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## #45: Giant Bombcast (2012)



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The Giant Bombcast is a gaming podcast, but the games aren't really important. Jeff and Ryan lament the state of franchise pizza restaurants in Petaluma. Vinny develops an interest in ham radio and becomes a father. Brad needs a new bed. Patrick does jukebox trolling at a bar. Above all that, Jeff tunes into clandestine radio broadcasts. Make no mistake, there's talk about games—namely, the hate some of the cast has for NiGHTS into Dreams and Jak 2—but there's also talk about jumping into swimming pools full of food, Storage Wars, Antiques Roadshow, space catapults, parking, and men named Chris that drive white cars. This is the Giant Bombcast: an eclectic and unbeatable grab bag of talk that never fails to entertain. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the buzzer buzzes...

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2006; 2007; 2008;  
Top 40

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Mar 2006; Apr 2006;  
May 2006; Jun 2006;  
Jul 2006; Aug 2006;  
Sep 2006; Oct 2006;  
Nov 2006; Dec 2006

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**Blue Jam**  
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2011

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2011

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2012 Season; 2013 Season

**EGM Live\***  
2006

**GFW Radio**

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## Selected timestamps

### Part 1

*Pre-What'cha Been Playin'? begins at 0:05:00*

0:29:30 - The state of Petaluma's pizza chains

1:21:00 - The Olympics

1:46:20 - Vinny's ham radio aspirations

*What'cha Been Playin'? begins at 2:02:00*

2:17:20 - Planetside 2 and bed talk

3:08:20 - Ryan didn't play anything but he watched reality television

*News begins at 3:27:10*

3:29:40 - Space catapults

4:17:55 - EVE Online

### Part 2

*News continues*

0:03:50 - 38 Studios shut down

0:26:50 - Bigotry in the fighting game community

0:55:40 - Video game journalism controversy

*New releases begins at 1:33:50*

1:46:50 - Jeff dislikes Nights

*Emails begin at 1:51:10*

3:04:10 - GameSpot and Giant Bomb announcement

## Notes

The Giant Bombcast was a production of Giant Bomb and CBS Interactive. All clips in this episode are the property of those parties. The percentage of the original show in this episode is approximately 5% (7hr 56min/163h 21min). This episode has been mastered at 56kbp/s, below the original audio quality of the shows available to us. Compression is used to reduce file sizes. The difference in audio quality is negligible if not unrecognizable. Timestamp notes are available here. The cover image is by Dominos Pizza.

## Songs

Flim - Aphex Twin

Wah Wah - Polly SMPS (Giant Bomb user)

Bitch Get Hunked - The RAP Man

Everybody Wants Something - Headboard

Gong Station Chimes - The Conet Project

Just Like Heaven - The Cure

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## Ryan Davis

Davis joined GameSpot in 2000 as a reviewer. 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, GameSpot's pioneer gaming podcast, but his spell on the show lasted only a few months. He left the site a few weeks after senior editor Jeff

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

### Oddcast

2009

### On the Media

2001; 2011; 2012; 2013

### The Penn Jillette

Radio Show  
Q1 2006

### Planet Money

401 to 450; 451 to 500

### Political Gabfest

2011; 2012; 2013

### Retronauts

2007; 2008

### Security Now

2005-2006; 2007; 2014

### The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe

2005; 2006; 2007; 2011; 2012; 2013

### Studio 360

2012; 2013

### This American Life

1 to 25; 26 to 50; 51 to 75; 76 to 100; 101 to 125

### Too Beautiful to Live

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

### Uhh Yeah Dude

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 &quot; full Gabfest archive,&quo... - This Year

Gerstmann's dismissal. The two began Giant Bomb and the Giant Bombcast together.

## Jeff Gerstmann

Gerstmann's media career began at GameSpot in 1996. He stayed with the site during its expansion while simultaneously working his musical talents. Gerstmann made several appearances in the mainstream media, including a showing on Good Morning America. He was dismissed from GameSpot in 2007. His departure triggered a wave of resignations from the site by his close compatriots; with Ryan Davis he launched Giant Bomb, and both Vinny Caravella and Brad Shoemaker joined him shortly thereafter.

## Vinny Caravella

Vinny Caravella began his career in journalism by specializing in video, initially working as a freelance producer in New York. 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 and joined Giant Bomb a week later. He has produced some of the gaming media's best video content in the years since.

## Brad Shoemaker

Shoemaker joined GameSpot as an intern in 2000. He later became a feature editor, and then an associate editor. Shoemaker was a regular on GameSpot's weekly shows, On the Spot and The HotSpot. He left GameSpot soon after Gerstmann's departure, and after a short time as a freelancer he joined Giant Bomb.

## Patrick Klepek

Patrick Klepek joined 1UP as a news editor after graduating from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Arts in Print Journalism. He moved over to the MTV Multiplayer blog following his time at 1UP, and worked for a number of other sites including Gamespy and Gamasutra. He also wrote for G4 and the online incarnation of Electronic Gaming Monthly before joining Giant Bomb and appearing on the Bombcast in the show's permanent fifth chair.

## Guests



(Left to right): Alex Navarro, Drew Scanlon, Dave Snider

## Special guests



Row A (Left to right): Paul Barnett, John Davison, Will Smith, Giancarlo Varanini

Row B: John Vignocchi

**Witness**  
2013

**Sampler**  
2011; 2012; 2013

**T.M.**

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**Justin Weatherman** January 8, 2013 at 2:43 PM

Less of the annoying Russian broadcast signals would have been nice, haha. Other than that, awesome work as usual. Keep it up.

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