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# **AEM/ALPHA** News

# Welcome to

AEM / ALPHA NEWS. The newsletter representing the Alpha-Omega Group of Companies.

Amusement Entertainment Management, LLC provides the most complete line of consulting services aimed directly at the development of bowling hybrid centers, family entertainment venues, amusement parks, waterpark complexes, hotels, resorts and casino properties.

Our firm has assisted in the development of more then 250 award winning and successful entertainment centers throughout the world.

As president of the Alpha-Omega Group of companies, I am pleased to be able to share our success stories, provide you with proven business solutions and keep you up-to-date on the hottest trends in the industry through our newsletter and The Redemption & FEC Report (42,000 subscribers).

Frank Seninsky President/CEO





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# 4th Quarter 2010 - AEM Completes Nine Projects

The **AEM** and **Alpha-Omega** Teams found a way to do what seemed to be impossible and helped nine entertainment venues get their doors open and/or projects complete just in time for the Christmas/ New Year holiday weeks. The Alpha staff worked together with their clients to make sure that they would be ready for business during one of the busiest holiday seasons of the year. Five Alpha Installation Crews travelled non-stop for twelve weeks, delivering, installing and programming games and attractions, setting up redemption prize centers, ordering merchandise, installing debit card systems, training client staff, and putting final touches on marketing programs - in all instances while construction was still going on around them--and one instance where the outside wall was not yet enclosed and temperatures were well below freezing and there was no electric except for a long extension cord.

The installation was one of several phases AEM and Alpha-Omega Sales completed as part of their project development-coordination services. Other phases included early-stage feasibility studies, business plan development, funding assistance, conceptual design and layout services, reviewing current and new attractions, research, purchase negotiations, and selection of an appropriate games and attractions mix. Many clients also chose Alpha-Omega Sales to provide their coin-operated amusement games and related equipment.

The Alpha Team is available throughout the entire development process to assist the client with all phases of design for improving the operating efficiency and work in conjunction with the client's architect and contractor. The entire Alpha Team continues to be available to the client long after project completion, and each contract includes a guarantee trade-in on all equipment purchased plus free weekly revenue evaluation and daily technical assistance for 5 years after the sale.

#### 4th Quarter 2010 Project Openings

The Clubhouse, Statesboro, GA Project Complete: October 15, 2010 42,000 sq. ft. 28-Lane Bowling and FEC

Scotties Skateland, Quincy, IL Project Complete: December 8, 2010 Roller Rink - 18,600 sq. ft. FEC Expansion

Valley Center Bowl, Salinas, CA Project Complete: December 23, 2010 Bowling Center - FEC Renovation

#### Provo Beach Resort, Provo, UT

Project Complete: December 15, 2010 2-Level 66,000 sq. ft. Bowling and FEC - Ropes Course, Wave Riders, Carousel, Soft Play, Animated Croquet Course, Golf Simulators

Seven Springs Resort, Seven Springs, PA Project Complete: December 17, 2010 Ski Resort - Game Room New Layout/Design

Laser Tag & Games, Metairie, LA Project Completed: December 18, 2010 30,000 sq. ft. Multi-Level Laser Tag - FEC

The Zone, Kalispell, MT Project Complete: December 12, 2010 24,000 sq. ft. Laser Tag and FEC

#### Trafalga Fun Center, Lehi, UT

Project Completed: December 2010 30,000 sq. ft. 3-Level Indoor/Outdoor FEC - New Layout/Design, Games and Attractions Added

Fun Warehouse, Myrtle Beach, SC Project Complete: November 19, 2010 Roller Rink - 42,000 sq. ft. FEC Renovation/Expansion

#### Principles for Success

#### MARKETING

Your facility's marketing plan should be revisited monthly, and during peak season, weekly. There isn't a day that goes by when a competitor or alternate leisure provider hasn't "upped the ante" with a new special or an enhanced value.

A new competitor in the market can easily steal your guests faster than you can react, so it's critical that your marketing focus remains proactive. Don't ever feel as though you can't compete with the new guy.

You're probably in a better position to do so, as a newly established venue often carries with it a significant debt load. Remember to incorporate social media into your marketing strategy, as the various internet conveyances have quickly become a mainstay for reaching today's consumers.

Jerry Merola Managing Partner/CFO Play Meter, August 2010

# FEC FINDS A HOME ADJACENT TO A GOLF PARK

The Clubhouse Family Entertainment Center (42,000 sq. ft.) opened its doors in October 2010 with 24 bowling lanes and 4 private VIP lanes, a Ballocity, a 3000 sq. ft. Zone laser tag, 4 Highway 66 mini-bowling, 3000 sq. ft. of debit card-operated games, a full service restaurant and snack bar, as well as corporate meeting and birthday party rooms.

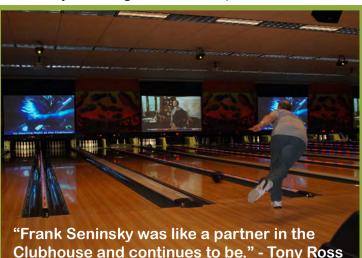
In 1996, Tony and Mary Allison Ross begin to re-

search building a bowling facility in Statesboro, GA. Six months later, AEM was hired to provide an initial site marker feasibility study, which entailed traveling to Statesboro and visiting more than 20 different potential land purchases, land/building purchases, and building rental spaces - one being Hackers Golf Park, which was analyzed as a 'strong competitor.'

AEM's Jerry Merola completed the Feasibility Study and, later that year, Doug Wilk-

erson of Dynamic Design was retained to design and theme the building according to the AEM space and component specifications While Tony

was trying to raise the money for the



project, he met with Darin Van Tassell and formed a partnership to build The Clubhouse



on land owned by Hackers and adjacent to Hackers. A new partnership was structured to include the entire Hackers complex.

AEM continued with a Project Development/Coordination service and worked with Dynamic Design on the overall floor plans, paying full attention to the games and attractions. Alpha-Omega Sales wound up selling, installing, and programming all of the games and related equipment and still, after many months, continue to work daily with

> The Clubhouse and their technical staff to keep all of the games working properly and staying in the proper ticket payout and win %. Joseph Camarota. Jr. was in charge of the set-up along with the Alpha Team. Maria Sandor. Tony

Bari, Mike Tadrousse and, of course, Frank Seninsky.



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# Traditional Bowling Center's Renovations "WOW" Customers

### Valley Center Bowl

was a traditional 30lane league-based bowling center prior to their \$1.1 million investment in a complete makeover of the game and billiards area. The idea to renovate Valley came about when Leslie Svetich attended a seminar presented by Frank Seninsky at Bowl Expo and learned that they were underutilizing about 3500 sq. ft. of space and bringing in very little revenue.

Valley Center Bowl retained AEM as their consultants on the renovation project and began the process of putting together a solid business plan. "We ended up purchasing 40 games, related equip-

ment, and a Redemption Master System from Alpha-Omega Sales and revenuesharing 9 additional games with them that we have the option to purchase at any time. We are pleased with our association and look forward to a long time relationship," said Leslie. "Our next plan is to renovate



Monterey Lanes. With the additional revenue being generated at Valley, Dad is 100% in favor of moving forward with Monterey Lanes [renovations]." Game revenues have already been increased by more than 6 times. (game revenue previously was generating only a 34 cent per capita).

#### **Game Picks**

#### **MONSTER DROP**

Benchmark Games has a monster hit in the all-new and exciting "Monster Drop" game. This innovative, individual and two player, cumulative jackpot prizewinner has become one of the most recent popular products of the Florida based manufacturer.

To be reported in the upcoming TRR-FEC (The Redemption & FEC Report), Monster Drop grossed \$2,190.15 for the week ending 04/22/11, with a 26% payout and ranked 6th out of 93 games - only out grossed by 2 Big Bass Wheels, Barber Cut, Wheel of Fortune Deluxe, and Pharoah's Treasure.





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> Frank Seninsky, Co-Regent

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#### Upcoming Events AEM and Alpha-Omega Will Be Attending/Presenting/Exhibiting

 INTERACTIVITY 2011 ← Association of Children's Museums Annual Conference May 19 - 21, 2011

Houston, TX U.S.A.

BOWL EXPO 2011

June 26 - July 1, 2011 Grapevine, TX U.S.A.

#### • FOUNDATIONS ENTERTAINMENT UNIVERSITY Frank Seninsky and Jerry Merola - Presenters July 19 - 21, 2011

Chicago, IL U.S.A.

· CRT/LCD Video, Redemption and Crane Game Repair Frank Seninsky - Presenter

August 1 - 5, 2011 Chicago, IL U.S.A.

· ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY - 18th Annual Specialized Exhibition Frank Seninsky - Presenter

September 14 - 16, 2011 Kiev, Ukraine

#### FOUNDATIONS ENTERTAINMENT UNIVERSITY Frank Seninsky and Jerry Merola - Presenters

September 20 - 22, 2011 Kansas City, MO U.S.A.

 WORLD WATERPARK ASSOCIATION 31st Annual Symposium & Trade Show Frank Seninsky and Jerry Merola - Presenters

October 3 - 7, 2011 New Orleans, LA U.S.A.

 IAAPA ATTRACTIONS EXPO 2011 Jerry Merola - Presenter November 14-18, 2011 Orlando, FL, U.S.A.

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