

Interview Log

Chuck Sanderson, Owner Atomic Arcade and Waltco Tools, Madison County, Illinois
Conducted June 11, 2025 at the Atomic Arcade in downtown Wood River, Illinois.

Minutes	Brief Statement of What Was Discussed
0:00	Introductory Statement
0:23	Name and Background/How Arrived in Madison County and Wood River
2:12	Beginning of Pinball Involvement
4:13	No/Few Places to Play Pinball in Madison County
4:37	Pinball Super Auction/First Pinball Purchase/ Fixing Games/Pavlov's Dog of Pinball
6:26	Old Garage Game Room/ Pinball Newsgroup on Internet (Now Pinside)/Shows & Events
7:04	Meet Zollner (Tim) and Others From Newsgroup.
7:15	Too Many Games Needed Commercial Property (2007)/Start of CP Pinball Roxana/Expansion to Building Two, then Building Three
8:27	Playing In/Hosting Tournaments/Brian Bannon and Start of Leagues/
9:28	Eleven Leagues in Saint Louis Today
9:55	Wife Working Nights/Moving to Madison County
10:25	Working on Pinball Machines
11:48	Wizard of OZ Pinball/Collecting Pinball Machines/Stern 2000's Games
13:07	First New in Box Pinball (Family Guy)
14:02	Magic Girl Pinball/John Popadiuk
17:38	Homebrew Pinball/Stay Away from Boutique Pinball Guys
18:38	Atomic Arcade Beginning /Number and Type of Games/Average Customer
21:16	Pinball Availability Growing Up
22:26	Video in Pinball/Stern Insider Connect
23:49	Newest Pinball Games /Construction/More Going On

25:00	Thoughts on Future of Pinball/Number of Games in Saint Louis
25:52	Out of Town Visitors
26:57	Hosting Tournaments/Playing in and Pinball Competition
28:43	Flipping Pinballs (for Money)
29:51	Future of Pinball/Commitment to Playing
30:29	Modern Designers (Keith Elwin)/Older Designers
31:55	Games Chuck Likes
32:23	Rush Tribute Band
33:54	Pinball Machine Investment
34:40	Labor of Love/Not a Hobby Business
35:15	New Pinballs on the Horizon/Music Pinballs/Pinball Playfield Toys
36:24	Pinball Show Attendance
38:50	Lowkey Involvement in Pinball Industry
39:53	Chad Keller/Reimporting Games From Europe
42:43	Reason Opened CP Pinball/The Hunt
43:50	Game From Childhood/Old Bally Kiss Game/Electrical Mechanical (EM) Games
46:40	Working With The City of Wood River On Building
48:40	Covid
49:15	Basement/Future Plans/Video Games/Arcade Games
50:43	Parties at Atomic Pinball/Days Busy
52: 20	Pinball Fanatics/Players/Competition
55:50	Family Oriented/More Potential Plans
58:55	Wife Thoughts/Cashing Out

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