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Amazing Jakes chooses J&J Electric Go-karts

J&J will furnish their Double Eagle "Electra" two seat go-karts to Amazing Jakes' new 90,000 sq ft facility in Aurora, Colorado. Complete with our in-floor, self-cleaning, kart charge system for the karts, this state of the art indoor pizza buffet/restaurant will feature a pizza, pasta, soup, potato, salad, beverage and dessert buffet, plus beer and wine, mini-bowling lanes, go-karts, laser tag, bumper cars, miniature golf, rock climbing wall, tea cups, a kiddy train, Frog Hopper and an arcade full of the latest games.



The innovative floor charge system will be a UL approved installation. The self cleaning charge pickup promises to revolutionize the industry in its simplicity and function. J&J's electric kart already leads the field with "plug and play" components combined with an exclusive circuit board system that eliminates "rats nests" of wires that plague the competition.

Bill Rameson's Newmark Entertainment is spearheading this indoor fun center style facility. Always at the leading edge, Bill and his crew are again pushing the envelope. Amazing Jakes is state of the art and, with facilities in Mesa, Arizona already, they are on the march to the front of this exciting new venue.



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Employees with the right stuff

By Doug Spray

A happy time of the year is the time of the year when you can finally open the batting cage for business. Weather has been a bit unusual this year, and many of you have had to wait, but the time is here. A common problem that many owners face is staffing the cage. Finding new qualified employees or recalling past employees can be frustrating and time consuming. It's ironic that during these days of reportedly high unemployment in the nation, finding personnel as an attendant for your cage or other attractions would be so difficult. The sources are fairly common: friends of friends, friends of existing employees, or offspring of your friends or co-workers. There are pros and cons to all of these avenues. We have had success staffing our own batting cages by placing an advertisement on "Craig's List" (www.craigslist.org). This online service is free in most areas. The service enables you to place the ad in your specific area, and for us has been a productive resource for finding people.

Once you have hired new staff, or even brought back former employees, it is important to implement a proper training session before they begin. Employees must be trained on all the operational procedures. Safety procedures should be right at the top of the list. They need to make sure the customers are following the rules of cage use as described in ABC's Operational Standards. We have sent all new cage owners a video that details operation and maintenance of the cage. This is a great tool to use in your training. Have your employees view the tape and then give them a short test you can create. This will confirm they have watched the training video and have a good understanding of their responsibilities. File this and other training materials in their personnel file. You may need this to prove you performed your due diligence in employee training. If you need to purchase an additional training video or Owners Manual, please contact ABC.



ABC Manual & Training Video

The cage attendant should check the equipment operation every day and make any adjustments or repairs as needed. If the corrections are out of their scope of ability, make sure they report the problems and schedule the proper maintenance before the cage is used. Clearly, it is essential to provide a safe operating environment for the batting cage.

Customer relations are also very important. Instruct them on how to communicate with unhappy customers, and what their latitude is to make them happy. They need to be assertive, not aggressive or timid, when enforcing the rules and regulations. There was a movie made about a night club manager hired to handle incidents at a bar. The solution to dealing with all situations was to “be nice”. I think this applies to most employees that deal with the general public. Just be nice. If you have an angry customer, be nice. When they are leaving, tell them thank you and be nice. If they are upset, try to resolve their concerns in a fair manner, but be nice. You can never go wrong with this philosophy. Good luck and hope you all have a safe and profitable year.

ABC AUXILIARY



By Leah

Auxiliary *adj.*
Providing assistance:
helping

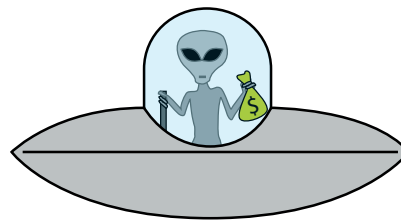
Many of you out there already know me, but for those that don't, I'm Leah. The most important aspect of my job here at ABC is to help you, our customers and friends, find information, solve problems, order parts, or sometimes just find the

person that can really help you.

Someone here at ABC, the one I refer to as “my boss”, seems to think that I can

expand my assistance role by writing articles for The Funtimes from time to time. Personally, I disagree. I think I'm much more efficient with a telephone than I am with a pen, but I need my paycheck. So, it's with great enthusiasm that I introduce the first of what I hope are few of my ramblings.

I am often asked the same questions by numerous people, so thought I'd pick a common question and share my wisdom with all of you at the same time. Now, I can't promise that this will be helpful or assist you in anyway, but it will prolong the existence of my paycheck.



Many of you want to know what happens to all your tokens and where they go. After much research, I've found that friendly space aliens have picked them all up and deposited them into a Nigerian bank. So when you get the e-mail asking for your help in transferring funds to your bank account, it's really these aliens trying to give your tokens back. My instincts lead me to believe it might be a scam, so I advise you to proceed with caution.

Seriously though, where do the tokens go? My straightforward answer to that is “who cares”! Your customers buy the tokens from you for way more than what you paid for them. If your customers choose to let them rattle around in their pockets, bat bags, or sock drawers for an eternity, so be it. You made a profit without having the wear-and-tear on your equipment. Does that make sense? Remember, I didn't promise anything.



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Go-Kart Track CC-100 Command Console

Q: What is a CC100?

A: Go-Kart Track
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ABC AUTOMATED BATTING CAGES SERVICE TIP

Center Pole Cable and Rope Inspection

Here's a service tip you should really pay attention to. When was the last time you inspected the cable used to hoist your center pole collar and also the hook release rope? Well, we strongly suggest you do it now. We have heard of a couple incidents, lately, where the cable and/or rope have broken. This is a real problem that could potentially result in thousands of dollars spent for repairs. The problem is that there is no good or simple way to get that collar down once either of these components break. Without getting into the repair details, just think about it for a while and we believe you will realize how important this situation is.

ABC suggests you inspect your cable and rope annually. The cable should be replaced if you see any signs of rust, corrosion, fraying or bad kinks. There are many factors that could contribute to the life span of a cable, but it should last 5 to 8 years. Again, take preventative measures and replace the cable if you notice any of the wear signs mentioned above. It's fairly cheap insurance.

The hook release rope is equally important. The problem with just an inspection is that it could appear okay, but still be rotten on the inside. If it has been on for a few years we recommend replacing the rope immediately with a 3/8" polypropylene rope suitable for outdoor environments and that is UV resistant. Even if using the rope specified for outdoor use, you should replace it every 2 to 3 years. Again, cheap insurance and who of us could not use the exercise of cranking that collar up and down!

If you have any questions about the procedures, please call ABC. We have replacement cables, clamps and rope available for immediate shipment.

Remote control is now standard equipment!

In order to address the ASTM regulations and more importantly make our boats the safest on the market, J&J is now including the Boat Captain remote shut down system on all new fleets of electric bumper boats.

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Go-Kart Track Safety

Incident at park results in kart fire.

Everyone's worst nightmare occurred recently at a large park when the fuel cap was inadvertently left off, or loose on a go kart. While fast action from a well trained staff resulted in no one being injured, it serves as a big warning to us all.

Every day go-kart tracks must fuel their fleet once, sometimes twice. That's a lot of removing and tightening of fuel caps. **Always check to make sure fuel cap is properly secured before starting engine.**



All track personnel must be trained how to properly fuel your go-kart fleet. Follow-up meetings should also be held on a regular basis to emphasize the importance of fueling procedures. Check all manufacturer, state and local regulations concerning fueling your go-karts. Be Safe!

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