

Welcome to Nojespark's first online magazine. In the magazine we will go a little bit deeper than just telling which rides that is located in different parks.

In the first issue we will tell the story behind the Fame World park in Sweden and also make a profile of Bert Karlsson that built both Skara Sommarland and Fame World. The magazine will come out every month and in January 2006 issue we will tell you the whole story behind Skara Sommarland take a look of the new rides in Scandinavia for 2006 just to announce two of the coming articles.

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In focus: Bert Karlsson

Bert Karlsson has built 2 amusement parks in Sweden but both of them has had financial problems. The parks Bert have built in the Skara Sommarland park 8 km from Skara. The park opened during 1984 with the Go-Kart track as the biggest investment. Bert Karlsson and his partners made big investments during all the years between 1985 and 1992.

But during 1993 the company that owned Skara Sommarland went bankrupt and Bert had to leave the ownership to Rastas Michael Kaufmann.

Many people says that Bert Karlsson second park was going to be built to make a revenge because he had to leave Sommarland. Bert had plans during many years to create a new amusement park in Skara. In april 2005 Bert and his new partners finally got permission to build Fame World in

the shopping centre Köpstaden, which is located next to his old park Skara Sommarland. The park should have opened 26 June but the opening was

moved forward a week because the park wasn't finished. At the 2 July the park finally opened. Bert was happy about the opening but he also knew that

the park had cost more than expected. During the first 5 weeks Bert Karlsson

wasn't at Fame World at all.

The parks future is in serious doubt.

Profile:

Name: Bert Karlsson

Born: 21 June 1945.

Lives: In Skara,
Sweden.

In focus: Fame World

Fame World is a park which future is uncertain after just 5 months in operation. We will tell the whole story about Fame World and how a park can have debts of 56 million SEK after just 5 months.

Bert Karlsson has been thinking of how to save the Köpstaden shopping centre from a financial collapse. Bert wants to make an amusement park with activities from some Swedish TV-series. Bert persuades two of his friends to also make investments in the park. They decide to make a 19,5 million SEK loan from Danske Bank.

The original plan for Fame World contains a park which should have about 30 activities both indoor and outdoor. But the people that wanted to build the park didn't get permission to build the park. But in April 2005 they finally got the permission. In just 6 weeks the shopping centre Köpstaden was transformed to become Fame World. The park contains an indoor beach, an indoor golf court and a 14 m high slide for the children, a 500 m long karting track, a paintball arena for example.

The park was scheduled to open 26 June but the opening was moved forward a week. At the premiere day, all the 3 people were happy that Fame World finally became reality. But Bert knows that the money they have loaned to build the park isn't enough. After the premiere he doesn't visit Fame World for 5 weeks. At 3 August the companies running Fame World cancel the payment to the companies that are still working to finish the park. In the middle of August Fame World's debts are 23 million SEK. The first company that has worked for Fame World goes bankrupt. Bert's partner announces they may cause a summons against Bert on the money they invested in Fame World. During the beginning of September the company Leif Åhl Verkstad AB sends in a petition against Ancim AB (one of the companies behind Fame World) because they still haven't got payment for their work. At the 12 September the figures from Fame World are released. The debts are now 56 million SEK and the income is just 78000 SEK. No one knows what will happen with the park now.

How could all this happen?

The late permission to build the park made that the cost of finishing Fame World to the premiere became more expensive than it should have been if the park would have got the permission earlier.

What will happen with the park?

No one really knows, there are some interest from people that want to buy the park. The original plan says that Arns Rike (area themed around the knight Arn) should be the main attraction for 2006, but it may be cancelled.

From a HangOver at Liseberg to a Tornado at Sommerland Syd.

Sommerland Syds new ride for the 2005 was the coaster Tornado. We will take a look at the story behind this coaster.

This Invertigo coaster history starts at Liseberg where the prototype was built for the 1996 but just was tested and no visitors had the chance to ride it during the first season. Liseberg got the S&S Power ride Uppskjutet as compensation. During 1997 HangOver finally was opened for the public but during May 1997 the first incident happened when the train got struck at the highest point of the track. The passengers had to wait for 3 h to get help to get down from the train.

In July 1997 the coaster finally was able to operate as it should. During 2001 the wooden coaster Balder was announced to be built for Lisebergs 80-year anniversary and that HangOver should be removed after the 2002 season.

During February 2003 HangOver was taken down to give place for a new park area in the central part of Liseberg. HangOver was delivered to Allou Fun Park in Greece. The coaster was in storage there for both 2003 and 2004 and was then put up to sale. Sommerland Syd bought coaster in February 2005 and it was built during the fall of 2005. The premiere was delayed a week but on 2 July Scandinavias highest coaster was back in operation under the its new name Tornado. Tornado is the reason why Sommerland Syd had a so successful season during 2005. Finally the Invertigo coaster has found a new home.

Christmas seasons in Scandinavia

Tivoli

The first park to have a christmas was Tivoli in Denmark.

Their first season was 1994 and the new winter season has given Tivoli better attendance during the seasons.

For this christmas season 25 rides are open. Christmas at Tivoli

also contains a big christmas market.

The rides open this year are:

Ballongyngen
Den blå Safir
Den flyvende Kuffert
Den lille Flyver
Den kinesiske Lygte
Dragebådene
Dyrekarrusellen
Dæmonen
Galejen
Karavanen
Linie 8
Minen
Monsunen
Musikarusellen
Nissetoget
Odinexpressen
Pandaen
Rutschebanen
Skærsilden
Snurretoppen
Svingkarrusellen
Tempeltårnet
Trafikken
Valhalla Borgen
Veteranbilerne

Liseberg

Liseberg had their first Christmas season during 2000 and their event have been really successful.

For the 2005 the Balder and Kanonen area are also open so almost the whole park are open for the Christmas season.

Christmas at Liseberg also contains a big christmas market. Rides open during the christmas season.

Cirkusexpressen (Circus Express)
Farfars Bil (Old timers)
Flygkarusellen (Kiddie Flight Carousel)
JukeBox
Kaffekoppen (Tea-Cups)
Kaninresan (Rabbit Ride)
Knatterally (Kiddie Bumpers)
Krinolinen (Crinoline)
Kristallsalongen (House of Mirrors)

Radiobilarna (Bumper Cars)
Rainbow
Sagoslottet (Fairy Tale Castle)
Slänggungan (Wave Swinger)
Små Grodorna (Little Frogs)
Spökhotellet Gasten (Gasten Ghost Hotel)

Gröna Lund

Gröna Lund will have their first christmas season during 2005. Gröna Lund will have a christmas market in the park during the Christmas Season. There will be 6 rides open for the first year:

Cirkuskarusellen
Clowntrumman
Kuling
Lilla Fritt Fall
Nyckelpigan
Pettson o Findus Värld

In focus: The 3 new parks that opened in the Sweden during 2005

During 2005 there opened three new parks in Sweden. The first to open was Halmstad Äventyrslund which opened 1 May. Halmstad Äventyrslund is divided into 6 separate areas. The rides in the park comes from Axels Nöjesfält. Another area in the park is the Dinosaur Area. Halmstad Äventyrslund is a pay-once park and then you can ride as much as you want for the whole day.

The second park that opened is Fun City located in Varberg. It was called Himleriket before but changed name when Axels Tivoli bought the park. The park contains both rides and also a zoo. Like Halmstad Äventyrslund, Fun City is a pay-once park.

The third park is the park that everything has been written about during 2005. Fame World is most known for financial problems (se another article). Fame World is a interesting investment. If just the park gets a new strong financial owner the park may attract the number of visitors that the park deserves.

In focus: Big Bang at Liseberg

During September 2004 Scandinavias first Accelerator coaster was announced. Just a year after Balder was opened Liseberg announced Kanonen to fill their gap of a looping coaster. They decided to once again cooperate with Intamin. The price for Kanonen was set to be 50 Million SEK.



Kanonens layout showed that it would be a very compact coaster and that it should be placed next to Balder. The top hat would be 24 m high, the coaster would contain a 20 m high loop, some banked curves and a 360-degree heartroll.

Between January and March Liseberg put up a webcam so the construction could be followed at their website. 14 april 2005 was the media day for the coaster and the riders from ECC was happy with the new Accelerator coaster.

Hopefully Kanonen will fill the gap that LisebergsLoopen left when the ride was sold after the 1995 season.

Details about Lisebergs Kanonen:

Capacity: About 1000 riders per hour
Length: 440 m
Height: 24 m
Acceleration: 0-75 kph in 2 seconds
Ride Duration: 0:35
Ride Duration until the train reaches the station: 1:13
Ticket cost: 4 coupons (60 SEK) or Ride Pass.
Coaster Cost: 50 Million SEK