



AMOT Members:

The Oct. 19th general membership meeting held in Austin was attended by 23 interested members. Main items of discussion were the DISCOUNTS available to MEMBERS when purchasing plush and prize kits from several vendors teaming with AMOT. Check you newsletter for some of these money saving discounts. Dave Courington gave a VNEA pool league presentation. Also discussed was the possibility of a STATE pool tournament to benefit AMOT. The most important item discussed was brought up in Lee Woods legislative update. The gross revenue sale tax, and/or occupation tax permit increase are still on the table and being discussed by our state legislators. NOW is the time to prepare for this item which would raise the cost of all operators in the state and potentially price many of us out of the GAME. To all that support AMOT, "THANK YOU". The next general membership meeting Lee Woods will have an update on this monster issue. PLAN ON ATTENDING.

Kirby Cline

President, AMOT

Below are facts you can relate to other operators who are not AMOT members to encourage them to join the fight AMOT faces for our industry.

ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over 30 Years of Representation...

- Texas Legislature**
- Local, State and Federal Courts**
- Other Initiatives**

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Through AMOT, the Texas Legislature has heard one clear voice on matters that are important to our businesses. AMOT's legislative accomplishments are unsurpassed. In addition to defending against the expansion of gambling activities that are detrimental to our industry, initiatives include:

Defend Amusement Redemption Law

AMOT has continually worked to defend Texas' Amusement Redemption Law against legal and legislative attacks. AMOT has worked to inform legislators about the importance of this law to our industry and the communities we serve while clarifying many of the laws misconceptions.

Fight Gross Receipts Tax

AMOT has worked with other business groups to fight off proposed business tax increases tied to school finance reform and property tax cuts. This challenge will continue during the upcoming special session and next year's regular session.

Protect Against Occupations Code Changes

AMOT worked tirelessly during the codification of the Occupations Code in 1999 to protect our industry.

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL COURT SYSTEMS

For almost 13 years, AMOT has retained legal counsel. This has allowed up-to-date and timely information to be provided to members through newsletters and live discussions. In addition, members have been able to communicate issues they have encountered around the state. This has provided the legal and lobby team a better understanding of the issues affecting our industry.

Hardy v. State; Supreme Court of Texas

(2001 – 2003)

Participated in legal briefing and oral arguments before the Texas Supreme Court. Supreme Court opinion recognized and clarified amusement redemption law (47.01(4)(b) Texas Penal Code).

AMOT v. TABC (1998 – 2005)

Obtained a temporary injunction requiring the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to follow Texas law regarding amusement redemption machines. The case was dismissed by an Agreed Order of Dismissal stipulating that the TABC no longer engages in the actions that formed the basis of AMOT's original suit as well as recognized the guidelines established by the Texas Supreme Court.

Fought Attorney General Opinion Suspending State Law (1998 – 2003)

When Attorney General Dan Morales issued an opinion that attempted to suspend Texas law in contravention of the Texas Constitution, AMOT launched a series of legal challenges that preserved the law. The success of these challenges was seen in the temporary injunction issued against the TABC.

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OTHER INITIATIVES

Ensure Consistent Video Game Ratings

Continue working to preserve consistency in video game ratings between Texas and Federal Law.

Host AMOT State Convention

AMOT hosts a state convention every year so that our members can meet manufactures, stay up to date with industry trends, and attend informative seminars.

Monitor Texas Lottery

AMOT's lobby and legal team continue to monitor the expansion of lottery activities in Texas that are detrimental to our industry.

Serve as Resource for Cities & Counties

AMOT has worked with various cities and counties in providing information and resource material on Texas' redemption law. AMOT has provided input on the adoption of various city ordinances relating to city regulation of redemption machines.

Provide Scholarships

For the past 38 years, AMOT has matched the AMOA scholarships. These scholarships provide an opportunity for children of AMOT members to receive help with the expenses of entering college.

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Newsletter and/or Invoices by email?
If so, please call or email Toni at 512.472.1043 or
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Support the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Since 2003, AMOT has adopted the Make-A-Wish Foundation as its primary charity. Through its members, AMOT has been able to donate \$10,560 to this worthwhile cause.

DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

Coast to Coast will give a 5% discount on all merchandise, no minimum purchase, and free shipping on plush. Contact person is Carlos Colon @ 1-800-224-1717.

HMS Monaco has agreed to offer the Texas Amusement Operators Association a 5% Discount and Free Freight Program on all member purchases. This includes Plush Packs, all hard good prize kits (crane, rotary, Sports Arena, Drill -O-Matic, 3" Capsule, 4" Capsule, Winners Cube, etc.). Also, a discount of 5% on all redemption purchases of \$300.00 or more. **Contact: Steve Schulman 800-777-0901**

Redemption Plus is offering Free Freight on any order placed for crane & merchandiser kits or redemption. They're also giving all members 5% Off any kit order over \$1000. You can view their full selection at RedemptionPlus.com or contact Keitha McBride at 214.998.0277 (cell) or kmcbride@redemptionplus.com.

Toy Barn will give all AMOT members 10 cents off on 12 boxes Jumbo or Small, and free shipping. They will also give anyone free shipping on orders of 6 boxes or more.

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Toy Factory has offered a 5% discount on plush and a reduced freight charge if you ship 150 lbs. or more. (150 lbs. is about 8 boxes.)

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