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PLAY OVER 100 PINBALL MACHINES AT THE LARGEST COLLECTION IN COLORADO APRIL 25-27

Celebrate five years of pinball fun at the 2008 Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown April 25-27. The only pinball show in the Rocky Mountain region and one of the leading shows in the nation, this family-friendly extravaganza opens its doors for fans to enjoy three days of pinball on one of the largest collections of over 100 pinball machines and video games set on free play. No quarters needed.

The show welcomes pinball collectors, hobbyists, the best players in the world and folks who just want to have some pinball fun. The weekend also is packed with tournaments for all ages and skill levels, free pinball seminars, and specialty pinball businesses that buy and sell restored and new pinball machines, parts, and gameroom décor.

Pinball themes range from classic 1950s pin-up girls to the 1970s Captain Fantastic featuring Elton John to current blockbuster themes -- Spiderman, Wheel of Fortune and Shrek. This massive gathering of pinball machines is made possible by Front Range pinball fans who bring pinball machines from their personal collections.

"Thanks to the dedicated pinball supporters who drag 250-pound machines out of their basements and gamerooms, the Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown brings the public an amazing collection of over 100 pinball machines all set on free play," says Dan Nikolich, show founder. "Friends come to the show to find that special game they remember from younger days, and families can spend hours of quality time playing together."

During the three-day weekend, fans can join a series of friendly tournaments that will challenge pairs, kids, parent-kid teams and electro-mechanical enthusiasts. Trophies are awarded to the top teams. The Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown Electro-Mechanical and Open Tournaments are sanctioned events in the International Flipper Pinball Association (www.ifpabinball.com) tournament circuit, where pinball players earn points to elevate their rankings among competitors. The top pinball players in the world will compete in the show's Open Tournament for the \$1,000 grand prize.

A History of Pinball exhibit features rare and antique pinball machines from the 1920s to the 1940s and a new invention to aid people unable to stand for periods of time or in wheelchairs. A Colorado pinball fan, Kim Mitchell, designed the assistive device to adapt onto any standard pinball machine and allows the user to view the game's playfield from a seated position.

For the fifth 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 \$35 for a three-day adult pass; \$15 one-day adult pass; \$20 for a three-day kids (7-12 years) pass; \$10 one-day kid pass; kids 6 and under free. The show will run noon to 10 p.m. Friday, April 25; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 26; and 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27. The show is hosted at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO 80401.

For more information, the schedule of events or photos, call 303-883-2603, or visit www.pinballshowdown.com. The Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown is proud to be a Colorado, family-owned and operated business.

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