

LUMBER JACQUE MACHINE

Hmm...this looks a lot more like a...WAIT! Don't say it. Shhh... Nintendo may be reading this! Clearly this is a homage to the beloved lines and look of a Donkey Kong machine (dam I said it!), but you cannot knock the artistic take on the look with all original graphics made just for home arcade use.

I'm pleased to say that the creative minds at X-Arcade are still at it and frankly, I am amazed you can get a fully realized arcade machine like this for under \$2200 bucks — considering how packed this is with hardware and software. I've built machines for more than this cost ready-to-go machine. I guess I stink at soldering and math.



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If Steve Wiebe hasn't ordered one yet, I'm sure it will be on his Christmas 2017 list. I personally love the lines of this machine and for me the design always felt like the pinnacle of arcade machine designs. Why? Oh who, knows. I likes what I likes.

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DON'T WALK. RUN DMD

Giant DMD clock. Wait. What? I said GIANT DMD CLOCK. Did you order yet? No? Okay, I will say it once more - GIANT DMD CLOCK!!...ok got it? No. That's OK as you will when you see this in action.

Some enterprising guys have figured out a way to create a wall clock out of a traditional Pinball DMD or two interconnected DMDs for the best experience, that will

randomly run over 1100 different animations (as of this writing and climbing) along with the time of course.

The hardware and software were all custom made and you will need to source some parts to get it all together but the end result is a beautiful and timely (see what I did there?) way to worship the pinball gods in your home game room (and never be late again).

I was fortunate enough to find a kind soul on Pinside willing to build one for me ready to go. Perhaps you'll be just as lucky. It won't come cheap- but then again I already mentioned that pinball isn't a cheap hobby right? (but you knew that).

Clear a wall. Hang this up. Prepare to stand slack jawed as the giant DMD does it's tricks and entertains you with the random animations from the machines you love, adore or wish to own someday.



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ANIMATION EXAMPLES:

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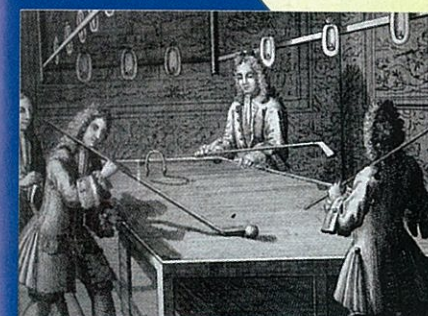
We all love a carnival right? The sights, the sounds, what's not to love? If there is a carnival nearby, there's a good chance I'll be there. In my continued quest to make my home basement arcade more "authentic" I've been gravitating toward carnival signage. From the height charts, to the "1 in Wins!" signs you can't beat a good carnival sign for some ambiance.



There are numerous vendors for signage like this, but the vendor "Carnival Depot" caught my eye recently. They have literally every sign, game and prize you can think of if you want it. There is something about the simplicity of the artwork (aka- cheezy) that appeals to me personally. And while it may not float your boat — it works for me, so perhaps it will work for you too.

STEP RIGHT UP. DON'T BE SHY — and check 'em out:

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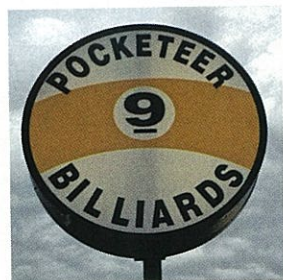
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Pinball:



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Board pinball machine, 1931.
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Left: Bruce Nightingale plays in the
finals of the 2013-14 Buffalo Pinball
League, hosted by Vance Collum

Right: Buffalo Pinball vice president Kevin
Manne hosted the first Midsummer Madness
tournament at his house in summer 2015.
The tournament sold out



Left: Players gather to listen to
Buffalo Pinball president Nick
Lane explain tournament rules
for the Summer Series tourna-
ment, held June-August 2

Pinball's popularity has come and gone through the times. Once king of the arcade, it was humbled and relegated to many remote back corners even before arcades started to disappear. But for some, the love for the silver ball never left their hearts. We're known as pinball aficionados and we happily find ourselves in a pinball resurgence once again. This time, at least in Buffalo, New York, it is happening in the most unlikely place – an aging *billiard* hall.

A few years ago, The Pocketeer on Clinton Street had a single, lonely and neglected 2005 Sopranos pin nestled among several dozen green felt tables. "There was basically no pinball scene in Buffalo outside of the private collections in people's homes," says Kevin Manne, Vice President of the Buffalo Pinball League. That was until, Barry Gluckstein, the pool hall's owner, brought in Stern's new *Star Trek* machine in 2013. Local pinball aficionados took notice. Traffic at The Pocketeer spiked. Gluckstein,

who also owns a vending route, moved all of his other pinball machines from various locales to the Pocketeer. They never made any money anywhere, but now, with more than three dozen pins taking over the establishment, it has transformed the lagging business and become home to the Buffalo Pinball League (BPL).

What started as a meeting of a couple dozen, like-minded people in John Barsh's basement, BPL has exploded into a social and professional organization. His personal

collection of fifteen pins launched the group like a plunger propels the silverball up the shooter lane. BPL's individual league boasts 26 members. They still play at each other's homes with added monthly tournaments between September and April. But the team league, which started just last year, is now over 300 members strong and so popular the club turns people away. The league, which hosts most of its tournaments at The Pocketeer, is at maximum capacity with a waiting list to compete in future seasons.



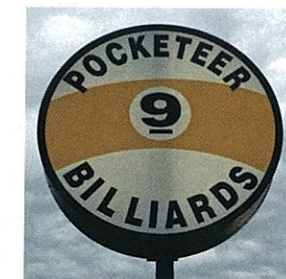
Left: Greg Sisti plays in the finals of
the 2014-15 Buffalo Pinball league,
hosted by Mark Nagy

Right: More than 50 players participated
in Buffalo Pinball's first Team League,
held September through October, 2015,
at Pocketeer Billiards and Bar



Above: The first meeting of the Buffalo Pinball league,
held Fall 2013, hosted by John Barsh

People



Pinball Alley

AC DC (Pro)
The Avengers (Premium/LE)
Break Shot
Eight Ball Deluxe
The Getaway: High Speed II
Gilligan's Island
Goldeneye 007
Hook
Independence Day
Iron Man
Kiss (Premium/LE)
Metallica (Pro)
NASCAR
Roller Coaster Tycoon
The Simpsons Pinball Party
Sopranos
Sorcerer
South Park
Space Shuttle
Star Trek (Pro)
Ten Strike Classic
Terminator 2: Judgement Day
The Walking Dead (Pro)
Wizard of Oz
World Cup Soccer
WWE Wrestlemania (Pro)



Left: New games at Pocketeer are a special treat. BPL has a launch party tournament complete with video and TV monitors so spectators can easily see.

(For those who can't nab a bracketed spot, the club meets every other Wednesday at 8pm if you are near-by.) The league is also trying its first uncapped, free-for-all tournament to raise money for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Manne says, "It's been great to help Buffalo Pinball bring a part of the pinball resurgence to western New York through leagues and tournaments."

And to players around the world. BPL tournaments are live streaming on Twitch. Just look up, *Bro, do you even pinball?* The show features the How-To's to a different game

every Thursday night — a brief tutorial on game play strategies followed by friendly competitive action. If you participate in the live chat during the broadcast, you can even win valuable prizes! (And if you're simply a pinball addict and need more, an IndieGOGO campaign supports the league's cstreaming asal gameplay every Monday and Tuesday night.)

It is fitting that a billiard hall such as The Pocketeer, has become a sanctuary for modern-day pinball — pinball's roots stemmed as a derivative of bowling and billiards. From 18th century Frenchmen narrowing the billiard table to bowl with pool balls, to creating early forms of bumpers by affixing the pins to the table, to replacing the cue with a plunger... in a way, pinball has returned home. And home is where the heart is! ©



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The Buffalo Pinball League tournaments earn players points toward IFPA rankings. Here are the BPL's top 10 IFPA-ranked players this year:

1. Nick Lane: IFPA rank 326
2. Eric Russell: IFPA rank 362
3. Bruce Nightingale: IFPA rank 393
4. Amos Hanley: IFPA rank 1,002
5. Jason Plourde: IFPA rank 1,055
6. Kevin Manne: IFPA rank 1,261
7. Bret Wallace: 1,437
8. Jordan Nittoli: IFPA rank 1,572
9. Rob Metzler: IFPA rank 1,804
10. Dave Romanowski: IFPA rank 3,322

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