiasts worldwide," says Jim Wintrobe, Vice President and General Manager of Six Flags Great America. "Raging Bull is the most exciting addition to the Park since we opened Batman The Ride, the first ride of its kind in the world, in 1992. This giant addition also represents the sizable commitment of Premier Parks toward building and expanding the entertainment product at this Park."

Raging Bull is named after a ferocious beast that terrorized the citizens of the old Southwest Territory until they fled the town and built the beautiful courtyards and mission seen today. The raging bull still lurks in the ruins of

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