

## Mountain Speedway



WAY UP IN THE AIR—  
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Deep Canyons of Real Joy

**The Mountain  
Speedway**

Bushels of concentrated, genuine pleasure.

The Speedway was constructed by the builders of a number of the country's oldest and safest speedways that have stood the test of years at some of the nation's most famous pleasure resorts.

Fine fun for parties or couples, or "by yourself."

Just a step off Beach Boulevard on Twenty-second street.

*July 14, 1921 Galveston Daily News ad*



*Roy Harm with his daughter Alba Rose standing before the Mountain Speedway, 1924.*



Above: an aerial view of the Mountain Speedway and the Buccaneer Hotel (under construction), circa 1929.

Below: May 14, 1922 Galveston Daily News ad

Concessions in  
**—a New Joy Spot on Galveston Beach**  
**Now Open**  
 Formerly the Crystal Park—Next to Crystal Palace

**We Want an Appropriate Name**  
 for This New, Modern-Up-to-Date Amusement Center

**FREE** to the man, woman or child submitting a name which is judged acceptable, a season ticket will be given to both

The Old Mill The Marvelous Scene Now In Course of Construction and The Mountain Speedway The Lightning Ride That Thrills From Start to Finish

Send in your name suggestions now to—  
 L. F. INGERSOLL, Care Mountain Speedway, Galveston, Tex.  
 All Names Must Be in Our Hands by Not Later Than Noon Friday, May 19th

This attractive amusement place is being built in the Spanish design of architecture. We would prefer not to call it a "park." Give it a name that will be suggestive of the high order of entertainment that will be provided.

**IT'S PARTLY OPEN NOW—COME OUT TODAY AND TAKE IT ALL IN**

Here You Will Find

Free  
Band  
Concert  
Tonight

Bottled  
**Coca-Cola** at 5c

and All Other Prices Proportionately Reasonable  
 While Here Be Sure to Visit

Free  
Band  
Concert  
Tonight

**The Laughing Gallery**  
*It's New! It's Novel!*  
 You'll Have a Barrel of Fun

The Galveston and Texas History Center has been gifted prints from negatives made many years ago from a photograph album belonging to Roy Harm, operator of the iconic Galveston attraction the Mountain Speedway from 1925 to 1955.

The Ingersoll Amusement Company, which developed amusement parks around the nation, built the Mountain Speedway in 1921 at 2005 - 2011 22nd Street.

During the summer of its opening, *Galveston Daily News* ran advertisements for the new ride. July 14, 1921, the *News* advertised the roller coaster as “Deep Canyons of Real Joy.” An advertisement in the edition of August 22, 1921, mentioned that it offered “all the thrills of ice skating, skiing, or high diving.” The advertisements heightened the anticipation of joy and excitement on the part of local residents and tourists alike.



Beginning in 1929, the Mountain Speedway stood in the shadow of the Buccaneer Hotel, which was completed that year in the 2200 block of Seawall Boulevard. Like other Galveston attractions, the Mountain Speedway was illuminated at night, extending its hours for riders. The roller coaster was finally demolished in 1961.

Today, visitors to the Galveston and Texas History Center have fond memories of riding the Mountain Speedway.



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