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## Recapping the best podcasts.

Monday, February 7, 2011

### #2: The HotSpot (2006)



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Host Rich Gallup and crew followed up a stellar debut year with more great material. In 2006 the seminal gaming podcast returned with new features and faster and better humor and tact. Continuing the trend of talking only about the news in the video game world made The HotSpot more unique than ever, and stronger than before.

#### Timestamps (Part One)

0:01:30 - Show start  
0:07:00 - Issues: Duke Nukem Forever, the Gizmondo, and the word "gamer"  
0:43:30 - Issues: GameStop, Command and Conquer 3, and Halo 3  
1:11:00 - Issues: Kurt Schilling, Baseball, Starforce DRM, and movies  
1:57:30 - Issues: Female gamer clans, video game petitions, and video game violence

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**1UP Yours**  
2006; 2007; 2008;  
Top 40

**The Adam Carolla Show**  
Jan 2006; Feb 2006;  
Mar 2006; Apr 2006;  
May 2006; Jun 2006;  
Jul 2006; Aug 2006;  
Sep 2006; Oct 2006;  
Nov 2006; Dec 2006

**Behind the Dish**  
2013 Season

**Blue Jam**  
Series 1; Series 2;  
Series 3

**Culture Gabfest**  
2011

**The Dave Dameshek  
Football Program**  
2011

**Daves of Thunder**  
Full run

**Effectively Wild**  
2012 Season; 2013 Season

**EGM Live\***  
2006

**GFW Radio**

**Upcoming releases:**

#98: This American Life  
(126 to 150)

#99: Loveline (Third  
Quarter 2002)

#100: ???

#101: Why Oh Why (2014)

#102: Radiolab (2014)

#103: Snap Judgment  
(Season 1)

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2:44:30 - Issues: Microsoft, Sony, and Nintendo; the PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Wii launch

### Timestamps (Part Two)

0:00:30 - Clips and other short topics

2:16:00 - Listener emails

2:54:30 - Listener phone calls

4:04:00 - Show end



### Richard 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.

### Robert Colayco

Bob Colayco wrote for GameSpot as an associate editor. He was lauded for his knowledge of sports, particularly basketball and football. Colayco left GameSpot in 2006 to pursue a career with Blizzard Entertainment.

### 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.

### Carrie Gouskos

Carrie Gouskos joined the GameSpot team in early 2005 as a features editor after a short career as a game tester for Acclaim Entertainment. She was a frequent guest on The HotSpot, providing balance against the male-dominated cast. She left GameSpot in 2006 to work development with BioWare Mythic.

### 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.

Tags: 2006, Alex Navarro, Bob Colayco, Brad Shoemaker, Carrie Gouskos, GameSpot, Gaming, Jeff Gerstmann, Rich Gallup, The HotSpot

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

**8 comments:**

**Witness**  
2013

**Mike E.** February 9, 2011 at 4:09 AM

I am still absolutely thrilled that you are doing this, but I beg, beg, beg you, please do not put anymore "music breaks" in future podcasts. I understand these are longer than normal, but this is a podcast, if you want to take a break, the listener can pause it. There are too many shows that are doing this now and it really hurts the flow of everything. If I'm doing work while listening to this, or any other show with a music break, I have to stop my work, go to whatever I'm using to play the podcast, fast forward, resume the podcast, and then go back to my work. So, yeah, please, no more music breaks.

Reply

**Sampler**  
2011; 2012; 2013

**T.M.**

**Anonymous** February 21, 2011 at 8:51 PM

Thank you for all your hard work. Please put this amazing podcast on itunes. Thank you.

Reply

**Anonymous** February 23, 2011 at 9:10 AM

nice work

Reply

**Anonymous** February 24, 2011 at 12:08 AM

well done, thank you for doing this!!

Reply

**Colin** February 24, 2011 at 12:18 PM

These compilations are a blast. It's been great to revisit some of my favorite podcasts from days of yore. I only wish you'd added part 2 of Hotspot 2006 to the rss feed. While iTunes snapped up all the rest, I have to add this part 2 manually. But that's a small snag for such a fun project.

P.S. the word "debut" is pronounced "day-byoo." :o)

Reply

**Craig** February 27, 2011 at 7:35 PM

Hey brother, this is all completely fantastic work! I know your hands are super full with this, but if I could make one request, would you mind putting part two of this episode into the RSS Feed. It would be great to have them together in iTunes over having a segregated mp3. Keep up the great work, and thank you for show!

Reply

**Borp** March 5, 2011 at 11:03 AM

Thank you, these are amazing.

Reply

**Anonymous** March 10, 2011 at 12:12 PM

Bombcast is great and all, but there is something highly nostalgic hearing Gallup, Gouskos and all the old GS guys sitting together and talk.

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