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1. Which of Disney's animated features was heralded as Disney's masterpiece and as a unique achievement in the new form of visualized music?
2. Who was Disney's first live-action star?
3. Which 3 Disney animated features that do not have any human characters.
4. What theme park attraction features a pilot named Rex?

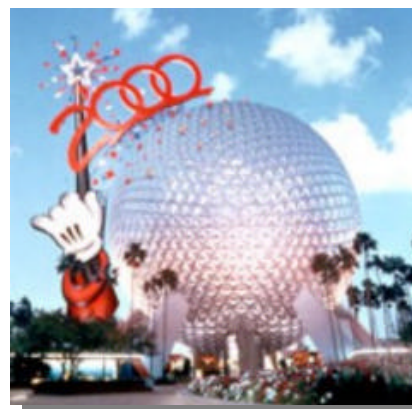
Thanks Everyone!

First of all, thank you to each and every one of you for helping make Disneyzone what it is today. It started out small, very small, and because of all the wonderful people who visit the site, and contribute to it, the site has prospered.

People are busy, and sometimes cannot get to the site as often as they wish. Cast Members at Disneyzone wanted to reach out to each of our Honored Guests and give them a little bit of Disneyzone in their email mailbox.

There are many new things going on at Disneyzone and we wanted to make sure you knew about them.

- **New Message Board software.** I have given in and switched software to UltimateBB which is very nice, I think everyone will like it.
- **New Message Forum Topics** have been added and more are coming! We felt it would be easier to get answers to your questions if the boards were broken down a little into categories.
- **Contests Galore**—ok, not galore! But we almost always have a contest going on. We have had some great prizes! Make sure to check the contest page when you visit Disneyzone next.
- We will be affiliating with a **Disney Specialist Travel Agency** in the very near future. This will help those of you who would rather leave some of the details of your trip planning to an expert. More news on that soon.
- **Scheduled Chats** most nights, see calendar on the 3rd page!
- **More site upgrades COMING!**



Millennium Trips

Many of our visitors attended the Millennium celebration at Walt Disney World. It was a wonderful event and from what we've heard it surpassed everyone's expectations.

We'd love to put photos on the site of this wonderful event. If you have some pictures and would like to share them with the rest of the world, please contact us at info@disneyzone.net.

We also encourage you to write a trip report and share all the details with us. People say they check the trip reports board daily to hopefully read about others' trips. It really helps to read about other people's experiences when you are planning a trip. I know it helped me!

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Dolphin Encounter

By Laura

One word to describe Disney's Dolphins in Depth program I attended July 29? AWESOME!!! Even having to wake up at 7:00 was worth it.

Arriving at Epcot's front gate I learned, from the "tour leader" Gina, that I was the only person in that session. After my mom signed a waiver (I'm not quite 18; yet!) Gina took me backstage and I was told the often-heard-Disney-rule of no picture taking. We immediately went into the back of The Living Seas where I put my stuff into a locker. We then went back onstage in Seabase Alpha. Gina got her dolphin puppets and sitting next to the window of the tank I learned the anatomy of a dolphin. I also learned some of the daily "activities" the caretakers do with Bob and Toby, the two Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins that call The Living Seas home. Most of those exercises are just to get them used to doing it on command for future vet visits.

We then went up to the top of the main tank. On the way we passed through a room that holds the backstage tank. That's when I got my first close-up glimpse of Bob and Toby. Gina told me a little about them like how Toby is the cast

member's lover boy and how Bob gets jealous easily.

When we got to the room holding the main tank, which is called the Dolphin Quad, I was told some very interesting facts. For example, did you know that the tank is large enough for Spaceship Earth to be completely surrounded by water and still have 30 feet of space to swim along the side? I also learned that the divider in the tank was built because Bob and Toby would go into the other side and chase the sharks. Two more of their favorite games were spinning the sea turtles in circles or playing frisbee with the sting rays until the game ended by the rays being flung completely out of the tank!

The Living Seas is one of the few facilities in the world to devote its dolphins to behavioral studies. It includes a 5.7-million gallon aquarium with man-made seawater, a simulated coral reef environment, and sea life. I was then introduced to Erika, who assists in the dolphin research. She showed me the dolphin communication keyboard and explained to me the purpose behind the project which is to develop a symbol system that will allow dolphins to communicate through the keyboard. It's very confusing until you actually see a session take place which we later did.

At that point I was taken to a training classroom where we talked about how they train Bob and Toby commands. Gina also played a recording of Bob

and Toby's whistles, squawks, and echolocation clicks. Echolocation clicks are invisible waves sent out through the water from the dolphin's melon, or forehead, and received back by vibrations after bouncing off an object. The dolphins then take those vibrations and piece together a picture in their head of what it is the waves are bouncing off of. I was then taken back to the locker room where I put on my very own wetsuit, which was a chore in itself! It was then time to meet Bob and Toby up-close and personal.

Once back up at the main tank I was taken across a catwalk to the center platform. It was then that I was introduced to Dara, another member of the Dolphins in Depth team, who would actually be in the water with me. Gina was videotaping my interaction.

I sat on a bench while she quickly went over some rules and while she got Toby up on the platform. I then went down and got to give him a "rub down" while Dara pointed out some anatomy I had learned earlier. I got to see Toby's birthmark located above his right eye which is one way they can tell them apart. After a few minutes Dara got Bob to come over and sent Toby to a trainer across the tank. It was then that I realized how big dolphins are and how much larger Bob is than Toby.

Dara taught me some commands to do with them. Even though it felt like 5 minutes my interaction with Bob and Toby lasted around 20. During that time I danced with Toby, got into a water fight with Bob (guess who won?!?), and **tried** to put my arms around Bob while cradling him.

I had so much fun and so did the dolphins. They relaxed so much during their rub down that they fell into one of their little catnaps. I learned so much and got papers to take home about everything, including internships, along with my video and a shirt. That day made me realize that I definitely want to work there when I am older.

This program can truly be described by only one word—AWESOME!

Pin Collecting is HOT

I am not really a pin collector but I see the craziness these small little pins has caused. I must say that I did buy some of the Disney Store pins, but only the ones I personally liked. During our trip to Disney World my kids each bought a couple pins with their Disney dollars. Who would have guessed these pins would become so popular! A recent look on ebay shows that some pins are going for \$30-\$40 each.

Disney pin collecting and trading has become quite a hobby for some and probably a profitable business for others!

I wish they would have had the pin trading during our trip, it sounds like fun! The idea is that you bring your pins and trade with other visitors to Disney World, or Cast Members

stationed throughout the parks. I think that some people may spend more time trading pins than riding the rides and seeing all the attractions!



We have started a Pin Collectors Forum on the site which has been going well, people are discussing which pins they want to trade and trying to decide which pins are the most popular. We also have a Pin Collector's Chat on Thursday nights, what has been quite fun!

If you are interested in learning more about Disney pin collecting, please visit the boards at: www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm and the chat each

Thursday evening, starting at 9pm EST in the chatroom: www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm.

We will look for you there!

February Chat Room Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Chat with Maribeth 9 PM EST	2 Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	3 Pin Collecting Chat with Wiyaka 9 PM EST	4	5
6	7 DVC/Cruise Chat with Tim 9 PM EST	8 Chat with Maribeth 9 PM EST	9 Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	10 Pin Collecting Chat with Wiyaka 9 PM EST	11	12
13	14 DVC/Cruise Chat with Tim 9 PM EST	15 Chat with Maribeth 9 PM EST	16 Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	17 Pin Collecting Chat With Wiyaka 9 PM EST	18	19
20	21 DVC/Cruise Chat with Tim 9 PM EST	22 Chat with Maribeth 9 PM EST	23 Chat with Genii 9 Pm EST	24 Pin Collecting Chat With Wiyaka 9 PM EST	25	26
27	28 DVC/Cruise Chat with Tim 9 PM EST	29 Chat with Maribeth 9 PM EST				

Chatting with other Disney fans is a great way to meet new friends, and to get your Disney-fix!

Kids' Views of Disney World

By Nick

My favorite restaurant in Disney World is Liberty Tree Tavern. It is located in Liberty Square in Magic Kingdom.

It was my favorite because they had nice characters. There was Goofy, Mickey, Minnie, Pluto, Chip and Dale. Each character was dressed in clothes from the time of the early American colonies. They stayed with us for a while and did funny things. They had great food. They had turkey, ham, roast beef, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, stuffing, some vegetable I didn't eat, salad and bread and a good selection of desserts to choose from. You can eat all you want and pick the things you like.

Our waitress was nice. The Liberty Tree Tavern is located right next to where the parade goes by. I liked the way they decorated the restaurant. We were sitting in the Betsy Ross room and that room was decorated with flags and other symbols of America. We sat right next to a fireplace.

I think you should eat there if you go to Magic Kingdom because it was fun and the food was good.

By Lindsey

The best part about staying at the Beach Club was the really cool pool area. It was called Storm A Long Bay. They had a water slide, sinking sand, a whirlpool, a waterfall, and sand on the bottom of the pool that made it feel like a beach. It didn't exactly feel like a normal beach but it was still really cool.

I liked our room because there was a view of the Boardwalk. It looked really pretty at night because all the little ferry boats on the water had lights on them, and the boardwalk was all lit up.

Beach Club was very close to Epcot. You could walk there or take one of the little ferry boats. It was a lot faster to walk. The boat ride took you by the Yacht Club and the Beach Club, the Swan and Dolphin and then by Boardwalk and then to Epcot .

There was this really cool restaurant called Yachtsman Steakhouse that we ate at for my dad's birthday. My favorite part about this restaurant was the food was very good and it didn't seem like it took too long for them to make it. For dessert they brought us a bunch of little cookies and chocolates. They sang to my dad and gave him a birthday card. They had penny presses outside the restaurant, too.

Trivia Answers

1. Fantasia, which happens to have been redone as Fantasia 2000 playing in IMAX theatres, is the animated feature which was heralded as Disney's masterpiece.
2. Virginia Davis from the Alice Comedies was Walt Disney's first live-action star.
3. The three Disney animated features that do not have any human characters are Bambi, Robin Hood and Lion King.
4. The Disney theme park attraction that features a pilot named Rex, is my son's personal favorite, Star Tours!

Thanks for Playing!

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Sue's Restaurant Review

The San Angel Inn is located inside the Mexican pavilion at Epcot. The restaurant is designed to feel as though you are dining outside at night at the end of a Mexican plaza along the Rio De Tiempo (river of time).

Besides offering the typical tacos, enchilladas and quesadillas the restaurant offers authentic Mexican dishes. Some sample menu items are:

Appetizers : Queso Fundido for two (chorizo sausage and monterey jack cheese served with tortillas) Sopa Azteca (tortilla soup) Mexican Salad (mixed green, tomatoes, cheese, guacamole, cactus strips, served in a fried tortilla)

Entrees: Mole Poblano (chicken served with a poblano chile sauce with hint of unsweetened cocoa). Filet Ranchero (grilled steak filet served with a pepper sauce covered with onions and cheese). Shrimp (grilled shrimp with a spicy pepper sauce) all entrees are served with rice and beans.

Dessert: Flan (baked custard) rice pudding, Vanilla ice cream served in a fried tortilla covered with caramel sauce.

Dinner runs about \$20-\$35 per person. If you are on a budget try the San Angel for lunch because you can get the same things only at a cheaper price.

My favorite things to get while dining at the San Angel are the Filet Ranchero or the grilled shrimp. I liked the Sopa Ateca so much that I bought a cookbook with recipes from WDW and Disneyland just because the soup recipe was in it, and in my opinion the best dessert is the vanilla ice cream served in the fried tortilla.

The service is generally good. I have been to the San Angel about 6 times and only had one bad experience. On that occasion we waited 20 minutes before the waiter even came to the table to get a drink order than another 15 minutes before we got our drinks. After that my husband complained and we got our meal very quickly.

Now, would I recommend the San Angel Inn, ABSOLUTELY. If you enjoy Mexican food there is no better place for it. The atmosphere cannot be beat, especially if you desire a romantic dinner for two.

If you choose San Angel you won't be disappointed.

Thanks Sue for this review! I can't wait to read next month's choice.

Prizes for Guests

Wouldn't it be fun to win a Mickey Mouse watch? Or a brand new PassPorter Disney World Guidebook. Disneyzone guests have!

Disneyzone runs contests, usually one a month, and we give out some great prizes. Prizes have been donated by businesses. In return for their generosity, they get advertising.

The contest last about 3-4 weeks usually and the 'contest sponsor's' name and a photo of the prize (linked to their website) is on the contest page that entire time. We are depleting the supply of prizes and looking for some more quality, Disney-related prizes to be donated to the site.

We do not charge for access to anything on Disneyzone, and thus make no profit! We rely solely on donations to run the contests.

If you have a product, or know of someone who has a product, that would be a good prize on Disneyzone, and would like to discuss this further, please send an email to info@disneyzone.net and we will contact you.

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