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Wednesday, March 9, 2011

#5: The HotSpot (2007)



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2007 saw the end of what is, for all intents and purposes, 'volume one' of The HotSpot. Though the show continues today, much of its famous cast, including Rich Gallup, Jeff Gerstmann, Ryan Davis, and Alex Navarro, left throughout 2007. Despite the departures throughout, the show remained consistently canny and consistently funny, and is nothing short of top quality today.

Timestamps (Part One)

0:07:30 - Korn and *Haze*
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2011

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2011

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0:00:30 - Random clips
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Rich Gallup

Gallup joined the GameSpot staff in 2003, initially starring as an intern for the video show GameSpot Live. He was later hired on as a video producer, managing the website's video projects and video reviews. Gallup hosted *On the Spot*, what was then GameSpot's weekly video review show. In 2005 Gallup was put in charge of GameSpot's podcast project, The HotSpot. He left GameSpot in 2007.

Jeff Gerstmann

Gerstmann's career at GameSpot began in 1996 when he was hired as an intern. He stayed with the site during its expansion while simultaneously working his musical talents. Gerstmann made several appearances in the mainstream media, including an infamous showing on *Good Morning America*. He is beloved for his sharp and charming sense of humor. In 2008 he founded Whiskey Media's Giant Bomb, and currently appears on the Giant Bombcast podcast.

Vinny Caravella

Vinny Caravella began his career in journalism by specializing in video, initially working as a freelance producer in New York City. In 2006 he joined GameSpot as a video editor and producer. After Rich Gallup left the site Caravella took over the job of hosting The HotSpot. He departed GameSpot following the exit of Gerstmann.

Ryan Davis

Davis joined the GameSpot team in 2000, beginning immediately as a review editor. During his time at the site he co-hosted *On the Spot* with Rich Gallup. After Gallup's departure he became a staple on The HotSpot, but his spell lasted only a few months. He left the site a few weeks after Gerstmann's dismissal to begin Giant Bomb with his friend.

Alex Navarro

Alex Navarro joined GameSpot in the early 2000s. He became quickly recognized by fans for his humorous, personable reviews of games (most notably for his reviews of bad games) as well as for his public advice column, Burning Questions. Navarro left GameSpot in 2008 to join Harmonix, and now works for Whiskey Media on Screened.com.

Brad Shoemaker

Shoemaker began his tenure at GameSpot as an intern in 2000. He later began a feature editor, and then an associate editor. Shoemaker was a regular on GameSpot's weekly shoes, On the Spot and The HotSpot. His deep voice and dulcet tones never go unnoticed.

Brendan Sinclair

A news editor at GameSpot, Brendan Sinclair was a frequent voice on The HotSpot as the show broke form and had one permanent news chair. Hailing from Canada, his calm, reasoned demeanor propelled him into the hosting position once Vinny

2006; 2007; 2008

Giant Bombcast

2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; Ryan Davis Memorial; 2013; 2014

Good Grief

Full run

Hang Up and Listen

2013

The HotSpot

2005; 2006; 2007; Top 40

Idle Thumbs

Original run

Left, Right & Center

2011; 2012

Loveline

Q1 2000; Q2 2000; Q3 2000; Q4 2000; Q1 2001; Q2 2001; Q3 2001; Q4 2001; Q1 2002; Q2 2002

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Q1 2008; Q2 2008; Q3 2008; Q1 2011; Q2 2011; Q3 2011; Q4 2011

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2006; 2007; 2008; 2012; 2013; 2014

Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!

2011

The Why Factor

2012

That aint no caravella....looks like a creepo - Anonymous

Best podcast. - Anonymous

My favorite show on the site besides Daves of Thun... - Anonymous

I always liked when Shirley Phelps called in. He a... - Anonymous

That should read "full Gabfest archive,&quo... - This Year

Caravella departed GameSpot.

Witness
2013

Tor Thorsen

Thorsen switched in-and-out of the news chair on The HotSpot with Sinclair. He immediately made a name for himself with his active, chirpy style, and his workhorse-like ethic when on the microphone.

Sampler
2011; 2012; 2013



T.M.

Row A (left to right): Aaron Thomas, Brian Ekberg, Greg Kasavin, Greg Mueller

Row B: Jason Ocampo, Justin Calvert, Ricardo Torres

Row C: Ryan MacDonald, Tim Surette

Tags: 2007, Alex Navarro, Brad Shoemaker, Brendan Sinclair, GameSpot, Gaming, Jeff Gerstmann, Rich Gallup, Ryan Davis, The HotSpot, Tor Thorsen, Vinny Caravella

9 comments:

Anonymous March 10, 2011 at 2:28 AM

Holy crap, I am the freakiest lookin' dude on this entire page. Clearly that pic was taken during my Manson years.

-Brendan

Reply



Zanetsu March 10, 2011 at 4:35 AM

Not to complain or anything, as I love what you are doing with all these podcasts, but after a little while, the second part of this episode always slows down so bad that I can't even get it to finish.

Reply

Anonymous March 15, 2011 at 12:46 AM

Don't ever stop! I love these. I love Video games and Cars and I can't wait to see what you've done with the CarCast

Reply

Anonymous March 16, 2011 at 4:50 AM

Zanetsu - if you're using Firefox to download these, you can use the Pause/Restart feature to give it a kick in the butt.

Love these so much, keep it up!

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Anonymous March 16, 2011 at 2:23 PM

You forgot to say that Brad and Vinny are on Giant Bomb dot com....

<http://www.giantbomb.com/video-thing-its-a-website/17-20/>

Reply

Anonymous March 23, 2011 at 8:02 AM

nice work, sir.

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Anonymous April 14, 2011 at 10:30 AM

Zanetsu, also, if you have Free Download Manager, it downloads pt. 2 just fine.

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Anonymous September 14, 2011 at 6:04 PM

Didn't even know this was out, very good work... I miss Jeff's introductions, wish he would do it on the bombcast. Gonna check out the other compilations too. Great work!

Reply

Anonymous November 7, 2012 at 8:19 AM

Thanks for making these :-)

The censorship at the start of part one really breaks up the flow :-/ , was that just a Gamespot thing?

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