

Summer's Literal Ups and Downs

It is said that life is a rollercoaster. It is also true that rollercoasters are, uh... rollercoasters. As summer is firmly here, we at Braking News are taking the plunge into one of America's beloved summer pastimes; amusement parks. And specifically the thrilling feel of danger and excitement engineered for safety and mass consumption, the rollercoaster.

- There are more amusement and theme parks in the United States than in any other country in the world.
- According to the Roller Coaster DataBase, there were 4,639 coasters in operation around the world in 2018 — 4,455 of them steel, 184 wooden (3 of the woodies have loops in them! Take that, preconceived childhood notions!)
- Of those 4,639 rollercoasters in the world, 19 of them are found in Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia California, the largest number of rollercoasters in any one park anywhere in the world.
- California may host the park with the greatest number of coasters, but in order to
 experience the fastest roller coaster in the world, you'll need to travel to the other
 side of the world. The fastest roller coaster, "Formula Rossa" ride, is located in Abu
 Dhabi's Formula One theme park and launches its riders to a top speed of 149 miles
 per hour.
- According to Guinness World Records, Bakken, located in Klampenborg, Denmark, opened in 1583 and is currently the oldest operating amusement park in the world.
- The worlds fastest coaster may be in Abu Dhabi, but he tallest roller coaster is in the Six Flags Great Adventure Park in New Jersey. The "Kingda Ka" roller coaster reaches up to a height of 465 feet!
- In 1894, Paul Boynton opened the world's first modern amusement park. It was located in Chicago and was called "Paul Boynton's Water Chutes". It charged an admission to get into the enclosed park and used rides to draw people to it. In 1895, he also opened a park at Coney Island.

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If everywhere were as cold as Russia, we might not have Rollercoasters at all

In the 17th century, some thrillseeking Russians froze water on the surface of an over 70 foot tall wooden structure to make an ice ramp. Riders would sit on blocks of wood and ice stuffed with straw and slid down the ramp. Some cheeky Parisians, having caught wind of what the Russians were up to decided to reproduce the fun in their native France. It worked well enough at first, but they soon realized it was impossible to maintain because of their warmer climate. However, they decided to add wheels onto the sledges and a track to the ride in 1817, creating the world's first modern roller coaster.

Merry-Go-What?

We may call a carousel by a bunch of different names: the Merry-Go-Round, the Flying Horses, Roundabout, or Galloper (to name a few), but the origins of this carnival and amusement park staple are a little weird. The word carousel originated from the Italian garosello and Spanish carosella ("little battle", used by crusaders to describe a combat preparation exercise used by Turkish and Arabian horsemen in the 12th century). It prepared and strengthened the riders for actual combat as they wielded their swords at mock enemies.

Even British Carousels drive on the wrong side of the road. Viewed from above, merry-go-rounds in the United Kingdom usually turn clockwise (from the outside, animals face to the left), while in North America and Mainland Europe, carousels typically go counterclockwise (animals face to the right).

The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago introduced the Ferris wheel and the midway. The midway featured a wide variety of rides, games, and concessions, widely influencing amusement park design around the world.

Bump-less Cars?

First introduced in the early 1920s by a company called Dodgem, the whole point of bumper cars was to avoid collisions even as your car careened around in crazy and unpredictable patterns (Thanks to intentionally unreliable steering). While collisions often did occur, these were the products of chance and steering failures, and were not the main point of the ride.

There was a good reason behind Dodgem's marketing of bumper cars for adults and children as a game of collision avoidance: The cars would usually fall apart upon impact and often needed to be nailed back together at the end of every day after the ride had closed.

After the very first season, all of the Dodgem cars were so far past repair that they were summarily burned. The cars' flimsiness was due primarily to their construction out of tin, a material that provided very little protection or durability.

Thankfully things have changed a good deal since 1920, and the ride is much safer despite being heavily collision centered.

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Fresh Summer Caprese Salad

You'll Need

2 c. balsamic vinegar 3 whole ripe tomatoes, sliced thick 12 oz. fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced thick Fresh basil leaves Olive oil, for drizzling over top Kosher salt, to taste Freshly ground pepper, to taste



Bring balsamic vinegar to a boil in a small pot over

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-high heat, then cook & stir occasionally over medium for about 15 minutes, or until the vinegar reduces to a thicker glaze.

Transfer to a glass pouring container, such as a cruet or measuring cup, and allow to cool.

When you are ready to serve, arrange the fresh mozzarella and tomato slices around a large plate or small platter. Tuck basil leaves between the slices. Drizzle olive oil over slices, then drizzle the balsamic vinegar reduction over all. Finish with a sprinkling of salt and pepper.

Enjoy!