

ANON'S ARCADE ACTION

TRUCK WORLD

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The arcade at TRUCK WORLD is in a sort of miniature mall inside a truck stop off of I-80 on the border with PA. Parking is plenty and the arcade is effectively open 24/7 by nature of being in a 24/7 truck stop.

PINBALL(WORKS):VIDYA(WORKS)
2(2):15(7)

QUALITY OF SELECTION

Most of the games were sit-down style driving cabinets. Makes sense this being a truck stop. Of what was operable the selection was good, would have been much better if they were all operable, or at least a few more.

QUALITY OF HARDWARE

7/15 arcade machines were operable. San Francisco RUSH 2049 was operable, but 1 of the 2 cabinets had that fucky tracking thing with the screen which made it more difficult to use, but not so difficult that I'd lose to player 2 who was using the perfectly functional cabinet. The working Offroad Thunder was fully operational, up to and including the force feedback in the steering wheel, the other was fully OoS. Sky Target had a fucked flight stick. Moron Kombat II had response issues with the P1 joystick. fuck those games. All lightgun games were down. Virtua Fighter 2 was down. 2 SEGA 18 Wheeler machines were down. 1 of the 2 Solitaire games was down, the working one had a dark spot in the top left corner of the screen but still playable if you look hard. They had a couple (2) overpriced pinball machines. ACDC was \$.75 and Avatar was a fucking buck. I will assume Avatar worked fine since I saw a man playing it after we had finished. The ACDC machine looked clean, probably worked fine.

MONEY MACHINES

I did not use an ATM here, but the quarter machine was down so I went to the fuel desk to ask for quarters. Since she didn't have \$5 in her register we swapped a \$10 roll of quarters.

STAFF

They were nice and helpful. The bartender (first place I went looking for quarters) got to me fairly quickly considering how busy they were at 18:30 on a Saturday evening and directed me to the fuel desk to get my necessary coin. The fuel desk lady was kind enough to look for 20 quarters in her register before having to resort to a \$10 exchange.

CLIENTELE

In the areas with games there was a mother with two sons, and a father with one son. All White, all right. Funny drunks in the bar (in a different part of the minimall) I walked into were all making fun of one another about football. One particular drunk said "No offense to you (pointing at me), but you (pointing to the guy I was standing next to) now have representation!" to which I said "sorry but I'm not jewish" and a bunch of these old drunk truckers thought that was pretty funny.

ATMOSPHERE

It was relaxed and pleasant. The two families left not too long after we had gone in and started playing games and it was overall a relaxed place to be. Felt easy walking around, looking at, and talking about the games and place itself.

NON-PINBALL/ARCADE OPTIONS

There were a couple UFO machines, a skeeball, 2 BBall machines, one seemingly OoS soccer 1v1 machine that ate a fucking dollar, 2 quarter-pusher type scam machines.

FOOD/DRINK

Everything inside the minimall is less than 100 steps from the arcade, there's a diner that has fine breakfast, dinner, and supper. I can't complain about the quality. Pricing isn't too bad for what's typical in a truck stop. Waffle House across the street is gonna be easier on the wallet for diner food. There's also a little hotdog focused place in the minimall, haven't tried that but smells alright and has good prices on dogs. The bar is a dive. The clientele are not the same as the people playing in the arcade, which is nice. I didn't drink so I won't comment on the prices but I will assume the selection is one where you don't want to order anything fancy like a niggeroni or a vieux carre.

\$5 rule

Having already had a lot more fun than in Toledo at RESET, I pulled the change from my pocket to see I had \$2.50 left (!!) which was a nice sight. Blew through the rest on skeeball, getting screwed by that soccer machine (that did look fun), and the Solitaire machine.

RATING - 4/10

This would be higher if the selection was at least half operable. I can't in good conscious rate it at a 5/10 or higher with this many down cabinets. Get yer shit a runnin and this'll be a fine highway stop arcade for the traveling sleepy anon. If they had more of their cabinets working I would have liked to stay and spend some quarters on those, in particular CarnEvil, SEGA's 18 Wheeler racing, and Virtua Fighter 2. Next time I have cause to stop by here I will definitely come back in to see if anything is fixed, and at least to get some racing in on what is working. Good atmosphere, a couple fun games, some food in the same building, and a bar for some real fights after you lose your quarters to some 8 year old.