



## Newsletter Aug 18, 2000

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DEAR INTELLIFAN:

The latest from the world of Intellivision: wrap-up of the birthday party in Las Vegas, trivia about the *Major League Baseball* cartridge, news on the next Intellivision collection, new cartridges and Intelliwear, advice to would-be game programmers and a t-shirt offer just for our subscribers.

### CLASSIC GAMING EXPO WRAP-UP

We want to thank everyone who stopped by the Intellivision booth at the **Classic Gaming Expo**, July 29 & 30 in Las Vegas. We particularly thank all of you who sang "Happy Birthday" while the Blue Sky Rangers blew out the candles on the Intellivision 20th Anniversary cake and who participated in the first-ever video game karaoke contest! We had a great time and hope you enjoyed the cake!

Photos from the Expo:

<http://www.intellivisionlives.com/vegas00.shtml>

### A NEW "FUN FACT"

A number of Blue Sky Rangers were on hand at the Intellivision booth to meet Expo visitors. Any time the original programmers get together, more stories about the olden days come to light. Here's an interesting fact that we haven't yet added to the web site: Back while the Intellivision was still being designed, programmer **Hal Finney** was seeing if he could make the sound chip talk. He programmed it to say "A-E-I-O-U." The vowels slurred together in a grumble. He called over **David Rolfe**, who at the time was programming *Major League Baseball*, and asked him if he could tell what it was "saying." Listening a couple of times, Dave, who had baseball on his mind, said "It kind of sounds like it's saying 'You're out.'" Hal had to agree that it sort of did. He tweaked the file a bit and "A-E-I-O-U" became the umpire's cry "Yer out!" in *Major League Baseball*.

Links to more Intellivision game trivia (including the new ECS page):

<http://www.makingit.com/bluesky/games/index.html>

### INTELLIVISION ROCKS!

Expo visitors had a chance to play *Beamrider*, *B-17 Bomber*, *The Dreadnaught Factor* and other hits on **INTELLIVISION ROCKS!**, the follow-up to **INTELLIVISION LIVES!** This new collection features 25 classic games plus some unreleased titles and never-before-seen videos. And thanks to the feedback last year and this year at the Expo, **INTELLIVISION ROCKS!** will be easier to navigate, with instant launching of games from pull-down menus, from anywhere in the program. **INTELLIVISION ROCKS!** is scheduled for release OCTOBER 31, 2000 on our web site - those of you on the mailing list will have the first chance to order!

More about **INTELLIVISION ROCKS!**:

<http://www.makingit.com/bluesky/store/rocks.shtml>

## **NEW CARTRIDGES**

For collectors, the most exciting thing at the Intellivision booth was our release of new game cartridges. These cartridges - *Sea Battle* and *Swordfight* for **Atari 2600** and *Steamroller* for **ColecoVision** - were games completed in the early '80s but never released. Unfortunately, since the cartridges are assembled by hand, we had a limited supply available. As soon as the doors opened Saturday, a line formed. *Swordfight* sold out in twenty minutes and *Sea Battle* was gone a little after noon.

We're making more, and as soon as we fill the back orders from the Expo we'll make them available for sale on the web site. (As a subscriber to our mailing list, you'll receive notice when they're ready.) We do have *Steamroller* cartridges in stock. If you still have a **ColecoVision** console, it's a fantastic game that you really should own!

More about **STEAMROLLER**:

<http://www.makingit.com/bluesky/store/steam.shtml>

## **COLECOVISION HITS ON YOUR PC**

If you DON'T still have a **ColecoVision** console, you can still play 30 classic **ColecoVision** games on your PC with **CLASSIC GAMER COLECOVISION HITS VOLUME 1**, available now on our web site. We only have a limited number, so get yours today!

**COLECOVISION HITS** game list and ordering information:

<http://www.makingit.com/bluesky/store/index.shtml>

## **NEW TEE AND JERSEY**

At the Expo we introduced new Intelliwear: a ***Sea Battle* t-shirt** and a **20th Anniversary baseball jersey**. The *Sea Battle* shirt is the third in our collectors series featuring artwork from classic Intellivision game boxes. The first two, *Astrosplash* and *B-17 Bomber*, have sold out! The baseball jersey is white with blue 3/4 sleeves. On the front is our Running Man logo over the words: "Still blocky after all these years. Intellivision 1980 - 2000." Both shirts are limited editions. Don't miss out!

Photos and ordering information:

<http://www.makingit.com/bluesky/store/index.shtml>

## **ADVICE TO FUTURE GAME PROGRAMMERS**

We frequently get e-mails from students who want to know how to become video game programmers and designers. What should they study? How do they break in? So we asked Blue Sky Ranger **David Warhol**, who now heads **Realtime Associates**, a leading independent video game producer, for the inside story. His response was concise and comprehensive. If you're interested in getting into the business, you should check it out!

Dave's insights and advice:

<http://www.intellivisionlives.com/advice.shtml>

## **SPECIAL OFFER**

We mentioned above that the *Astrosmash* and *B-17 Bomber* collectors t-shirts are sold out. Actually, we still have a very limited number left. We've taken them off of the web site, but those of you on our mailing list can still order them by phone. We have a few *B-17 Bomber* tees in large, x-large and 2X-large sizes. We have a very few *Astrosmash* in 2X-large only. All are \$14.95 each plus shipping and applicable taxes. Call now! Once they're gone, they're gone!

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