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Share Your Memories About Kings Island with Author Charles J. Jacques, Jr. on August 30 & 31

Come be a part of a new book about Kings Island! Bring your memories, pictures and stories to share with author Charles J. Jacques, Jr. at two branch libraries on August 30 & 31. Will he pick your story to include in his new book? Find out at the Symmes Township Branch, 11850 Enyart Road, on Monday, August 30, or the Harrison Branch, 10398 New Haven Road, on Tuesday, August 31. Both programs will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Mr. Jacques has written several books on amusement parks, including *Cincinnati's Coney Island: America's Finest Amusement Park*, *Hersheypark: The Sweetest of Success*, *Idora Park: The Last Ride of Summer*, *Kennywood: Roller Coaster Capital of the World*, *Hersheypark: Chocolate Town USA*, and *More Kennywood Memories*.

Jacques was born and raised in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania. After attending public schools there, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Pennsylvania State University majoring in history. He received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh's law school and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1965.

A long-time history and amusement park enthusiast, Mr. Jacques has been the editor of the country's leading magazine on amusement parks, *Amusement Park Journal*, since 1979. He has written numerous articles on amusement park subjects for carousel, roller coaster, and amusement park industry publications, and was one of the charter members of the American Coaster Enthusiasts. Jacques was also a past president of the National Carousel Association, and has spoken at a number of roller coaster, carousel and amusement park conventions around the United States.

Paramount's Kings Island was born out of the idea of expanding Cincinnati's riverside park, Coney Island, and opened on May 27, 1972. About two million guests enjoyed the 150-acre park that first season. The park has now grown to 364 acres, and is famous for its Eiffel Tower landmark, which is one-third the size of the original Eiffel Tower in Paris. It also features more than 80 world-class thrill attractions, spectacular shows, a 30-acre water park, two kids areas, games, many dining facilities and shops. More than three million guests visit the park each year.

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