

THEN and NOW!

Celebrating Four Decades Of Thrills



Thrill rides have evolved from the first tubular steel roller coaster, The Mine Train, Six Flags Over Texas, 1966...

(NAPSA)—This year, America's first regional theme park is celebrating 40 years of thrills—with a spectacular year-long celebration with new rides, special events, shows and attractions.

Then: The story began 40 years ago on a barren prairie between Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, with the vision of an oil baron named Angus Wynne. He imagined a brilliantly themed amusement park, large in scope but close to where people lived, making it convenient and affordable. The result was Six Flags Over Texas, the world's first regional theme park.

When the park opened, most Americans had never even heard of Neil Armstrong, so the thought of 100 mile-per-hour roller coasters was as far-fetched as walking on the moon. During the next four decades, America evolved and Six Flags was there, entrenched in pop culture—an annual rite of summer for millions of families.

Now: Today, Six Flags has more parks than any other theme park company, and more coasters than all other theme park companies combined. This summer, an additional 14 coasters will be added, including:

- X, the world's first four-dimensional coaster;
- Flying coasters Batman's Batwing, X-Flight and Déjà Vu;
- Nitro, the mega-steel hyper-twister;

- Vertical Velocity (V²), the powerful, high-tech propulsion coaster; and

- Titan, the earth-defying, 25-story, razor-fast hyper-coaster.



...into dynamic coasters like Vertical Velocity (V²) opening at Six Flags parks in Chicago and San Francisco, that launch thrill seekers over 180 breathtaking feet to skyrocketing speeds of 70 mph within four seconds.

However, while most people know Six Flags for its arsenal of roller coasters, the beloved Looney Tunes characters and DC Comics superheroes burst into life at its parks every day. Over the past three years, the company has introduced multi-acre children's and family sections featuring themes, rides, attractions and shows built around the characters. The experience also includes educational and exotic marine and wildlife parks.

After 40 years, the Six Flags brand of thrills is stronger than ever and continues to grow both domestically and internationally—with a rich tradition of entertainment excellence, more parks, shows, attractions and extreme coasters.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.sixflags.com.