

Lake Compounce

NEW ENGLAND'S FAMILY THEME PARK

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Lake Compounce Zooms Into Gear for 2007 Announcing New Family Ride and Other Expansion Plans for Next Season

BRISTOL/SOUTHINGTON, CT (August 1, 2006) - Lake Compounce, America's oldest amusement park and Connecticut's largest water park, unveiled plans today for a new ride and other expansions for 2007 and beyond.

As part of the park's long-term strategy for development, Lake Compounce will add *Zoomers Gas 'n' Go*, a family ride that takes parents and kids on a journey through the 1950's in a 1956 Corvette replica. Cars will travel on an electric rail passing a gas station, traveling under a bridge, by a car wash, and finally ending at a drive-in movie theater, complete with a 50's style concession stand.

Following the success of the 2006 season addition, *Thunder 'N' Lightning*, a thrilling ride that catapults riders to heights of 100 feet at 60 miles per hour, the park is offering *Zoomers* as something special for families and younger patrons.

In addition to the new ride, General Manager, Jerry Brick explained other expansions and upgrades planned for the 2007 season and totaling over \$3 million. He also discussed the status of moving Mount Vernon Road, which will allow for water park expansion in the future.

"Lake Compounce is a Family Theme Park, so we think it's important to have great new rides that can accommodate both parents and their children," said Brick. "We are very excited about adding *Zoomers Gas n' Go*. We expect to be able to accommodate between 400 – 450 riders each hour." Groundbreaking for the new ride has already occurred and it will be ready for park visitors on opening day of next season.

ABOUT LAKE COMPOUNCE:

Lake Compounce, New England's Family Theme Park, is the oldest amusement park in North America and is owned by Kennywood Entertainment of Pittsburgh, PA. Kennywood assumed control of the park in 1996 and has invested more than \$60 million in rides and attractions. Celebrating its 160th season, Lake Compounce introduced a new ride in 2006. "Thunder N Lightning" is a screaming swing with two giant swinging arms that holds 32 passengers and catapults riders to heights of almost 100 feet at 60 miles per hour, with four G's of force.