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Game Room of the Month

Ross "doc" Ellis, Pinball Hunter



mounting bracket that you can purchase for mounting to top of the game or if you don't have the clearance we have a wall mounting bracket as well. Next we have 2 different large cannons that go over the ball shooter lane. One in Black Pearl cannon style and the other in the Dutchman style. As well as we have both cannons available in a mini size for over your ball guides by your flippers. Finally we have a plank to attach to the top of the wire gate right above the walk the plank sticker.



The new pinball designs includes designs

for *The Addams Family* pinball, a bowling ball and Duff ball for *The Simpsons Pinball Party*, a Riddler ball for *Batman Forever*, Fart ball for *Family Guy*, a "money ball" with dollar signs, and even a spider web ball.



These are some very cool designs, and there's even more coming. Check out their web site for full details:

<http://www.matchstickcreations.com/>

Got a Hot News Tip?

We're always looking for exciting game room news and we need your help!

New coin-op, game room, and retro gaming product releases, industry announcements, coming events, updates on stories we're tracking—they're all fair game for inclusion in the pages of GameRoom News. If you've got something you feel is news-worthy, please send it in!

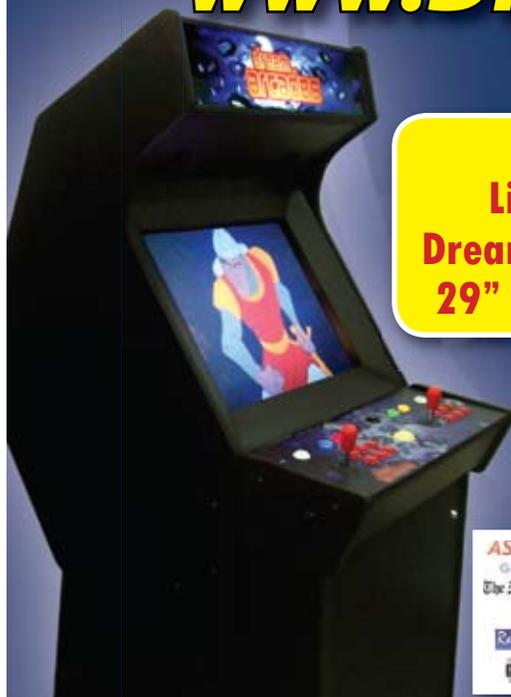
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that has since spawned quite a few highly-successful sequels. As a matter of fact it was covered right here in GameRoom recently by Jonathan Imber & Professor Pac-Man. Well, it's back and better than ever... now if only I had an HDTV!

From the press release:

1942: Joint Strike, (is) a digital re-imagining of the classic top-down arcade shooter... (it) takes inspiration and influence from the '80s 194X series of World War II-themed vertical arcade shooters. The art, sound and game play of the new game take cues from the original 194X games, but will stand out as its own unique entry. Game play will resemble the classic 2D style that gamers expect, but the game utilizes a fully 3D engine.

Sounds like a lot of fun! Read the full press release with more details right here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3alt97>

ASI 2008



Well, spring means trade shows, and the amusement industry is no different. This year's ASI show just wrapped up. Straight from the press release:

The opening of the Amusement Showcase International (ASI) at the Las Vegas Convention Center (March 27-29) brought 134 exhibitors occupying 431 booths and 2,694 attendees, including 1022 buyers, to see "what's hot" in the amusement industry. The show opened to the public for the first time in its history, and approximately 275 people visited the show on Saturday from 12-4 p.m.

"The 2008 ASI show looked beautiful. Bill Glasgow Sr. and his team did a great job creating and setting up an excellent presentation for this year's show," Mike Rudowicz, president of AAMA, said. "There were some great new products on display by many of the exhibitors. Having had the opportunity to talk to several of the larger exhibitors, they seemed to have a fairly good show, saying they sold quite a bit of merchandise.

"The old adage, 'Quality, not quantity is what matters,' certainly rang true at this year's

show," he continued. "The only downside to the show was that we did not have the volume of operator attendance that we had anticipated. Despite their absence, however, many exhibitors still said that they had a good show, especially in light of the current economic climate."

Allen Weisberg, President of Apple Industries, praised the quality of the attendee at the show. "Even though attendance was lower than in previous years, the attendees who came to the show were serious buyers, which more than made up for the lower attendance."



It sounds like things were a bit slow this year, but next year's show will be combined with the Fun Expo, which should help improve attendance.

This year was also the first year that the show was open to the public, on Saturday from 12-4 pm. About 275 non-industry arcade enthusiasts attended.



The Amusement Showcase International is owned and sponsored by the American Amusement Machine Association (AAMA). Full details at their web site:

www.asi-show.com

Amazing Nintendo Facts

Amazing? Perhaps. But personally, the weird video itself is really the best part. From the website of zackscott.net (no, I've never heard it either before now) comes this wacky yet factual short history of Nintendo factoids.



Why is so odd? Well I'm going to leave that up to you to discover that on your own. Just wait though until the shot of the host... well, I'll let you see it for yourself.

It's fun, short and silly informative info that you will enjoy. Check it out in all its glory on YouTube right here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ptf44>

What if Mario was Real?



Wow, is that creepy or what? From Pixeloo.com comes this oddly compelling yet hideously scary version of Nintendo's mascot Mario with human textures applied to his cartoon puss. He's also got a photo of Homer Simpson that's maybe even more horrifying that I won't show you here. It really is scary. It's a good thing Nintendo hasn't done this. Can you imagine the screams of horror in the gaming aisle?

If you have the stomach, check out Homer Simpson as a human, and some other similar photos right here:

<http://tinyurl.com/337uhj>

New Pinball Toppers and More from Matchstick Creations

Those wild 'n crazy modders over at Matchstick Creations are at it again, with a bunch of new products, including this Pirates of the Caribbean topper.

Also on their list of new or soon-to-be-released products includes a "Stewie Pinball Topper" for Stern's Family Guy and a bunch of new custom pinballs.

We have just finished making 11 new ball designs. Also we are wrapping up our POTC add ons. We have 2 Toppers to choose from, first is the normal wood design and the other is our Davy Jones edition. Each have optional

Mod Manufacturer Spotlight:

Matchstick Creations' Family Guy Mods

Left: "Die Lois" topper for Stewie's mini-pinball machine
Middle: "Fart" and Sperm custom pinballs
Bottom: "Stewie's Pinball" topper

