

PS 140: Ameristar St. Charles Live | Nebraska Slots in 2021

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #140 of the Professor Slots podcast reviews Ameristar St. Charles, a riverboat in eastern Missouri. Plus, in this episode, I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Nebraska.

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. It is where I provide knowledge, insights, and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance.

On Last Week's Episode...

In case you missed it, on my last episode I went over the state-provided return statistics for thirteen states from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Montana slot machine casino gambling in 2021.

I hope you enjoyed listening to my last episode as much as I enjoyed making it for you.

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YouTube Q&A Session from May 29, 2021

Here's the audio recording of my latest live stream Q&A session.

OPENING

Hello, slots enthusiasts! Today we're going to be diving into riverboat casinos using, as an example, my recent trip to Ameristar St. Charles in Missouri.

And we have a few donations already...!

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Earlier this month, I successfully launched my first online course, 30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win. You can take it at a leisurely pace of one lesson per day or a lot faster. Yes, it can be completed in a day, if a rather long day. But I recommend taking more time than that as you may want to take more time than that to consider its assignments, tasks and concepts.

Thanks to those who have already signed up to my 30 Days course, a beta version discounted by over 50% from its future, regular price for the upcoming non-beta version arriving soon.

Along with the course are valuable bonuses, especially getting lifetime access to the course. Purchasing the beta version now gets you full access to the non-beta, updated versions later at for a \$100 savings.

The link for signing up for the course is in the description of this video or, if you're listening to the podcast, in this episode's show notes. Let me show you the course sign-up page, now showing the full course curriculum now that the course has been launched...

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INTRO

I recently visited the Ameristar St. Charles Riverboat casino on the eastern border of Missouri near St. Louis. Here I review this casino along with my general understanding riverboat casinos.

RIVERBOAT CASINOS

Missouri is one of six U.S. states to legalize riverboat casinos. Iowa led the way in 1989, followed by Illinois and Louisiana in 1991, then Mississippi, Indiana, and Missouri in 1993.

Missouri's riverboat gaming regulations for these casinos have evolved over time including:

- Eliminating cruising
- Removing closing boarding for two-hour-long gaming sessions
- Removal of the original \$500 loss limit on each gaming session

A riverboat casino is usually barge floating over a few inches of muddy water, although a few have the look of a paddlewheel boat.

Ameristar St. Charles in Missouri does not give the appearance of being a boat. Most visitors consider it next to the Missouri River rather than on the river. Patrons walk into

the casino with no indication of having boarded a boat. When visiting, there is no movement or rocking.

However, there is a sense of being on a boat based on the shape and size of the casino. The gaming floor is long and narrow, so it's shaped like a boat.

Furthermore, local slots enthusiasts visiting for years notice that the casino never seems to expand in size like most land-based casinos. Put another way, the boat never seems to get bigger.

Some expansion is possible, such as Ameristar St. Charles adding a second floor with slot machines, half of which is sometimes converted to table games for large poker tournaments.

Many riverboat casino properties are also partially on land. The gaming floor must be a boat over water, but it's 20-something floor hotel is on shore along with parking structures.

Also, dining options can be just off the casino floor, nearby enough to be convenient while not taking up valuable revenue generating floor space of the casino itself.

CENTRAL COMPUTER SERVERS?

Ameristar St. Charles does not have a central computer server to remotely control slot machines. Why? Because it's a boat, and boats have limited space.

Central servers must be hardwired to each slot machine, which can be hundreds or thousands of cables. Land-based casinos have sufficient space under floors and within walls and ceilings to house such large bundles of cables.

Riverboat casinos don't have room for these bundles. Remember, the floor isn't exactly a floor. Under the floor isn't more floor, but rather a hull with river water on the other side.

Yes, slot machines have players' card and other interfaces communicate information back and forth as needed, but the information transfer load is minimal and doesn't require the dedicated and secure hardline connection needed for fast and constant updating of gaming devices.

Riverboat casinos would dearly love to have a central computer server to reduce their slot mechanic workforce, specifically all that payroll and compensation, and gain the ability to closely monitor their daily performance metrics.

As a result, there are consequences for slots enthusiasts trying to use my winning slots strategies at these riverboat casinos without a central computer server.

In a moment, I'll go over which of my strategies do and don't work at riverboat casinos as well as what happened when using them at Ameristar St. Charles when I was there last weekend.

INTERLUDE

But now, let's check in with the Live Chat to briefly say hello...

That was excellent!

Now let's get back to Ameristar St. Charles, a riverboat casino in eastern Missouri I visited last weekend.

BODY

STRATEGIES THAT DON'T WORK

My winning slots strategies 4 and 5, the morning after special events or holidays, depend upon having a central computer server connected to every slot machine in the casino.

Without one, neither of these "morning after" strategies can work. This lack of availability was confirmed time and again over the last year by fans trying both strategies at their local riverboat casinos.

Strategies 7 and 8, returning a week later and only playing during abruptly busy times also depend upon the casino employing a central computer server to immediately access and remotely control the odds of winning on its slot machines.

Fans have also confirmed this at riverboat casinos. However, as a caveat, it's worth noting that a prominently located slot machine manually set up to have better odds of winning a few times a year would still be a winning seven days later.

Meaning, it would also be a winning machine on every day, all day, in-between for the whole last week. This assumes it's limited casino marketing budget would last that long, of course.

STRATEGIES THAT DO WORK

My winning slots strategies 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 do not require casinos to have a central computer server. So, these five winning strategies may work if the casino uses the associated business practices these strategies depend upon.

Strategy 1 is my 5-spin method, which takes advantage of a purchased feature some casinos have on all their slot machines. If the casino purchased it from slot

manufacturers, then they have it. If not, they don't have it and the 5-spin method doesn't work there.

Strategy 2 is for progressive slot machines which are networked together even on riverboat casinos without a central server. If they are not standalone progressive machines as indicated by small progressive jackpots, their network is with slots machines near them. Being physically nearby makes it physically easy to set up their network.

Strategy 3 on earning complimentary rewards works at any casino with a players' club, which includes with Boyd Gaming's players' club program at Ameristar St. Charles.

Strategy 6 is my 5-spin method combined with several micro strategies and a good practice or two. Because the 5-spin method doesn't require a central server, as previously mentioned, then strategy 6 works at riverboat casinos. However, the effectiveness of each of strategy 6's add-ons beyond strategy 1 requires further study as time and opportunity permits.

Strategy 9 is one of my latest winning strategies, which I call Location, Location, Location. It doesn't require a central server to work at casinos that have set themselves up to be taken advantage of by it. And most, if not all, casinos have done so. Ameristar St. Charles certainly has it.

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While I was at Ameristar St. Charles recently being shown around by a local fan that knows that riverboat casino well, I learned quite a few things which you will find useful if you visit this casino yourself some time.

These good and not-so-good things are:

- In a word, their high-limit slots area was “underwhelming”. Here's why:
 - No one was using it at a time when the rest of the casino was busy.
 - There were no new machines, no tall machines, and no large video slot machines.
- While there, we identified six areas with slot machines that were in favorable locations.
 - As it happens, my fan confirmed that several of them were known winners.
 - No favorable areas were found on the second floor.
 - As you walk into the main entrance to the casino floor, immediately on your right are three slot machines pointed in the direction of visitors walking down the hall to the entrance. The center of these three slot machines offered us wins including two bonus rounds within 20 bets, which was far better than the slot machines on either side of it.

- The 5-spin method works at Ameristar St. Charles. However,
 - Results were sub-optimal as we fell well short of breaking even.
 - Our return when choosing end-of-row slot machines to improve returns was better than most other performances at this casino.

My best recommendation for the Ameristar St. Charles riverboat casino is to play highly visible slot machines. This approach will net you the best returns you're likely to find here. However, the "best" machines are already well-known and taken by locals during peak gaming times.

Alternatively, you can also use my 5-spin method (). It does work, even though returns are less than breaking even. Still, as for us during my visit, it will extend your playing time somewhat.

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My online course is not designed to be difficult, but some concepts may require time to consider before moving on to the next lesson. Until now, we've all been self-taught at playing slots. We've done the best we could without any help getting started at slots, and this online course is my attempt to fix that unfortunate, long-occurring circumstance.

This online course is a beta test version discounted over 50% off and get lifetime access to the updated and improved non-beta version soon to be released. Once updated, I'll be raising the price to its regular price, so get it now to take advantage of it being \$100 off now. The link for registering is in this video's description and, for those here live, I'll insert it now into the live chat: <https://courses.professorslots.com/courses/30-days/>. Be careful clicking on the link now as you'll leave the live stream.

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Here's what the course sign-up page looks like, now with an extended course curriculum. So, sign-up now. I wouldn't want you to miss that 50% discount!

CLOSING

Let's switch over to the Live Chat again and see what questions they might have...

Thanks for a great show. If you're watch this video later, you'll see a playlist/video I've created on

If you're listening on the podcast, stick around as we'll be moving into the next segments of the show! And, as always, have fun, be safe, and make good choices!

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Introduction

This is the next segment of the show on slot machine casino gambling. Here, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up next is Nebraska slot machine casino gambling in 2021. Here goes!

Nebraska slot machine casino gambling consists of five American Indian tribal casinos and four horse racetracks recently approved by voters to offer gaming machines.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Nebraska

The minimum legal gambling age in Nebraska depends upon the gambling activity:

- Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 19
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 19

In November 2020, voters approved Nebraska Initiatives 429, 430, and 431 which authorized gambling operations within Nebraska's licensed racetracks and established the Nebraska Gaming Commission.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Nebraska

Next up is a usually short statement about slot machine private ownership, which I have included in case you live in this U.S. state and are considering owning a slot machine. Here it is: It is illegal to own a slot machine privately in the state of Nebraska.

Gaming Control Board in Nebraska

Due to being new, the Nebraska Gaming Commission does not yet have a website.

Casinos in Nebraska

In this section, I'll discuss Nebraska gambling establishments.

In November 2020, Nebraska voters overwhelmingly approved measures to allow casino gambling at state-licensed horse racing tracks. As those casinos are constructed, Nebraska has five tribal casinos.

The largest casino in Nebraska is, for now, Ohiya Casino & Resort. The second-largest casino is, also for now, Rosebud Casino.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Nebraska

Nebraska's four horse racing facilities recently approved by Nebraska voters to become casinos are:

1. Fonner Park in Grand Island, 147 miles west of Omaha.
2. Horsemen's Park in Omaha.
3. Lincoln Race Course, 67 miles southwest of Omaha.
4. Platte County AgPark in Columbus, 91 miles west of Omaha.

American Indian Casinos in Nebraska

Nebraska's five tribal casinos are too many to call out here but, as usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list, along with a casino map of both commercial racetracks and tribal casinos, are on my webpage for this state at professorslots.com/NE.

Other Gambling Establishments

As an alternative to enjoying Nebraska slot machine casino gambling, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state. Bordering Nebraska is:

- North: South Dakota

- East: Iowa and Missouri
- South: Colorado and Kansas
- West: Colorado and Wyoming

To visit any of my articles on these U.S. states, simply visit ProfessorSlots.com followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my South Dakota slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/SD.

Our Nebraska Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Nebraska? If so, join our Nebraska slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBNE](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBNE). All you'll need is a Facebook profile to join this private Facebook Group freely.

There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling in or near Nebraska. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBNE](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBNE). Join us!

Payout Returns in Nebraska

Due to the very recent establishment of the Nebraska Gaming Commission, gaming regulations for Nebraska's licensed racetracks are not yet publicly available.

Summary of Nebraska Slots in 2021

In summary, Nebraska slot machine casino gambling consists of five American Indian tribal casinos and four horse racetracks recently approved by voters to offer gaming machines.

Annual Progress in Nebraska Slot Machine Casino Gambling

In the last year, Nebraska voters approved casinos at licensed horse racetracks and established the Nebraska Gaming Commission.

Subsequently, Fonner Park is building Grand Island Casino Resort. A temporary gaming facility is expected at the Fonner Park concourse, followed by the construction of a 116-room hotel and 650 gaming machine casino within 18 months by Elite Casino Resorts, which operates three casino resorts in Iowa.

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Remember to sign up at ProfessorSlots.com/30days to register for my online course for slots enthusiasts, 30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win, including how to leave a casino with your winnings.

Slots Power Tip

Here's this episode's slots power tip: Always remember the Golden Rule of slots play: Don't spend money at a casino playing slots which you cannot afford to comfortably lose.

On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast will include a live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Remember, my weekly Q&A session on YouTube is on Saturdays from Noon until 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Bring whatever slots questions you have, and I'll do my best to answer them.

An easy-to-remember link to my YouTube channel is YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots. Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long live Q&A session.

Part II of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is another brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. state of Nevada.

Closing (closing music)

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening!

Show notes for this episode are on my website at <https://professorslots.com/episode140>.

I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have more amazing content for the show.

Until the next episode: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye!