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LOOSE CHANGE

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AEI 2024 is in the Books

Seems like just yesterday we were in Fabulous Las Vegas for Amusement Expo International 2024 and in reality we're back to the hustle and grind and already planning AEI 2025.

This year was record-breaking in many ways. Attendance was nearly 4,700 with 205 exhibiting companies, up from 2023 numbers. Both the show and the industry are seeing great growth.

2024 saw the continued relationship with NBVA, BCA and VR.

The co-locators brought in 227 booths to bring the total to 940 booths. In addition to the co-locators AEI shares an agreement with Pizza Expo and Bar and Restaurant Expo and brought in 119 additional attendees.

Education continues to be strong with a stellar program curated by the Expo Education Committee. There was a total of 1,700 in attendance compared to 1,400 in 2023.

We are looking forward to 2025 again in Las Vegas and registration is opening soon.

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WE MAKE THE WORLD
MORE FUN.

- ◆ **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**
Sit side by side with industry leaders.
- ◆ **SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS**
Promote and market your products and services.
- ◆ **GAIN ACCESS**
Take part in industry events.
- ◆ **MEET WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS**
Protect your business through industry advocacy.
- ◆ **SAVE MONEY**
Get in on exclusive AAMA member discounts and rates.
- ◆ **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**
Inspire change through association and charitable engagement.

Drumroll Please

Just last week we were proud to announce our category award winners to a full house at Beers & Cheers. Chosen by their peers, these member companies deserve another shout out for their dedication and excellence.



Raw Thrills, Inc.



Betson Enterprises



Amusement Connect



TrainerTainment



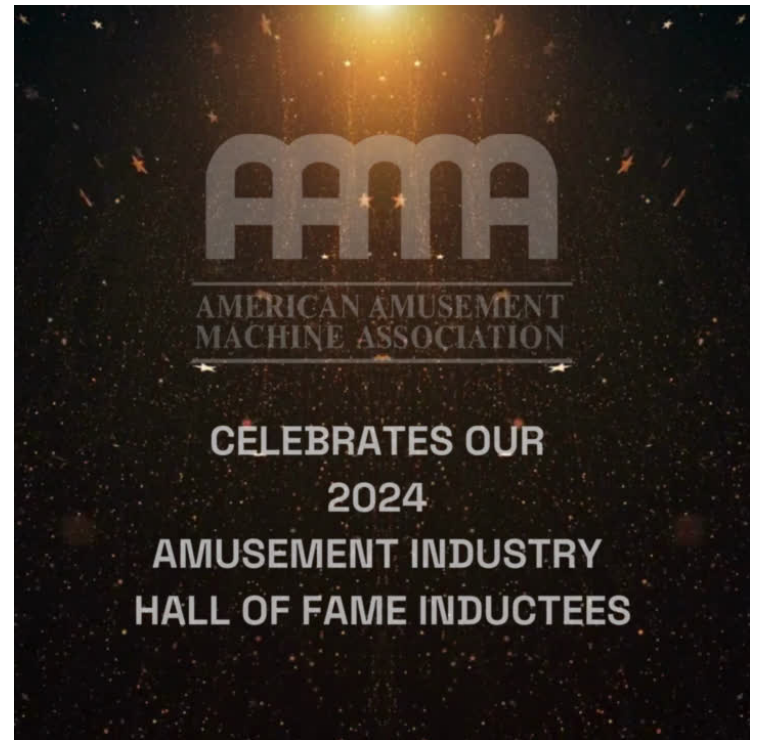
Elev8 Adventure Park



Congratulations to industry legend Ed Pellegrini of Team Play on his Lifetime Achievement Award and induction to the AAMA Hall of Fame. Details to come on how to reserve your ad in the 2024 LAA Ad Journal.

May we Present the Class of 2024...

Congratulations to all



2024 Living:

Al Alcorn
Rick Kirby
Clarence Mabe
Jorge Mochkovsky
Ed Pellegrini
Frank Seninsky
Mike Stroll

2024 Entity:

Golden Tee
PONG

2024 Legacy:

Bill Cravens
Dick Hawkins
Don Hesch
Millie McCarthy
Lou Nicastro



Sunrise Camp Carnivals 2024 Dates



Wednesday July 17, Philadelphia, PA

Thursday August 1, Chicago, IL

Thursday August 8, Long Island, NY



We Never Stop Playing

We are an industry that never stops playing so let's support Sunrise Association's Carnivals and bring some fun to the children of Camp Sunrise. Plan to join AAMCF in their charitable efforts, and show up for the kids. The carnivals aim to bring joy and happiness to kids with cancer and their siblings, providing them with memorable experiences despite their struggles.

By participating in these events, you contribute to bringing back the joys of childhood to children fighting cancer. Your support helps transform months of loneliness into summers filled with sunshine, laughter, and cherished memories. Let's stand together and make a difference in these children's lives.

Get these dates on your calendars now and join AAMCF to support our charity partner, Sunrise Association. For additional details or to register to attend, please contact Tina Schwartz at tina@coin-op.org or 847.290.9088.

The Game Room is Almost Full!

Don't miss your chance to get in the Game Room. AAMA is hitting the road with our Location Trade Show (LTS) program. We take the guesswork out of the question: Where should we exhibit next? Bowl Expo that's where.

Registration is open now to exhibit with the winning team this June. Did we mention that AAMA takes care of the headaches of trade shows for you? Reach out to Tina for details.



YOU'RE INVITED!

To the

**2024 AAMA
Annual Meeting & Gala**

SAVE THE DATE

Make a plan to join your fellow AAMA members at the 2024 Annual Meeting and Gala. This year held at the newly renovated Chicago Marriott in Schaumburg, IL. Registrations for sponsors and attendees are open now.

We Want to Hear From You

AAMA invites you to participate in our 2024 VR survey! Share your valuable insights and experiences with us to help shape the future of virtual reality. By taking just a few minutes to complete the survey, you'll not only contribute to the advancement of VR technology but also qualify for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. Deadline is April 5th. Don't forget to stay up to date with the latest videos in our VR Connect video series. Find the playlist on our YouTube channel.



YOUR VR RESOURCE

We've assembled a group of VR Experts from across the industry to deliver the latest information and innovations for your business.

Learn From the Experts

VR CONNECT VIDEO SERIES

Gain insider knowledge on the best practices for integrating VR into your business

Industry Insights

We want to hear from you!

Fill out our VR Standardization survey for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card!

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Membership Directory

2024

A young girl in a blue dress is smiling and holding a red ball, standing on a colorful carpet.

2024 Membership Directory

Did you get your copy of the 2024 Annual AAMA Membership Directory! This comprehensive resource is designed to connect you with fellow members, foster collaboration, and unlock new opportunities for success within your association.

We were thrilled to gift a copy to each member company in attendance at Amusement Expo International and starting today anyone can visit www.coin-op.org to check it out online.

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One More Round of Applause

The first fundraiser of 2024 by the American Amusement Machine Charitable Foundation was met with overwhelming success! With an initial goal of \$56,000, a special round of applause goes out to the AAMCF board and all the Honor Roll Supporters for their dedication and generosity as they raised an astounding **\$58,200!**

This success will undoubtedly contribute to the foundation's efforts in making a positive impact. Please join us again in thanking all of the 2024 Honor Roll Supporters.

J. RICHARD OLTMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**EXTENDED
to May 1st!**

Do you know a high school senior looking to further their education? Encourage them to apply for a \$5,000 AAMCF J. Richard Oltmann Memorial Scholarship.

J. Richard Oltmann was an amusement industry icon. Richard dedicated his life to the betterment of the industry. In 2010, Mr. Oltmann was acknowledged with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the AAMA. "It is my passion to give back all that I have learned to make this industry a better place than when I started," he said when presented with the award. Mr. Oltmann lost his courageous battle with cancer on May 30, 2015. In keeping with his passion and focus on education, his family has worked with the AAMCF to establish a memorial scholarship fund.

Applications are open now and the deadline is extended 'til **MAY 1st!**
Details can be found [here](#).



JOIN AN AAMA COMMITTEE

AAMA has numerous committees working behind the scenes in areas of Education, Government Relations, Industry Promotion, FEC issues, Membership, Virtual Reality and more. Your input is important to us. Take your seat and help sculpt the association and the industry. Call 847-290-9088 with questions or fill out the committee sign up [here](#).

Past Government Relations visit to Washington D.C. shown on the left.

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