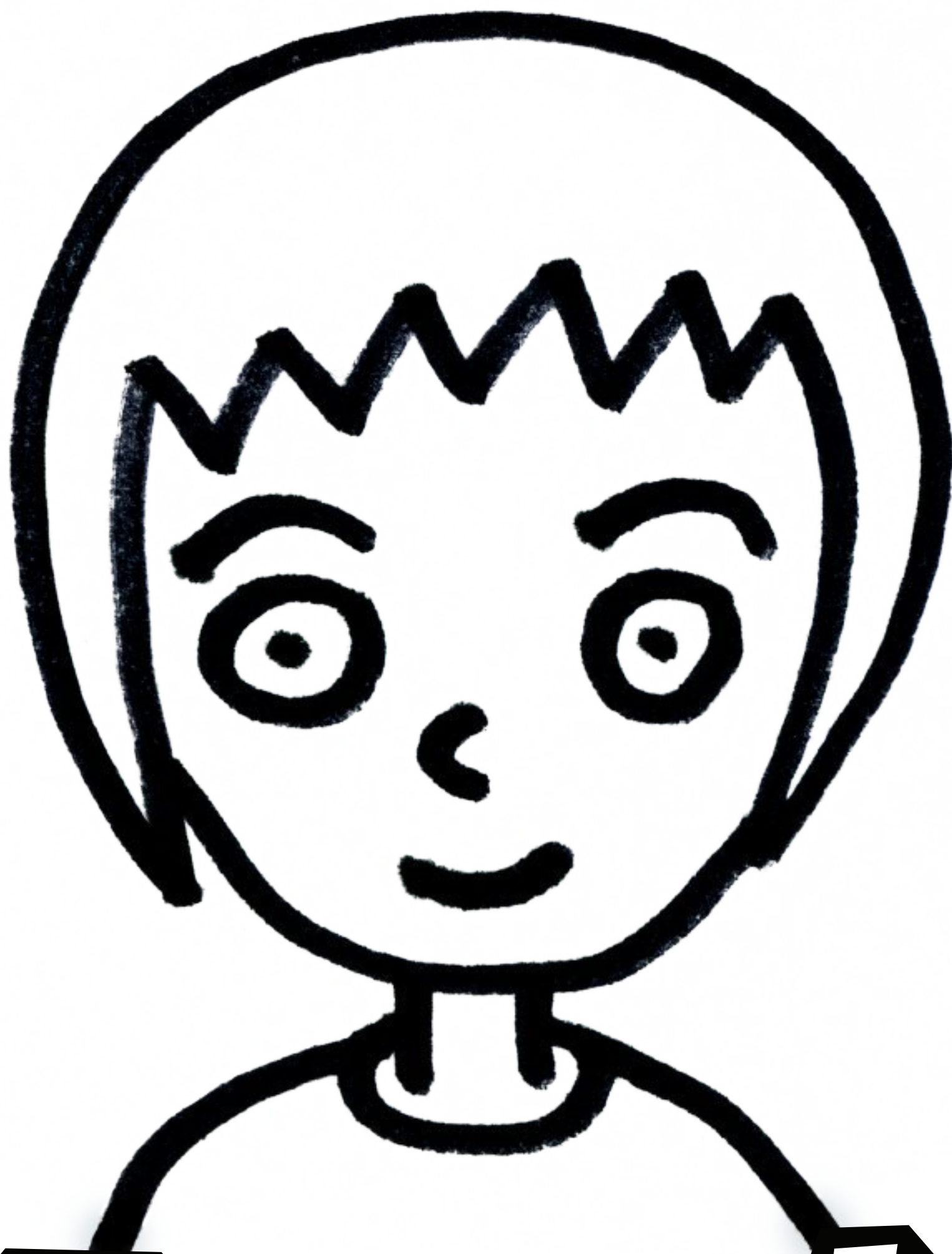


# PIN HEADZ

The Greater Cincinnati Pinball Zine



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We made it through a full year.  
Not the year any of us  
expected, but we made  
it through, **together.** **2020**

**Thank you** to everyone who has  
supported **Pin Headz** over the  
past year. I printed, folded  
and drew heads on **675 copies** of  
the limited edition Pin Headz.  
I don't know exactly how many  
standard editions I've printed  
this year, but I've consumed  
almost **2,000 sheets** of paper  
since January. Special thanks  
to my **14yr old HP LaserJet**  
printer that refuses to die.

**contact us**

Got ideas or feedback?

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# Pinball News

The big news last month was **ReplayFX** (PAPA, Pinburgh) had ceased operations until further notice.

**Deeproot** finally revealed a mostly final version of their first game **Retro Atomic Zombieland** (RAZA). Still no details on price or release date. **Fliptronic** streamed the reveal and that video is available on their Twitch channel.

**Stern** released a comic book art version of the **Star Wars home pin**. It's a full sized machine with a simplified design that retails for \$4,495, \$1600 less than the pro model.

# Pinball History

## Part Two—The Electromechanical Era

The first electromechanical (EM) game was **Contact** made in 1933 by **Pacific Amusement.**

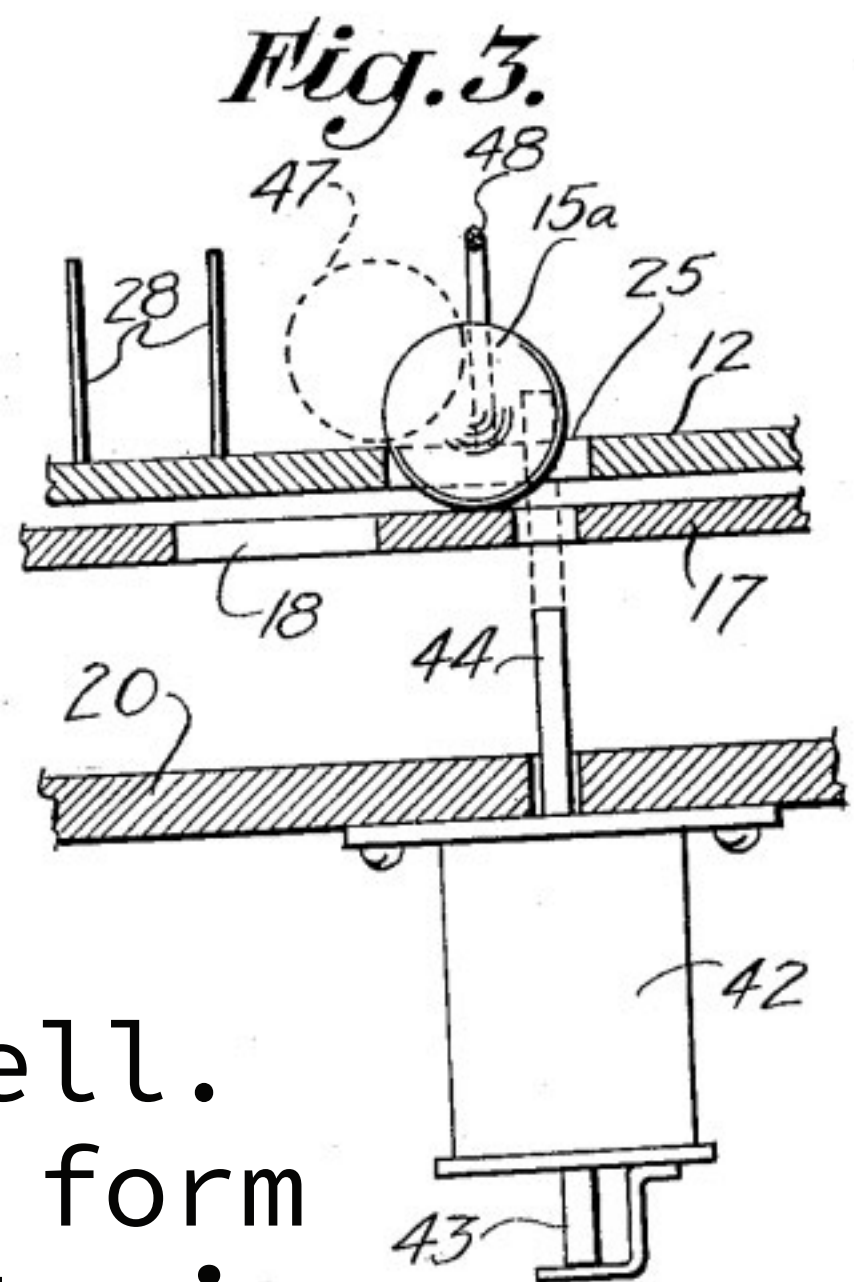
**Harry Williams**

invented a solenoid (coil) to kick the ball out of a saucer at the top of the playfield.

Another coil was used to ring a bell.

Harry went on to form

**Williams Manufacturing.**



There were dozens (maybe over 100) of manufacturers in the 1930s and 1940s. Some that stuck around for a while are Bally, Gottlieb, Williams and Chicago Coin.

From 1932 to 1935 there were about **one-thousand** DIFFERENT pinball games released.

Bally released **44 different games in 1936.**

This —————→ was just one of the 44 games.

**WWII** pretty much stopped pinball from 1942–1946.



And yes, games of this era were often used for **gambling**. You could win cash or often a cigar, gum or other merchandise.

Next month, in part three, we will talk about the **birth of the flipper** and the golden age of pinball.

# Locations

## Number of Games

4

### **16-Bit Bar+Arcade**

1331 Walnut St, Cincinnati

17

### **Arcade Legacy**

662 Cincinnati Mills Dr, Cincinnati

9

### **Arcade Legacy: Bar Edition**

3929 Spring Grove Ave, Cincinnati

31

### **Comics 2 Games**

8470 US-42, Florence

30

### **Pinball Garage**

113 N 3rd St, Hamilton

22

### **PINS Mechanical**

1124 Main St, Cincinnati

There are fewer open pinball venues in December than there was in January. **Please support these venues** and other venues as they open. We will be back, stronger than ever, **together.**

# LOCAL NEWS

The **Pinball Garage** continues to add rare and amazing games to their lineup in Hamilton. They recently purchased a **Heist** machine from **Multimorphic**. It's a **P<sup>3</sup>** machine which features an interactive **LCD playfield** and **modular upper playfield** that can be swapped out for other **P<sup>3</sup>** games.



# Live Trivia

**December 8th, 9pm (Tuesday)**

Pin Headz **Pinball Trivia**

Meet virtually with other pin headz to join a live hosted online pinball trivia event. Details on Pin Headz Facebook.

# Upcoming Tournament

Due to Ohio Covid-19 regulations, the **Ghost Town Showdown** tournament at Arcade Legacy (mall) is cancelled for December. Hopefully it will be back in January. Wear a mask people.