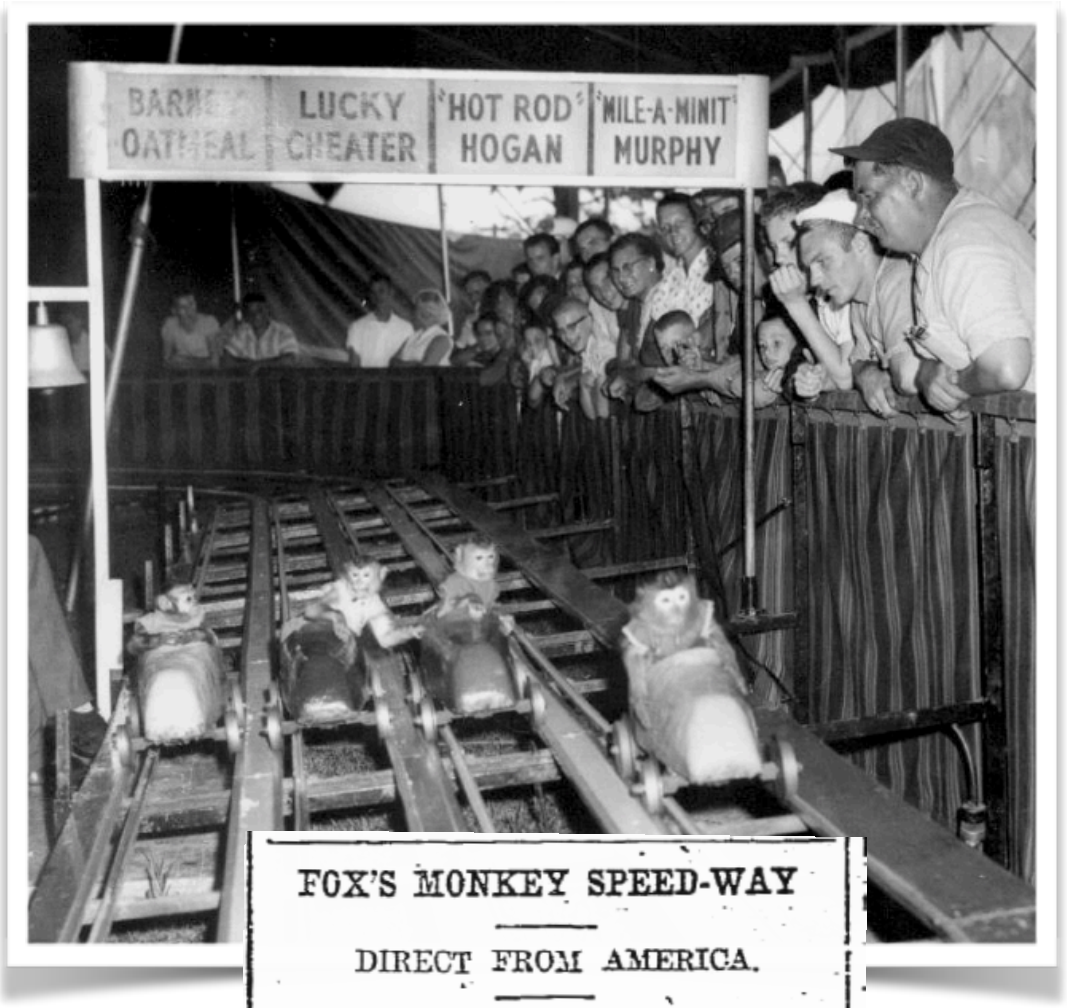
MONKEY SPEEDWAY

Various sideshows eventually came to be a fixture at the Angaston Show. In 1928, the only year it seems to have been advertised, came a peculiar and sensational carnival attraction - the Monkey Speedway.

The first appearance of this curiosity in Australian newspapers was in 1918 when Tom Fox, a well known carnival showman at the time, brought the novelty from America. The speedway represented an American motor racing carnival, in which the automobiles were driven by monkeys. The vehicles were models of American race cars and ran at high speeds on circular railroads. They were driven by monkeys, dressed up as chauffeurs.

The track was slightly slanted allowing the public to see the racing cars at every angle, the whole operation being inside a show tent. Each monkey was strapped into the car and it appeared to the public the monkey was the driver and could control the speed, thus enticing the placing of bets. What the audience didn't know was that the operation of the cars was under the control of the attendant. Located at the rear of the track was a booth where they would stand and control the cars through foot pedals. Monkey Speedway as a carnival attraction in Australia remained until the early 1950s.



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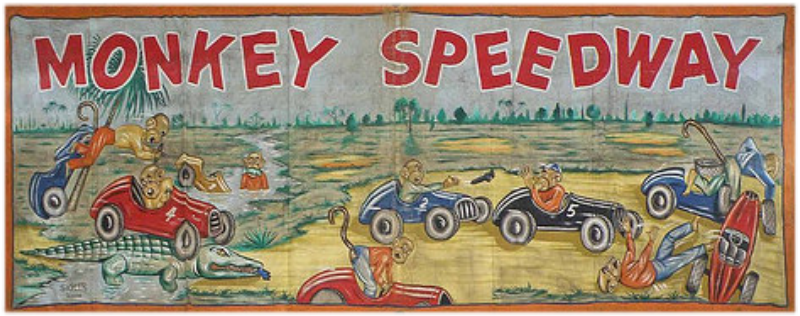
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