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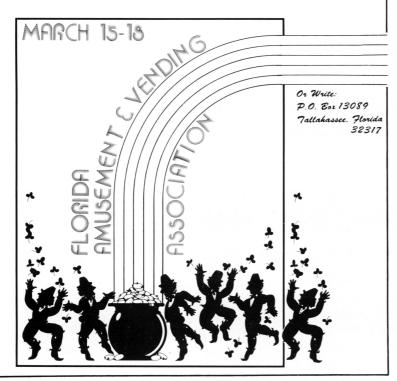
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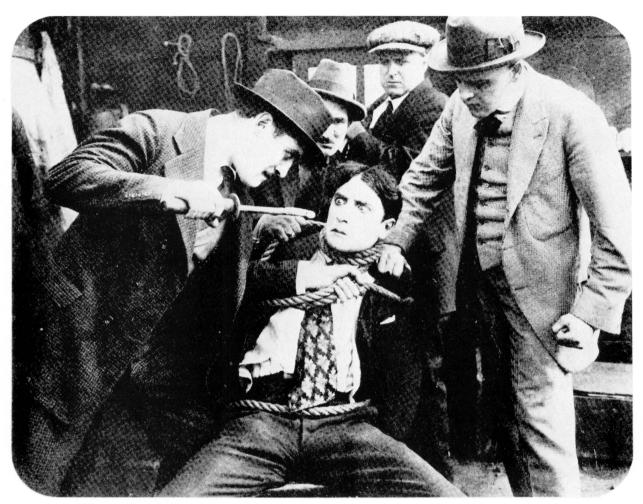
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UP FRONT

A pool table manufacturer recently called. Although his company had fallen on hard times, it is under new management and re-emerging into the marketplace. The manufacturer called to say he was interested in exhibiting at a trade show. Like everyone else in the industry, he heard that the manufacturers had scheduled a show (Amusement Showcase International) only weeks before the operators' show (Amusement Operators Expo). But, like others in the industry, his company can not afford to go to both shows.

I explained that since *Play Meter* is an AOE sponsor, I would not want him to think my comments were one-sided. I explained honestly that some of the major manufacturers had canceled plans to exhibit at the AOE in order to support their own show. But I also informed him that the AOE has more exhibitors than the manufacturers' show.

"Look," he said. "I really don't care what manufacturers are at a show. I want to be where the operators are."

This simple statement has so much truth that it really hit home. The AOE owes its success to the operators, not to the manufacturers though several major manufacturers supported and will continue to support the show.

The seminars are one reason operators support the AOE. Seminars are planned carefully around subjects imperative to operators in their continued quest for success and information. These seminars have drawn operators to the AOE, and their quality will continue to attract operators. This year the seminars are stronger than ever, and we sincerely believe they will bring thousands of operators to the AOE once again.

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Be sure to read the stories in this issue that give more information on the AOE. On page 8, Rufus King, *Play Meter's* counsel, explains the AOE-AGMA lawsuit. In "Operators Continue to Support the AOE," on page 13, you will read facts that prove operators show an interest in AOE '84. You'll also be able to compare AOE and ASI projected attendance and exhibitor figures. And what could a little red hen have to do with the industry and the AOE? See page 14.

Since *Play Meter* is still the leading industry publication, it will cover the manufacturers' show. When the AOE started in 1980, *Play Meter's* chief competitor did not even list the show in its calendar of events nor did it cover the show for three consecutive years because *Play Meter* sponsored the AOE. We heard numerous complaints from operators saying they felt it highly irresponsible of any trade publication to ignore a major event in the industry. Other trade magazines did cover the show, though they were competitors also.

The *Play Meter* staff believes it is our duty to report fairly any industry event. The manufacturers' show is an industry event, and, even with *Play Meter's* lawsuit in effect, you will read a fair assessment of happenings at the ASI show and all other shows.

Valerie Cognevich Editorial Director

Valerie Cognenich



Phonograph petition

As executive vice president of the Amusement and Music Operators Association, I am writing to thank you for urging your readers to support legislation to aid the jukebox industry, H.R. 3858 and S. 1734. It was helpful that you published a petition that your readers could use to collect signatures of persons supporting the legislation.

However, I must point out an inaccuracy in the preface to the petition which states that "[r]ecently the music royalty companies slipped a bill through U.S. Congress that raises the rates jukeboxes must pay to these companies by 525 percent." You should be aware that the Copyright Royalty Tribunal (CRT), not Congress, raised the royalty fees from \$8 to \$50 in 1980. Congress initially passed the law in 1976 establishing a compulsory license for jukeboxes and gave the CRT the right to review these rates.

In the face of the 525 percent increase, AMOA has worked with members of Congress to change the law. We have been very pleased with the reception we have received. We are particularly grateful that Rep. Bob Kastenmeier (D-Wisc.), the chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice, has called a meeting of the entire jukebox industry in Washington on February 3 to discuss this issue. We are optimistic that this meeting will lead the way to a final resolution of the problem created by

the CRT's actions.

Leo A. Droste Executive Vice President AMOA Oak Brook, Illinois

Editor's Note: We thank Leo Droste for bringing this matter to our attention. We are overwhelmed at the number of responses we're receiving. To date, 1,100 petitions have been returned with an average of 20 signatures each for a total of 22,000 signatures. Because the response has been so strong, and because the deadline for returning the petitions has been extended by the lawyers representing our industry in this struggle, Play Meter is publishing

the petition again in this issue on page 11.

The new petition carries altered wording in accordance with AMOA's suggestions. While Play Meter is sending the first petition responses along to industry attorneys as we receive them, we urge you to continue to gather responses by posting the new petition at your locations. (Locations that have already produced a good response are probably the best places to put new petition forms.)

We urge you to continue to respond to this effort. There is no new deadline, but we ask you to return the signed petition forms as soon as possible.

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The AOE-AGMA Lawsuit

Rufus King, Play Meter's legal counsel, explains

t now appears that Play Meter and its partner, Conference Management Corporation, (Joint Venture, Inc.-JVI), will be compelled to go all the way in defending their 1984 show from the Amusement Game Manufacturers Association and Amusement and Vending Machine Distributors Association's attack on it, either by seeking an injunction again, or claiming treble damages, or both. When preliminary negotiations failed last summer, leaving only two choices, stand by and risk seeing AOE destroyed, or fight, the partners elected to fight. Once committed, against such powerful adversaries who had struck without warning and offered no quarter, there was no alternative but to hit back as hard as possible.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Virginia on September 22, against AGMA and AVMDA and their officers and directors, pulled no punches. If ASI was not enjoined, its sponsors faced a claim for three times the damages actually caused to AOE (unless AOE, with operator support, turns out to be a total success anyway), plus, possibly, exemplary damages and other long-term relief against the two associations, their individual officer- and directordefendants, and even the associations' manufacturer and distributor members. But no one in the *Play* Meter camp wanted that. It was hoped some compromise settlement could at least be discussed while everyone was in New Orleans for the AMOA Show, but AGMA refused to meet with AOE spokesmen. The aim was some arrangement, such as combining the 1984 shows, which could have avoided the forthcoming battle. But time has run out, and neither Play Meter nor JVI can change the course of events by themselves.

Background of the Suit

A few years ago, when Gary Stern and William O'Donnell Jr. began promoting the idea of a manufacturers' association for the amusement-game industry, *Play Meter*

area video card and casino games beginning to appear. The *Mills-Jennings* case in Ohio, an early triumph for the Ohio Music and Amusement Association, was also a

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joined wholeheartedly in the general enthusiasm. AMOA had always been primarily concerned with music operators' problems, and leadership in the games field came haphazardly from a few strong manufacturers, a few independent distributors and operators, and a handful of effective state associations. There had long been a classic split in the industry, Bally on one side pushing "gray area" bingos, and Gottlieb, with Williams, then Stern, and then, briefly, Atari on the other, defending the amusement-only concept and image. (Gary Stern tells his father's story of a showdown 40 years ago between Dave Gottlieb and Herb Jones of Bally. Gottlieb proposed that a then-new industry association take a stand against gambling, and Jones rose, seconded the proposal, and walked out, never

By 1980 the bingos had been driven out everywhere except from a few isolated pockets like Tennessee, South Carolina, and parts of Maryland, and all the majors except Bally were joined in resisting the spread of the new generation of gray

victory for seven leading U.S. manufacturers, who intervened in the case to support the Ohio attorney general. (*Play Meter* readers will remember that this publication, since its first issue in 1974, has spoken for *amusement* operators, and, while not opposing legalized gambling, has consistently resisted all those in the industry who would damage the amusement-only image by confusing, defying, or corrupting law enforcement in order to run illegal gray area devices.)

AGMA was first named ADMA (Amusement Device Manufacturers Association), and one reason was that its founders wanted to welcome companies like Bally and (at that time) Williams, who had legitimate slot machine products i.e., "devices," openly aimed at Nevada, Puerto Rico, Atlantic City, and foreign markets. The original ADMA position on gambling was that it would take no stand on legalizing casinos, lotteries, charity events, etc., preserving its options on gray area issues and illegal operations, and admitting anyone who had at least some amusement-only products.

Even so, Bally stayed out. But it soon became clear that radical changes in the directions of industry leadership were being made through ADMA anyway. The Mesquite case, a shooin Supreme Court victory for amusement-only games, was derailed by industry lawyers who claimed it was too risky to face the High Court with our tainted image and dubious story. Industry resistance to the spread of gray area games was terminated. Cooperation with municipal authorities, industry responses to genuine problems and trouble spots, and the development of industry-oriented model ordinance provisions, were

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halted. Even the bland public relations program launched jointly by AGMA, AVMDA, and AMOA was dropped.

Then in mid-1982 a major shift took place. Bally moved in openly as a member, the name of the association was changed to AGMA, and behind a smokescreen of hype and hoopla (Bally had fielded a hypeand-hoopla man named Tomlinson to promote bingos, with unsatisfactory results in 1971.), the manufacturers began focusing even more narrowly on problems that concern only their own interests: copyright infringements, speed-up and conversion kits, FCC compliance, UL standards, etc. Subjects affecting the future of the industry and the welfare of operators—gray area invasions, blue sky artists, signs of real organized crime infiltration, hostile lawmakers, unreasonable local regulators, unfair taxes, location ownership, coin-operated lotteries, saturated markets, "duds" and "dogs," and low quality engineering-seem to have become taboo.

It should not really have been

such a surprise, then, that AGMA would try to take over operator-oriented AOE, when the latter proved it could succeed handsomely carrying out a strictly amusement-only policy and sponsoring no-holds-barred seminar discussions over the entire range of operator interests. It was not surprising, either, that the takeover attempt last summer should be high-handed, without warning or any attempt to open peaceable negotiations before announcing ASI.

It was only a little puzzling, from a lawyer's viewpoint, that the move was so clumsy.

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The Antitrust Case

No one denies that if the manufacturers approached it fairly and reasonably, they could join together and put on a national trade show of their own, to promote the sale of their own games. That would be legitimate competition and might be wholesome for the industry. But pursuing a lawful end by unlawful means is as wrong as if the end itself were unlawful.

For example, I have a perfect right to plant my cornfield next to yours, or open my game room across the street from you. But I cannot lawfully poison your plantings, or claim falsely that your game room is a source of Legionnaires disease—or firebomb you. And by the same token, under this country's antitrust laws which have been on the books for nearly a century, I cannot organize a boycott against you by corn-buyers or corn-seed sellers, or game room patrons. I cannot destroy you as a competitor even by cutting prices if to do so would create a "monopoly" of a market in which I am not restrained by the ordinary forces of competition.

Specifically, the antitrust laws known as the Sherman and Clayton Acts make it illegal, both as federal crimes and as bases for recovery of

treble damages, for two or more persons to conspire, which means to act in concert with a common purpose, to restrain trade or commerce "unreasonably" or by "unfair practices." It is self-evident that in a small industry like ours, with only two existing national trade shows, manufacturers who control most of the exhibits cannot agree to launch a new show at almost the same time and place as one already announced by one of their potential rivals. That amounts to illegal restraint (i.e., not mere fair competition). The only defense to such charges would be proof by each of the associations and their officers and directors that every one of them had acted independently, without any common purpose of mutual agreement. But that is refuted by admitted facts: it was publicly announced at the outset that the decision to stage ASI was reached, and the time and place chosen, at a meeting of AGMA's board of directors who met in Alexandria for that purpose, among others, in May 1983.

Thereafter, other acts were taken in concert and by mutual agreement to further carry out the purpose of destroying AOE. These, too, have been publicly announced and admitted, including the withdrawal and cancellation of space by exhibitors who had already signed up for AOE, the refusal to sign up by others who had made tentative commitments and who had participated in prior shows, and express agreements which constitute, in effect, an unlawful boycott. The manufacturers' community is so small there is also a strong inference that simultaneously pulling their advertisements out of *Play Meter* was done by unlawful agreement.

By becoming a participant and cosponsor, AVMDA has tied itself to all the acts and agreements chargeable to AGMA, even if it has not added independently to the conspiracy. At the same time, and also by mutual agreement, the associations and their officers and member companies have sought to injure AOE independently—unfair practices and unreasonable restraint of trade—by what the courts sometimes characterize as "dirty tricks." These "dirty tricks" include claims that attendance at AOE 1983 had

declined from prior years, false announcements that important exhibitors at AOE would not be attending when some such exhibitors had already signed contracts for space at the show, and deliberately picking a time, out of the whole year's calendar, and a place, out of the entire United States, which would discourage everyone from attending AOE by causing the two shows to be in direct conflict (since few attendees will be able to go to both).

A second and separate Sherman Act claim, with the same entitlement to treble damages, arises from the facts that the entire amusement game industry is so small that there are only two annual trade shows now supported by industry members, and that the deliberate destruction of even one existing competitor would create a substantial "monopoly." Again the facts supporting this claim cannot be disputed; if some newcomer wanted to launch a national boat show or a national automobile show, his impact on the competitive market would be obviously quite different from the

effects of ASI being scheduled on top of AOE. A third competing game show, fairly scheduled at a different time and place, might not have triggered the monopoly prohibition, but AGMA and AVMDA are stuck with their decision to make such a direct attack on AOE.

Another claim or count will arise under state law (in the first suit the Virginia State Code), since nearly every state separately prohibits conspiracies and boycotts which have the purpose of willfully,

The RICO Count

The antitrust laws include criminal penalties for violations, but most antitrust cases turn on civil claims for treble damages. The federal RICO statute is primarily criminal, though it also authorizes civil remedies, treble damages and other drastic civil relief. RICO ties directly into the anti-gambling laws of all 50 states (even Nevada outlaws unlicensed subterfuge devices), as well as into a whole bouquet of federal criminal sanctions. Actively promoting the sale of gray area devices in interstate commerce, as is ASI's announced and admitted intention, puts everyone connected with the February show directly in the RICO line of fire.

The JVI partners dropped their suit, containing a RICO count, "without prejudice," because the remedy is so drastic and far-reaching, and to see if some fair compromise could be worked out—as AGMA and AVMDA had indicated. No one wants to pull the RICO trigger in our industry family squabble. But no meaningful response came from ASI. RICO is still an awesome weapon, and JVI still has all its options.

maliciously, and unfairly injuring any business enterprise conducted in that state, regardless of whether interstate commerce is affected. On this state ground alone, the JVI partners will probably be entitled to all damages caused by AGMA and AVMDA, as well as an injunction.

And even if that were not enough, the admitted actions of AGMA and AVMDA in causing certain exhibitors who had already bought space at AOE to withdraw and breach their contracts with JVI creates a separate and distinct cause of action, for intentional interference with the contracts and tortious inducement of breaches.

Finally, for the state law claims as well as for the federal antitrust and restraint-of-trade violations, JVI may be entitled to exemplary or punitive damages, besides three times its actual losses, if the court and jury are convinced that what was done by AGMA and AVMDA was willfull and done with intent to injure or destroy AOE. And of course, with any recovery, JVI may be awarded all its attorneys fees and litigation costs.



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Operators continue to support AOE

A s the Amusement Operators Expo nears, early show statistics prove once again that the AOE will continue to receive operator support.

The fifth annual AOE will be March 9-11 at the O'Hare Expo Center in Chicago.

Conference Management, which manages the AOE, reports it has received more operator requests for AOE information than it did at this time last year. At this time in 1983, Conference Management received 1,150 operator requests. As of January 10, the company received 1,176 requests for AOE '84 information.

"Our promotion has been real strong," said Daryl Komar, Conference Management vice president of conference planning. "All the interest from the business reply coupons is slightly stronger than it was yesterday."

Operator interest in the AOE remains strong despite the fact that approximately 2,000 operators went out of business in 1983. (See *Play Meter's* State of the Industry report, November 1, 1983, p. 42.)

"The industry isn't doing as well as it did last year. I think we are going to stay in the same ballpark

for (AOE '84) attendees," Komar explained. "I can only assume operator attendance is going to be in the same proportion."

Huge attendance increase

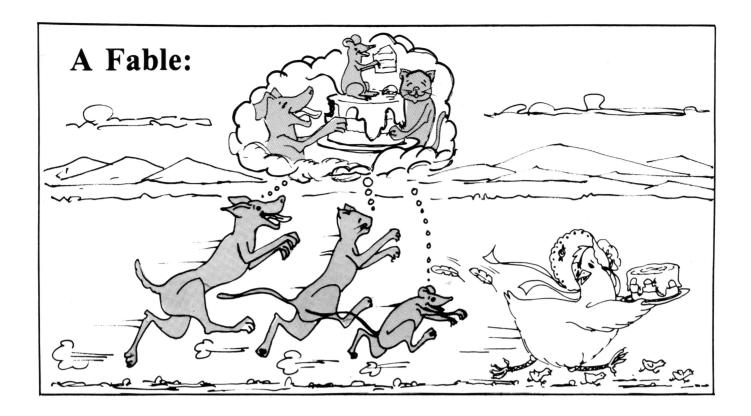
Despite a decreasing operator population, operator interest has increased for AOE '84, and this interest is typical of past AOE shows. AOE attendance has grown dramatically in the past five years. AOE '83 drew 8,245 confirmed attendees—a huge increase from the AOE '80 attendance of 909. In comparison, the 1983 AMOA Show in New Orleans, the association's 35th show, had 9,079 attendees.

Bill Leahy, director of communications for Amusement Showcase International, told *Play Meter* that show officials expect about 6,000 to 7,000 operators and distributors at the ASI, to be held February 17-19 at the Chicago Expocenter. Yet, when questioned about how officials determined this projected attendance figure, he replied: "That's just an estimate that we have been working with based on our conversations with the Amusement Game Manufacturers Association and the Amusement and Vending Machine Distributors Association.

Another indicator of strong operator support at AOE '84 is a poll that appeared in the November issue of another industry trade publication. Poll results show that 6 percent of those questioned about spring shows said they will attend the ASI show. However, 18.2 percent said they will attend the AOE. According to the poll, three times as many operators plan to attend AOE '84 than the ASI.

And it's apparent that many exhibitors want to be where the operators will be. Conference Management estimates that about 20 exhibitors pulled out of AOE '84 after AGMA announced it would stage its ASI show. But in the last 30 days, 25 exhibitors who dropped out of AOE '84 for various reasons have signed up again for the event. Lisa Ryan, Conference Management senior account representative, projects that operators attending AOE '84 can expect to see about 150 exhibitors in more than 350 booths.

According to the most recent figures released by ASI representatives, only 75 exhibitors have signed up for the ASI show with only seven booths still available. Although it was requested twice, *Play Meter* never received an ASI exhibitor list.



The Little Red Hen

Once upon a time a cat and a dog and a mouse and a little red hen all lived together in a cozy little house.

The cat liked to sleep all day on the soft couch. The dog liked to nap all day on the sunny back porch. And the mouse liked to snooze all day in the warm chair by the fireside.

So the little red hen had to do all the housework.

She cooked the meals and washed the dishes and made the beds. She swept the floor and washed the windows and mended the clothes.

She raked the leaves and moved the grass and hoed the garden.

One day when she was hoeing the garden she found some grains of wheat.

"Who will plant this wheat?" cried the little red hen.

"Not I," said the cat. "Not I," said the dog. "Not I," said the mouse.

"Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did. Each morning the little red hen watered the wheat and pulled the weeds.

Soon the wheat pushed through the ground and began to grow tall.

When the wheat was ripe, the little red hen asked, "Who will cut this wheat?"

"Not I," said the cat. "Not I," said the dog. "Not I," said the mouse.

"Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did.

When the wheat was cut, the little red hen asked, "Now who will take this wheat to the mill to be ground into flour?"

"Not I," said the cat. "Not I," said the dog. "Not I," said the mouse.

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"Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did. The little red hen returned from the mill carrying a small bag of fine white flour.

"Who will make a cake from this fine white flour?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," said the cat. "Not I," said the dog. "Not I," said the mouse.

"Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did. She gathered sticks and made a fire in the stove. Then she took milk and sugar and eggs and butter and mixed them in a big bowl with the fine white flour.

When the oven was hot she poured the cake batter into a shining pan and put it in the oven. Soon a delicious smell filled the cozy little house.

The cat got off the soft couch and strolled into the kitchen.

The dog got up from the sunny back porch and came into the kitchen.

The mouse jumped down from his warm chair and scampered into the kitchen.

The little red hen was just taking a beautiful cake out of the oven.

"Who will eat this cake?" asked the little red hen.

"I will!" cried the cat. "I will!" cried the dog. "I will!" cried the mouse.

But the little red hen said, "All by myself I planted the wheat, I tended the wheat, I cut the wheat, I took the wheat to the mill to be ground into flour.

All by myself I gathered the sticks, I built the fire, I mixed the cake. And all by myself I am going to eat it!"

And so she did, to the very last crumb. After that, whenever there was work to be done, the little red hen had three very eager helpers.

'The Little Red Hen' and the AOE have a lot in common



By Valerie Cognevich



Ti's often the case that the more complicated things get, the more simply they can be stated. We believe the story of "The Little Red Hen" states simply what is at issue in the AOE/ASI controversy. The manufacturers—like the cat, dog, and mouse—sat idly by as The Little Red Hen (i.e. AOE) fashioned a show to address the operators' needs at a time (spring) when a show was needed.

Now they want the show for themselves. Of course, The Little Red Hen did not, in this case, build AOE all by itself. There was a lot of support. But that support came from operators, not manufacturers.

It's curious to note the manufacturers' collective amnesia on, for instance, AOE '81 when the manufacturing giants, members of AGMA, boycotted AOE, saying it would never succeed. Where were they when the show needed support?

Where was Atari at AOE '81? Where was Bally at AOE '81? Where was Stern at AOE '81?

Let's see where they were. Here is an excerpt from *Play Meter*'s report of that show (*Play Meter*, June 1, 1981, p. 25):

"There was never any question the wide ranging seminar progam was getting high marks from everyone, but there was a serious question as to how interested operators really were in a no nonsense seminar program which dealt with the nuts and bolts of their operations. An industry trade show designed with the operator in mind, they said, would never succeed. So many exhibitors refused to exhibit at AOE '81, believing that there was only room for one trade show and that being the AMOA show in the fall. So many exhibitors decided against exhibiting at the second annual AOE.

What they did not anticipate was the truly phenomenal turnout by operators who had heard from other operators who had attended the previous year that the show was indeed worthwhile. The word had gotten out to the rank and file operators, but apparently it didn't make its way back to the factories.

Less than a month before the show, there was a definite trend of growing attendance at the show. And major factories, which had previously opted to stay out of the show, began to couch their bets by making sure their game would be on the floor of the show.

Bally's new pinball game appeared in the booth of supplier Big State Supply of Fort Worth, Texas, a subsidiary of Wildcat Chemical Company. Williams' new pinball and the cocktail version of its first ever video appeared in the U.S. Billiards booth (since principals of U.S. Billiards also operate a distributing firm which represents Williams). And Stern Electronics' new pinball and video found their way onto the floor of the show via the International Totalizing Systems exhibit. It was a curious arrangement with some of the biggest manufacturers noticeably absent from the show but somehow present nevertheless.

Then as people poured through the doors of the exhibit hall, the exhibitors and "non-exhibitors" watched in utter disbelief, "Phenomenal," "fantastic," "great," "super," "totally unexpected," "amazing,"—none of them had expected a turnout like this.

The operators had spoken, and the manufacturers were taking note."

They were taking note then; they want to take the show now.

Three years ago they said it couldn't be done. Now they think they're the only ones that can do it. I wonder who they think they are fooling?

Isn't it an ironic twist of fate? AOE '81 was an overwhelming success despite the manufacturers, not

because of them. Nearly every major U.S. manufacturer came to and exhibited at AOE '82, in effect, following the operators—wanting to be where the operators were.

Now, though operators seem bitterly resentful of them, the manufacturers believe operators will follow them to the manufacturers' show forsaking AOE, a show that owes its success to the operators. Very few can afford the time or the money to attend two shows scarcely three weeks apart.

Some manufacturers may be offended by a story like "The Little Red Hen." If they find it disturbing, then they have gotten the point.

Instead of acting like spoiled little children, they should look inward to find the real reason the industry is in such dire straits. It is they who have created such depressed market conditions—not the operators, not AOE, and not *Play Meter*.

Instead of conspiring to cannibalize an industry that is already suffering, the manufacturers could have put forth the time and effort they are spending trying to sponsor a show to take a serious approach to addressing vital industry issues. Somewhere along the line, the spoiled child realizes he can't always get what he wants.

The operators got their message across in 1981, and the manufacturers heard and responded. We believe that the operator response (or lack of it) at the manufacturers' show will deliver the message as clearly and as simply as "The Little Pad Hen"





How would you compare the AOE to other trade shows? What would you say to operators who never attended AOE or are undecided about going this year?

I was very pleased with the seminars and the floor show at last year's AOE show. The AOE is operator oriented. The majority of operators today are smaller operators as opposed to the big concerns owned by the manufacturing companies, and the AOE is more representative of individual operators. If operators are concerned about the industry and their place in it, I'd say they should attend the AOE and support it.

Dean Tangalakis Fantasy Zone Ypsilanti, MI

The AOE seems to be the best show around so far. I wish some of the other shows would pattern themselves after it. The nice thing about AOE is that they don't charge you for it.* They also tend to try to FOR INFORMATION:

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BY DAWN ADORNO

keep the kids out. I think it's a good deal, but it seems we don't get the support from people we should be getting support from—like the AMOA. They don't tell you about the AOE.

Rodger Boots RD's Quarter Arcade Cedar Rapids, IA

*Editor's Note: Exhibition admission is free to all attendees who show a business card. Seminars are \$25 per session if operators have registered before February 17. Registration postmarked after February 17 or made at the door costs \$35 per session. For more information, contact Conference Management Corporation at 203/852-0500.

We plan to go to the AOE because it's in Chicago, and that's close to here. It's a chance to get a whole perspective of the industry as far as equipment goes and a chance to renew old contacts and try to make new ones.

J. H. Diltz Diltz & Sons Mishawaka, IN

We usually attend all the shows. The AOE show was better than the AMOA because there were no kids there and you got to talk more to the vendors. I enjoyed AOE's seminars. I met a lot of people who were attending the seminars who gave me a lot of information. We're fairly new in the business and picked up a lot of information at the show from vendors who have been in the business for 25-30 years. We've learned more about the industry at the AOE than we have learned by being in business. We also go to the show to see if we can get better prices on the equipment.

Tom DiNardo Advanced Amusements Jersey City, NJ

I have been to past AOE shows. I thought the exhibits were good and found the seminars on location negotiations and service helpful. Compared to other trade shows, I'd say the AOE is as good as any.

Larry Cooper B & L Ventures Inc. Tucker, GA

I go to the show to look at new equipment and to find out how operators can sustain buying new equipment. I'm particularly interested in kits because the video market took a dive. We go to the show to find out what the hot games are. Compared to other shows, the AOE is a better variety of things. I think it's necessary for operators to attend the show and benefit by what

it has to offer. I plan to attend the seminars this year, and I think other operators should go to the seminars to see what's going on in the industry. If the factories don't get it together, the business is going to go down. And when the operators go down, the whole 9 yards go. People need to be aware, and that is why they should go to the show.

Gary Domino American Amusement Morgan City, LA

I would definitely recommend the AOE show to other operators. If you're involved in the business and can be there, you should be there. I think the AOE is a good show, but I'm not going this year because I can't afford it. I bought too many video games.

Joe Swan Montana Games & Promotion Butte, MT

We only attend the AOE and the fall show. I don't think we need any more shows. The AOE is an excellent show. The technical seminars seem to be good.

Lowell Simmons Automatic Music & Games Painesville, OH

The AOE is a good show. I think the AOE has what's needed for a great showing of equipment. I also like the way in which the AOE tries to regulate the "gray area" pieces. I like the AOE's ethics. I would suggest that operators attend the show because AOE complements operators and is doing everything in the best interest of the operator.

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Don Osborne's sudden death shocks industry

By Mike Shaw

on Osborne, the man who created and carried out a national campaign to defend video games against anti-video game sentiment threatening the industry's peak years, is dead at age 41. Osborne died December 31 at his home in San Jose of a heart attack.

As Atari's vice president of marketing, Osborne confronted antivideo forces with his Community Awareness Program (CAP), a two-part public relations plan for operators and distributors fighting restrictive local regulation and antivideo game mawkishness.

With CAP, Osborne upgraded the coin-op industry's public image. The public became aware that the industry is comprised of people who care about youths. Through CAP, the public also heard that the industry is filled with creative minds interested in developing computer era entertainment for eager youths rather than, as industry detractors accused, destroyers of the moral fiber of the nation's children.

"There's so much misunderstanding that surrounds the industry," Osborne said, speaking of the need for a public relations effort. "Not that we aren't concerned about the same things parents are, like truancy, but we don't believe video games have been the cause." (*Play Meter*, February 1, 1983, p. 83-85)

Osborne developed the Community Awareness Program with characteristic vigor. He developed a professional videotape presentation with accompanying printed materials portraying several socially cognizant people noting videos' positive experiences and youths'

interactions with them.

Industry's use

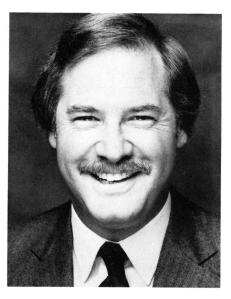
Although CAP was the industry's most developed program to combat anti-video game inanity, Osborne was never satisfied with its use by the industry.

"I don't think we got the kinds of response from the field that we should have," he told *Play Meter*. "I still talk to distributors who say they don't have public relations problems . . but these things have an ugly way of surprising you."

To make up for others' unwillingness to campaign for the industry's image, Osborne took to the road, representing Atari at events where he could publicize the positive side of video game playing. He appeared on television and radio shows to debate misconceptions about videos and to allay parental fears about videomania.

Operators and distributors united on local fronts to stem the rampage of anti-video game regulation, but on a national basis, nothing was more effective than Atari's campaign in convincing the nation the anti-video efforts were based on irrationality and misunderstanding. No one did more than Osborne to establish the image of video games as wholesome, contemporary entertainment.

Osborne came to Atari in 1977 after 12 years of work in educational technology. He joined the Sunnyvale firm as a sales manager and later was elevated to director of national sales. Recognizing Osborne's indominatable energy and his flair for public appearances,



Atari extended his sales duties to include all facets of its coin-op marketing program in 1982, consequently making him a vice president. In 1983, with the hiring of long time distributing executive Jerry Marcus, Osborne concentrated on the company's marketing strategies.

In a company often criticized for ignoring coin-op concerns in favor of its home game business, Osborne worked tirelessly to keep vital Atari's coin-op interests.

"The management of Warner has assured me we are an important division of this company," he once said, bristling at the suggestion Warner may abandon its coin-op venture. "If I didn't believe them, I wouldn't be here."

Fitting tribute

Osborne's death was shocking to the industry because of his youth and apparent good health. Even in the midst of the holiday vacation season, his funeral services in San Jose were attended by hundreds of industry people nationwide.

"The number of people and the facets of his life they represented were an impressive and fitting tribute," said one Atari employee who had worked closely with Osborne

"What makes his death a little easier to bear is that Don lived every day of his life like it was his last," eulogized a member of Osborne's marketing staff. "He was involved in everything at Atari, from the development of a new game idea all the way to tracking the game's performance on location."





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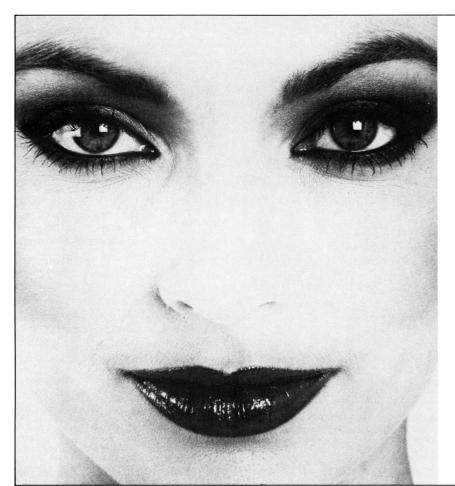
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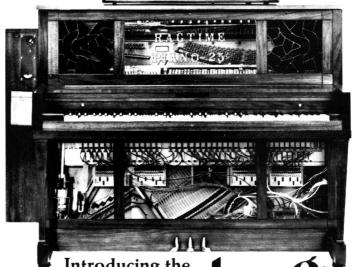
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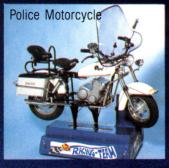
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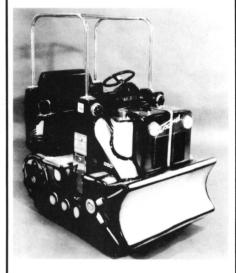
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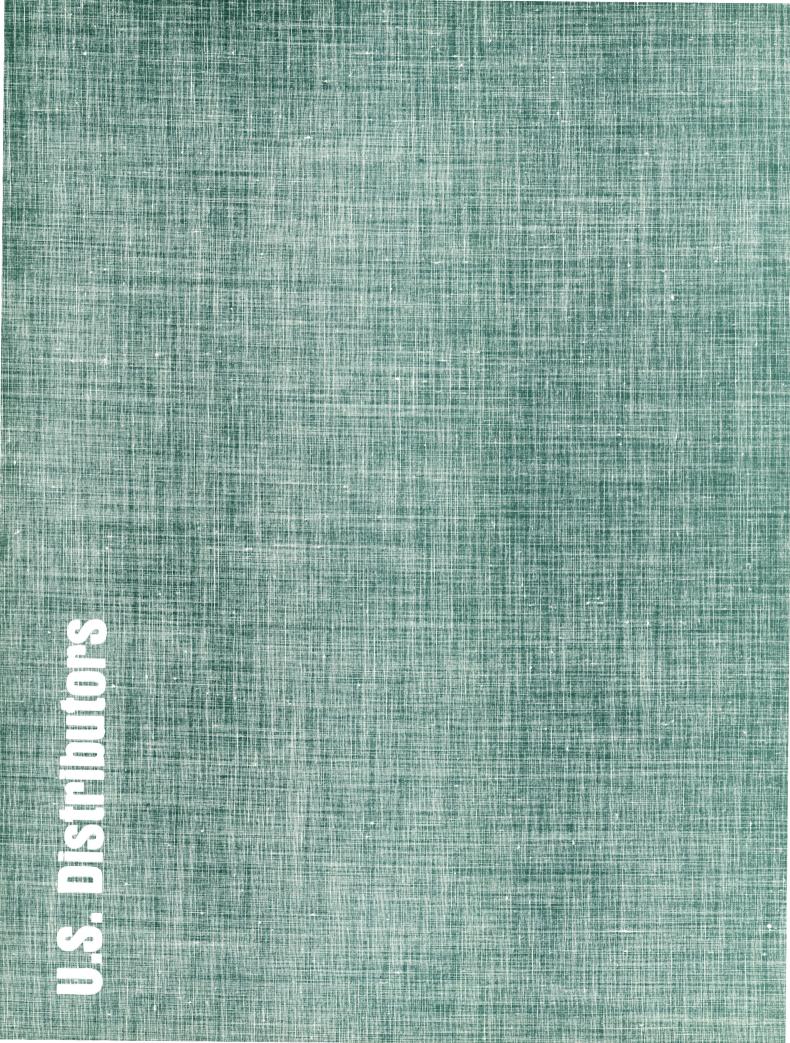
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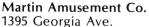
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		Rating	
	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan 15
* 1. M.A.C.H. 3/Mylstar	100.0	100.0	108.5
2. Dragon's Lair/			
Cinematronics	95.3	74.1	100.0
* 3. Track & Field/			
Konami/Centuri	92.3	85.5	96.8
* 4. Pole Position 2/Atari	84.3	73.6	_
5. Pole Position/Atari	68.5	69.0	71.3
6. Star Wars/Atari	66.3	67.4	76.1
* 7. Elevator Action/Taito	63.7	63.0	68.0
* 8. Donkey Kong 3/Nintendo	620	64.4	_

Provisionally Rated Videos

		Rating	
Provisional Ratings	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Astron Belt/Bally/Midway	90.6	90.0	_
Birdie King/Mama Top	75.8	_	_
Discs of Tron/Bally	70.4	74.7	81.6
Cliff Hanger/Stern	60.3	66.6	95.9

NOVELTIES (non-videos) Arcade & Street Locations

Thirteen of 21 novelties (61.9%) with a response rate over 10 percent have above average performances.

		Rating	
	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan 15
* 1. Big Strike/Williams	100.0	-	64.4
2 Ice Cold Beer/Taito	99.7	_	66.6
* 3. Skee-Ball/Skee-Ball	98.4	100.0	66.6
★ 4 Ninja Gun/			
American Arcade	92.7	95.4	77.7
5. Chexx/ICE	87.2	92.1	_
* 6. Whirly Bucket/Exidy	82.4	100.0	63.9

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		Rating	
Provisional Ratings	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Shoot Away/Namco Am	116.5	116.6	60.0
Boom Ball/Meltec	114.7	94.4	66.6
High Ball/Norton Co	105.9	118.7	76.6
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Whac-A-Mole/			
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Bowl/G Manufacturing	88.2	110.0	66.6

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Eleven of 25 videos (44%) with a response rate over 10 percent have above average performances.

				Rating	
			Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
*	1.	Dragon's Lair/			
		Cinematronics	100.0	100.0	100.0
	2	Star Wars/Atari	68.9	67.7	91.4
	3.	Pole Position/Atari	67.0	73.1	100.0
	4	Mario Bros./Nintendo	63.1	_	80.5
*	5.	Mr. Do!'s Castle/Universal	61.7	58.6	61.4

Provisionally Rated Videos

		Rating	
Provisional Ratings	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
M.A.C.H 3/Mylstar	122.7	111.7	_
Track and Field/			
Konami/Centuri	92.4	79.0	_
Pole Position 2/Atari	88.4	85.1	_
Cliff Hanger/Stern	72.8	_	-
Elevator Action/Taito	64.3	65.0	65.0
Donkey Kong 3/Nintendo	63.4	-	_

TOP PINBALLS Arcade & Street Locations

Eight of 21 pinballs (38%) with a response rate over 10 percent have above average performances.

		Rating	
	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Jan 15
* 1. Rack 'em Up/Gottlieb	100.0	95.2	_
* 2. Granny and the Gators/			
Bally	97.8	100.0	100.0
3. Firepower II/Williams	86.9	75.5	85.8
* 4. Royal Flush Deluxe/			
Gottlieb	85.9	_	_
5. X's and O's/Bally	85.1	66.6	81.6
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* 7. Sharpshooter II/			
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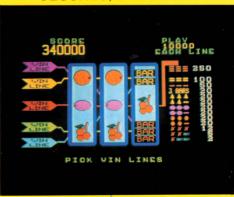
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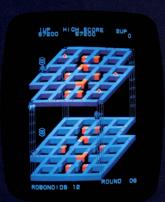
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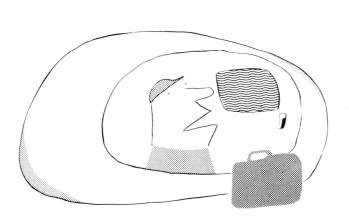
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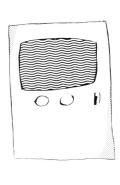
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Mark Blum, founder and retired chairman of the board of United Distributors of Wichita, Kansas, died December 10 at age 72. Blum had been in the coin-op industry for nearly 50 years, since he dropped out of Emory University in Georgia to help his father run the family billiard hall and bowling center. He founded Star Vending and Ajax Novelty in Detroit in 1940 before marrying and moving to Wichita in 1941. There, he and partner Melvin Hammer founded United. Blum's son, Mark Jr., is president of United.



Neal Smithweck has been named regional sales manager for **Digital Controls** as the company introduces its *Countercade* countertop game system and laser disc games. Smithweck was formerly with Williams Electronics as East Coast sales manager.

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Thomas Leon (right) of North American Amusement Company and Mr. Furukawa of Kasco Japan announced an agreement whereby Leon will handle exclusive distribution of Kasco games in the U.S. and Canada. Leon also announced similar agreements with Togo Japan for its line of mini park equipment and Hope Japan for its mini trains.



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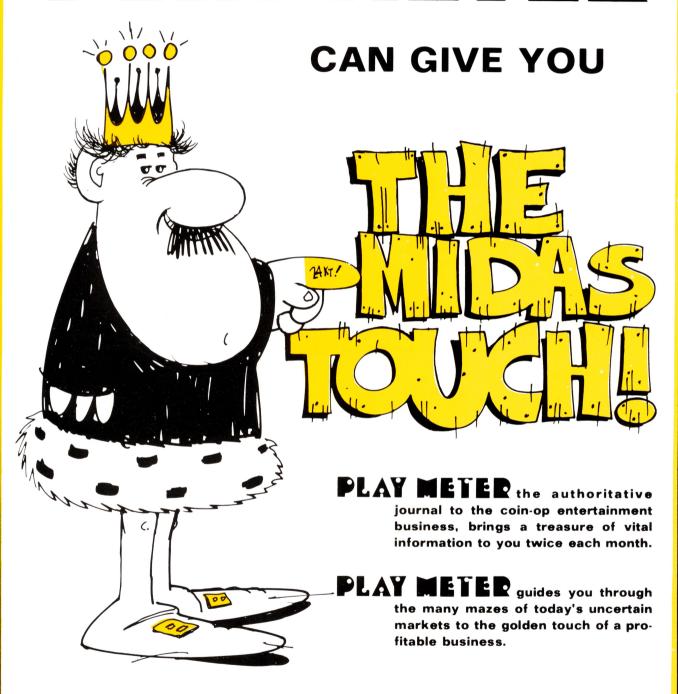


Mort Ansky has been named vice president of sales for Merit Industries of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. Ansky will create sales policy and develop sales strategies for new Merit products. Ansky has been with Merit since 1981. He moves from the job of national sales manager.



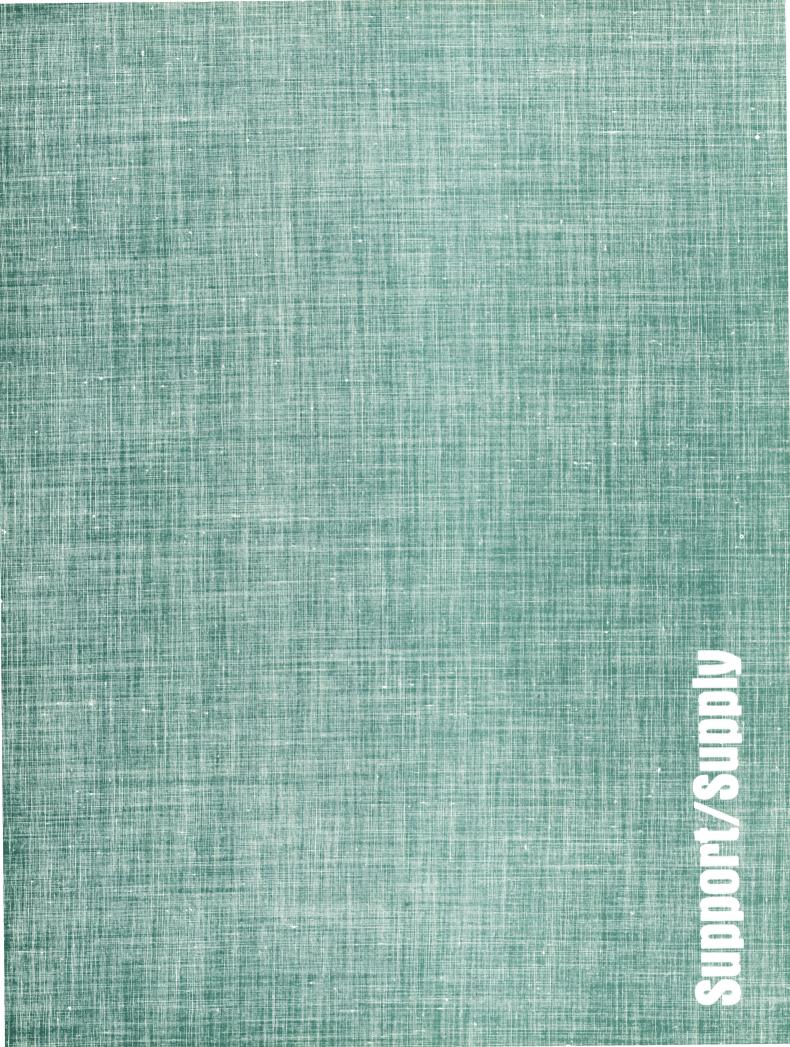
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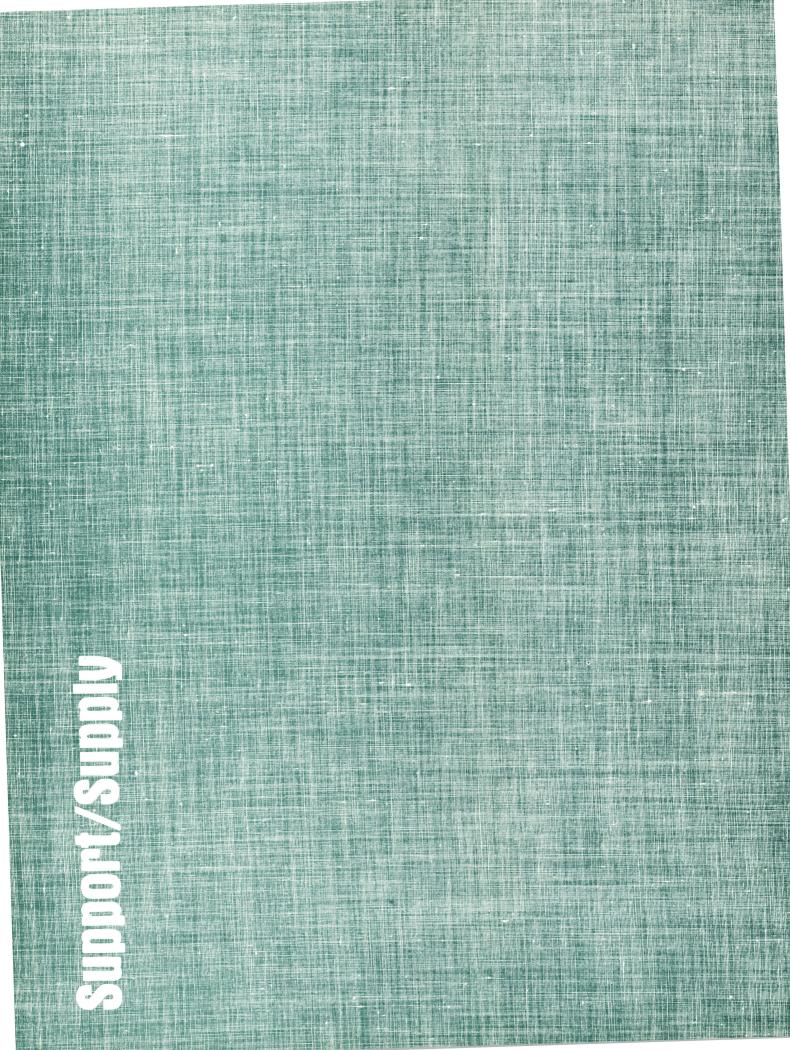
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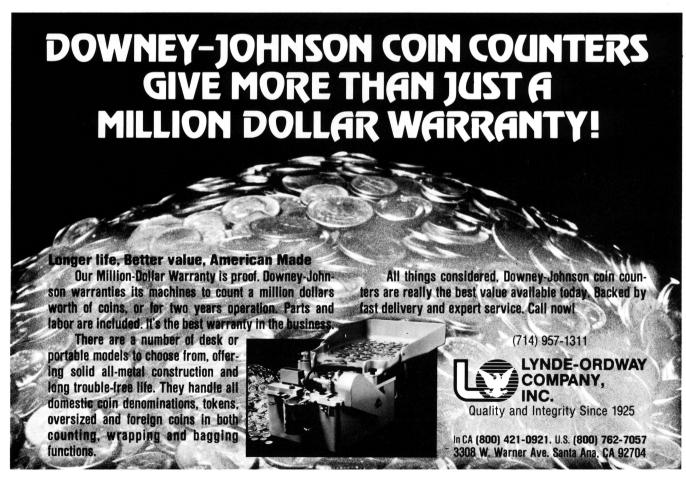
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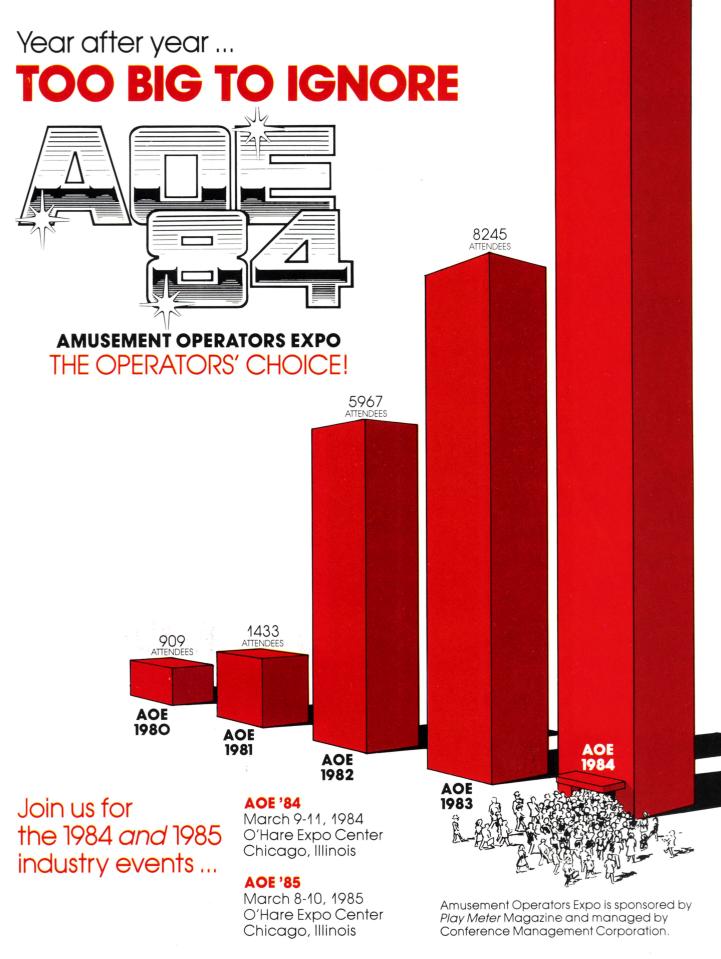
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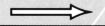
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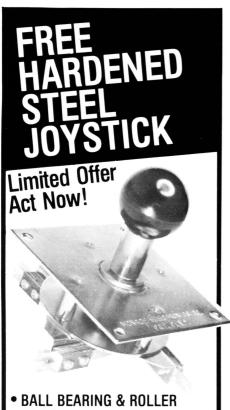
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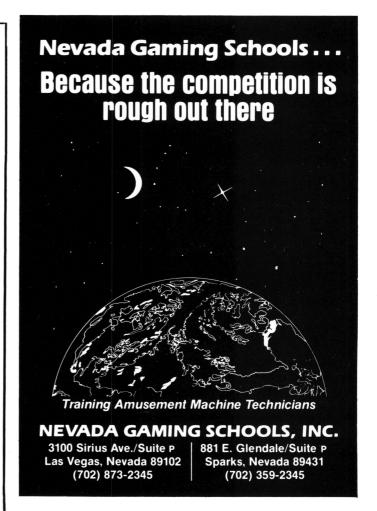
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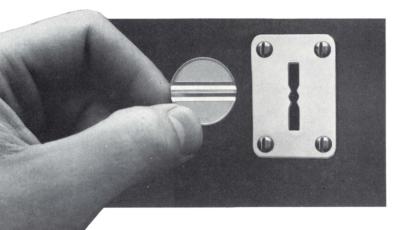
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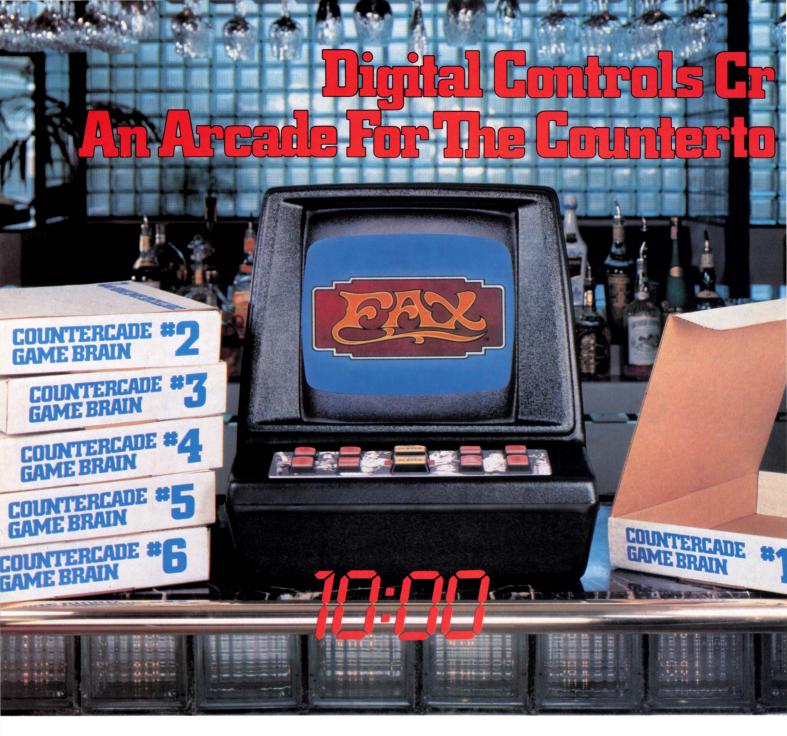


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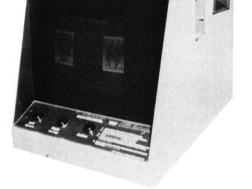
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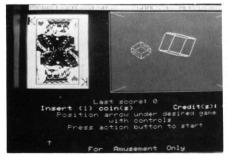
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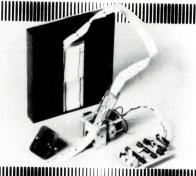
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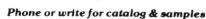














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ou may eventually borrow money from a bank or other lending institution, agreeing to repay the loan with interest by a specific date in a number of equal installments.

After making a series of payments, your business might be in a favorable cash position and you might decide to repay the outstanding balance of the loan prematurely.

For example, if you've obligated yourself to pay \$225 interest on a 15-month loan of \$3,000 and are repaying after just five months, you might expect to get an interest rebate of 10/15ths or \$150.

You will be surprised to learn, when asking the lender, that the actual abatement of interest is only going to be \$103.12.

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Calculating rebate

When you pay off a loan early, the creditor uses the Rule of 78's to determine your rebate—the portion of the total interest charge you won't have to pay.

The rule is recognized as a practical way to calculate rebates of interest. There are other methods, but this one is widely used, and it is reflected in a number of state lending laws.

The final payoff figure on your loan depends primarily on the original time to maturity, but it may be affected by other factors, such as variances in the payment schedule or a lag between the date of calculation and the date of payment.

Keep in mind that paying off a loan in, say, 15 months instead of 30 will not produce a saving of one-half of the interest.

You may, however, be entitled to a rebate of certain other charges when you prepay a loan, such as part of a premium for credit insurance.

Another thing to remember is that the Truth in Lending law requires that your creditor disclose how interest will be computed if you pay the debt in full before maturity. Look for the prepayment disclosure before you sign a loan agreement. Ask for an explanation of anything you do not understand.

How to use the Rule of 78's

The first step is to add up all the digits for the number of payments scheduled to be made. For a 12-installment loan, add the digits from 1 through 12:

1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+ = 78

The answer is "the sum of the digits" and explains how the rule was named. One might say the interest is divided into 78 parts over the term of the loan.

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To return to our example of a \$3,000 loan repayable \$215 per month for 15 months, the lender uses a table (see center column) to allocate each installment.

Earlier we said that if you repaid the entire loan with the fifth payment, that you would only get a refund of \$103.12. Here is how that is computed.

We know by adding the total number of months (first column) that the total interest is divided into 120 parts. To find out how many parts will be rebated, we add the digits for the remaining 10 installments which will be prepaid:

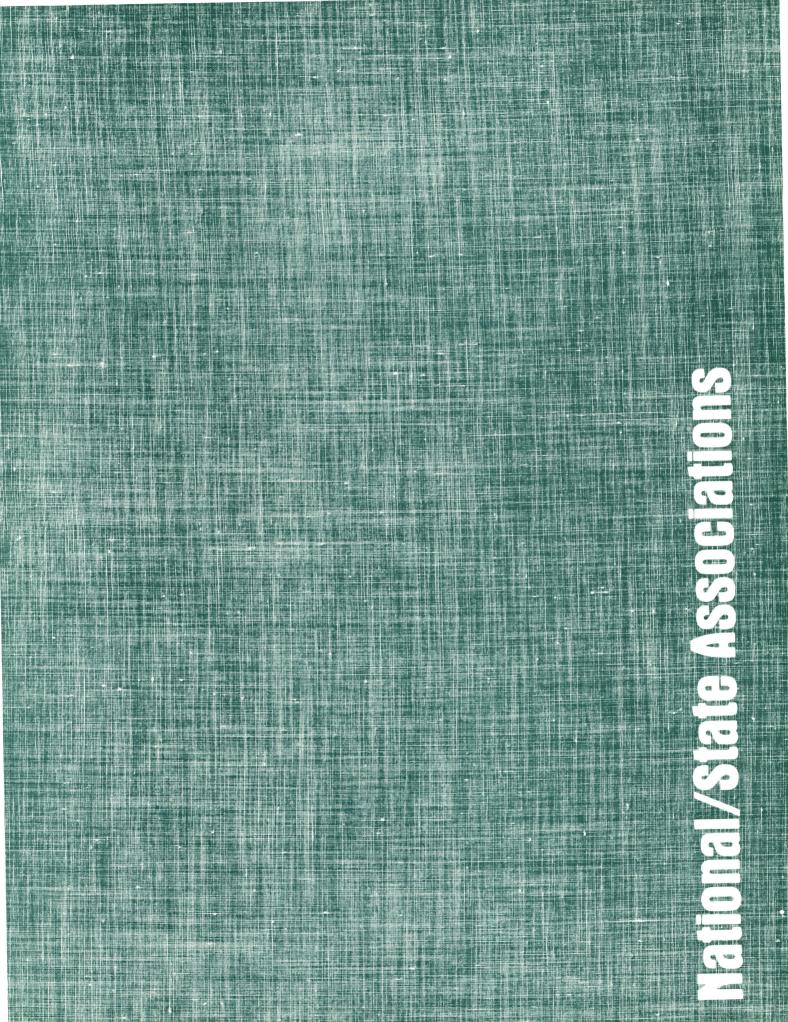
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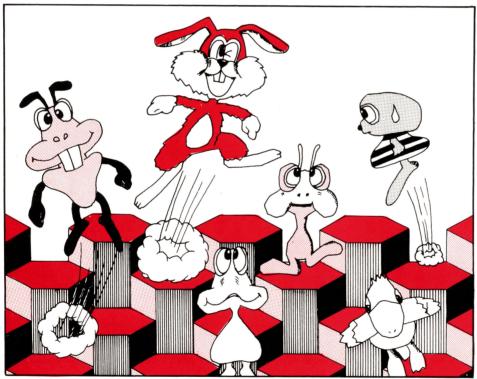
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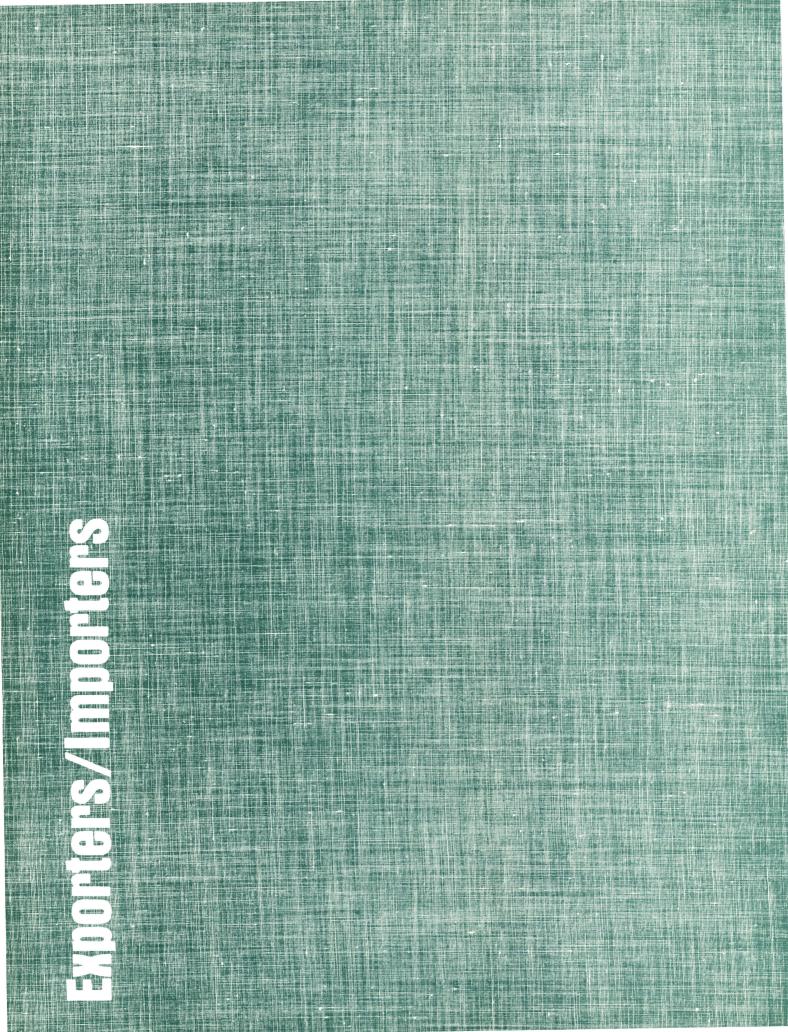
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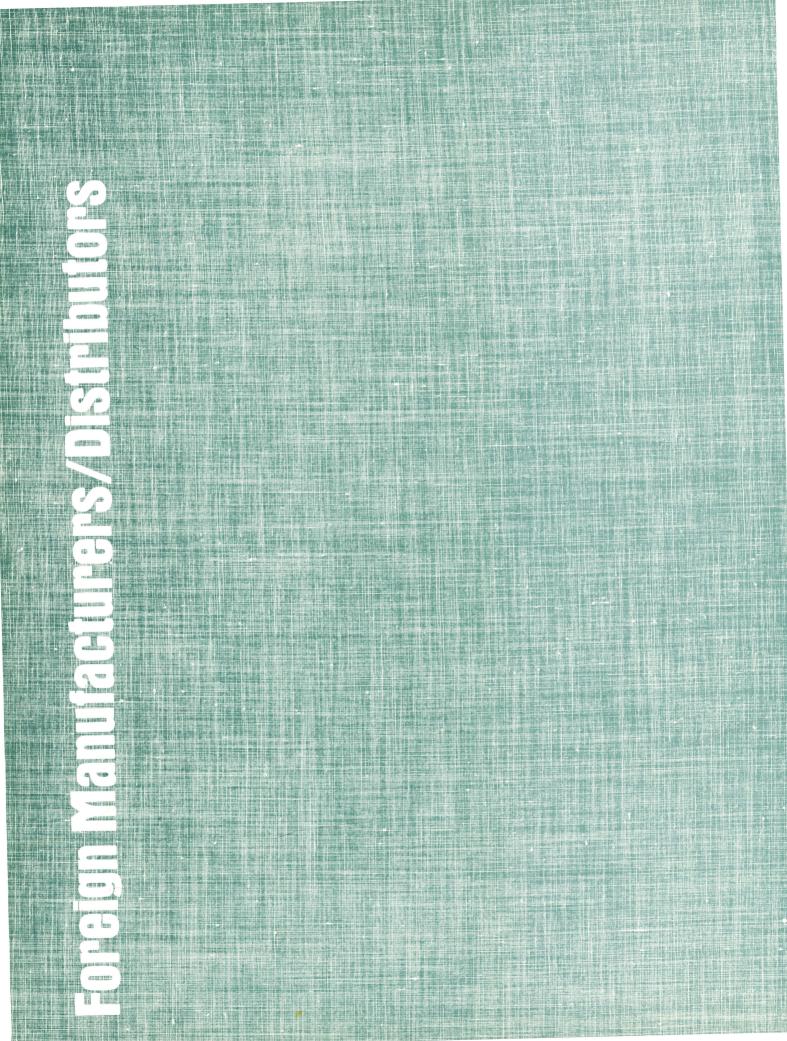
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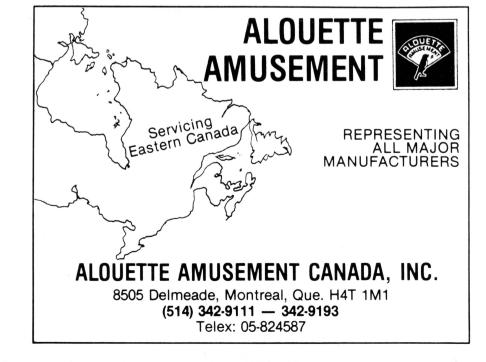
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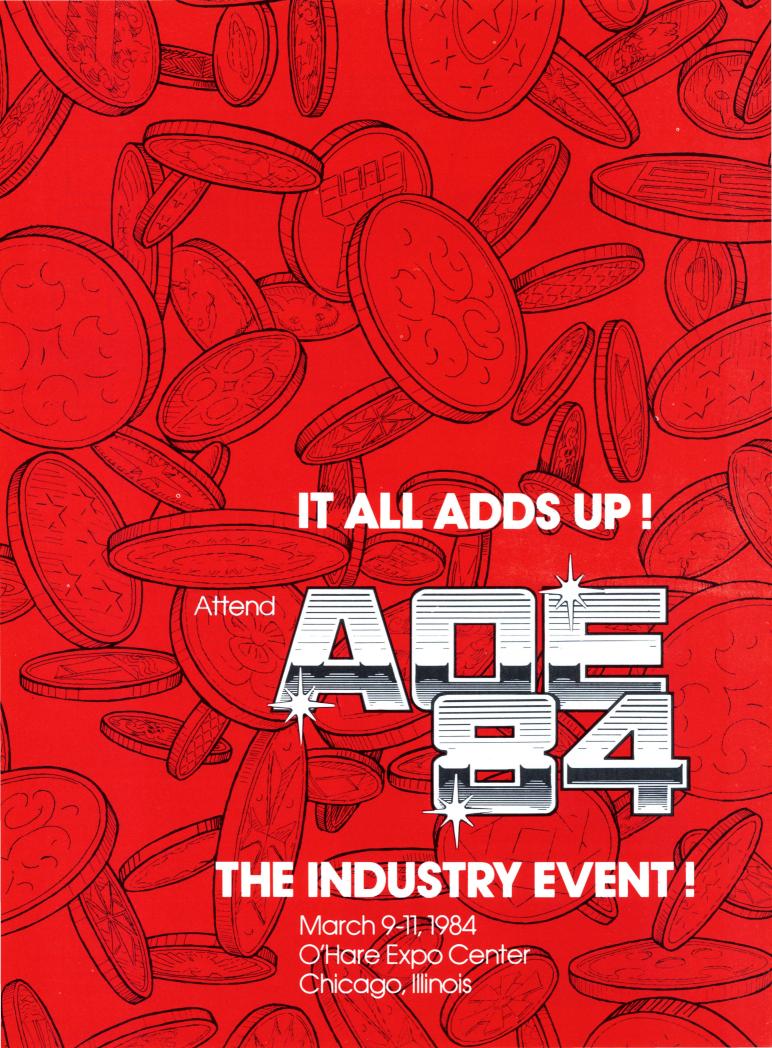
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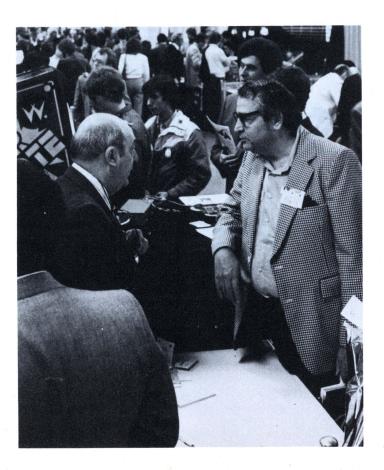
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Session 101

ADVANCED SIGNATURE ANALYSIS — PART I

Faculty: James W. Sneed, Jr., General Manager, Kurz-Kasch Inc., Electronics Division

This lecture will center around predicted signatures for games rather than taking signatures from good boards. The Signature Analyzer, NOP's and INOP's will be explained as well as demonstrated. Computer generated signature programs will be given to those who are "computer nuts." See Session 201 for Part II. There is a separate registration fee for each part. You *must* register for both sessions.

Session 102

MARKETING: DESIGNING A COMPETITIVE STRATEGY — PART I

Faculty: Roger A. Westmont, Vice President, Modern Specialty Co., Inc.

Operators today must do more than sell if they expect to grow. Your business will grow if you develop a competitive strategy using classic marketing techniques. Mr. Westmont will explain how to analyze your company's strengths and weaknesses from a marketing perspective. Subjects to be discussed include segmentation, positioning, target markets and marketing mix. We urge you to register for the second half of this seminar. See session 202. There is a separate registration fee for each part.

Session 103

PUBLIC RELATIONS: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP THIS TROUBLED INDUSTRY

Faculty: Sandra Pesmen, Features Editor, Craine's Chicago Business, Author, Writing for the Media: Public Relations and the Press

This course will show you how to open communication between the industry and the public, as well as between operators and suppliers. To be explored during this seminar will be techniques such as targeting your message and journalistic writing which can help stop unfair legislation and unrealistic escalating costs.

Session 104

TROUBLESHOOTING FOR THE CONVENTIONAL VIDEO GAME SYSTEM — PART I

Faculty: Robert Norton, Field Service Technician, Bally Midway Manufacturing Co.

Most video game problems are easy to diagnose and repair once you know what to look for! Typical problems such as loss of picture or sound, or a screen full of "garbage," can often be isolated and repaired on location using basic trouble-shooting procedures. This two-part session is primarily geared for those with little or no knowledge of electronics — we all have to start somewhere! See session 204 for Part II. A separate registration fee is required for each part.

Session 105

CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE OPERATOR

Faculty: Charles C. Ross, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

Are you unsure of your financial status from one day to the next? Wouldn't you like to know if you have enough cash on hand to make your payments each month? If you can purchase new equipment without financing? How you can effectively budget and forecast for the future? If so, this seminar will help you "balance the budget" as you learn to answer these too-often asked questions. Mr. Ross will discuss these and many other topics in the vital area of cash management including ways to improve your cash flow.

Session 106

THE DIGITAL MULTIMETER

Faculty: Randy Fromm, Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools

Successful electronic game repair does not always require the use of costly and complicated test equipment. The Digital Multimeter is a relatively inexpensive and highly portable unit that can be used to diagnose the majority of those failures commonly encountered in games.

Various types of Digital Multimeters will be introduced along with a complete and easy to understand lesson on using the meter to isolate problems, test components, locate short circuits and more.

This session is geared for those who plan on repairing games, but have little or no previous experience with electronic repair. Arcade managers will also find this session informative as it will allow them to isolate and repair many common failures without having to call for an experienced technician.

This session is a suggested prerequisite for sessions 206, 306, 406, 506, and 606.

Session 107

FUNDAMENTAL ARCADE ECONOMICS: HOW TO MEASURE LOCATION POTENTIAL AND ESTIMATE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

Faculty: H. Richard Priesmeyer, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This "applications-oriented" seminar provides the necessary tools and concepts needed to evaluate arcade location potential. It suggests methods of measuring market strength and provides specific direction in the problems of estimating financial performance. Complete seminar handout provided. This seminar will be repeated. See session 407.

Session 108

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY MARKET AND MANAGE YOUR AMUSEMENT BUSINESS

Faculty: Steve Gore, President, Steven Morris Co. The amusement business has undergone drastic changes over the last 20 years. Are you in touch? Have you kept pace? If not, this session is a must! Your survival in this rapidly moving industry relies on your ability to be flexible and responsive to trends. Learn how to market your business and take advantage of the changing equipment and technology as well as the demands of your customers.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS FRIDAY, MARCH 9 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Session 201

ADVANCED SIGNATURE ANALYSIS — PART II

Faculty: James W. Sneed, Jr., General Manager, Kurz-Kasch Inc., Electronics Division
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Session 202

MARKETING: IMPLEMENTING A COMPETITIVE STRATEGY — PART II

Faculty: Roger A. Westmont, Vice President, Modern Specialty Co., Inc.

Operator will not only survive but succeed if they have a marketing plan with goals and objectives. Using the strategy developed in session 102; subjects to be discussed include market entry, timing of the strategy, and advertising vs. personal selling. This is the second half of a two-part session. See session 102 for Part I. There is a separate registration fee for each part.

Session 203

NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS WITH LOCATIONS

Faculty: Richard E. George, President, Roy George Music & Vending Corp.

Inflation affects amusement operators as much as it does anyone else, and in many cases, even more. Learn how to explain your situation to your locations in a logical and straightforward manner. Establishing weekly minimums and assessing realistic service charges will be discussed in detail. In addition, Mr. George will get heavily involved in the use of contracts in effecting the appropriate commission structure.

Session 204

TROUBLESHOOTING FOR THE CONVENTIONAL VIDEO GAME SYSTEM — PART II

Faculty: Robert Norton, Field Service Technician, Bally Midway Manufacturing Co.

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Session 205

DEPRECIATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE AMUSEMENT OPERATOR

Faculty: Charles C. Ross, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This seminar will examine depreciation and its impact on business profitability. Comparisons of the old method of depreciation and the new accelerated cost recovery system will be shown. Depreciation misconceptions will be explored. The attendees will have an understanding of the proper method of depreciation and its true impact on profit. Learn the real impact of depreciation on your true profits not accounting profits.

Session 206

X-Y MONITORS

Faculty: Randy Fromm, Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools

The X-Y monitor can provide a video game display with greater resolution and detail than a raster scan monitor. Although there are many similarities between the two types of monitor systems, the X-Y monitor uses a different means of displaying an image on the face of the picture and is in fact easier to repair than the raster scan monitor.

This session covers the construction and operation, typical failures and troubleshooting of the X-Y monitor.

For those without previous experience in electronic repair, session 106 is a suggested prerequisite.

Session 207

CAUSES OF COMPANY PERFORMANCE: HOW TO MEASURE AND CONTROL SUCCESS AND FAILURE

Faculty: H. Richard Priesmeyer, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This seminar reports the findings of a three year study on the causes of company performance. It identifies specific management activities which are related to sales, profit, return-on-investment and other measures. Participants will gain a better understanding of how their actions can change performance. Complete seminar handout provided. This session will be repeated. See session 607.

Session 208

THE POOL TABLE — "CASH COW" OF THE COIN-OP INDUSTRY

Faculty: Charles P. Milhem, President; William Nemgar, Consultant, The Valley Co.
Pool tables, one of the industry's lowest cost investments, require very little attention and provide the coin operator with much of the funds necessary to finance the growth of his business. The financial benefits of pool table ownership, the Valley Eight Ball League Association, and other income-generating promotions will be explored.

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Session 301

TOKENS: CHANGING THE WAY AMERICA PLAYS

Faculty: David F. Kilmartin, President, Roger Williams Mint

Will tokens play a more and more important role in the coin-operated amusement industry? Will you be ready to move to tokens if your competitors introduce them first? This seminar will help you make the first jump... show you how to convert your operation into a token system. Mr. Kilmartin will discuss the ways in which both street location and arcade operators can increase their profits on amusement games by moving into the use of tokens. Mr. Kilmartin has a wide knowledge of successful operations that have utilized tokens, and will cover the entire area of token operations, including the proper use of record keeping.

Session 302

HOW TO COMBAT LICENSING PROBLEMS AND HANDLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & MEDIA

Faculty: Bob Hasson, Director and General Manager, Coin Machine Sales & Service Co.
This seminar will teach you how to combat local legislators when confronted with problems. Numerous actual experiences of legislative battles will be explored. Learn the importance of formulating committees and work with your competitors not against them, when dealing with local legislators. Learn who your local legislators are before you have to face them with a problem, thereby keeping one step ahead of them.

Session 303

ARCADE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Faculty: Cheryl McCown, President, Charlie's Recreation & Vending

This session will present an overview of arcade size selection, room layout for maximum profits, materials selections and installation techniques for ease of maintenance. How to avoid the pitfalls of building regulations and dealing with contractors will also be considered, as well as the operation of arcades as it pertains to room function and design.

Session 304 STREET SURVIVAL

Faculty: David Solish, President, Darbin Corp. The operator shake-out is taking its toll; and with the void this is creating, there are benefits and pitfalls the surviving operator should be aware of.

Location loans and advances, contracts, operations buy-outs, commission arrangements — these and other survival techniques will be discussed in an open, free-wheeling session on how the operator can survive this industry's version of "the day after."

Session 305

STREET LOCATION PROFIT ANALYSIS

Faculty: Charles C. Ross, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

In the face of increasing competition and rising costs, extreme care must be taken in analyzing your street locations. You will learn how to evaluate every machine and location in terms of profit, not revenues. Get proven formulas that will enable you to evaluate every street location, and each piece of equipment at each location. Also learn how to calculate what revenues are needed to make a profit from a new location before you invest in the equipment. You will also learn when to remove your equipment from locations that are not making a profit, and equipment rotation.

Session 306

RASTER SCAN MONITORS

Faculty: Randy Fromm, Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools

Even the most sophisticated video game won't make a cent when the monitor fails. Fortunately, the video monitors used in today's games are easy to troubleshoot and repair.

This session covers the type of monitor most commonly found in video games, the raster scan monitor. Topics covered will include monitor construction and operation, typical failures, trouble-shooting and repair. Safety considerations will also be discussed.

General monitor operation will be presented along with a more detailed look at the two types of monitors found most often in contemporary video games.

This session is geared for those with some background in electronics, or those who have attended sessions 106 and 206.

Session 307

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT: HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS AND PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH

Faculty: H. Richard Priesmeyer, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This popular seminar allows you to evaluate your business as a management consultant would. Using a carefully designed checklist, you can recognize specific strengths and weaknesses in your business. Attention is then given to identifying opportunities which provide for company growth while at the same time reducing business risks. Complete seminar handout provided. This session will be repeated as session 507.

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BUSINESS FORMS AND RECORD KEEPING FOR THE ARCADE AND OPERATOR

Faculty: Stephen Goot, President, Total Vending Services, Inc.

In any organization internal work flow is the key to success. Accurate record keeping of all the important documents and actions is absolutely necessary. Learn how to organize routes to enhance record keeping abilities. Learn what information you need and what you don't need. Efficient use of forms and records will be demonstrated along with tips on using and evaluating the process of information gathering. Proper record keeping for a token-oriented arcade will also be discussed.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS SATURDAY, MARCH 10 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Session 401

LOCATION RELATIONS

Faculty: Gene Winstead, Owner, Gene's Machines and Beanie's Arcade

This seminar will teach you how to maintain favorable relations with the individual personalities at your locations, while maintaining profitability within the location. Do's and don'ts of interacting with the individual personalities of customers will be explored as well as how to operate accounts and preserve positive relationships.

Session 402

LOCATION CONTRACTS

Faculty: Richard E. George, President, Roy George Music & Vending Corp.

With the advent of "high tech" equipment, and the accompanying costs, there has never been a greater need for the completion of sound, legal operating contracts with locations. This seminar will deal with the preparation, submission and execution of various types of location agreements. Recognizing that contract law varies from state to state, the speaker will provide sample location agreements that can be tailored to an individual operator's particular needs in his operating area. Specific topics to be discussed are terms of the agreement; commission rates, coupled with minimum weekly guarantees and/or service charges; calculation of damages in the event of a breach; successor clauses and appendixes.

AFTER READING THE SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY, TURN TO PAGE A15 TO REGISTER Session 309

JUKEBOXES: POTENTIAL PROFIT CENTER

Faculty: To be announced

It's long been acknowledged the jukebox is "the backbone of the industry." In this seminar, operation techniques and advantages of the jukebox are discussed. Jukebox programming, location requests, maintaining a record library, and bookkeeping procedures can be mind-boggling unless you know the tricks of the trade.

This session is for experienced as well as novice jukebox operators who are looking to get the maximum out of this dependable coin-op amusement type.

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Session 403

COMPUTER ROUTE ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS — ARE THEY FOR YOU?

Faculty: Raymond S. Hibarger, President, Hanson Distributing Co.

A comprehensive outline of a computerized route accounting system will be presented. Topics covered will include:

- functional aspects of route operation as cash accountability
- machine revenue reporting
- cost allocation
- vehicle maintenance
- statutory reporting
- license and contract tracking
- service logs

Session 404

DON'T MAKE THE IRS RICH: WHAT THE AMUSEMENT OPERATOR MUST KNOW TO \$AVE TAXE\$

Faculty: Irving L. Blackman, Vice President, Blackman, Kallick & Co.

One of the objectives of the independent businessman should be to retain the maximum aftertax income possible under the law. This seminar will explain to the operator in layman's terms how you can take advantage of such sophisticated tax planning techniques as:

- how to transfer your business to the next generation . . . tax free
- learn how to deduct your childrens' college education, legally
- how to take money out of your corporation
- you already own the best tax shelter in the country — your business; find out how to turn on the tax savings

... and many, many more — this session is vital to all independent operators.



Session 405

RETURN ON INVESTMENT ANALYSIS FOR AMUSEMENT OPERATORS

Faculty: Charles C. Ross, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

Are you getting adequate return on your investment? You will learn to calculate return on investment for the firm, each location, and each piece of equipment. Learn when to rotate equipment, when to discard equipment and when to add more equipment to good locations.

Session 406

THE POWER SUPPLY

Faculty: Randy Fromm, Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools

As the name implies, the power supply in a video game or electronic pinball machine provides the current to operate the various electronic circuits in the game.

Since power supply failures are quite common in electronic games and it's not at all unusual for a single game to have several individual supplies, a good working knowledge of power supplies is essential.

This session covers the construction, operation, typical failures and troubleshooting of the power supplies used in electronic games. This session is geared for those with some experience in electronic repair; or for those who attended sessions 106, 206 and 306.

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Session 407

FUNDAMENTAL ARCADE ECONOMICS: HOW TO MEASURE LOCATION POTENTIAL AND ESTIMATE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

Faculty: H. Richard Priesmeyer, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This "applications-oriented" seminar provides the necessary tools and concepts needed to evaluate arcade location potential. It suggests methods of measuring market strength and provides specific direction in the problems of estimating financial performance. Complete seminar handout provided. This is a repeat of session 107.

Session 408

HOW TO SOLICIT TOP LOCATIONS

Faculty: Stephen Goot, President, Total Vending Services, Inc.

Top locations mean top dollars! Finding, getting and keeping the best locations possible, however is another story. This session will show you how to compete successfully to secure the best sites. Learn how to give a professional presentation. Discover ways to control the location to receive profitable return on your investment. And, most importantly, acquire techniques which will ensure the best locations remain yours!

Session 409

VENDING: CAN IT WORK FOR YOU?

Faculty: To be announced

Vending and coin-op amusements have only one thing in common — the coin slot. But for the enterprising operator who is looking to diversify into the operations of more stable equipment types, there are some coin-op amusement principles that apply and others that don't. This session, geared for the coin-op amusement operator who is a vending novice, is a good introduction to the world of vending.

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Session 501

PROMOTEI PROMOTEI PROMOTEI

Faculty: Arthur Noparstak, Director of Marketing, WICO Corporation

In times of increased competition and in order to increase traffic you must promote your amusement business. This session will present many promotion ideas designed for street and arcade locations. If you're interested in increased business opportunities — PROMOTE! Attend this important seminar!

Session 502

ARCADE GAME MIX AND TRAFFIC FLOW

Faculty: Jon Daugherty, President, United Artists Theater & Amusements, Inc. and panelists
The industry has changed in a very short time, and with it, new merchandising methods have been replaced by even newer ones. This session will deal with the overall strategies and trends of equipment for locations, types of equipment, pricing, factors leading to purchasing and selling games (analyzing your net costs of new games). The difference between games, i.e. pinball vs. video vs. skeeball, and their impact on arcade traffic flow will also be explored.

Session 503

MAINTAINING AND MANAGING THE ARCADE — WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Faculty: Cheryl McCown, President, Charlie's Recreation & Vendina

This seminar is designed for the existing arcade operator who is trying to maintain profitability in a rapidly changing and competitive business environment. Subjects to be discussed are "token wars" and the point of diminishing returns; the critical importance of cash and token controls; some promotional ideas that work; equipment strategy at a time when there is no "used" marketplace.

Session 504

USED GAME ALTERNATIVES: IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Faculty: William Nemgar, Owner, Salmon River Amusement

The used game ... is there a market for it? What are the alternatives for disposing of used games ... trade ins? Home sales? Perhaps auctions or rentals? Come find out the pros and cons of each method, and learn which is most viable for your operation.

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Session 505

ARCADE PROFIT ANALYSIS

Faculty: Charles C. Ross, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

Learn how to determine if an arcade should be kept open or closed. Learn the feasibility of opening a new arcade. Learn how to determine if each piece of equipment is generating a profit or a loss in your arcade. Get proven formulas for determining profits for equipment and the entire arcade.

Session 506

SEMICONDUCTORS

Faculty: Randy Fromm, Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools

The electronic circuits in today's video games and electronic pinball machines are based primarily on the use of semiconductors. If you have an electronics failure in a game, chances are quite good that one or more semiconductors has failed.

Semiconductors are components such as diodes and transistors. They're easy to understand and easy to test to see if they're working properly or not. All of the different types of semiconductors commonly encountered in games will be discussed along with their operation, testing specifications and easy ways to obtain working substitutions when an exact replacement is not readily available.

This session is geared for those with some experience in electronic repair. Sessions 106, 206, 306 and 406 are suggested prerequisites.

Session 507

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT: HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS AND PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH

Faculty: H. Richard Priesmeyer, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This popular seminar allows you to evaluate your business as a management consultant would. Using a carefully designed checklist, you can recognize specific strengths and weaknesses in your business. Attention is then given to identifying opportunities which provide for company growth while at the same time reducing business risks. Complete seminar handout provided. This is a repeat of sesson 307.

Session 508

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASING IN TODAY'S MARKET

Faculty: To be announced

Faced with the stark realities of rising costs, the owner/operator must become familiar with the various factors leading to a wise buying decision. This session will deliver a better understanding of these factors; selectivity, reliability, and supplier analysis.

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Session 601

WHEN CONSIDERING THE USE OF A COMPUTER — WHAT DO YOU DO NEXT?

Faculty: Raymond S. Hibarger, President, Hanson Distributing Co.

If you are considering the use of your own inhouse computer, or if this kind of consideration is in the not too distant future, then this session will be of value to you. Topics will include:

- vendor selection
- software and hardware service contracts
- software portability
- hardware expandability
- custom programming
- user training and payback analysis

Session 602

INTERNAL CASH CONTROL

Faculty: Jon Daugherty, President, United Artists Theater & Amusements, Inc.

How can the operator guard against cash loss? This session will deal with the various ways to alleviate these problems in the industry. Also explored will be the use of the polygraph, coincount metering system, and collection procedures.

Session 603

FOOD AND GAMES: A GOOD MIX OR BIG MESS?

Faculty: J.C. Evans, Sr., Vice President, Gold Medal Products Co.

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Session 604

PURCHASING PARTS AND SUPPLIES: MAXIMIZE YOUR PROFITS

Faculty: Joe Peters, President, Wildcat Chemical Co., and Big State Supply Co.

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Session 605

BANK LOANS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND HOW AND WHEN TO GET ONE

Faculty: Charles C. Ross, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants This seminar is designed to help your banker understand your business. Learn what industry information to tell your banker, and what *not* to tell him. Learn what to tell him about your business, and yourself. The use of the 3C's of credit, and how to present your financial plan to increase your chances of receiving a bank loan will also be discussed. Find out how much money to borrow. Learn *if* you should get a bank loan and how to improve your chances of repayment.

Session 606

LASER DISC GAMES — OPERATING AND SERVICING TECHNIQUES

Faculty: Randy Fromm, Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools and panelists

Laser disc video games are reporting phenomenal earnings records, but if the game is down, that doesn't put quarters in the cash box. Laser disc technology is fraught with its own special service challenges for today's servicepeople. Technical instructor, Randy Fromm will lead a panel of industry experts on the operation and servicing of contemporary laser disc video game systems. Operation and maintenance procedures will be discussed. This session is geared for those with little knowledge of electronics. Suggested prerequisites: sessions 106, 206, 306, 406 and 506.

Session 607

CAUSES OF COMPANY PERFORMANCE: HOW TO MEASURE AND CONTROL SUCCESS AND FAILURE

Faculty: H. Richard Priesmeyer, Partner, Innovative Management Consultants

This seminar reports the findings of a three year study on the causes of company performance. It identifies specific management activities which are related to sales, profit, return-on-investment and other measures. Participants will gain a better understanding of how their actions can change performance. Complete seminar handout provided. This is a repeat of session 207.

Session 608

MOTIVATING AND DIRECTING EMPLOYEES: YOUR BUSINESS DEPENDS ON IT!

Faculty: To Be Announced

How do your employees handle the customers who come into your amusement center? Your profit margin is linked directly to your customer relations and service. Can you train your employees so that profits can increase? This session will highlight proven and successful means to both increase profits and customer satisfaction. Learn to correct and improve the performance of your employees; attend this session.

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM



Amusement Operators Expo '84 March 9-11, 1984

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Seminars will take place from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. each day. All seminars will be held in the O'Hare Expo Center/Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Information on specific seminar meeting rooms will be available at the Center's Registration Area.

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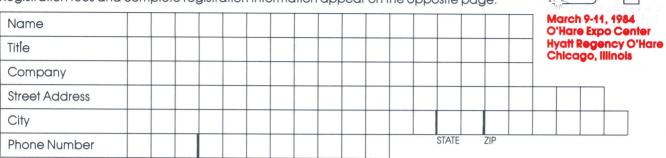
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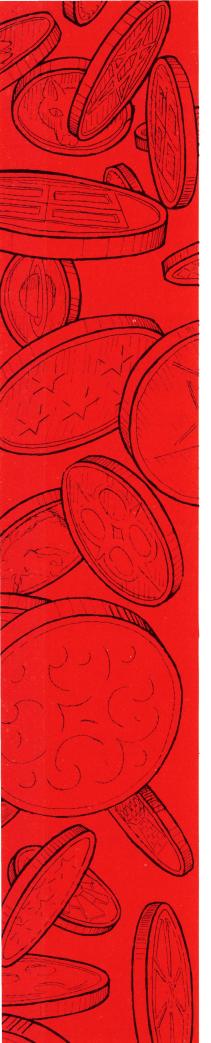
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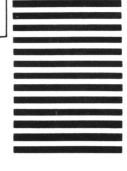
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Lesson One — Junction Field Effect Transistor (JFET). This lesson is an introduction to the junction type FET. It includes the method of its manufacture plus the internal structure of the device. Also, the operational characteristics are studied.

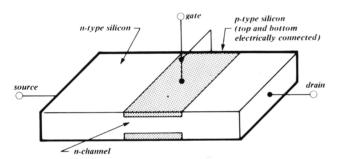


Fig. 1-1. Basic JFET Structure.

Because of the material of the channel, this device is called an **n-channel** JFET. A **p-channel** JFET could be constructed in the same manner only with n-type material for the gate and p-type for the channel. The discussion here will be limited to the n-channel device only.

OPERATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR BAR:

To fully understand the operation of this device, we must digress and recall the basic theory for current flow in a solid semiconductor bar. Suppose, for example, that we are given a bar of n-type silicon material with contacts at each end. By placing a battery on the ends of the bar, we can measure the current flow and determine the resistance. This resistance can be calculated to be

$$R = \frac{\rho \cdot L}{t \cdot d} \tag{1-1}$$

where L, t, and d are the dimensions of the bar as shown in Fig. 1-2 and ρ is the resistivity of the bar measured in ohm-centimeters. From this equation, it is noted that if the thickness t is reduced, the resistance is increased which, in turn, reduces the current flow through the bar. For example, if the thickness were reduced to one-half its normal value, then the current would be reduced by one-half its normal value.

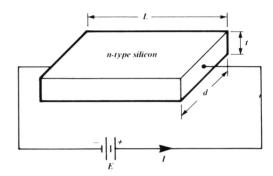


Fig. 1-2. Resistance Measurement in a Silicon Bar.

OPERATION OF A REVERSED BIASED p-n JUNCTION:

To determine how this thickness can be controlled in the manner used in JFETs, we must also recall some theory on a reverse biased p-n junction. Fig. 1-3 shows a typical p-n junction diode with a reverse bias voltage applied to its terminals. The current through the diode under this condition is extremely small as long as the battery voltage does not exceed the breakdown rating of the device. On either side of the junction, as shown in Fig. 1-4, there exists a small region which is void of any mobile charge carriers. This means that this region (called the **depletion region**) allows very little current to cross the junction. Any current that does cross is attributed to normal leakage through the diode. The depletion region thicknesses in the p and n sides (labeled x_p and x_n) depend upon two factors.

- The amount of applied voltage. The regions will increase into material as the voltage is increased.
 To be more specific, the depletion width is a function of the square root of the applied voltage.
- The resistivity of the material. The side with the greater resistivity will have the larger depletion region.

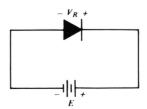


Fig. 1-3. Reverse Bias on a p-n Junction Diode.

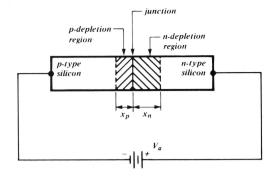


Fig. 1-4. Depletion Regions in a p-n Junction Diode.

Based on these two facts, we can now define an expression for the depletion thicknesses which are

$$x_{\mathbf{p}} = k_{\mathbf{p}} \sqrt{V_{\mathbf{a}}} \tag{1-2}$$

$$x_n = k_n \sqrt{V_a} \tag{1-3}$$

where k_p and k_n are constants of the p and n material and V_a is the applied voltage.

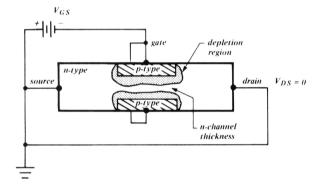


Fig. 1-5. Depletion Regions in the Channel of a JFET.

OPERATION OF A CHANNEL CURRENT FLOW:

By using these two theories and the model of the n-channel JFET developed in Fig. 1-5, we can see that by making the source the common or ground terminal and the gate negative with respect to the source, there will exist a depletion region in the channel which is perpendicular to the current flow through the channel. If the drain-source voltage is set equal to zero (V_{DS} = 0), the effective channel thickness will be reduced as the gate-source voltage $(V_{G,S})$ is increased. By increasing $V_{G,S}$ such that the channel thickness is reduced to zero, the condition known as pinch-off occurs. This value of gate-source voltage is known as the pinch-off voltage, V_p , and the channel conductance at this voltage is very close to zero. In general, since the depletion region thickness will be a function of the square root of the gate-source voltage, the channel conductance (1/Rch) will also be related to the square root of $V_{G\,S}$. Channel conductance as a function of $V_{G\,S}$ is plotted for a typical JFET in Fig. 1-6.

Now, if $V_{G\,S}$ is set equal to zero and by applying a positive drain-source voltage, it can be seen that the channel depletion

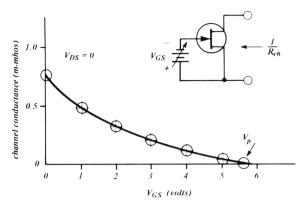


Fig. 1-6. Channel Conductance vs. Gate-Source Voltage for a JFET.

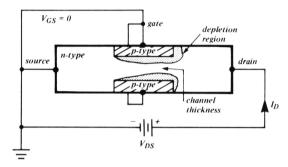


Fig. 1-7. Variation of the Depletion Region Along the Channel.

region will have the general shape as shown in Fig. 1-7. This wedge-shaped region is caused by the voltage drop across the channel allowing the voltage at the gate-drain junction to be greater than at the gate-source junction. Therefore, the depletion region will be greater at the drain end of the channel. As $V_{D\,S}$ increases, the channel current or drain current (I_D) begins to increase linearily until the channel resistance starts to increase. At this point, I_D does not increase as much and begins to level off. When the channel is completely pinched off, the drain current is at a saturated value and any further increase in $V_{D\,S}$ produces very little change in I_D .

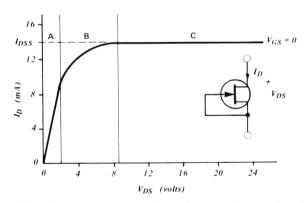


Fig. 1-8. Drain Current vs. Drain-Source Voltage for the Gate-Source Voltage equal to Zero.

A plot of I_D vs $V_{D\,S}$ for $V_{G\,S}=0$ is shown in Fig. 1-8. Region A is the range of $V_{D\,S}$ for which the channel resistance is constant; Region B is the range of $V_{D\,S}$ for which the depletion region begins to cause an increase in the channel resistance; and,

Region C is the saturation range for which $V_{D\,S}$ is beyond the pinch-off value. The value of I_D in this region will be nearly constant and is labeled $I_{D\,S\,S}$ meaning the drain-to-source saturation current.

By increasing the value of gate-source voltage beyond zero, a small initial depletion region is formed which increases the channel resistance. As $V_{D\,S}$ is increased from zero, the channel resistance in Region A will be observed to be larger than for $V_{G\,S}$ = 0. An increase in $V_{D\,S}$ will cause the drain current to saturate at a value smaller than $I_{D\,S\,S}$. Further increases in the value of $V_{G\,S}$ will produce a family of curves for I_D vs $V_{D\,S}$ as shown in Fig. 1-9.

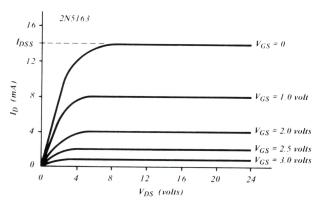


Fig. 1-9. JFET Drain Characteristics.

In the saturation region, it is noticed that the drain current

has a **square-law** relationship to the gate-source voltage. This means that I_D will be a function of the **square** of $V_{G\,S}$ as shown in Fig. 1-10 which is the **gate transfer characteristic** curve for a JFET. It must be pointed out that even though the channel can be pinched-off, there will still be some small amount of drain current flowing. Usually FET manufacturers do not define a

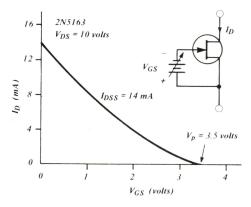
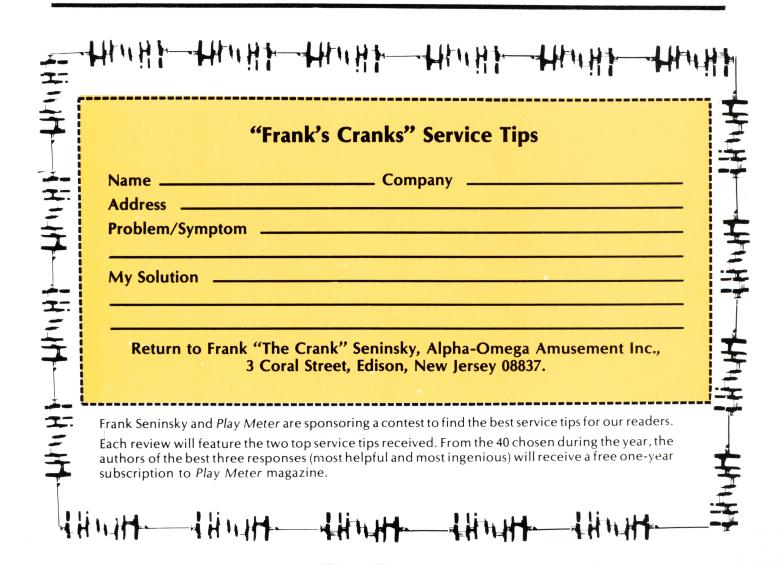


Fig. 1-10. Gate Transfer Characteristics of a JFET.

value for the pinch-off voltage. Instead, a small amount of drain current is defined (usually in microamps) and a gate-source voltage is specified to produce this current. This voltage is called the gate-source cutoff voltage or $V_{GS}(off)$. Generally speaking, this voltage is enough to produce pinch-off conditions in the channel.



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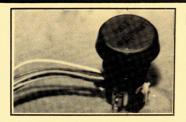
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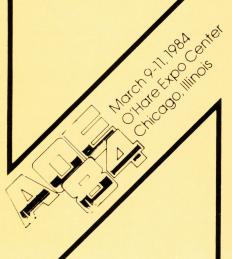
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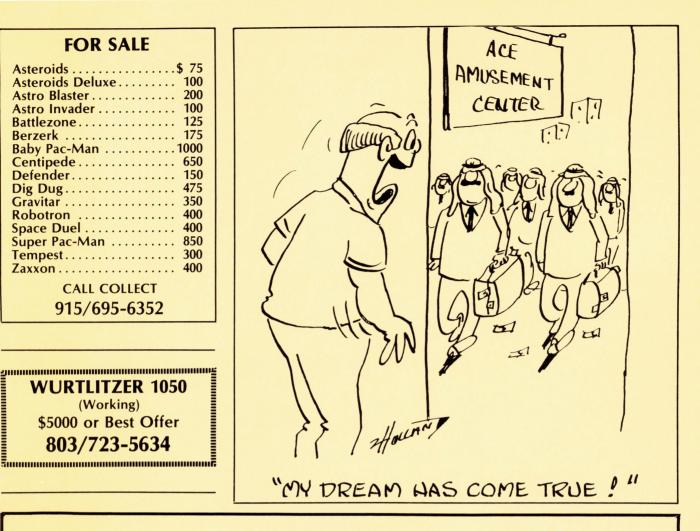
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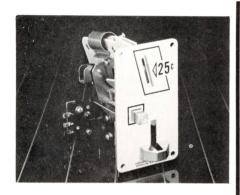
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Greenwald Industries' Coronet is an all metal drop-type coin acceptor and validator designed to provide operating reliability and anti-cheat protection at a moderate price, company officials said.

The Coronet design features a sharply angled coin entry slot that measures a coin's diameter by a guide rail which will only support coins of the correct size, automatically tipping undersized coins into

the reject path.

In addition to testing for coin diameter, the Coronet also tests for thickness, shape, weight, metallic content, magnetism, and center holes (washers). A slug or coin having a diameter of .025" smaller than the correct coin is rejected, but finer adjustments can be made. A reject button and coin return cup allow quick retrieval of rejected coins.

The Coronet features quick disassembly. By removing one spring clip, the mechanism separates into two parts completely exposing all surfaces. No lubrication is necessary, and cleaning can be done with a mild detergent.

There are two options available for the Coronet. The first is a coin blocking coil which will prevent the loss of money if there is no power to the machine. The second is a token kit which is designed for field conversion to token-only operation, or token-and-quarter operation. For further information, contact Greenwald Industries at 1340 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237-1194. Telephone: 1-800/221-0982.



Counter/sorter

Mity I, a new five-denomination coin counter/sorter from Magner Corporation, features a compact, tabletop design, solid-state circuitry, and a processing speed of up to 500 coins per minute, company officials

The unit's six-digit LED display tabulates a combined or individual value for 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, and SBA dollars or tokens.

Priced at under \$1,300, the unit comes complete with five coinboxes, a coin scoop for loading mixed coins, cleaning tools, and a dust cover. Optional equipment includes coin bagging attachments, an inspection tray, and a cash drawer refill unit that automatically deposits counted and sorted coins back in their respective cash drawer receptacles.

For more information, contact Doug Magee, Magner Corporation, P.O. Box 0456, Middlefield, CT 06455. Telephone: 800/243-2624.



Game table

Against the wall or standing free, the Hi-Bar video game table for bars, clubs, and arcades lets two competitors play face-to-face.

Tablevision Inc's *Hi-Bar* has room for food, drinks, and onlookers, standing or on high stools. The Hi-Bar is 40" high with a 20" x 26" foot-rest-base; its lid-top is 20" x 26".

According to company officials, it also features a standard interchangeable system that converts to a new game in minutes—without the aid of a technician.

Each unit is equipped with a rasterscan 14" monitor of modular construction; all components are interchangeable. The chassis is custom-made, with "finger-tip" adjustments for better picture graphics.

The shatterproof glass won't scar, stain or discolor, and Tablevision warrantees both parts and labor for 90 days.

For more information, contact Tablevision Inc., 600 Clover St., Los Angeles, CA 90031. Telephone: 213/225-1337.

Test fixture

IDEA (Industrial Design Electronic Associates Inc.) of Sycamore, Illinois, announces a new product designed as a diagnostic tool for servicing *Century Dartes* and *Royal Dartes* machines.

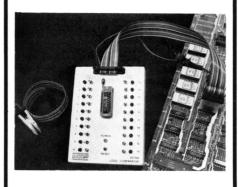
Completely self-contained and portable for servicing dart games on site, the Darte Game Test Fixture tests the main mother PCB assembly board, the power supply, the solid-state relay board, the speaker, the overhead light driving circuitry from main board, and the matrix switch.

All functions of a dart game can be simulated and tested. The test fixture works by matching a suspect assembly with known working assemblies. Once the trouble spot is identified, it can be easily swapped or debugged. Debugging is made easy by the access of all parts to a scope or meter probe.

The test fixture comes with a heavy-duty, vinyl-covered case with a handle for easy carrying and weighs 35 pounds.

For more information, contact IDEA's manufacturing agent: Nomac Ltd., 211 Berg St., Algonquin, IL 60102. Telephone: 800/323-0449.





Logic comparator

Bugtrap Instrumentation has available the Bugtrap Model 2074A Logic Comparator—a hand-held model which tests the full line of digital TTL devices as well as 14, 16, 18, and 20 pin I.C.s previously considered untestable with conventional logic comparators.

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For further information, contact: Bugtrap Instrumentation, 1209 Alderwood Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Telephone: 408/734-1118. Telex: 172211 HQSUVL.

Free catalog

EDSYN Inc., a designer and manufacturer of soldering tools and accessories, has available a free 44-page, pocket-size catalog titled "Electronic Pro-Shop."

EDSYN's "Electronic Pro-Shop" includes an electronic dictionary together with a soldering tool guide and metric equivalents. This shopper is designed for the professional as well as the novice.

Some of the products highlighted are: desoldering and soldering tools, pliers, wire cutters, strippers, tips, holders, spools, sponges, kits, and soldering stations. Also included is an order form for shopping convenience.

The "Electronic Pro-Shop" can be obtained by contacting: Shirley Fortune, EDSYN Inc., 15958 Arminta Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406. Telephone: 213/989-2324.



NEWS BRIEFS

Bu Mike Shaw

Bally Manufacturing has agreed to buy 690,000 shares of common stock from its former chairman William T. O'Donnell at \$25 per share. The "redemption" of the stock, which will completely separate O'Donnell from the company he started, has been urged by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission which controls licensing for Bally's Atlantic City gambling palace, Park Place. (A complete story will appear in the next issue of *Play Meter*.)

Democratic Rep. Robert Kastenmeier of Wisconsin, who heads the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and Administration of Justice, will head a February 3 session in Washington, D.C., where representatives of the copyright royalty societies will meet with representatives of the coin-op industry to discuss current jukebox royalty legislation. Jukebox industry spokesmen contend the current \$50 per year registration fee is exorbitant.

Konami will market a *Gyruss* conversion kit, its second product to be marketed out of its American office in Torrance, California. Meanwhile, Game Kits, an Omaha company which has been selling *Gyruss* kits Konami claims are unlicensed, will probably go unprosecuted. Konami attorneys said it is cost prohibitive to act against the alleged pirates. A Game Kits *Gyruss* kit buyer in Lewston, New York, said he paid \$325 C.O.D. for the kit and received only a badly reworked board and a scribbled note indicating the company was out of the decals and wiring harness to be included as advertised in the November 15 issue of *Play Meter*. An Omaha phone listing for Game Kits and its sister company T & R Vending has been disconnected, and company officials have not been available for comment.

Game Plan officials report initial distributor orders for *Sharpshooter II* have been much better than the company had anticipated. But when employees returned to production lines to build more of the games, prices on materials had inflated to the point that the company decided it would raise the distributor price on the pin from \$1,335 to \$1,425. The price increase went into effect January 15.

Atari has secured exclusive rights to produce and market home and personal computer cartridges of Konami's new arcade hit *Track & Field*. The arcade game is marketed by Centuri.

TAX ALERT

According to an Internal Revenue Service regulation that has been in place since 1957, every operator must present a completed Form 1099 income report to each location which netted more than \$600 from amusement and vending machines during the tax year. Those forms must

include the amount paid to the location and the location's tax identification number. The forms should be presented to the location by January 31. Operators can be fined \$50 for each Form 1099 not filed or which contains incorrect information.

The IRS takes this regulation

seriously. This past summer an IRS compliance investigation in Oregon determined 140 operators failed to file correct income tax returns for 1982. According to the IRS, the investigation was part of a nationwide crackdown on unreported income. (See *Play Meter*, September 1, p. 12.)

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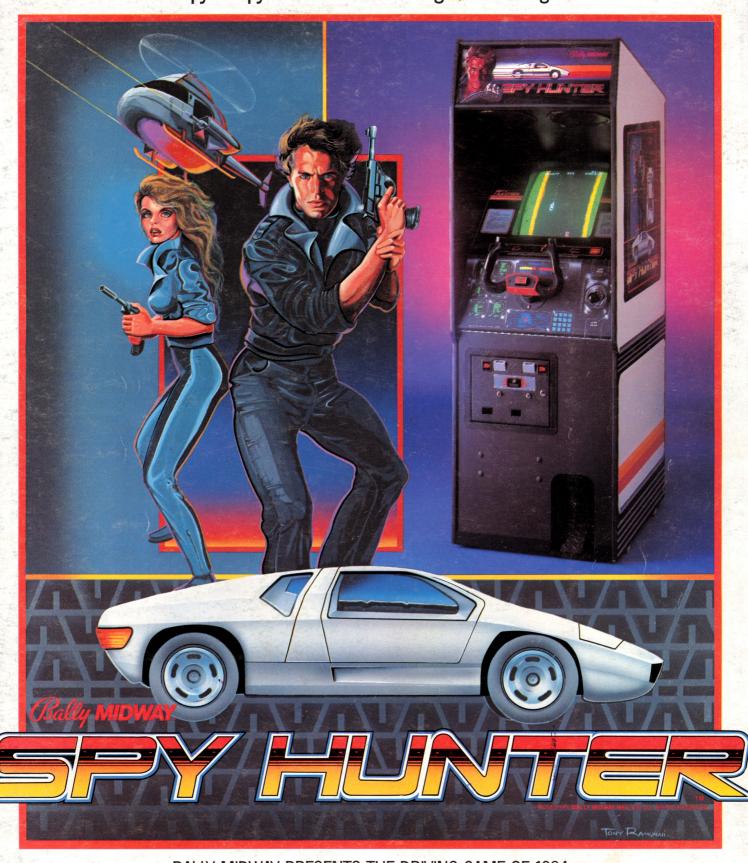
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