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PINBALL CULTURE SURGES AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN PINBALL SHOWDOWN

Tournaments, Pin Chats and Over 100 Classic and Modern Pinball Machines Attract Fans from Across Nation

Doubling in size and adding one more day of pinball, the second annual Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown will be held April 22-24, 2005, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, Colo.

Not just a Colorado trend, pinball is a national pastime that became popular with the retro movement. In the past five years five pinball shows have cropped up across the nation to satisfy the demand for pinball, including the Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown – the only pinball show in the Rocky Mountain region.

“Watch the people at the show. There are fans at our event who played pinball at their local pizza joint when they were kids, and there are hardcore pinball collectors with complete home game rooms. The show is a vibrant, eclectic demonstration that pinball culture is alive and growing,” says Dan Nikolich, Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown co-founder. “Pinball fans come from every different background, but they all get the same rush when they hit multiball.”

The 2005 show will feature over 100 modern and electromechanical pinball machines set on free-play – no quarters needed. Pinball machine themes reflect American popular culture and keep the pastime alive with games like The Simpsons, Lord of The Rings and Elvis. Fans also have a unique opportunity to play classic pinball games such as a prototype Congo and the first prototype Joust. New classic pinball additions include Transporter, a rare Defender and an example of the first ever coin-operated pinball machine, Baffleball.

Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown and Lyons Classic Pinball are proud to sponsor a special hands-on exhibit tracing the history of pinball. Fans can see unique and fun machines from the past that were stepping-stones to the modern pinball machine.

Fans can partake in a healthy dose of competition against some of the nation’s best pinball players on the latest release into pinball culture, The Sopranos, provided by Game Exchange of Colorado. Other friendly tournaments will challenge teams, kids and electromechanical enthusiasts.

New this year, Pin Chats are free seminars with topics ranging from the ins and outs of buying a good pinball machine to electromechanical and modern board repair. A former Williams Electronics software employee will host a special Pin Chat session giving an insider’s view of pinball machine development.

Specialty pinball businesses from the Colorado Front Range will be on hand to buy and sell pinball machines and parts.

For the second year, a portion of the proceeds from a raffle and all of the pay-for-play proceeds from a charity pinball machine will be donated to The Children’s Hospital in Denver.

Admission is \$30 for a three-day adult pass; \$20 for a three-day kids (7-12 years) pass; children 6 and under free. The show will run noon to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 22; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 23; and 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 24.

For more information, call 303-883-2603, or visit www.pinballshowdown.com. High-resolution photos are available online from the 2004 show.

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