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Posting: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Poster: Brian Wilton Date: 3 November 2009 10:16 AM	Posting 1
<p>OR was it Play-More?</p> <p>Now the site of Windham Heights housing project, Playmor Park was a drive-in ice cream and sandwich place and the sprawling grounds behind it the site of carnivals and circus tents.</p> <p>What else do people here remember about Play-Mor Park?</p>	
Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Poster: Skipper Barrett Date: 3 November 2009 2:11 PM	Posting 2
<p>I remember Lefty, who ran the little restaurant and snack bar at PLAYMORE PARK and provided the golf balls and clubs for rentals for his course there. He was a very interesting fellow...a "Rosicrucian" if any of you know what that is. If he knew you well enough, he would talk to you about his view of life as such.</p> <p>Each year Coleman Bros carnival came to Play More Park - - usually in early May. My buddies and I used to make it down there each year for a nite of bad food and the "side" show. Once I saw Russell Rogers, the local town personality, also attending the so-called "side show" ...I shall spare you and this thread the prurient details.</p> <p>When I became the local circulation mgr. for THE HARTORD TIMES (before my TIMES reporter days) I used to meet the Hartford truck with the 3-Star Wmtc edition of the TIMES at Play More Park where the papers were delivered. All of my "carrier" boys where there to pick up their bundles to deliver the TIMES all over Wmtc in those days, circa 1964, 65. Now even the TIMES is long gone.</p> <p>Play More Park is another memorable Wmtc place now vanished and left to the ages.</p> <p>SB</p>	
Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Poster: John Ferreri Date: 3 November 2009 8:19 PM	Posting 3
<p>I think it was the summer of 1955 when the Barnum and Bailey Circus set up tent there. Jim Richards and I went down to work cleaning out the bleachers in the Big Top for two days. We were paid in "free passes" to the indoor event so were able to spread a few of them around to our friends.</p> <p>We didn't even get stolen by gypsies!!</p>	
Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Poster: Larry Alton Date: 5 November 2009 2:29 PM	Posting 4
<p>Learned to drive at play-mor when I was 14 years old. I would go there and lefty would give me twenty-five cents an hour to drive the jeep with the attachment on the back for picking up the golf balls. The jeep had a wire mesh cage all around and as soon as it pulled out on the driving range all hell would break loose with a barrage of golf balls from those who manned the clubs. I didnt mind the low pay as I enjoyed driving the jeep. Lefty would then let me run the scrubber if it was busy just to keep the buckets full. Lefty would also buy golf balls that were recovered from the country club pond. That would be another story. But the times were unforgetable and always exciting.</p> <p>lca</p>	
Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Poster: vince cerreto Date: 8 November 2009 6:51 PM	Posting 5
<p>Larry thats strange I was 16 when I was working for Lefty. I drove that jeep as well picking up golf balls. In fact thats where I learn how to drive was on that jeep. Shortly after that went to motor vehicle and got my licence.1950. Did Lefty ever take you to his barn. This guy had more antiques then anyone in town. I always thought it was junk. I met alot of friends working at the counter serving food. At night used to go to the golf course and hit the pond naked and get a load of balls and sell them to Lefty.He was single all his life but enjoyed people. A little encentric but a great guy.</p> <p>Larry I once wrote on the forum that I thought I knew you. Whats your age and are you still in Willi.</p>	

Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Posting 6
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 10 November 2009 11:59 AM

Larry: There's a Larry Alton who teaches screen writing at the Lee Strassberg Institute here in NYC. Is that you?
 John Tormey

Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Posting 7
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 10 November 2009 7:01 PM

Good talking to you today Larry. We sure had alot in commen. Must be our age bracket. You with a fantastic memory made it easy to bring back the younger years. By the way I was late for supper too. We will do it again.....

Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Posting 8
 Poster: Lawrence Alton
 Date: 6 January 2010 5:22 PM

John:
 Sorry I didn't get back to you sooner but like the rest of us, always on the go.
 I am not the Larry Alton in NY for if I was I would have contacted you sooner. I recall you in Willi and in Windham High back in the old days.
 You probably don't remember me but I still remember you. I'm glad that you have done what you wanted to most and suppose you enjoy doing it.
 I am however (or was) in the entertainment field but where you would never guess. I recently retired as a Fireworks Importer and did that for the last 41 years. I made people smile in a differewnt way and I believe there were many. If you would like me to call you pass your number via E-mail to me and I will happily oblige, and keep it confedential. prosecutor77@aol.com

Best to you & yours for the holidays and a Very Happy New Year.
 Larry

Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Posting 9
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 6 January 2010 7:05 PM

Lawrence: Happy New Year back to you and yours.

Fireworks were very big in our lives, also. It was all entertainment!

My father-in-law, Sam, used to produce fireworks extravaganzas in Providence, RI during the 70s and 80s. My son was always impressed with the precision and timing involved with those shows. Later on, Sam held the license for Providence so he had to be on hand at the Big Arena whenever those Rock Groups used pyrotechnics in their performances. My son used to come down from Cambridge Mass with his college buddies and Sam would walk them in for the performances wearing SECURITY tee-shirts. I inherited all the clown white, unused, from the groups' dressing rooms.

I'll contact you soon via a secure site.
 Be well and nice to touch base with you.

John Tormey

Posting: Re: Play-Mor Park! (sp?) Posting 10
 Poster: Mike Tirone
 Date: 1 February 2010 3:05 PM

Playmore Park driving range was run at one time by Ambrose (Sam) Roy, former fire chief of the Willimantic Fire Dept. That is where I learned to drive golf balls. Also on can remember the large oak trees out in front of the entrance.