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## COME TO THE RETROTOPIA CLASSIC GAMING PARTY SEPTEMBER 30



It's party time! In May, Intellivision sponsored a bitchin' party during **E3**. We called it **RETROTOPIA** and held it at the **Arena Interactive Lounge** on Santa Monica Blvd. in Los Angeles. Arena is the primo video game venue around. 50" Hi-Def TVs hooked up to PlayStation 2s and Xbox 360s. Custom vibration-feedback sofas. For the party, we added classic arcade machines and live music. It was great!

It was so popular that we decided to make it a regular event, open to all classic-gaming fans. Our next **Retrotopia** will be September 30 at 8 PM.

There will be classic console games - **Intellivision**, **Atari 2600**, **Nintendo** - for unlimited play on the big screens. Classic arcade machines set on free play. Plus contests and door prizes.



The special musical guests will be **The Megs** - a Mega Man tribute band. You can check them out at [myspace.com/themegas](http://myspace.com/themegas).

Some of the **Blue Sky Rangers** will be showing up. Here's your chance to challenge them on your favorite Intellivision game. And you can try out the as-yet unreleased **Intellivision Lives!** for the **Nintendo DS!**

Admission is \$15, but go to [retrotopia.com](http://retrotopia.com) for a \$5 discount!

We hope to see you there! Not in the LA area? You can listen to the event **live** on [allgames.com](http://allgames.com) or get the podcast on their site a few days later.

[Visit the RETROTOPIA MySpace page >](#)

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## NEW INTELLIVISION DIRECT-TO-TV WINS EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD



### INTELLIVISION 2ND EDITION

Our new direct-to-tv unit **Intellivision 2nd Edition** has won the **Editor's Choice Award** from **Computer Times**. This battery-operated unit has 10 built-in games: **Astrosmash 2** and **Space Armada 2** - classic favorites with new power-ups and enemies! **Crown of Kings**, released on Intellivision as **Advanced Dungeons & Dragons**. For the first time on any of our

collections - **Deadly Discs!** Plus **Beach Volleyball**, **Frog Bog**, **Tennis**, **Space Gunner** & **Maze Shoot** (from **Sharp Shot**) and a new game, **Long Drive Golf**.

"We're very happy with the **2nd Edition**," says Intellivision President **Keith Robinson**. "Some Intellivision purists didn't like our original plug-and-plays because the games are reprogrammed, not emulated. But we took advantage of that on this unit to upgrade **Astromash** and **Space Armada**. **Astromash 2** in particular looks and plays more like the 'real' **Astromash** than before, but with new features that are a lot of fun. John Sohl, who created **Astromash**, played this new version at **E3** and loved it. And by reprogramming **Deadly Discs**, we were able to change some of the licensed graphics that has kept us from re-releasing the game in the past. If you can accept that some of the sounds and controls aren't identical to the console versions, I think you'll really like this unit!"



#### INTELLIVISION X2 DIRECT-TO-TV

One store chain sold so many Intellivision direct-to-TV units during Christmas 2004 that they asked us for an exclusive product for Christmas 2005. The result was **Intellivision X2** - a direct-to-TV video game system with **two** controllers. Last year you could only get them at their stores (we can't mention their name, but Intellivision is apparently the "beyond" in what they sell), but now we have them available on our web site.



You can play sports games **Baseball**, **Soccer**, **Football**, **Beach Volleyball**, **Hockey** and **Tennis** head-to-head against a friend. And you each have your own controller while playing turn-taking arcade-style games, including (for the first time in two-player versions) **Astromash**, **Space Armada**, **Buzz Bombers** and **Night Stalker!** The battery-powered **Intellivision X2** comes with 15 built-in games.

[Get Intellivision 2nd Edition and Intellivision 2X >](#)

#### NEW BOOK FOR GAMERS AND ART LOVERS



A couple of years ago animation and game expert **Jon Gibson** challenged a hundred or so artists to interpret their vision of video games and the influence they have had on our culture.

The result was **I Am 8-Bit**, a 2005 gallery exhibit of paintings and sculptures that could be humorous, shocking and thought-provoking. **Intellivision** was proud to be a sponsor of the opening and closing night events at the exhibit.

Now comes the book **I Am 8-Bit**, featuring 156 full-color pages of the best images from the gallery exhibit. This is the ultimate coffee table book for gamers and art lovers alike!



Books ordered from our web site are AUTOGRAPHED BY AUTHOR JON GIBSON!

**BONUS!** With each book ordered receive a set of 6 Intellivision theme buttons: Arcade, Battle & Simulation, Gaming, Sword & Sorcery, Space and Sports! Only available here!

[Get I Am 8-Bit >](#)



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## INTELLIVISION RINGTONES NOW ON MYSPACE



If you haven't done so already, please come to the **Intellivision MySpace** page and add us to your friends! You can check out and comment on our blog, get news of upcoming events and take part in exclusive contests.

Right now, you can help us decide the burning question: "**Intellivision: Boy or Girl?**" An Intellivision coffee mug to the best answer.

And currently, our MySpace page is the **only** place to get **Intellivision ringtones and wallpaper** for your cellphone!

[Visit the intellivision MySpace page >](#)

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## NOW PLAY INTELLIVISION LIVES! ON XBOX 360

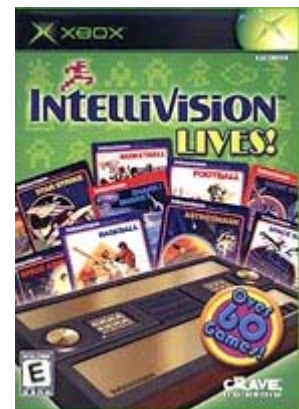
**Microsoft** recently announced backward compatibility of **Intellivision Lives!** for the original Xbox on the Xbox 360. Now you can play over 60 of the classic Intellivision titles on your Xbox 360! Includes programmer interviews, unreleased games and classic TV commercials.

Requires a hard disk drive (HDD) accessory on your Xbox 360 console and an update file available free from Microsoft.

**Intellivision Lives!** for Xbox, now for **Xbox 360**, too! Rated **E** for Everyone.

[Get Intellivision Lives! for Xbox/Xbox 360 >](#)

[Microsoft Xbox 360 backward compatibility info & files >](#)



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## INTELLIVISION SIGHTING: DEJA VU!



Intellivision fans may have a feeling of deja vu when they see the ad for John Hodgman's book *The Areas of My Expertise*. Yes, the ad is an homage to George Plimpton's 1981 ad comparing Atari *Baseball* to Intellivision *Major League Baseball*.

For more about the ad and larger images, see the blog "[Mr. PC Pays Homage to Mr. Intellivision](#)" on our MySpace page.



[Read the Intellivision MySpace blogs >](#)

## INTELLIVISION TRIVIA CONTEST

217 of you entered our previous trivia contest. The question:

What Intellivision video game appears in the recent movie *Grandma's Boy*?

174 of you had the correct answer: *Frog Bog* (played on *Intellivision Lives!* for Xbox).



From the 174 correct answers, the random number generator at <http://www.random.org/> selected **Arthur F. Sintef II**, as the winner of an **Intellivision coffee mug**.

Congratulations, Arthur! And thanks to all of you for playing!

Now try **this** question:

In order to help another programmer animate a character, one of the game designers brought an animal from home into the Intellivision office to use as a model. What was the game and the animal?

[Submit your answer >](#)

(If you have trouble following the above link, or if submitting your answer fails, type the URL <http://www.intellivisionlives.com/contest.shtml> into your browser and try again.)

We'll pick a random winner from all complete, correct entries received before NOON PDT, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29. The winner will receive an official **Intellivision Coffee Mug** - just like we use here in the office for serving up steamin' hot java!

**GOOD LUCK!**

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