

Hello. In today's episode, I will discuss how bar symbols became traditional to slot machines dating back to 1910. As you likely already know, bar reel symbols are still commonly used today. The bar symbol started as a company logo, originally a photo of a chewing gum pack before being stylized as a bar. Also, District of Columbia slot machine casino gambling. The final segment of the show is something new, a casino trip report on my eighth casino visit of 2017.

I'll also be presenting an Apple Podcasts review from Sloppygolf. If you give the Professor Slot Show a rating and review, I promise to read them and, as time permits, mention them in an upcoming episode. Thank you for joining me for the Professor Slots Podcast Show. I'm Jon Friedl, and this is the podcast about slot machine casino gambling. This is where I provide the knowledge, insights and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance. Show notes for this episode are now available within most podcast apps or, alternatively, on my website at ProfessorSlots.com/11.

Jon Friedl from the Professor Slots blog reveals all his slot machine casino gambling strategies as well as tips and tricks for thriving in the casino environment. Choose winning slot machines and identify your gambling goals, being entertained, earning comps, winning take-home cash or combining them. Jon has won 90 taxable jackpots and a luxury car in nine months of slot play, and made a profit at slots gambling since 2013.

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Let's get started with the first segment of the show: why do slot machines say bar? Why do slot machines say bar on their reels? Well, to understand why this tradition came to be, we will need to delve into slot machine history a bit. First of all, these gambling devices weren't always called slot machines. Slot machines are originally referred to as a one-armed bandit, then later in Great Britain as a fruit machine. A slot machine gambling device is activated by pulling a handle or pushing a button. This can only be done after coins, tokens, cash or casino credits have been entered. Consequently, reels with symbols begin to spin. When done spinning, the symbols shown lined up along pay lines used to determine the payout, if any.

Reel symbols are often traditional, including star, bars, numbers, and various pictured fruits. Fruits can include cherries, plums, oranges, lemons and watermelons. The number seven was also very popular as is the word jackpot itself. Finally, then there are bar reel symbols. Fruit reel symbols were first used in slot machines by the Industry Novelty Company of 1909. This was quickly followed the next year by Mills Novelty Company of Chicago inherited by Herbert Stephen Mills with a slight addition. Mills added the photograph of a chewing gum pack along with the fruit reel symbols. Soon after, these photographs of a chewing gum pack were replaced with a stylized bar symbol.

Slot machines have a very rich history. Within gaming device circles of the time, it was well-known that Charles Augustus Fey of San Francisco refused to sell or lease the design of his first coin operated slot machine, the Liberty Bell, which he invented around 1887. So, how did Mills get the slot machine design from Fey? There are two theories. First, that Fey cooperated with Mills to spread the use of slot machines. After all, Fey is known as the Father of Slots both for his invention of the slot-operated device as well as popularizing its use. The second theory is that Mills somehow obtained a Liberty Bell as a result of a San Francisco saloon robbery in 1905. I kid you not. Less than a year later, Mills produced a new version of the Liberty Bell called either the Mills Liberty Bell or Operator Bell.

During my review of the history of early slot machines, there are also suggestions the bar symbol may have had another origin story. It is generally accepted the bar symbol is a stylized image of a chewing gum pack as well as a company logo. However, according to some historical sources, the company having that logo may have been the Bell-Gum Fruit Company. As mentioned, slot machines have a very rich history, especially in the early days. Besides, why do slot machines say bar, there are a few other interesting historical items of interest.

In 1916, another historic slot machine innovation created by the Mills Novelty Company was the jackpot. When a specific combination of reel symbols resulted from a bet, the slot machine would empty its coin hopper of all coins as a prize. The Mills Novelty Company would later go on to produce slot machines with wooden cabinets rather than the original cast iron construction materials. Charles Fey manufactured about 100 of Liberty Bell slot machines in and around San Francisco. However, there are a few of them remaining in existence. The scarcity of Fey's Liberty Bell slot machines is a direct result of a natural disaster occurring shortly after their manufacture: the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

Online, I found a few pictures of these early slot machines at Cyprus Casino Consultant, Casino Observer, and the International Arcade Museum. Since this is an audio podcast, I will try to describe them to you. The Cyprus Casino Consultant website shows four slot machines on a waist high countertop. They appear to have wood cabinets, and are each about 30 inches high by 18 inches wide. In metric, that's about 76 centimeters by 46 centimeters. Each slot machine is of the one-armed bandit variety, meaning they appear to be activated by first inserting a coin and then pulling a large lever on the right side of the machine. Each of these models appear to accept coins at the top, as well as dispense coins for winners at the bottom.

The Casino Observer website also shows four slot machines. Two of these machines are some of the first slot machines from about 1890 while two others are more modern, say 1940s. The two older slot machines receive coins, but only the poker machine appears to not be able to dispense coins. This poker machine has the typical card suits as reel symbols and a cast metal-type cabinet. It appears to be missing its one-armed bandit lever, perhaps due to damage, or it never had a lever. The other older slot machine does have coin dispenser capability and is clearly identified as a Liberty Bell. It rests on cast feet located on each of the corners of the cabinet and the reel symbols show three Liberty Bells, but its pay table shows card suits, not fruits or bars.

The International Arcade Museum website shows a single slot machine. It's a very old slot machine showing the symbol of the Liberty Bell on its front next to the three reels showing Liberty Bell, bar, and fruit reel symbols. This is probably a Liberty Bell by Charles Fey, but must be a slightly later version due to it having obvious fruit and bar reel symbols. It also has a cast metal-type cabinet, and the distinctive feet of a Liberty Bell. In addition, it has a small tray for coins, suggesting it has automatic payouts.

In summary, starting in 1907, Bell Fruit Gum slot machines were manufactured by Industry Novelty Company followed by Mills Novelty Company a few years later. The reels on these slot machines included cherry, melon, orange, apple, and bar symbols with non-cash payouts in the form of fruit-flavored gum, allowing machine owners to avoid prosecution under the anti-gambling laws of that time. The cherry and bar symbols became traditional to slot machines, and are still commonly used today. The bar symbol was a company logo, originally a photo of a chewing gum pack before being stylized as a bar.

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Let's get started with the second segment of the show, District of Columbia slot machine casino gambling. The District of Columbia has no casinos and, specifically, no slot machines. However, within a few hours drive are casinos located in the bordering states of Maryland and Virginia. The United States has a single US Federal District, formally named the District of Columbia. This district is commonly referred to as Washington, DC, and is the capital of the United States. It has a total area of 68 square miles, of which 61 square miles is land rather than water. Because Washington, DC has a state lottery, its local government does include a gaming commission, the Office of Lottery and Charitable Games.

DC Lottery players must be 18 years of age or older, but a person under 18 may receive a lottery ticket as a gift and be paid a lottery prize. In the District of Columbia, it is legal to own slot machines manufactured prior to 1952, if intended for exhibition or private use by the owner, and not used for gambling purposes. Washington, DC's Office of Lottery and Charitable Games identifies their Mission as: "To provide revenue-generating entertainment through the sales of innovative lottery products and promotions that directly benefits the residents and the economic vitality of the District of Columbia." The District of Columbia legalized its lottery in 1982. As stated on their website, the DC Lottery pays out more than 50% of annual sales in prize money, totaling \$3 billion since 1982. The unofficial logo of the DC lottery is "Lots of People Win."

Regarding DC gambling establishments, well, there are no casinos within the District of Columbia. The nearest casinos as mentioned are located in the bordering states of Maryland and Virginia.

So, in summary, District of Columbia slot machine casino gambling is unavailable. No casinos or slot machines for the purpose of gambling exist within the District of Columbia, commonly referred to as Washington DC. Remember to visit ProfessorSlots.com/free. Again, that's ProfessorSlots.com/free to get my free report revealing the top seven online resources for improving your gambling performance, including the one I've used as a top-tier slot machine casino gambler. Show notes for this episode are now available within most podcast apps or, alternatively, on my website at ProfessorSlots.com/11.

Let's get started with the third and final segment of the show, casino trip number eight. To build credibility and grow my audience, I plan to demonstrate how my winning techniques work, but be aware that some of the techniques I'll be using on these trips use approaches I've refined over years. I still have a lot of slot machine casino gambling topics to cover in upcoming episodes and some of them include advantage plays that work well in limited circumstances. That is to say, in other words, after months of prior effort, I've figured out a few winning patterns at casinos I played at the most, at casinos I know the best. Despite planning to use advantage plays I haven't yet discussed with you, I hope that it will provide some value about the practical aspects of a casino visit, including some of the difficulties.

Another great value is it'll also be a great way to keep up with the new situations and changes being made at casinos. What follows is a casino trip report I recorded a few minutes after leaving a casino in which I'd played slot machines. On this trip, I was using a \$500 bankroll. Here it is.

Hello everybody. This is Jon Friedl, Professor Slots. I'm here at a casino in Ohio where I live, a local casino that I know well, and I thought I would come in today and bring a \$500 bankroll, play some slot machines. There's a particular way to win that I've discovered here at this particular casino. It's a new casino. It's a racino. It has a race track, not to dumb there for that, but also slot machines. So I came in and was gambling for about 15 minutes. I brought in \$500. We call that a bankroll, and then proceeded to play as I know how to play at this casino where I've won a car a couple of years ago and quite a few taxable jackpots.

For this particular casino, I need to have a later podcast episode about this. What you do is you play a slot machine for only, at max, at most five bets and you really do want to watch out for slot machine that show a win. There's a very good chance that if it's showing a win, that no one's played it for some time and that's what you're looking for: slot machines that haven't been played for some time because these casino sets up its slot machines to win if it hasn't been played for a while, and then it doesn't.

The first five chances, first five bets. After that is when you're going to win if you're going to win, and then you could play it for hours. I played them for hours and nothing will happen. So just the first five bets at this particular casino. For those of you who play slots, and I assume most of you do because you wouldn't be listening or watching otherwise, that's a pattern to watch for. It doesn't happen to every casino, but when it does, it's a great thing to just believe it's happening and then just play this way.

So, right, I came in and I played for 15 minutes, 13 minutes, something like that, and played about six different machines that I liked. First two machines were \$25 two credit machines and I played about four, five times on each one, and so I spent \$150; \$150 per machine so I ended up after playing those two machines ... I didn't win anything, and was down to \$200. Then I proceeded to play on \$5 machines for two credits mostly, another four machines or so, and then spent a \$200, and also won \$290. So I went into the casino with \$500 and I am leaving the casino with \$290. So that's a bit of a loss this time for me, but things do go up and down. It has been a while for me.

I think the main thing was I think these slot machines have been played recently. Yesterday was a holiday in United States. Pretty sure the casino was busy, so I should probably have waited for a few more hours to get the slot machines a chance not to be played and then maybe I would have won more. There's a particular time I like, which is around noon on Sundays because usually Friday nights are busy and Saturday nights are busy, but Sunday mornings are very quiet at a casino and 6, 12 hours of not being played is about what I need in order to win more than I lose. So I may try this again for the next episode, a slightly better time. But I'm always trying to win, to figure out new ways to win, so I take these experiences a learning experience. I only won \$290, spent \$500, so my loss was, of course, \$210.

Okay, I also want to give a shot out to Rob and Justin who I was talking to on the escalator on the way out. They are a couple of gentlemen playing slots and I told them a bit of my story, gave them my card and, hey Rob, hey Justin. It was nice meeting you. Good luck at slots. Okay, so that's about all I wanted to say at this time about this visit. Looking forward to the next one and back to the podcast. See you later. Bye.

Okay, so that was my brief trip report recorded shortly after leaving the casino. So far this year, I've made eight trips to casinos. I'm currently making a 13% annual profit. I've decided to provide the specific bankroll and amount of profit I've earned in US dollars. The total for all three bankrolls so far this year has been \$5,270. My gambling profit, not yet including the fair market value of a few small complimentary gifts, is \$667. That is to say I've spent \$5,270 and won back \$5,270 plus \$667 on top of that, so I've won back all my bank rolls with an additional profit of \$667, which is the 13% annual profit that I'm currently making.

I want to also mention that I have plans to provide a simple graph on my website, ProfessorSlots.com, showing bankroll, profit and return on investment data from my gambling records for each year. I'll keep you posted in upcoming episode on my progress in providing this

information. I also have a review to share from the US version of Apple podcast from November 4, 2017 by Sloppygolf. Its title is Interesting Ways to Improve Your Odds. "I go to the casino once a month with a \$300 bankroll. After listening to the first five episodes, I went to three casinos this weekend. By selecting my max bet amount from my bankroll, and machines that rated higher goodness ratios, and being selective with my bet amounts until I felt I had a good machine, I was amazed. At three casinos, I cleared \$120, \$3,150, and \$1,850. It is easy to say coincidence or just lucky, but all three in a two-day period? Give these shows a listen with an open mind and maybe you will win a \$3,150 signer on a \$5 max bet Top Dollar machine too, and then it has a winking smiley face."

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That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening. Show notes for this episode can be found within most podcast apps or, alternatively, at ProfessorSlots.com/E11.

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