



NEWS

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Hello Game Club Members! Halloween is coming up -- how about trick or treating as your favorite Intellivision character? The Running Man, the *Lock 'N' Chase* thief, the *BurgerTime* chef, or a *Night Stalker* robot! Why not play some games on your favorite console for more ideas? Send us pictures!

Intellivision Flashback back in our web store!



Intellivision Flashback back in Toys "R" Us



The **Intellivision Flashback** has been sold out at most of the stores that had been carrying it, but we are delighted to announce that the **Intellivision Flashback** is back on the shelves at **Toys "R" Us** for the upcoming holiday season. And if there isn't a **Toys "R" Us**

near you, **Bed, Bath and Beyond** has the **Intellivision Flashback** in its [online store](#). Who wouldn't want to find one of these under the tree Christmas morning? Don't wait until they sell out again!

As stated in the column at left, the **Intellivision Flashback** is back in most **Toys "R" Us** stores. But if there isn't a **Toys "R" Us** near you, we're happy to announce that they are back in our web [online store](#). Hurry! We're not sure how many we will be able to get for this year's holiday season, so get 'em while we got 'em.

Intellivision at Twin Galaxies Entertainment Festival



Intellivision had a significant presence at the **Twin Galaxies Entertainment Festival**, held October 2 - 4 at the **Museum of Pinball** in Banning, California. On the opening day, Friday, 15 attendees competed in the **Intellivision**

Decathlon for \$2,000 in cash prizes. Competitors played for three minutes on each of ten classic **Intellivision** games: *Astrosplash*, *Buzz Bombers*, *Night Stalker*, *Brickout*, *Pinball*, *Shark! Shark!*, *Space Armada*, *Thin Ice*, *Thunder Castle* and *Vectron*. **Hector Rodriguez** won the top prize of \$1,250 with a cumulative score of 156,264. The decathlon, which lasted a little over two hours, was web cast live on the **Twin Galaxies** site, with **Intellivision Productions, inc.** President **Keith Robinson** providing commentary alongside **Twin Galaxies** head **Jace Hall**. Saturday afternoon saw a panel with five of the **Blue Sky Rangers** sharing stories of their days at **Mattel Electronics** programming **Intellivision** games in the early 1980s. Present were **Stephen Roney** (*B-17 Bomber*), **Bill Fisher** (*Space Hawk*), **Mike Winans** (*Lock 'N' Chase*), **Keith Robinson** (*TRON Solar Sailer*) and **David Warhol** (*Mind Strike*). Later

TRIVIA CONTEST!



The **Mattel Electronics** building seen in the photos above and in the column at left was torn down long ago and replaced with a big-box store. What chain store is there today?

Email your answer to

Saturday was the **2015 Astromash Shootoff**. A dozen competitors played for five minutes each vying for top score. The winner was video game music legend **Tommy Tallarico** with a score of 13,220. Tommy won an **Intellivision Flashback**. The **Intellivision** team had a great time at the **Festival**. Thanks to everyone who competed in one of the contests, came to hear us talk, or just stopped by our booth to say Hello!

A word from *Astromash* Shootoff winner Tommy Tallarico



"In the last couple of years, I've played my **Intellivision** more than my **PS4**, **Xbox One**, and **Nintendo Wii-U** combined! The games are simpler and **more fun!**"
-- **Tommy Tallarico**, famed video game composer and creator of the **Video Games Live** worldwide concert series.

From the files of The Blue Sky Rangers

The Saturday before Halloween, 1983, dozens of the **Blue Sky Rangers** packed into one of the programmers' apartments for a loud, all-night costume party. Everyone had a crazy, fun time. So much so, they didn't want it to end, so the following Monday, Halloween, a number of the **Blue Sky Rangers** showed up to work in their Saturday night costumes. Not a lot of work got done. Here are five of them posing in front of the **Mattel Electronics** headquarters in Hawthorne, California. Left to right, **Manager Keith Robinson**, **Executive Secretary Vickie Dahlgren**, **Programmer Tom Priestley**, **Administrative Assistant Jackie Andrews**, and **Graphic Artist Peggi Decarli**.



trivia@intellivisionlives.com. Winner will be selected at random from all correct answers received before noon PDT October 19, 2015. An additional winner will be awarded to the first correct answer received. Both winners will receive a 11" by 11" print of the **Thin Ice** cover art, autographed by the artist, **Blue Sky Ranger Keith Robinson!** Good luck!

THE SEPTEMBER TRIVIA CONTEST

Last month's question: "In September 1982, Mattel Electronics held the first ever national video game competition: the **\$100,000 Astromash Shootoff!** Contestants across the country photographed their high scores off their TV screens and mailed them to Mattel. 72 finalists were flown to a Houston, Texas, hotel for the **Shootoff**. Why was Houston chosen for the competition location?" The answer: The Mattel Electronics Marketing Dept. thought it clever to hold the **Astromash** Shootoff in the Astroworld Hotel ballroom. Astroworld was an amusement park that was part of the Astrodome in Houston, which included the Astrodome sports arena and the Astroworld amusement park. Whole lotta Astros going on.

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