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Our intern on the new Pandemonium

Editor's note: Robert Davies of South Glens Falls is entering his senior year at St. Lawrence University. He's The Chronicle paid summer intern this year.

By Robert Davies

Chronicle Summer Intern

In years past at The Great Escape, one of our favorite things to do as a family was to ride the Trabant, an old-fashioned carnival ride that would spin and tilt, fast but not too fast. At night, it would light up.

The classic Trabant updated

It was not the most thrilling ride, but it became a standard part of our visits. It was a vestige of Storytown, the place my parents visited as kids.

In fact, the Trabant was one of the few rides we could do as a family, since my mom is not fond of roller coasters.

Sadly, the Trabant was removed several years ago, only to be replaced by a picnic area and then empty space.

Now that void has been filled by the Pandemonium, which recalls the Trabant in many ways.

It's "the third generation of the ride," said Nathan Klemm, who

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That's our man Robert Davies riding Pandemonium.

Photo courtesy/The Great Escape



Great Escape president Eric Gilbert, in front of the new ride.

Chronicle photo/Robert Davies

Festival frenzy!

For years local businesses and tourism leaders looked to strengthen "the shoulder season" post-Memorial Day and pre-summer (as well as post Labor Day).

The local success of their quest is fully in evidence this weekend, as one big local event after another takes place.

Among them:

The Elvis Festival, Lake George

Americade

Take a Bite in Glens Falls

The Warrensburg Bike Rally

"Woofstock" in Chestertown

Cambridge Balloon Festival

Feeder Canal Alliance race

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WW2 worth sacrifice, but says wars since then: 'Stupid' choices by bad leaders

To the Editor:

Thank you for the reprinting of your impressions of Normandy as we approach this Memorial Day. I have just returned from the same trip, and it tore me up.

Your guide's reaction of "What a waste," and your counter-reaction of the astonishing bravery of these heroes, was my

reaction too.

But I was further moved by the real waste of brave American lives since WWII. Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan... all these stupid wars chewed up the finest American lives — for stupid political reasons, which were proven wrong in hindsight.

Letters to The Chronicle

The heroes of Normandy fought and died for a real and necessary reason — Hitler needed to be defeated, and Europe needed to be saved from the Nazi menace.

But since then, our leaders

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