



Checkerboard

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Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum

By Debra Slone

On October 20, 1900, Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor was opened to the public by three Greek immigrant brothers in the town of Columbus, Indiana. After 106 years and three generations, the family closed the doors. Local businessman Tony Moravec purchased Zaharakos and supervised the total restoration and preservation of the authentic early 1900 soda fountain, that includes the original spectacular 50-foot double back bar of mahogany, mirrors and stained glass, plus a 40-foot counter of Onyx and marble. Two matching soda fountains, a Tiffany-style draft stand (circa 1904) and a restored Welte Orchestrion (184 pipes) that was installed in 1908 and plays on request.

Plus a lot more:

- Attached free museum of the largest collection of pre-1900 soda fountains.
- Superb collection of rare and highly sought-after syrup dispensers.
- Impressive display of various Mechanical Music Orchestrions and Nickelodeons.
- A country store
- A 2nd floor restored as the family's 1900 living quarters and library of early soda fountain books and trade publications.
- Delicious ice cream still made on site.
- Soups, salads, sandwiches, sodas and sundaes served in the authentic 1900 surroundings

Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum is located at 329 Washington St., Columbus, Indiana, 47201, approximately 45 minutes south of Indianapolis. The web site is www.zaharakos.com.

If you are interested in additional details about the history of Zaharakos, [click here](#).

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Editor's Note: Having visited Zaharakos on several occasions, I can enthusiastically recommend this gem to you. When you walk in the door, you are immediately transported back to the lush days of Victorian elegance, with the gorgeous Tiffany-style lamps, polished brass, warm mahogany and oak wood finishes, and gleaming marble everywhere you look. It is a large structure, providing ample space for its impressive collections of soda fountains, syrup dispensers, mechanical music orchestrions and nickelodeons, general store memorabilia, historic ephemera, and so much more. It is not just a feast for the eyes but for the belly as well: the soda fountain creations and unique sandwiches are among the most delicious found anywhere. I would also like to note, with appreciation, that Zaharakos will be a sponsor of the 2014 AAAA Convention. Paul Lefkowitz

Photo Gallery



Zaharakos Circa 1909



Dining Area Today



Soda Fountain Back Bar



Sections of Museum

Partial Selection of Pre-1900 Soda Fountains



Original Zaharakos Soda Fountain Manufactured by Liquid Carbonic Company 1904



Puffer Soda Fountain c. 1888



Key Note Soda Fountain c. 1902



Shelbourne Soda Fountain 1890's

Partial Selection of Syrup Dispensers





Glimpses of General Store



AAAA Convention Partnering with Springfield Antique Malls

The upcoming 2014 AAAA Convention will take place July 23-26 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbus (Dublin), Ohio. Don't miss out on all the excitement! Register to attend the AAAA Convention today!

Click here for a AAAA [Convention Registration Form](#)

Click here for an informative [Convention Flyer](#)

Click here for the latest draft of the [Convention Schedule](#)

In each issue of the *AAAA Checkerboard*, we have been highlighting a different aspect of the upcoming Convention. In this issue, we are featuring the Antique Malls of Springfield, Ohio. Springfield, which is only about 30 minutes from Dublin, boasts having three antique malls with a combined total of over 1,000 dealers located within a two mile radius. Antique and vintage advertising are well-represented in all three malls.

AAAA and the leaders of these malls have been coordinating efforts to fulfill a shared objective to make this Convention one of the best ever! AAAA appreciates the fact that each of the three malls will serve as sponsors of the Convention. AAAA encourages all Convention attendees to visit these malls after the Convention ends on Saturday morning or before the event begins.

Read on to learn more about these three outstanding malls.

Heart of Ohio Antique Center

Exit 62 just off I-70 (4785 East National Road)
Springfield, Ohio 45505
(937) 324-2188

www.heartofohioantiques.biz

Hours: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm, 7 Days per Week

Established in March 1998, Heart of Ohio Antique Center is billed as the largest antique mall in America. Customer service and quality merchandise are the key goals which have kept the Heart of Ohio at the top for over 16 years.

Their 116,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility houses 400 spacious, carpeted booths and over 300 optimum view showcases. With thanks to their wonderful dealers, selection has been lauded nationwide, which is why Martha Stewart's Living Magazine named them "one of the best sources for antiques and collectibles" in the country.

Heart of Ohio is a full service antique mall with numerous amenities for their customers. Mo-Jo's Café offers daily lunch specials in addition to deli-style sandwiches, soups, snacks, coffee and sodas. Their new Highlights Showroom features unmatched, professional displays created by their in-house designers. The Personal Shoppers are on hand to help customers locate items they were unable to find or purchase during their visit. EBay auctions and sales allow for those unable to shop with them in person to shop with them from the comfort of their home. Their professional shipping department is capable of shipping items and orders of all sizes for customers unable to take their items with them at the time of purchase. A roomy TV lounge offers a pit stop for customers on their shopping adventures.

Heart of Ohio Antique Center Photo Gallery





Springfield Antique Center

Exit 59 just off of I-70 (1735 Titus Rd)

Springfield, OH 45502

(937) 322-8868

www.springfieldantique.com

Hours: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, 7 Days per Week

At Springfield Antique Center, you will find a wonderful collection of antiques, including advertising, furniture, toys, glassware, rugs, clothing...you name it! They have over 450 dealers who display their items in over 500 well lit booths and cases. Following the success and popularity of Jeffrey's Antique Gallery in Findlay, Ohio, the Springfield Antique center was established in 1994 and is currently celebrating 20 years in business. As a family-owned and operated establishment, they understand the importance of the heirlooms they sell and the nostalgia they bring.

SAC offers 46,000 sq. ft. of sales space all on the ground floor with an ever-changing, large inventory. They also have a spacious lobby with couches, television, and vending, perfect for their tired travelers. They are pet-friendly and also 100% wheelchair accessible. Their wide aisles make your shopping experiences comfortable, and their friendly staff are happy to offer a wheelchair to anyone who may need one.

The Springfield Antique Center is located next to I-70 on exit 59. It is easy to find. Just look for the big, red roof!

Springfield Antique Center Photo Gallery





Grandpa's Garage

Exit 59 just off of I-70 (4700 S. Charleston Pike)

Springfield, OH 45502 I-70 Exit #59

(937) 324-8448

www.i70grandpasgarage.com

Hours: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, 7 Days per Week

Grandpa's Garage is a mall dedicated to vintage cars, parts, electric trains and toys as well as advertising items related to those areas of collecting. This is a mall that would be of special interest to those collecting petroliana, gas and oil, and related antiques. They have 31,000 sq. ft. of dealers.

Grandpa's Garage Photo Gallery



Wanted Items

In this column are those sought-after items of desire that seem to be elusive. If you know where any of these items can be acquired or if you have one available, please click the link to reply directly to the seeker. To place a listing in this column, [click here](#). There is no fee for AAAA members. Up to three listings per member is permitted.

ENSIGN Perfect and ENSIGN Perfection vertical pocket tobacco tins to enhance my collection. Feel free to contact me at 614-888-4619 or k8pyd@wowway.com to see if you can help fill the voids.

Pre-1920 US Cigarette Tobacco Cards, including packs, tins, advertising, point of sale, premiums, silks and leathers, cabinet cards, banners/posters, albums and more. Focus on Ginter, Duke, Goodwin (Old Judge), Kimball, and Kinney. Buy/Trade - talk shop - or I can help you figure out what ya gots! 561-289-2362 or hmoses2@comcast.net

Firecracker Packs: Collector buying all old fireworks-packs, boxes, advertising, whatever. To reply, call 931-237-3646 or [click here](#).

Lefkowitz & Sons Company Soda Fountain Collectables: I am seeking any soda fountain product or equipment labeled "Lefkowitz". To reply [click here](#).

Posters of Beautiful Women or Children Advertising a Drug Store or Country Store Product. Pre-1930. Preferable with product shown in image. Original frame and good condition a plus--also NOS country store or drug store products, advertising of

any kind, or any product with great graphics and full of contents a plus. To reply, [click here](#).

Spice Tins WANTED!! Hard core collector looking for brands I don't have and upgrades for ones I do have. Looking for good old spice tins with pictures. Birds, people, trains, etc. I have a few traders but mainly a buyer. To reply, [click here](#).

Minnesota Brewery Items including Hamm's, Grain Belt, Fitgers, Gluek and others. Also collect rare Minnesota advertising pieces. To reply, [click here](#).

Vintage Baseball/Football Cards: Pre-1970 Only To reply, [click here](#).

Clicquot Club: Lighted Clicquot Club advertising clock made by Telechron and Telechron lighted advertising clock. To reply, [click here](#).

"ANTI-FAT," Weight-Loss, "Reducing," Obesity Items: Signs, bottles, anything related. Also, any items related to VITAMINS. To reply, [click here](#).

Yellow Kid Wanted: The more unusual, the better. To reply, [click here](#).

Harvard Brewing Signs/Lithographs: To reply, [click here](#).

Ivanhoe Pencil Tin: Fair price and also finder's fee paid. Approx 1" diam, 9" long, blue in color, round, with picture of Ivanhoe on horseback. To reply, [click here](#).

Noaker Ice Cream Company Canton, Ohio: 13" Round ice cream tray from "the Noaker Ice Cream Company Canton, Ohio" in good or better condition. It has the boy & girl eating ice cream on the front. To reply, [click here](#).

1 lb. Canadian Coffee- Circle Coffee: To reply, [click here](#).

B.T. Babbit Soap Advertisement Posters: See Antique Advertising Encyclopedia (Vol. II) by Klug page 54 and 55. Condition is very important. To reply, [click here](#).

DeLaval: Tin advertising, give-aways and other collectibles produced by the company. To reply, [click here](#).

Edmands Coffee Company, Edmands Tea Company, 1776 Coffee, American Beauty Tea, Japan Tea, Devonshire Tea, (imported by Edmands, Boston/Chicago): Any items such as tins, signs, paper, or anything else related to the Edmands family of companies in Boston is desired. To reply, [click here](#).

Heathman Bakery, Dayton, Ohio: Interested in any items related to this business. To reply, [click here](#).

Indianapolis Brewing Company Ephemera: Circa 1920. Specifically looking for signed documents. To reply, [click here](#).

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