

Conneaut Lake Park

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Year opened:	1910
Figures:	41
Rows:	3
Chariots:	2
Designer:	D. C. Muller
Band Organ:	Artizan

Carousel

Fun Facts:

- The building that houses the ride was built specifically for the ride in 1910 and has been at its present location since the day it was installed.
- When built, the ride was known as the “New Electric Carousel” at Exposition Park.
- This ride utilized the newly invented mechanism that permitted the horses to move up and down as the ride spun. The resort’s previous ride did not have this mechanism.
- The Carousel is one of only a few in the world that still has its original brass ring machine, a mechanism that includes an “arm” dispenses rings to riders on the outside row of horses. Traditionally, the guest that gets the brass ring wins a free ride. The original wooden platform where the brass ring machine attendant stands is still there too.
- In 1988 the ride received a restoration which included the removal of the crop ceiling that was added to the frame of the machine, repainting of the figures, the addition of historical Conneaut Lake Park paintings on the ride’s inner running boards, and the addition of new oak panels on the ride’s inner “drum.”
- In 1990 some of the original figures were replaced with reproductions by Carousel Works in Mansfield, Ohio.
- Today, the Carousel is known as a “mixed machine” in the vernacular because of the variety of different figures and styles evident on the ride.
- The ride is also a “menagerie” carousel because of all the different animal figures on the ride as opposed to just horses. Among the figures are 2 rabbits, one dragon, one giraffe, one bear, one koala, two cats, one lama, and 32 horses.
- Carousel Works has donated an invaluable amount of its services to keep the figures on the carousel in phenomenal shape and condition.
- Some time during the late 1980s, the original Wurlitzer Band Organ was replaced with a circa 1925 Artizan Band Organ. The “new” organ is one of two of a kind known surviving in the world.
- During the winter, the Artizan Organ is taken to Debence Antique Music World in Franklin, Pennsylvania where it is put on display in their museum. Debence Antique Music World has volunteered its services numerous times to keep the organ operational.
- The ride’s central column is believed to have been recycled and reused in the construction of the current carousel when it was installed in 1910.