

Magic Skyway

Friday evening, May 1, 1964

Gayle:

This evening at closing time we were loading cars on the rides at the rate of four per car or a little better. But we were operating with 17 cars out of service because of faulty radios. This means we were running with 68 too few people on the rides each time around, or 340 per hour. If this situation was typical throughout the day, and we had a full day's operation of 12 hours and 24 minutes running time, we'd be sacrificing 4,200 rides for the sake of our radio message.

If Saturday and Sunday are going to be heavy traffic days, we might give some consideration to using every car in the system, regardless of the radio's performance. And we might come up with an impressive total count for these days -- show Deaborn the real potential we have here and maybe set some kind of record.

By the way, 17 cars out of 138 in the two lines is almost 12% of our capacity. Maybe we need some hard thinking on how we can correct this situation. The radios ought to be nearly 100% reliable.

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Closing time plus one hour, May 1st.

Gayle:

On the attached report for the day's operations, you're going to have to decide what figures you want to use for attendance.

The boys on the doors counted 32,310 guests for the day. They started counting when the first guests were admitted shortly after 12:00 noon and stopped counting at 10:00 p.m. when the doors closed.

The ride operated from 12:08 and 12:12 p.m. -- or 12:10 p.m. average start-up time -- until 10:25 p.m. when the last guests were put on board. ~~and 10:25 p.m. when the last guests were put on board. This was 10 hours and 15 minutes of running time. But the east ride was down, or not being loaded for 25 minutes. This means the average running time for the rides was 10 hours 2 1/2 minutes.~~ This was 10 hours and 15 minutes of running time. But the east ride was down, or not being loaded for 25 minutes. This means the average running time for the rides was 10 hours 2 1/2 minutes.

We were loading at the rate of 42 guests per minute during the day (taking all cars and gaps in the lines). The number of riders, therefore, for the 602 1/2 minutes of operating time was 25,305.

The boys at the door, of course, think everyone they let in took the ride and that 7000 couldn't have passed it by. So how come the difference?

Figured another way, we were putting four people in each car used on the rides -- on the average. There were 138 cars, but about 17 were not used because of faulty radios. If we filled 121 cars with an average of 4 guests per car and operated for 10 hours and 2 1/2 minutes, we'd have accommodated 24,225 guests on the ride.

Maybe the boys with the counters had eager fingers?