

PINBALL EXPO 2026 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 14

Convention Hall is CLOSED due to Set-Up

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Vendor Registration & Setup

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Attendee Registration**

4:00 p.m. **On-Site Registration For FLIP OUT! Opens (Schaumburg East)**
FLIP OUT! Main Tournament Seeding
 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight
The Shelley Qualifying (Women's)
 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight

5:45 p.m. International Attendees load buses for the Bumper Blast Welcoming Party at **ENTERRIUM (6-10 pm)** (*meet across from convention center escalator*)

6:45 p.m. Remaining Attendees load buses for the Bumper Blast Welcoming Party at **ENTERRIUM (7-10 pm)** (*meet across from convention center escalator*)

10:00 p.m. Bumper Blast Welcoming Party concludes & buses return to Hotel

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 15

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. **Vendor Setup**

7:00 a.m. **Pinball Expo Registration**

8:00 a.m. "Ron & Frank's Pinball Repair Stories & Tips - Q&A"
 Speakers: **Ron Coon, Jr., Frank Lindenmuth**

8:15 a.m. - **Jersey Jack Pinball Tour**
 2:15 p.m. (*Must be pre-registered & meet across from convention center escalator 15 minutes prior to Tour Time*)

9:00 a.m. "Crowdsourcing a True Pinball Museum that Curates & Educates About the History of Pinball"
 Speaker: **Rob Hassold**

10:00 a.m. **On-Site Registration For FLIP OUT! Cont. (Schaumburg East)**
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Main Tournament Seeding
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Classics Qualifying
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight
The Shelley Qualifying (Women's)
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight

10:00 a.m. "Building a Better Pinball Business with Pinventory"
 Speaker: **Ed Giardina**

10:30 a.m. "Pinball Lighting Through the Years from Incandescent to the Creation of Mitchell Lighting LEDs"
 Speaker: **Mitch Gagnon**

11:00 a.m. "The Silverball Obsession - You Have To See It to Believe It"
 Speakers: **Ron Shuster, John Pedrotti**

12:00 Noon EVENT HALL OPENS

12:00 Noon "My Experiences Routing Games"
 Speaker: **John Tyner**

1:00 p.m. "Reproducing Pinball Playfields"
 Speaker: **Greg Walker**

2:00 p.m. "From Casual Streams to Organized Events: A Pinball Streamer's Journey"
 Speaker: **Tom Graf**

3:00 p.m. "EM Restoration & Trouble Shooting"
 Speaker: **Ken Head**

3:45 p.m. "The Death of the Original IP"
 Speaker: **Nick Vaka**

4:30 p.m. "Does America Need a National Pinball Museum?"
 (Come to a Brainstorming Session on How to Preserve the History of Pinball)
 Speakers: **John Weiss, Carrie Perkins**

5:15 p.m. "The Joy of Pinball"
 Speaker: **Brian Pietruszewski**

6:00 p.m. "Shopping EM Games in 3 Hours"
 Speaker: **Greg "Mr. Crazy" Cancasci**

7:00 p.m. "Barrels of Fun Round Table"
 Speakers: **Brian Savage, David van Es, & Team**

8:00 p.m. "Reuniting & Celebrating Bally's Art Department"
 Speakers: **Greg Freres, Paul Faris, Tony Ramunni, Margaret Hudson, Kevin O'Connor, Doug Watson, Pat McMahon**
 Moderator: **Tom Nieman**

9:15 p.m. "Forming an Inclusive Pinball Environment"
 Speakers: **Lexi Whittemore, Tyler White, Tiffany Han**

11:00 p.m. **EVENT HALL CLOSES**

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 16

8:00 a.m. **Pinball Expo Registration**

8:00 a.m. "Dr. Scott" the Pinball Guy Reminiscing of His 50+ Years with Silver Ball"
 Speaker: **Scott Sheridan**

8:20 a.m. - **Stern Pinball Tour**
 1:05 p.m. (*Must be pre-registered & meet across from convention center escalator 15 minutes prior to Tour Time*)

9:00 a.m. "Commemorating the Life of Fred Young"
 Speaker: **Jaden Berk**

9:30 a.m. "Knapp Arcade - Pinball & Arcade News Website"
 Speakers: **Jason Knapp, Rob Miller**

10:00 a.m. EVENT HALL OPENS

10:00 a.m. **Main A, B, & C Division Finals**
 10:00 a.m. Start
Classics Qualifying Cont.
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight
Shelly Qualifying Cont. (Women's)
 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. "Coil Guard: Fliptronic Control for System 11, Early WPC, & Early SS Pinballs"
 Speaker: **Ivan Cicognani**

10:30 a.m. "The Art of Dan Fontes"
 Speakers: **Antoinette Johnson, Kristine Holohan**
 Moderator: **Greg Freres**

11:00 a.m. "Edit Your Game Rules Over WiFi! New System Allows for Customization of Early Solid State Games"
 Speaker: **Chris Eddy**

11:45 a.m. "Running a Pinball Museum in Europe"
 Speaker: **Pawel Nowak**

12:45 p.m. "Troubleshooting Your Game with XPR Products"
 Speaker: **Brett Davis**

1:30 p.m. "Scorbit & the Pinball Economy: Bringing More Players to More Locations"
 Speakers: **Ron Richards, Jay Adelson**

2:00 p.m. "Presenting Dungeon Crawler Carl & Ender's Game"
 Speakers: **Gerry Stellenberg, Stephen Silver**

Speaker Introductions by:
 Dave Marston, Dave Fix, Jim Schelberg

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| <p>3:00 p.m. "Making Pinball, Making Friends: Meet the Future of Homebrew Pinball"
Speakers: The Pinball Expo 2026 Homebrew Makers
Moderator: Aaron Davis</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Pinball Expo Hall of Fame Presentations & Awards</p> <p>5:30 p.m. "Licensing from the Inside Out: Corporate and Game Design Implications of a Licensed Product in the Modern World"
Speakers: Pat Lawlor, Roger Sharpe</p> <p>7:00 p.m. The Shelley Finals (Women's) Round 1 Start</p> <p>7:00 p.m. "Hankin Pinball - Embedded into Australian History Forever"
Speakers: Stephen Smith, Cassandra Smith</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Joe Kaminkow & Friends' Homebrew Industry Awards Presentation @ the Homebrew Booth</p> <p>8:30 p.m. "The Making of Sonic the Hedgehog Pinball"
Speakers: Jack Guarnieri, Steve Ritchie, Bill Grupp, Taylor Snyder, & Team</p> <p>12:00 Midnight EVENT HALL CLOSES</p> | <p>10:00 a.m. "Operating Pinball Machines - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly"
Speakers: Bob Burnham, Tommy Hendley, Cale Hernandez, Rachel Bess
Moderator: Ryan Cravens</p> <p>10:00 a.m. "The Journey of Cardona Pinball"
Euphoria Speaker: James Cardona</p> <p>11:00 a.m. "Operating Pinball Machines - A Deeper Dive"
Speakers: Bob Burnham, Tommy Hendley, Cale Hernandez, Rachel Bess
Moderator: Ryan Cravens</p> <p>11:00 a.m. "Rockola Pinball A to Z"
Euphoria Speaker: Nate Thompson</p> <p>12:00 Noon "Spooky Pinball - Ask Bug & Franchi ANYTHING - Win Prizes"
Speakers: Bug, Chris Franchi</p> <p>12:00 Noon "Preserving Pinball Stories for the Future"
Euphoria Speakers: Gerard van de Sanden, Mischa de Muynck</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - Pinball Author, Artist, & Designer Autograph Session
(Sponsored by Player One Amusement Group)
Utopia AB</p> <p>1:00 p.m. "Let's Have a Ball - A Pinball Celebration"
Speakers: Melissa Lummus, Seth Evans</p> <p>1:00 p.m. "Experience Social - Home of the Ottawa Pinball Arcade"
Euphoria Speaker: Mike Loftus</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Kids (Age 14 & Under) Tournament
2:00 p.m. Start
Located Schaumburg East
Register by 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>2:00 p.m. "Pocket Pinball - Bringing Pinball to Mobile for New Comers & Hobbyists"
Speakers: Johnny Zen, Ryan Holcomb</p> <p>2:00 p.m. "How to Restore Older Pinball Machines to their Original Look"
Euphoria Speaker: Marcelo Blanco</p> | <p>3:00 p.m. "The Making of Pokemon"
Speakers: George Gomez, Tanio Klyce, Jack Danger, Andrew Wilkening, Mason Dooley, Thomas Malcolm, Jeremy Packer, Josh Henderson</p> <p>3:00 p.m. "PinSim - The Next Generation of Visual Pinball"
Euphoria Speakers: Brad Wells, Lisa Wells</p> <p>3:45 p.m. "Not Your Normal Homebrew"
Euphoria Speaker: Bill Manke</p> <p>4:00 p.m. "The Making of Transformers"
Speakers: Elliot Eismin, Elizabeth Gieske, Robert Blakeman, Jerry Thompson, Jeremy Packer, Tom Kyzivat, Mike Kyzivat</p> <p>4:30 p.m. "The Flip - Chicago's Pinball Museum"
Euphoria Speaker: William Pietri</p> <p>5:00 p.m. "The Making of Fallout"
Speakers: Keith Elwin, Harrison Drake, Rick Naegele, Andrew Wilkening, Raymond Davidson, David Liskovec, Jerry Thompson, Jeremy Packer</p> <p>5:30 p.m. "Preserving Pinball Art"
Euphoria Speaker: Steve Azzam</p> <p>6:00 p.m. "Meet the American Pinball Team and All Things Circus Voltaire"
Speakers: Bryan Vincent, Melvin Williams, Ron Linderman, Rob Rath</p> <p>6:30 p.m. "From Homebrew to Industry with Dirty Donny & Friends"
Euphoria Speakers: Dirty Donny, Wade Krause, Tanio Klyce
Moderator: Imoto Harney</p> <p>7:00 p.m. "JBS Roundtable - No Scripts, No Filters - Live from Pinball Expo w/ Cale, Ralph, & Jamie!"
Speakers: Retro Ralph, Jamie Burchell, Cale Hernandez</p> |
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WIN A BRAND NEW IN-THE-BOX STERN PINBALL MACHINE!

Door Prize Tickets - \$10.00 ea. or 6 for \$50.00
Drawing to be held at 8:00 p.m. Saturday
*Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for shipping costs.

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Euphoria Tales of the Arabian Nights"
Speakers: **Andrea D. Molfetta,**
Sam Zehr, Jay Powell,
Brian Allen

8:00 p.m. "Women in Pinball"
Speakers: **Deborah Tahlman,**
Imoto Harney,
Kristin Browning-Mezel,
Echa Schneider
Moderator: **Erika Svensson**

8:30 p.m. "Content Creators in Pinball"
Euphoria Speakers: **Josh Roop,**
Joel Engelberth, Doug Smith,
Melissa Lummus

9:30 p.m. "Let's Make a Deal"
Speaker: **Dwight Sullivan**

1:00 a.m. **EVENT HALL CLOSES**

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 19

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Event Hall Tear Down**

8:30 a.m. **Classics Finals Begin**
Check-in Start 8:30 a.m.
(Matches begin as soon as
you're checked-in)

TOURNAMENTS & MORE!

PINBALL TOURNAMENTS

- FLIP OUT! Main Tournament
- FLIP OUT! Classics Tournament
- FLIP OUT! Women's 1st Annual Shelley Sax Memorial Tournament
- FLIP OUT! Kids' Tournament (Age 14 & Under)
- Freedom to Play Pinball Tournament
- 1930s Pinball Tournament

JUST FOR FUN

- Pinball Repair Zone
- 1930s Pinball Exhibit
- Homebrew Pinball Exhibit
- Project Pinball Silent Auction
- Learn to Solder Workshop
- Costume Contests:
 - Three Musketeer's - Hexa
 - Sonic - JJP
- Monster League Hockey - Killdozer
- Cirqus Voltaire - American

For Full Details Visit: PinballExpo.com

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Stern Pinball
& Jersey Jack Pinball
for allowing our
attendees to tour
their factories!



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