

2006 ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the past 32 years the OCMA has been there for Ohio operators, keeping them up to date on the many changes that keep coming our way. OCMA has benefited from a well informed membership and a fine group of distributors and suppliers who have offered a great deal of support through the years - this joint commitment has made us one of the premier coin-op trade associations in the country.

All any operator needs to do is to look at any newspaper or listen to the local/national news broadcasts to see that many more changes and threats to our livelihood are looming on the horizon. These are the things that will cause the OCMA to be even more important to you and your business. Just one example, non-smoking groups will continue to complicate all of our lives as they try to legislate morality and limit personal choice.

VLT's at racetracks, gross receipts taxes and the continuing evolution of the state's instant bingo laws all have the potential to affect your bottom line. Each year we see a laundry list of political issues that merit our attention. OCMA works very hard to make sure you are kept informed and your interests are protected on the local, state and national level. However, this does not exempt YOU, the operator from doing YOUR part by actively participating in order to maintain a viable business and industry. YOU must do your part and shoulder YOUR share of the burden. We can't sit back and leave it to the other person. "Why? Because YOU are the front-line and the other person!"

I am confident that OCMA will continue to be an important component of Ohio's coin-op amusement businesses for many more decades as long as we join together to meet/face these challenges as they arise.

I would like to personally thank each of you for joining us at this 32nd Annual Meeting. Your attendance here today shows your commitment to your trade association and your business. We're certain you will continue to find value in its programs and services.

Sincerely,

Dewey

Dewey S. Laughlin