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## Chicago-Style Drunksaling - The Lost Posts #3

Apr 18, 2003

By peccau

Back in the day when Chicago didn't resemble the arctic tundra, unitdaisy and I were so inspired by [drunkgamers.com](#)'s garagesaling adventures that we went out about Chicago, scrounging for games. Often we returned home empty handed to post our experiences in the Drunkgamer's Message Forum. However, there were a few times we were lazy and never quite got around to posting them.

Until mid-April when the sales in Chicago start up again and we head off for brand new crap, we will be posting an old, unseen encapsulation of last year's treks each week.

Oh, and for those unfamiliar with the term garagesaling it's simple: you wake up far too early in the morning on the weekend and go out to garage sales looking for something (preferably videogame related) while wishing you were still in bed. You can picture for yourself what drunksaling is. Or just see below.

The following events take place on October 19th, 2002.

peccau: First sale and already we're finding consoles. This is a rarity. However, it's way too expensive and some snotnosed punk 'reserved' it. Clearly he doesn't understand garagesaling etiquette. So we waited around for a bit, hoping to 'convince him' that he should 'relinquish' his reservation so I could get one game from the basket. But then I forgot what game I wanted. And we moved on.

unitdaisy: How trusting of that seller, he's probably *still* waiting for the buyer to return.



peccau: We actually marked this sale down on our route - just one look at this shot should tell you why we didn't bother to even walk in. Complete trash.

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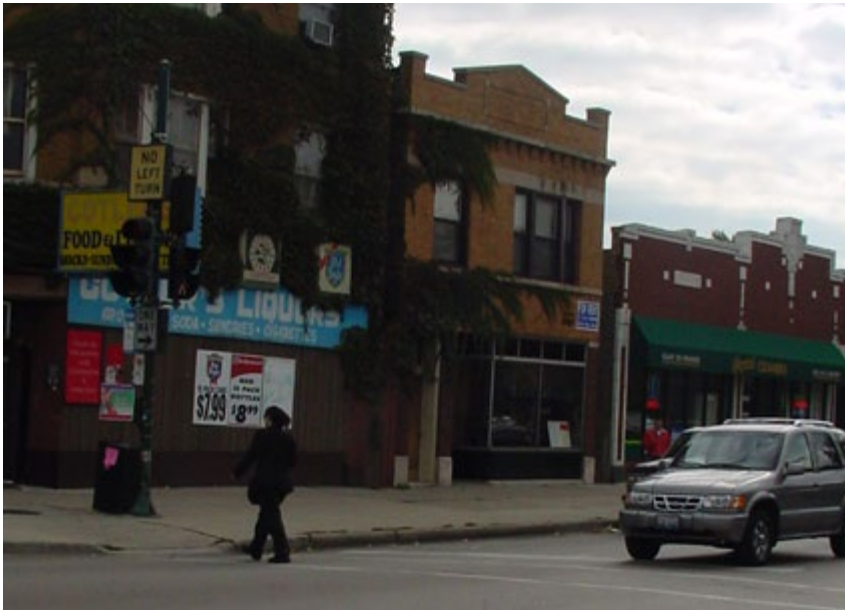
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**unitdaisy:** I didn't pick this one!



**peccai:** Sometimes garagesaling is difficult without a car. It would be a lot less difficult if we didn't have to wait 45 minutes to wait for a bus.



**peccai:** unitdaisy quickly became bored with waiting for the bus and me kicking her shins out of boredom, so she visited the liquor store to dull the pain.

**unitdaisy:** Yeah, it would be a lot less annoying if you would stop stepping on the toes of my shoes, too. No alcohol for you!

**peccai:** Everyday is halloween my ass. □

**unitdaisy:** Oh dear.

**peccai:** We happened upon a church rummage sale. I've now learned that anytime a religious association is involved with a garage sale, you should steer well clear of it. This was their 'electronics table'. Christ has let me down again. □

**unitdaisy:** Hehe, I should have bought that Jesus picture to watch over your computer.

**peccai:** I'm **way** out of my element here. My skin itches and I'm breaking out in hives. □

**unitdaisy:** whinewhinewhine



**peccai:** But unitdaisy doesn't give one bit of notice. All she cared about were the small glasses they had for sale, and insisted on shoving them in front of my face.

**unitdaisy:** They were adorable! And it would take less time if you would just agree with me and appreciate the cute glasses instead of trying to hide.

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**peccai:** I stumbled out, while unitdaisy hauled about 50 tainted religious relics behind her and we wobbled over to a few more sales. Billard balls in a plastic tub ended up being the most enticing thing I would see for hours.

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**peccai:** And then we hit the motherload.

**unitdaisy:** Somebody's mother was probably cleaning out the basement, and he's gonna be really pissed off when he comes home.

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**peccai:** Contra, Gyromite (nostalgia, nostalgia,) Life Force

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**peccai:** Rad Racer, Yoshi and more - oh so much more! Including a NES Advantage still in it's packaging for a few bucks. I may feel comfortable with the NES pad, but the Advantage stick clearly always gives you an upper hand (TURBO 4 LIFE!!!)

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**peccai:** Unfortunately, we had to deal with some local yokels before we could pillage their games. This place always makes my skin crawl.

**unitdaisy:** When did you become Mr. Gold Coast? Geez it's not that bad. At least you don't have the local men eyeing you as you walk by, that's creepy.

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**peccai:** So we crawled off with our booty for bite to eat and gloat a bit: Adventure Island, Mega Man 2, Dr. Mario, Metroid ... clearly, the person that pawned these games off sincerely didn't deserve them.

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**peccai:** Feeling fat, greasy and content with our 8-bit bundles of joy we lazily stopped by one more place before heading home and found diddly-squat.

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**peccai:** In fact, they still had last week's copy of Cosmic Carnage! Someone please - give it a home.

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**peccai:** That's the last time I ever get loaded in Vegas.

**unitdaisy:** I wish you hadn't burned the pictures.



**peccau:** Technically, that was the end of the day. However, unitdaisy took it upon herself to trek out to a few other shops and happened across the following:



(make with the clikety for a higher resolution pic) **peccau:** She found all of this for \$20 - all in one bag. This by far has to be the best find we have ever happened against. Countless classic Intellivision manuals, a handful of Intellivision games, an Intellivision 2 in excellent condition, not one - but **two** Intellivision Voice Modules still in their packaging, several Genesis games and an original Genesis controller plus a mediocre Super Nintendo Pinball game. \$20! I'm too speechless to add a sardonic quote.

**unitdaisy:** I have no idea why they threw all this in one bag and in fact they were asking a bit more, but \$20 was all I had left, and they were about to close so they gave me a deal for all the money I had!

#### **Find of the Week:**



**unitdaisy:** Back off - mine!

\$20! Normally, the NES games would have given our [Atari 2600 haul](#) a run for "Find of

the Year" but unitdaisy went above and beyond the call of duty and found this treasure trove of classic gaming.

**Lesson of the Week:** Church rummage sales will do nothing for you - avoid them at all costs.

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### Comments

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**Posted by [Omega](#) at April 20, 2003 11:10 AM**

Oh sweet Jesus.. what a stash...

noticed Mortal Kombat for the genesis there. great stuff, i wasted many an hour with that puppy on my mega drive...

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**Posted by [Sway](#) at April 22, 2003 03:42 PM**

Wow. That was an unusually lucky day. I've been to my fair share of creepy garage sales, and I've never seen anything close to that. Of course, perhaps it's because you're in swanky Chi-town. People are still actively using their NES in Baltimore, and trading cards are the most recent Nintendo product to actually hit the streets here.

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**Posted by [peccau](#) at April 22, 2003 09:17 PM**

"That was an unusually lucky day."

You don't know how right you are - most weeks we're lucky if we find anything decent. Occasionally we hit a goldmine but most of the time Chicago is pretty barren, not to mention that the majority of the best finds we've happened upon are usually not at garage sales, but at thrift stores/salvation army places. Although, based on the drunkgamers saling articles, and one other dg fan who went out to a few garage sales - we have been really lucky and have stumbled upon many more great old gaming artifacts. The last garagesaling post before we start posting ones from this year is going to be a bit of a retrospective, showing some our better finds and stranger experiences interacting with Chicago citizens.

All I can hope for this year is that we find half as much as we did last year - and maybe fulfill my personal dream of coming across a TurboGrafx Express. \*drool\*

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**Posted by [BastardAus](#) at April 23, 2003 12:33 AM**

Kinda bizarre, I was looking for some MSX ROMs and the MSX (128Kb!) is still powering in Brazil and Argentina... poor bastards

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**Posted by [Sway](#) at April 23, 2003 01:10 PM**

\*drool\* is right! I never had an NES. I never had an SNES. I never had a Genesis. I had the TurboGrafx-16....and, when it came out, I had the TurboDuo. The TG Express was like the holy grail. I remember reading in my issue of the TurboGrafx-16 magazine that Matthew Sweet was a TG16 fan and took a Turbo Express on the road wth him. I was pretty sure I wanted to be a rock star because of that.

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**Posted by [Rutilcaper](#) at June 21, 2003 03:48 AM**

Lifeforce?!

The more I read, the more I hate.

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