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Club-A-Rama Week 43:

## PUMPKIN

1970s Circleville Pumpkin Festival, OH



Sometimes I just have TOO much fun around here in the MOLDVILLE garage! Once we mixed up a GLOW-IN-THE-DARK ORANGE color, there was no doubt about which mold had to be made. The problem was - MOLDVILLE didn't own the **PUMPKIN!** So even though there are only two existing moldsets of the **PUMPKIN** - we spared no expense for CLUB-A-RAMA members and acquired one! Though it glows orange in the dark, it looks pretty nice in daylight as well:



The **PUMPKIN** MAR was made by Eldin Irwin in the 1970s for the CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL held annually in Circleville, Ohio. The original sculpture from which Eldin made the **PUMPKIN** moldset is shown below!



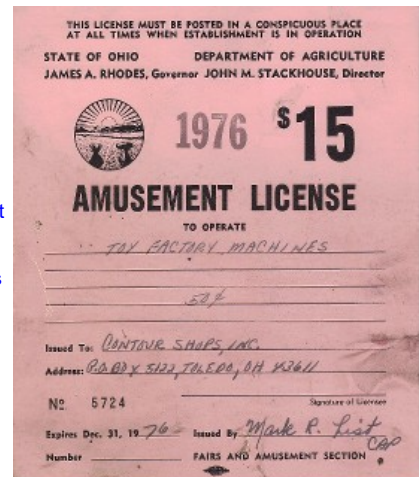
This unique agricultural exhibit and street fair originated in October 1903, when the Mayor of Circleville conceived the idea of holding a small exhibit in front of his place on West Main St. Corn fodder and pumpkins (many cut into Jack-O-Lanterns) formed the principal decorations, creating the nickname "The Pumpkin Show." It is reputedly the 6th largest festival in the US with an annual attendance over four days of more than 300,000 people. It is also called "The Greatest Free Show on Earth" because no admission or entry fee is charged. (information courtesy of [www.pumpkinshow.com](http://www.pumpkinshow.com))



The CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL traces its origins to 1903 - below is a postcard from 1910!



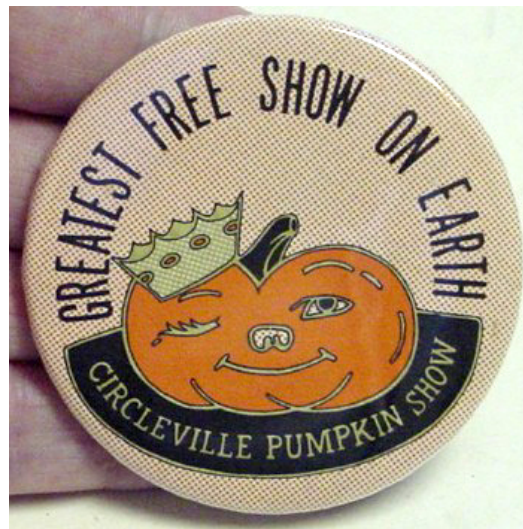
The MOLD machines were trailed to Ohio to the Circleville Pumpkin Festival each year. The actual MOLDVILLE machine itself was one of the Mold machines adapted for being trailed (it has an angle bracket welded at each leg,) and very possibly (if not probably) was itself operated at the Circleville Pumpkin Festival in the early 1970s. In fact, it's extremely probable given that the license still attached to the MOLDVILLE machine when found was for the state of Ohio!



This 1960s postcard reads on the back: "A 100,000 pound display of pumpkins, squash and gourds at the Circleville, Ohio Pumpkin Show, "Greatest Free Show on Earth."



They apparently also name a "Miss Pumpkin Show", such as Janet Collins in 1967, said to be appearing before over 250,000 people in attendance (shown here with here guest Mellisa Trout, Sungoddess of the St. Petersburg Fla. Festival.)





Bob Spohn, master pumpkin carver (1980s)



It is believed that the last year that the PUMPKIN MAR was used at the CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL was 1979 (largely because Eldin Irwin had ceased trailering MOLD machines around the midwest by then!)



# CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW

## Schedule of Events

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1987

2:00-2:15 p.m.	Fernando Chines	Courthouse (9)
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Court & Main (1)
	Mayor John Jenkins	
	President of the Pickaway County Ministerial Assn.	
	Excelsior Quartet	
	Circleville High School Band	
3:30-4:45 p.m.	<b>LITTLE MISS PUMPKIN SHOW PARADE</b>	
4:45-6:15 p.m.	Little Miss Pumpkin Show Judging	W. Main (2)
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Band Concert - Milcroport H.S.	Pickaway (4)
6:15-7:00 p.m.	Pumpkin Show Band	W. Main (2)
6:15-7:00 p.m.	Band Concert - Beecher H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Band Concert - Lacking Heights H.S.	Pickaway (4)
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Stok & Polina - Music	W. Main (2)
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Band Concert - Woodford H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Circleville Bible College Presents Music	W. Main (2)
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Jingles The Clown	E. Franklin (3)
8:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>MISS PUMPKIN SHOW PARADE</b>	
9:00-10:00 p.m.	Miss Pumpkin Show Judging	W. Main (2)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1987

8:00-11:59 a.m.	Baby Judging	Mill St. Gym
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Home Arts and Crafts Style Show	W. Main (2)
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Big Wheel Race	Pickaway (4)
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Mark Wade - Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>BABY PARADE</b>	
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Baby Parade Winners	E. Franklin (3)
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Mark Wade - Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
4:45-5:45 p.m.	Egg Toss Competition	E. Franklin (3)
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ross Shadua Truppe-Middle Eastern Style Dancing	W. Main (2)
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Band Concert - Watkins Memorial H.S.	Pickaway (4)
6:15-7:00 p.m.	Band Concert - Logan Elm H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Circleville Bible College Presents Music	W. Main (2)
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Band Concert - Delaware Hayes H.S.	Pickaway (4)
7:00-7:30 p.m.	Mark Wade - Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Band Concert - West H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Jingles The Clown	E. Franklin (3)
8:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>PARADE OF BANDS</b>	
9:00-10:00 p.m.	Roundtable Square	W. Main (2)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1987

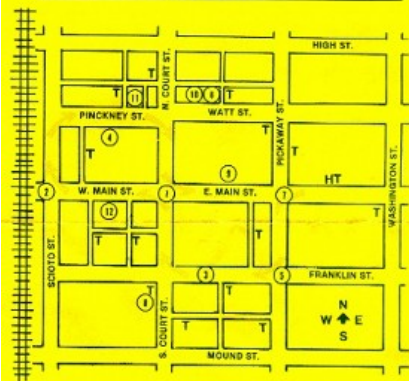
Noon-4:00 p.m.	Best Friend of Charleston & Exhibit Car	W. Main (2)
	Inland West Main Street Platform on Rail Road Tracks	
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
2:00-2:30 p.m.	Circleville Keratic Deasener/Bal	W. Main (2)
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>PET PARADE</b>	
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Pet Judging	E. Franklin (3)
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Budweiser Presents "Boys from Indiana"	W. Main (2)
6:45-6:00 p.m.	Joe Ponder	Pickaway (4)
6:15-6:45 p.m.	Pumpkin Show Band	W. Main (2)
6:15-7:00 p.m.	Band Concert - Felicity-Franklin H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
7:00-7:30 p.m.	Budweiser Presents "The New Quiksilver"	W. Main (2)
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Band Concert - North Adams H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	Pickaway (4)
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Jingles The Clown	E. Franklin (3)
8:00-8:15 p.m.	Joe Ponder	Pickaway (4)
8:00-9:15 p.m.	<b>PARADE OF FRATERNAL &amp; CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
9:15-10:00 p.m.	Budweiser Presents "Boys from Indiana"	W. Main (2)
10:00-10:45 p.m.	Budweiser Presents "The New Quiksilver"	W. Main (2)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1987

12:00-6:00 p.m.	Best Friend of Charleston & Exhibit Car	W. Main (2)
	Inland West Main Street Platform on Rail Road Tracks	
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Davis Demont Drum Corp.	W. Main (2)
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
2:00-3:15 p.m.	Andre Keller & Sounds of Dixie	W. Main (2)
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Joe Ponder	Pickaway (4)
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Joe Ponder	Pickaway (4)
3:45-4:15 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest	W. Main (2)
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Grace II - Gospel Music	Pickaway (4)
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
5:00-5:15 p.m.	Joe Ponder	Pickaway (4)
5:15-6:00 p.m.	Harmony 4 - Gospel Music	Pickaway (4)
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	W. Main (2)
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Band Concert - Dynamic Menzies Drum Corp.	E. Franklin (3)
6:00-7:30 p.m.	How Callie Court	W. Main (2)
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Band Concert - Miamiburg H.S.	Pickaway (4)
6:15-7:00 p.m.	Band Concert - Grovesport-Madison H.S.	E. Franklin (3)
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Band Concert - Mt. Gilead H.S.	Pickaway (4)
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Band Concert - Adicphi Community Band	E. Franklin (3)
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Mark Wade Ventriloquist	W. Main (2)
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Whits the Juggler	Pickaway (4)
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Jingles The Clown	E. Franklin (3)
8:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>QUEENS PARADE</b>	
9:00-10:00 p.m.	"The Wild Man" with The Ross County Rambler	W. Main (2)

### PARADE ROUTE (All Parades)

Starts East Main at Pickaway, Pickaway to Franklin, to Court, To Main, To Scioto, to Pinckney, to Court, to Main, to Pickaway.



- No. 1 - INFORMATION BOOTH
- No. 2 - WEST MAIN STREET PLATFORM
- No. 3 - EAST FRANKLIN STREET PLATFORM
- No. 4 - PINCKNEY STREET PLATFORM
- No. 5 - PICKAWAY-FRANKLIN ST. PLATFORM
- No. 6 - PUMPKIN SHOW BUILDING
- No. 7 - PICKAWAY & MAIN
- No. 8 - COURT HOUSE
- No. 9 - FIRST AID STATION
- No. 10 - HOME ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAY
- No. 11 - ARTS AND CRAFTS BOOTHS
- No. 12 - LARGEST PUMPKIN PIE
- T - TOILET
- HT - HANDICAPPED TOILET

### LOCATION OF EXHIBITS

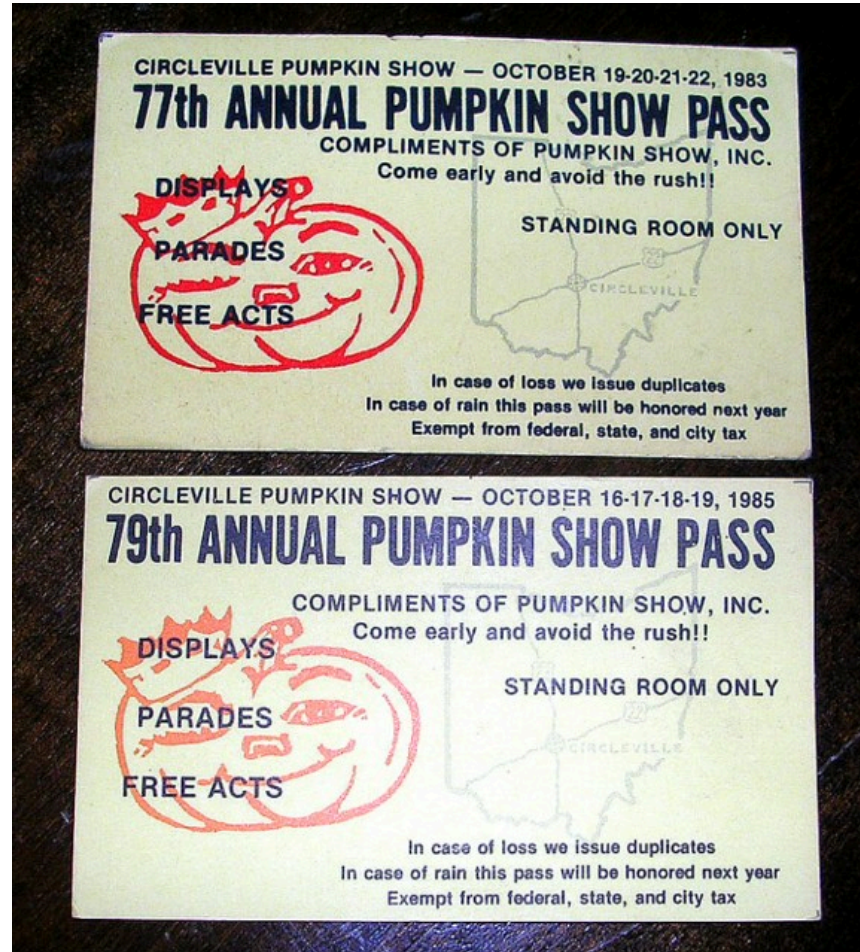
- Pumpkins and Gourds ..... Pumpkin Display (1)
- Baked Goods and Art Show ..... Wait St. (6)
- Flower Show, Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Goods ..... Wait St. (6)
- Home Arts and Crafts ..... Pumpkin Show Building
- Girl Scout Exhibits ..... Court House Lobby ..... S. Court (8)
- Circleville Art League Show ..... [Court House Lobby] ..... S. Court (8)
- LOST CHILDREN ..... Information Booths (1)
- First Aid Station ..... [Banc and Science] ..... BancOhio Lot (9)
- Largest Pumpkin Pie ..... [Lindsey's Bakery] ..... West Main (12)
- Pickaway County Sheriff's Dept. Display ..... South Court (8)
- Senior Citizens Hospitality Center ..... Pickaway & Main St. (7)
- Pumpkin Show Sponsors ..... Court and Main St.
- Tod Lewis Museum (Noon-7 p.m.) ..... W. Main (12)
- Arts and Crafts Booths ..... Pickaway (11)
- Best Friend of Charleston & Exhibit Car ..... W. Main (2)

### PUMPKIN PRODUCTS

- Pumpkin Donuts ..... Circleville Jaycees ..... West Main
- Pumpkin Pie ..... Lions Booth ..... West Main
- Pumpkin Taffy and Fudge ..... Junior Women's Booth ..... Court and Main
- Pumpkinburgers ..... DECA Booth ..... West Main
- Pumpkin Waffles ..... DECA Booth ..... North Court
- Pumpkin Joes ..... DeMolay Booth ..... South Court
- Pumpkin Pancakes ..... Kiwanis ..... Court and Main
- Pumpkin Bread ..... Sigma Phi Gamma ..... South Court
- Pumpkin Bread ..... Circleville Jaycees ..... West Main
- Pumpkin Butter ..... Business & Professional Women ..... West Main
- Pumpkin Cake ..... Circleville Athletic Boosters ..... Court and Main

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Truth be told, the PUMPKIN moldset has origins that go back a bit as well. JH MILLER MFG Co itself (inventor of the MOLD-A-RAMA machines) made pumpkins in the 1940s-50s.





*Miller's Halloween figures, showing the two different-sized witches, pumpkins, and the very rare bobbing head ghost skeleton. In mint the large pumpkin is \$50, the small \$35; the large witch \$60, the small \$45 and the skeleton \$75.*

Below are plaster recasts of the originals perfectly made by Miller aficionado KEN GLENNON.



This was an early test of the PUMPKIN moldset, temporarily installed without the cooling water lines attached (which you can do for just a couple test figures or so - until the moldset gets too warm without cooling.)



There are only two existing **PUMPKIN** moldsets - and MOLDVILLE now owns one of them! It was designed in the 1970s by the immortal Eldin Irwin, who bought his first mold machines directly from Mold-A-Rama starting in the late 1960s. The engraving originally read "**THE PUMPKIN SHOW**" (you can see it in the glow image at the top of this page.) The moldset that MOLDVILLE acquired has the "**PUMPKIN**" portion of the original engraving surviving.



Lights on....



...lights off!

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