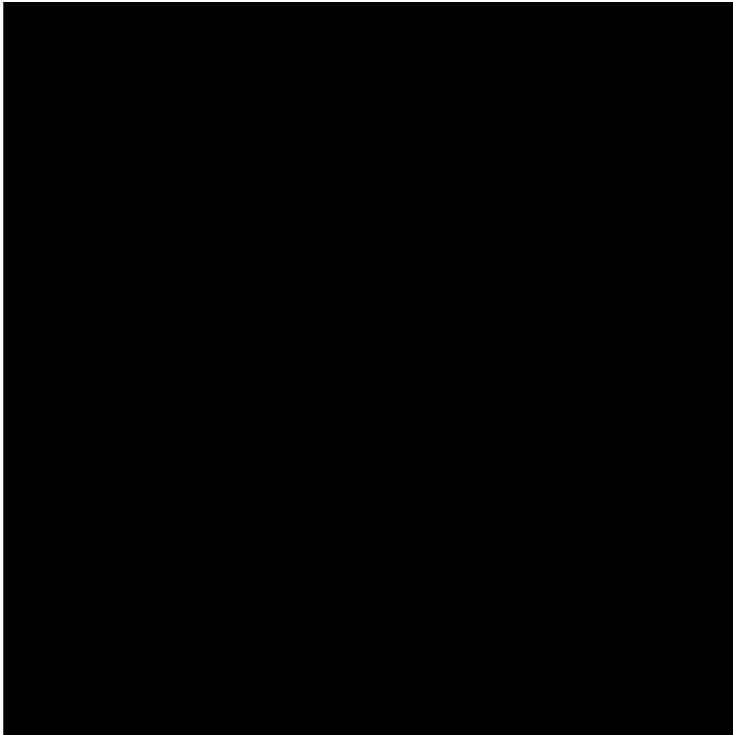


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## Recapping the best podcasts.

Thursday, July 11, 2013

### #S5: Ryan Davis Memorial



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*Ryan Davis will go down as one of the greatest podcasters in history. He was a consummate host, an exceptional humorist, and a more than upstanding individual. He chalked up eight years behind a microphone (2005-2013), three spent as a supporting member on The HotSpot, and five spent as host of the Giant Bombcast, the longest running and most popular mainstream gaming podcast. With his passing we have lost one of the most charming and talented performers in the gaming media. We take a look back at his greatest moments, from his early days on The HotSpot to his last days on the Giant Bombcast.*

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of the memorial here!**

If you're a fan of video games at all and you're the type of person that listens to podcasts then there's a good chance you heard of the passing of Ryan Davis, host of the Giant Bombcast and co-founder of the popular video games website Giant

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Bomb. The news of his death was shocking and distressing when it broke a few days ago (on the 8th of July 2013), and it is no less shocking and distressing now.

As far as organizations go, Giant Bomb is rare in one important regard: all five of its chief members are incredibly genuine and by all accounts are incredibly good people. Find me any other company or workplace where there is not one unsavory character or rotten apple in the bunch. This is an exceedingly rare entity. And at the forefront of that was Ryan Davis, designated host of much of Giant Bomb's content, and the man responsible for keeping charge and wrangling together this group on a weekly basis. He was part of a band of five outstanding people, it is a testament to Ryan that he positively shone. In a room full of stars Ryan was a supernova. Through a mono recording alone he radiated joy, goodness and kindness, an effect that was amplified whenever the crew left the audio stage and appeared on screen or in person. He had a sharp wit, and his humor was infectious and delightful. And in our realm of podcasting, he was an excellent host and producer of content.

The wealth and splendor of his character is easily measured by the sense of loss that reverberated across Giant Bomb's fanbase and the video game industry at large. The unfortunate news of his passing dominated gaming websites and message boards. For hours he was one of the top trending topics worldwide on Twitter, and Thompson-Reuters, a leading global press wire, even reported on his death—and that's to say nothing of Hollywood celebrity gossip websites that also picked up the story.

We are, at this time, devastated by his departure. The idea that we will never hear him or see him again is an appalling one. But if it feels so dreadful for us, I can only imagine the grief and sorrow felt by Ryan's family and his friends. That alone tells us how special a character he was and the impact he had not only on those who knew him, but on those who had never even met him, on those not just not living in his state or in his country but all around the world.

Part of what makes it so difficult to comprehend is the sudden nature of his departure. Just days before his passing he'd gotten married and was on his honeymoon. And then, summarily and utterly without warning, he vanished. This element of surprise takes nothing away from how upsetting his death was, but indeed it exacerbates the confusion and sorrow that we certainly feel.

But there is a remarkable fact about Ryan's life that ensures he will always live on and never be forgotten. He was part of a very public endeavor—there are hours of recordings of his voice and there are hours of him on video. There are always going to be new people signing up to Giant Bomb, people who have never visited the site before, that will find out about Ryan and will make their way through all the audio and video content he produced. In one or two years there will be new members that knew nothing about Giant Bomb and are only discovering the character of Ryan Davis now. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that ten years from now people will still be listening to Ryan Davis and watching him on the internet. People will still be doing that in twenty years, in fifty, and even, I would wager, in a hundred. The content he produced will travel places and take forms none of the cast could have imagined. Giant Bomb has an enormous and dedicated fanbase. There are Giant Bomb fans everywhere, from all walks of life and in all manner of positions. There will be Giant Bomb fans taking their memories, and even their devices full of Bombcasts into all kinds of new realms. If in fifty years mankind is regularly travelling into space, to the Moon or to Mars, there is a good chance that one of us will be on one of those spaceships—I personally will do my best to make this happen! The charmingly garrulous voice of Ryan Davis will be ringing out in zero gravity and on new frontiers. Ryan Davis the man may be dead, but his character, his comedy, his voice, his ideas, thoughts and stories will live on for many years to come.

To wit, I am glad to present to you today an assembly of some of his most memorable moments selected by his fans and by listeners to our program. What we've got for you here is pretty simple: it's two hours worth of Ryan at his best. Along with the more memorable moments you guys picked out I dug into my vault and selected some deep cuts that tend to go overlooked. You'll hear stuff from 2006 all the way up to 2013. I've done my best to make it as streamlined as possible—I didn't want this to just be another six-hour Bombcast best-of; this is a celebration of Ryan and all that he gave to us.

Right now it's relatively bare-bones—just clips played in the way I've ordered them—and I say that because I'm working on a second version of this memorial show that will include songs off Ryan's Summer Jams playlist. I want to produce something that we'll be able to keep on our MP3 players; something to put on

2006; 2007; 2008

**Giant Bombcast**  
2008; 2009; 2010; 2011;  
2012; Ryan Davis  
Memorial; 2013; 2014

**Good Grief**  
Full run

**Hang Up and Listen**  
2013

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2005; 2006; 2007;  
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2011; 2012

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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

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**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**  
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2005; 2006; 2007; 2011;  
2012; 2013

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2012; 2013

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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;a  
full Gabfest  
archive,&amp;quo... - This  
Year

while driving, something to put on when it's summer time. If you've listened to our best-ofs for the program Blue Jam, that should give you an idea of what I'm going for: basically just songs sandwiched between each clip. It's something that'll take a while though, because it takes thought and engineering and most crucially time, so while I work on it a little bit each day, here's a plainer version of that, again, just two hours of clips. Also for old-times sake I've included some songs by the Suburban All-Stars. I hope that you enjoy it and I hope that it serves as a good reflection of how important and beloved Ryan was. He will certainly be missed, but he leaves behind a tremendous legacy that ensures he will never be forgotten.

## Playlist

Introduction

Some of the Real

Uh Uh Uh Uh Uh

Charge Super Shot Healthy Energy

Did You Play Skyward Sword?

You're Part of the Problem

If I'm Not Playing The Division I'm Not Living

Cake

Stop (The All-Stars)

This Fucking Narc

Ryan vs. Brad 1

I Love Mongolian Barbeque

Did You Pre-Order?

Best Buy

Gay Sexual Content

Cake vs. Pie

What the Fuck Are You Saying?

The Debate of the Century

Saxophones Are Shit

Muh Balls

The Move

Yeast

Designated Hitter

Never

It's Right Here

Ryan vs. Brad 2

Girlfriend

Breast Milk

Up on the Hill

Ketchup

The Pearls Caught in Mid-Air

When Men Shriek

Whack It Off

Silky the Fairy & Saucepan Man

David Cage's Don't Shit Your Pants

Enjoy Your Massage

Cannot Control the Clown

Shhhhhhhhhh

In the Can In the Can

Ryan vs. Brad 3

Robots Don't Have Feelings

Swowrds

You Are All Assholes

David Meatballs

I Bet She Does

Gaming for Me Is a Religion

...Baby One More Time

Fading Out Now

Tags: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, GameSpot, Gaming, Giant Bomb, Giant Bombcast, Ryan Davis, Special, The HotSpot

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**Anonymous** July 11, 2013 at 4:19 PM

**Witness**

2013

**Sampler**

2011; 2012; 2013

**T.M.**

Thank you for putting this together.

RIP Ryan Davis.

Reply

**Anonymous** July 11, 2013 at 5:11 PM

Thank you.

Reply

**JD** July 11, 2013 at 5:48 PM

Thanks Ryan. For everything.

Reply



**pornstorestiffi** July 11, 2013 at 7:02 PM

Thanks for this, really really awesome. This is how i will always remember him.

Reply



**Thomas Ella** July 11, 2013 at 7:38 PM

Thank you so much.

Reply

**Anonymous** July 11, 2013 at 8:15 PM

Thank you Ryan Davis.

Thank you This Year, you always do great work.

Reply



**Donovan MacLure** July 11, 2013 at 11:13 PM

This is really great. Just perfect. Thanks.

Reply

**Tim Urbanski** July 12, 2013 at 1:24 AM

Thank you so much for this. Many never met him, never spoke to him, or never seen him in person, but we still feel like we lost a brother this week.

Reply

**Anonymous** July 12, 2013 at 4:53 AM

Thank you. I will always remember Ryan. He and the bomb crew were/are a big part of my life.

Reply



**Mason** July 12, 2013 at 6:47 PM

Thanks for doing this!

Reply



**Chris Martarano** July 12, 2013 at 7:54 PM

I am incredibly appreciative of you putting this together. Thank you for this and I look forward to the full version.

Reply

**Anonymous** July 12, 2013 at 10:32 PM

Ryan was actually the NUMBER ONE trending twitter topic by Monday evening.

Reply

**Tim Urbanski** July 13, 2013 at 12:28 AM

I made sure to post this link on the GB forums and it ended up getting a call out on the GB Squad twitter. A lot of thank you's all over the place so keep up the awesome work

Reply



**Callum Perkins** July 13, 2013 at 5:53 AM

Thanks Matthew.

Reply

**Tim Urbanski** July 13, 2013 at 11:05 AM

Getting the seal of approval all around, even a retweet about this episode from Richard Davis, Ryan's dad.

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**Doogie2K** July 13, 2013 at 9:23 PM

What was the Britney Spears karaoke/shout-along bit from? I couldn't place it, but it was an awesome way to finish the show.

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**This Year** July 14, 2013 at 2:35 AM

It's from an old GameSpot Live (On the Spot) bit. It's on YouTube.

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**Anonymous** July 14, 2013 at 2:55 PM

Thanks Ryan Davis.

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**Anonymous** July 25, 2013 at 3:52 AM

Thanks a lot for putting this together. In a way, it's actually pretty cathartic... :)

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