

XBOX Night

XLINK gaming with friends

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XBOX Night

August 2, 2006

Categories: General

Welcome to XBOX Night. A site to keep you informed of our monthly XBOX game night in the Lake Pointe neighborhood.

Technical Specs

August 3, 2006

Categories: Technical

XBOX units can use a TV, or can also use a PC monitor with a [special adapter](#), for their display. Ideally you want each player to have his own screen to maximize the display size. Two players on one screen isn't too bad but once you go to 1/4 of the screen it starts to feel cramped. Our goal is to have each person have his own screen (1 person for each XBOX) and a maximum of two people per screen/xbox.

Naturally, having an even number of players is ideal. But due to the different levels of play of the participants, this isn't as important. David always goes against 2-3 other players in our home and he always wins.

Initially 8 players will be the goal using a minimum of 4 XBOX's. 8 XBOX's with 8 Screens would be the ideal setup; but we can mix and match 4-8 XBOX's with 4-8 screens (combination of TV's and PC Monitors).

I have 5 scan converter boxes ([great demo sale going on](#)) that allow an XBOX to use a PC Monitor and 3 TV's that can be conveniently setup. All I really need participants to bring (if they own one) is their XBOX's, 1 controller and the RGB & Power cables.

We can play one of two ways. We can play an XBOX Live "LIKE" network game using the free [Kia XLINK software](#). The software connects XBOX's that are signed up for the service, on a "virtual" network to setup XLINK games as if the XBOX's were connected on a network in the same room.

Or we can simply connect them directly to each other and play a true XLINK network game. In the future if the number of participants grow, we can setup multiple sites and use Kia XLINK to setup a private game.

Getting Started

August 3, 2006

Categories: General

Get started by Inventorying your XBOX game collection. I recommend creating a [free Google Online spreadsheet here](#). You can send out invitations so that other people can view it. List the games in Alphabetical order by name, and include the columns found on my spreadsheet here.

First night tonight!

August 11, 2006

Categories: Game Night

Our first XBOX Night is tonight 5-9. We have 6 kids scheduled, and one or two interested neighbors may stop by. I have three XBOXs configured in three seperate rooms. We'll most likely play Halo2 though I am prepared to play Halo and Crimson Skies as well

First night a success

August 13, 2006

Categories: Game Night

We had a great night last night. We had six kids total and three adults. First, all the kids played a free for all to see how they ranked against each other. The standings were:

1. Joey 25 kills
2. Talon 19
3. David 12
4. Mickey 10
5. Eric 5
6. Tommy 5

The next game, we paired the boys and the result was:

1. David & Mickey 25 Kills (David: 22, Mickey 3)
2. Talon & Eric --10 (Eric 7, Talon 3)
3. Joey & Tommy -9 (Joey 5, Tommy 4)

Later on, the three adults Alan K, Alan C, & Matt took on ALL the boys. It was a bit disorganized with some of the boys getting used to determining who was on their team and who wasn't. There was also some betrayals. Half the boys came downstairs complaining they were booted from the game. I learned that if you get betrayed from a team member a second time, you have the option of booting them from the game! And that's precisely what happened! Needless to say, the adults won easily.

Take aways:

1. Make sure the game you create has friendly fire turned off to disallow betrayals.
2. Expect delays as newer members learn how to join games and learn how to recognize team mates from the enemies.
3. Even with X-Link in the same house, it's fun to use headsets

If you were there that night, leave your own comments to this post.

Another adult Billy joined us late with his XBOX and we had for XBOXes going at once with only 1 split screen. The network in the house worked flawlessly.

Second XBOX Night

August 14, 2006

Categories: Game Night

Before school really gears up, we thought we'd have our **second** XBOX night this Friday (Aug 18), same time, 5-9 (come late, stay late, no problem). We would like to have a standing night; we're thinking the first Friday of every month. We'll make an official announcement soon.

I will be emailing the same group of people that attended the first night, however I'd like to move away from email and use this site exclusively. Anyone that has attended in the past, has been invited by someone, or simply has heard about it, is welcome. They can simply leave a comment on the post confirming the next gathering. People are welcome to come even if they don't RSVP, but they aren't guaranteed a player's spot.

PostMortem:060818

August 20, 2006

Categories: Game Night

What a night. We had 6 XBOXs! At one point 7 but the 7th (Billy's 360) simply replaced Eric's (360) since Eric had to leave early. We had 2 XBOX's in the front room, 2 XBOXs in the Living room, and 1 each in David's room and the Office. We never had more than two player's per XBOX, which was great, and some had one to themselves. Two people rotated in. There was a wide diversity of experience. 5 were basically new to Halo2. One game, we had Ed and Matt take on all the boys. They won easily. Something ridiculous like 50 to 2. Matt in a vehicle is virtually unstoppable and he obviously shows no mercy. That's ok. The kids will only get better! Then we tried a rematch. This time Ed and Matt were not allowed to use vehicles. The kids won something like 50 to 27.

We had 8 kids playing:

Conner
David
Eric
McLean
Hunt
Charlie
Joey
Grayson

And 5 adults:

Billy
Ed
Matt
David
Paul

I didn't even get to play. With some of the parent staying for a little party, I was running around playing host. If it weren't for Clay, Eric's Dad, we would have been eating crisp Hotdogs and Brats (I get easily distracted).

I think next time, we'll most likely have two games going on and split up the experienced players from the inexperienced players. It's really hard to come up with balanced teams in one game. Using numbers to make even teams doesn't always work because the experienced players simply have more targets to shoot at and can run-up their score faster.

Next game is in two weeks. Let's see how 1st Friday of each month works. I'd be willing to play more than once a month but I'm sure activities are going to get in the way and we also don't want to get sick of XBOX!

As always, I encourage all attendees to leave a comment and let me know what you liked or didn't like about the evening. This way we can improve the experience for everyone.

Game Night Sept 1

August 20, 2006

Categories: Game Night

This night will start our regularly scheduled first-friday-of-the-month night. I also may not send out any emails this time. Simply add a comment to this post by Thursday night (Aug 31) if you plan to attend.

Update Aug 28: We just received David's soccer schedule and he has practice this Friday from 5 to 6. So we'll push back the starting time to 6:30. We'll order pizza. Please bring \$5 a head (\$10 max per family).

PostMortem:060901

September 5, 2006

Categories: Game Night

We had a light night. Parker, Hudson, and Sanjeev came over and left relatively early. It was just as well. We only had three XBOXs, because other owners didn't make it. We used our two XBOXs plus Matt's which he left from the previous game night. It gave Kristen and I an opportunity to play as well. It was fun because David setup several different maps. The treat for everyone was each person having a chance to play on David's team. In otherwords, guaranteeing a win!

Game Night Oct 6

October 3, 2006

Categories: Game Night

Our house repairs after the flood are complete. It will still take a while to put everything back together (it's like moving in to a new house) but we're ready to celebrate our "new" home this Friday during XBOX Night! As always, if you're checking this website leave a note on this post and let us know if you're coming and if you can bring an XBOX. Arrive anytime after 6:30. (David has soccer from 5-6) We'll be serving Jane's famous turkey enchiladas and rice for any adults hanging out, and frozen pizza for the kids

Game Night Nov 3

November 1, 2006

Categories: Game Night

Game night this month begins at 7:00. For anyone arriving hungry, we'll order pizza.

Last month, capture the flag didn't work that well. Mainly because we had several novice players and they didn't know the maps well enough to be effective. We'll go back to slayer and team slayer this week.

As usual, leave a comment to let me know if you are coming and let me know if you are bringing an XBOX. The more the merrier (and less screen sharing).

Postmortem: 061104

November 5, 2006

Categories: Game Night

We had one of our best nights to date. Lots of new faces.

Angel from the office came with two of his friends Oliver and Tim. Oliver brought his XBOX classic and Angel brought his 360 and a HD projector. Ed brought his classic and I provided 3 more classics. That matched our Aug 18 night where we had 6 XBOXs. Michael, Cassidy's teacher, Sanjeev, and Kevin and his son Kyle rounded out the group.

We setup Angel's XBOX and projector in the front room against a wall. It was a big hit. Sanjeev even stopped playing towards the end and simply pulled up the chair to watch the "big-screen" as if he were watching a movie.

Angel was clearly the strongest player followed by Oliver and Tim. David held his own and impressed the veteran "gamers".

There were was lots of high-tech gamer talk and as usual, Jane had a nice spread of snacks and drinks to go along with the pizza.

The great thing about last night is that most players had a dedicated screen throughout the night. Headsets weren't working well for some reason. I'd like to fix that for next time.

Game Night Dec 1

November 27, 2006

Categories: Game Night

Let's meet at 6:00 this Friday. If we don't come up with anything better we'll do pizza again.

Postmortem 061202

December 2, 2006

Categories: Game Night

We had seven tonight on three XBox's. David dominated and his teams won easily. I've been thinking of some game variations we could try to make it more fun. For example I was thinking of a variation I'll call "The Package" where the object is to kill any one team member a certain number of times (10 for example). Naturally that may mean each team targets the other team's weakest player but in order to win, not only do you have to target an opposing player for elimination, you must also defend your team members so they aren't killed too many times so you don't lose the game.

Game Night Jan 5

December 11, 2006

Categories: Game Night

Let's see who got new XBOX's for Christmas!

Let's start at 6:30.

Game Night Feb 9

January 25, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We're recheduling for a week later due to the Talent Show Feb 2 at the Elementary School. It will be my birthday so we'll have an extra treat for dinner and of course cake and ice cream. I have new ideas for that night. Not your usual "everyone gang up on David, and he still wins". We'll have the following setup:

- Wii station
- XBOX 360 connected to HDTV
- Dance Dance Revolution Pad
- Ladder Challenges. You pick the game and opponent to go head-to-head with.

Starts at 6:30. Entire family is invited.

Post Mortem 070209

February 17, 2007

Categories: Game Night

Great party. We didn't play Halo that much. Ed and Cassidy took on four of us and beat us. Way to go Cassidy!

We had two XBOX 360s and our two classic XBOXs.

The Wii was a big hit.

We didn't get around to the challenges, maybe will try again next time.

No XBOX Night in March

March 2, 2007

Categories: Game Night

March 2 is Cassidy's Play at Lakeway Elementary. The following Friday we go see the Lion King on Stage. Busy month. We'll have to cancel XBOX night this month.

Game Night April 6

April 2, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We're on for this weekend. The Kleymeyers have added an XBOX 360 connected to a 32" HDTV to their home. We might have a classic Halo2 game and a 360 Gears of War game going at the same time.

Game time: 6:30

Game Night May 4

April 30, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We're on this Friday at 6:30. I'd like to have a 360 game going and a classic Halo2 game going. We can play Gears of War or Call of Duty 2 if we have enough XBOX 360s. If you can bring your XBOX 360 and one of those games then you can play the 360 game. Everyone else can play Halo2. Please leave a comment if you can bring your XBOX 360 and GOW or COD2. I may be tight with screens.

Post Mortem 070507

May 7, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We didn't have a lot of success setting up a second 360-only game. It seems Call of Duty 2 and Gears of War don't allow multiplayer split-screen so each player has to be on their own XBOX 360! Looks like Halo2 will continue to be the dominant game on XBOX night.

Those that played Halo2 on the classic XBOXs had a good time, however.

Game Night June 1

June 1, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We're on tonight at 7:30. Later start than usual so eat before coming. We'll provide drinks.

Post Mortem 070601

June 2, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We had a fantastic night tonight. Two classic XBOXs and two XBOX 360s. One projector. We usually had 8 playing Halo2, 2 per screen which is the perfect setup. We played some new games. Capture the flag for the first time. David and Matt took on everyone else and learned that unlike Slayer, there IS an advantage with large numbers on a team. We easily defeated them in CTF. We played Missile Launchers only which was new and fun, for some. The Kordes's brought their Wii which is always a hit with the younger kids and offers a break to some of the Halo2 players. At closing, some stuck around to watch Planet Earth on HD.

Game Night August 5

July 29, 2007

Categories: Game Night

Too many out-of-town trips in July kept us from playing this month. The next scheduled night will be this Sunday at 5:00. Pizza will be served. The Kleymeyers are currently down to 1 XBOX. One of our two classic XBOXs died (wouldn't power up) and it was traded in for scrap. This week our 360 had a hardware failure ([dreaded flashing three red rings](#)). I made the call today to the repair center and it will take 4-6 weeks to get it back. Ed has confirmed and will bring his 360, we really only need one more for a good night but as always, the more the merrier. The 360 failure was particularly disappointing because we just picked up two wireless controllers and two games that could take advantage of them: [Fusion Frenzy 2](#) and [Rayman Raving Rabbits](#). That's ok. We also picked up [King Arthur](#) for the classic (new for \$9.99).

PostMortem 070705

August 7, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We had some great games. Connor and Parker came from behind twice and won in close matches.

Game Night Sept 7 6:30

September 5, 2007

Categories: Game Night

After two weeks of school, I'm sure you're ready for some stress relieving Halo 2 action.

Kleymeyer's have their 360 back (replacement unit). Some haven't been in a few months so we're hoping for a good turnout.

BTW, last month marked our first year anniversary of hosting XBOX night.

Postmortem 070907

September 8, 2007

Categories: Game Night

It sure helps to own an XBOX! The Kordes's kicked some Halo2 butt. Paul came out on top on several games. I think it's definitely time to introduce a challenge ladder to help assign bragging rights!

Game Night Oct 5

October 1, 2007

Categories: Game Night

This month, we'll have two games going. Halo 2 & Halo 3. We'll also start a challenge ladder and have at least 2 dedicated stations setup for challenges. Perhaps this will be the transition month and next month we can standardize on Halo 3. That would mean I would need more folks to bring their XBOX 360's AND Halo 3 games. We'll kick things off a little later due to Football practice. Plan to arrive at 7:30. We won't be ordering food this month due to the late hour.

<u>XBOXes</u>	Owner	Class	Game	Location
Kneble	Classic	Halo2	Dwnstrs playroom TV	Kordes
Classic	Halo2	Dwnstrs playroom table (ScnCnv #1)	Dees	360
Halo2	David's Room (20" LCD, ScnCnv #2)	Kleymeyer	360	Halo 3
Upstairs office	HDTV	Hassinger	360	Halo3
Upstrs office (CmpstLCD, Hdphns)	Hans	360	Halo3	DownFront (21" LCD, ScnCnv #3)

Postmortem 071005

October 6, 2007

Categories: Game Night

What a night! We had 16 people. Not everyone played at the same time. We had 2 classics playing Halo2 for the novice players, 2 360's setup for challenge matches playing Halo2, and my HDTV playing Halo3 and Han's 360 & 24" (?) playing Halo3 together.

I placed everyone that showed up in a starting position on the ladder based on what I knew about their game play. I'm sure some are not placed right but everyone will find their spot once the challenges begin. I drew names out of a hat to select the challengers and let them pick their opponent.

We started with:

1. David
2. Jacob
3. Parker
4. Connor
5. Ed
6. Paul
7. Tommy
8. Kyle
9. Hans
10. Alan
11. Dmitri
12. Sanjeev
13. Kristen
14. Jay
15. Oliver
16. Caden
17. John

The matches were (challenger listed first):

Caden defeats John 6-5 on Ascension. Actually pretty close. John is just learning and Caden has only played a few times. John actually reached 5 first but they kept playing and Caden uses a Banshee to go ahead of John.

Jay defeated Kristen 5-0 on Coagulation . Jay chooses high ground and Kristen boldly ascends only to be beat back by Jay.

Alan defeated Hans 15-13 in Ascension. Very close match, Alan jumps out to an early lead, Hans catches up and takes the lead, Alan makes a comeback and finishes up ahead. This match was all about who could get to the better weapons first. They played by the original rules of no rocket-launchers or snipers.

Conner is defeated by David 15-13 on Headlong. Another close match. David took an early lead and kept a slim 2-kill margin the entire game.

Leaving the current standings:

1. David
2. Jacob
3. Parker
4. Connor
5. Ed

6. Paul
7. Tommy
8. Kyle
9. Alan
10. Hans
11. Dmitri
12. Sanjeev
13. Jay
14. Kristen
15. Oliver
16. Caden
17. John

Next week I'll place the people that didn't participate in a match in a hat and draw again for challengers. I learned that there was probably no reason to enforce strict rules. I had thought banning snipers and rocket launchers and vehicles would create a more even field but I soon came to realize it didn't matter. Since players only challenge one or two rings up, it's already even! There won't be a case of a very experienced player playing a less experience player and the less experienced player being out-gunned.

Halo3 was a big hit and the first time several players had played it. Lots more weapons, deployables, new maps to learn. When Connor played David in Halo 2 he commented "It's nice to be back in familiar territory".

I'll review the saved games on our 360 and see if there are any cool clips to post.

Dancing Master Chief

October 10, 2007
Categories: General

[Check it out](#)

Game Night Nov 2

October 29, 2007

Categories: Game Night

XBOX Night next friday will begin at 7:30 again. Sports are winding down and we still have a practice and game scheduled this friday. We'll have light snacks and drinks but again, won't be ordering pizza at this late hour.

PostMortem 071102

November 5, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We played several team oriented games. Some liked them, some didn't. We had no ladder matches. We had a good turnout of XBOX 360s with 4 present. We played some Guitar Hero later in the night. Ed liked it so much he want out and bought Guitar Hero III !

Checkout David's long distance stick on the "[Game Clips](#)" page

Halo Caption Contest

November 16, 2007

Categories: General

There was a contest at the [2OldToPlay website](#). Here is the photo which people provided a caption for:



[Go here to view the winners.](#)

Game Night Dec 14

December 6, 2007

Categories: Game Night

We've had to postpone XBOXNIGHT a week this month. Hope to see you next Friday 6:00. Pizza will be served.

Game Night Dec 15

December 12, 2007

Categories: Game Night

Sorry, due to the Lake Travis semi-final match which we've decided to attend at Jane's Alma Mater (A&M), we've moved XBOXNIGHT to Saturday at 6:30. Pizza will be served

Split screen Game Clip

December 15, 2007

Categories: General

Very Cool. After recording and downloading some clips I figured out how to combine them into one movie. So enjoy [this clip of David capturing his second flag](#) (with Ed's help) for the win while I stay at our base and defend. Cassidy was on the elephant's turret until she got killed, but I avenged her death!

PostMortem 071215

December 20, 2007

Categories: Game Night

Not a huge turnout but the ones that showed up had fun. We had guitar hero going and some crazy Halo3 Warthog rampage and Forge Play.

Game Night Jan 4

January 4, 2008

Categories: Game Night

6:30

Pizza will be served.

We'll have Rock Band setup as well as Halo3

Postmortem 080104

January 7, 2008

Categories: Game Night

The first XBOX night of 08 went off with a bang. We had a great turnout with Matt gracing us with his first time to play Halo3! Lee played almost all night and is steadily improving. JR contributed to a high level of competition. Several of the team games seemed to come down to the last shot. We had 4 360s and a WII setup. For the most part we just used the 3 XBOXs on two TV sets and Paul's projector with Cassidy playing on the 4th hooked up to a 19" monitor occasionally. Attending and playing were:

Alan
David
Dimitri
Ed
Cole
Cassidy
Connor
Jay
John
Lee
Matt
Paul

Game Night Feb 1

January 30, 2008

Categories: Game Night

We'll start 7:00 this friday or if you're going to the early Lake Pointe talent show, whenever you get here!

We'll provide drinks and snacks.

PostMortem 081201

February 4, 2008

Categories: Game Night

Record night! We had 6 XBOX 360's with three additional in the wings (owners didn't bring them). We can officially say that we have completely transitioned to the 360 and won't be using classics anymore even for secondary games. This was probably the best layout we've ever had maximizing the most screen space. Maxed out we had: 4 playing on a 32" HDTV in 1080i, 2 playing on a 40" HDTV in 1080p, 2 playing on a projector against a wall, 2 playing on a 27" TV, 2 playing on a 21" wide LCD monitor. We maxed out the game at 16 with a total of 17 people playing during the night: Matt, Hans, Paul, Parker, Hudson, John, David, Tommy, Jay, Connor, Hunter, Alan, Kristen, Dimitri, JR, Lee, Sanjeev. The night taught us that we'll have to have a little more planning next time so that things go smoother. To that end I will now ask anyone that plans to attend to RSVP at least by the night before. If you won't know until the last minute, you are welcome to come but you will not get priority in whatever layout/games/tournament/challenges we come up with to accommodate everyone that RSVPed. More ideas on how will mix things up next coming soon....

Halo 2 Maps Overview

February 23, 2008
Categories: General

[Halo 2 Maps Overview](#)

Halo 3 Playing Tips

February 23, 2008

Categories: General

1. Use your grenades liberally. Know how to switch between the different types and prefer the plasma or grenades that stick.
2. Learn where the weapons are on the map and arm yourself with the good ones as soon as possible. A good combination is a long-distance weapon such as sniper or Battle Rifle with a shotgun. Learn to switch quickly and choose the weapon appropriate for the proximity of the enemy.
3. Shoot at body to deplete shields (4x with Battle Rifle) then go for the head to kill with one more shot.
4. Unless trying to hide, always keep moving to lessen chance of being sniped. Jumping and moving side to side is effective in close combat
5. If you move slowly or crouch, you won't show up on the radar!
6. When using the rocket-launcher on a body, aim at their feet to kill them with splash damage. Don't aim at them because if you miss it goes past them.
7. Plasma weapons are good at depleting shields but are not that great used on a body. Bullet weapons are good on bodies but not so good on shields or vehicles. Try dual wielding and using plasma to deplete shields and a bullets to finish off opponent.
8. Form up, preferably in triangle formation. Those ahead should use short range weapons such as shotgun or needlers, while those in the back can use battle rifles or carbines. Snipers should find nice vantage point farther behind.
9. Use flankers. One person dives in headlong to draw attention while others surprise from the sides.
10. Take care using grenades and rocket launchers in close quarters since they can damage your own team. Announce where you are throwing grenades.

Halo3

[Map overview of High Ground, Snowbound, Valhalla](#) (the three maps in the beta)

[Tactical breakdown of High Ground, Snowbound, Valhalla](#)

[Halo 3 Tips #1](#)

[Halo Forever Tips](#)

Halo 3 Challenge Ladder Rules

February 24, 2008

Categories: General

1. You can challenge a player present that is the next one or two rings up from you (not counting any players not present).
2. Maps and rules are chosen by challenger.
3. Games are always Slayer to # of kills, 15 minute time-limit
4. For novices game is to 5, more advanced players play to 10 or 15
5. If challenger challenges the same player twice in a row (not same night), must choose a different map

We'll have a board that tracks standings and we will also track other items like number of weeks at #1.

Halo 3 Challenge Ladder

February 25, 2008

Categories: General

March 7, 2008

1. David 2. Connor 3. Dimitri 4. Jacob 5. JR 6. Ed 7. Paul 8. Alan 9. Hans 10. Parker 11. Tommy 12. Sanjeev 13. Jay 14. Zach 15. Jake 16. Lee 17. Cassidy 18. Cole 19. Kevin 20. Kristen

October 6, 2007

1. David 2. Jacob 3. Parker 4. Connor 5. Ed 6. Paul 7. Tommy 8. Kyle 9. Alan 10. Hans 11. Dmitri 12. Sanjeev 13. Jay 14. Kristen 15. Oliver 16. Caden 17. John

Game Night Mar 7

March 4, 2008

Categories: Game Night

We'll be meeting at 6:30 this week. Please RSVP if you plan to come by responding to email or leaving a comment here.

Food will be provided.

We'll have 2 games going at the same time; a Halo 3 and a Call of Duty 4 game.

PostMortem 080307

March 8, 2008

Categories: Game Night

We had 5 XBOXs and 14 players. We started out with a couple of ladder challenges. David defended his #1 by beating JR 15-7 on High Ground. Dimitri jumped to the top of the pack by defeating Jacob and moving to #3 also playing on High Ground. Connor defended his #2 position by defeating Ed 8-3 with the 15 minute time limit running out. We welcomed first timers Jake, Zach, and Kevin.

[Here](#) is an amazing clip of Dimitri's Grenade Jump used to assassinate Jacob in High Ground.

Game Night April 5

April 1, 2008

Categories: General

April XBOX night will be this coming Saturday night, due to a conflict on Friday.

We'll start play at 6:30 Sat April 5.

We'll provide snack and drinks. No pizza this month, sorry.

Please let me know if you are coming and if you plan to bring your XBOX & Halo 3 game.

If you have COD4, bring it just in case.

Game Night May 3rd

April 30, 2008

Categories: Game Night

Busy Friday, we have to move XBOX night to this Saturday. If you can make it, you can come by starting at 5:30. We'll order Pizza.

For those that have XBOX's but don't care to bring them, it would help if you could bring a controller or two. We seem to run short of them. Other accessories that help: Headset, wireless dongle. COD4 game.

Of course the more consoles we have the less sharing we'll have to do.

Let's try to get a few challenge matches in and we might split up into two different groups so it doesn't get so crazy trying to get everyone ready for a single game.

Please leave a comment if you can make it.

Taking time off for the summer

May 5, 2008

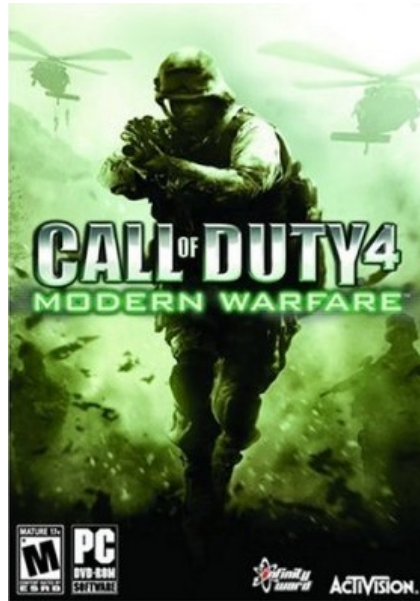
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We will not be hosting XBOX night during the summer. Just taking a break. We'll see you in September

Game Night 080905

September 3, 2008

Categories: Game Night



We're trying something new this "season". We're putting Halo on a hiatus for XBOX Night and introducing Call of Duty 4 for our first XBOX night of the school year. That's this Friday Sept 5th at 6:00. Pizza will be served. \$5 donation/person is always welcome.

Though Halo 3 was rated 'M' I always considered it to be a fairly mild 'M'. Call of Duty 4 is very realistic in its depiction of War and earns its M rating; it's definitely not for every youngster.

The COD 4 multiplayer game is also not as party friendly in that only one person can play per console. Therefore, this Friday, we can only invite those that can bring an XBOX and a COD 4 game with them. Everyone that can make it MUST RSVP. No surprise visitors since there is no flexibility in setting up (1 person per screen). For those that CAN bring an XBOX & COD4, you can invite one guest; though be prepared to switch out with them if they come to play!

Gears of War 2 is scheduled to come out in November. It is one of the BEST co-op games and we may try it on XBOX night when it comes out. I read a review in XBOX magazine about a new "Horde" mode that allows 5 people to go up against increasingly harder waves of computer-generated foes. There are also some interesting new multi-player games such as "Submission" which is capture the flag with the twist added that the flag is alive and shoots at you!

PostMortem 080905

September 6, 2008

Categories: Game Night

We had 4 players playing COD4. David & Dmitri took on Alan and Ed and beat them handedly. David Ed vs Dmitri Alan was a bit more even. It was the first time we played COD4 system link and we didn't experience any problems. We'll try for 6 players next time.

Game Night Jan 9 6:30

January 1, 2009

Categories: General

This month we'll delay XBOX night a week because of the holidays.

We will be gathering next Friday Jan 9 at 6:30, rather than tomorrow. This night will be limited to those that have COD4, COD WAW, or Gears of War 2 and can bring their console. Each of these games supports only 1 player per console. If you have one of these games, but do not wish to bring your console but want to play from home (and have an XBOX Gold Live Account) we can accommodate that and connect online. Please confirm if you plan to participate.

-Alan

Post Mortem 090110

January 10, 2009

Categories: General

We had six XBOX's hooked up and a remote one in play. We had a seventh handy but did not hook it up. At one point we had 4 consoles playing Gears of War 2, 2 consoles playing Call of Duty 4 with Billy joining in from home, and another setup to play COD WAR split-screen. We also played a little Rock band on a Console when we ran out of game disks. We took a break to play 4 person Little Big Planet on the PS3. It was hectic but fun.

In attendance with their XBOX were Jake, Jacob, Tommy, Connor and Dmitri. Jay was a guest of Jacob's and Ed came bringing his PS3 controller.

Game Night 090206

February 6, 2009

Categories: General

This Friday, we'll be playing Halo 3. All are welcome. Jane will be in Dallas and I'll be ordering pizza. I always appreciate a \$3 donation to help out. Bring your stuff, get VIP treatment!
Doors open at 6:00. We'll wind down around 9:00.

Alan

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Alan

COD 4 Maps

February 23, 2009
Categories: General

[Call of Duty 4 Maps](#)

Game Night 090306

March 3, 2009

Categories: Game Night

XBOX night this Friday at 6:00pm. Pizza will be served.

We'll start with Halo 3 and around 8:00 we'll break up or switch to other games depending on who brings their XBOX and what games they bring.

So bring your XBOX if you can or bring your Games (H3, COD4, COD WAW, GOW, GOW2). Be sure you have your name on all your stuff.

PostMortem 090307

March 7, 2009

Categories: General

Ok it was pretty crazy. We had 7 XBOXs networked and about 12 players. There was an eight XBOX that didn't have a Halo 3 game to go with it. Kristen played Rayman Raving Rabbits with Dave D. on it. I think we'll be ready for a break and play one man per XBOX next time.

Game Night 090404

April 1, 2009

Categories: Game Night

Due to baseball season conflicts we're moving XBOX night to this Saturday at 6:30. Food will be served. This will be a Bring-Your-Xbox-To-Play night. We'll be playing COD WAW or COD 4 or GOW. Bring what you've got and we'll play what we have the most of. As before, you can invite a friend to rotate in on your XBOX if you want. These three games only allow 1 player per console. Please RSVP so I can have a station setup for you. - Alan

Game Night 090703

July 1, 2009

Categories: Game Night

No XBOX night this holiday weekend.

Instead, anyone that wants to, let's plan to meet up online and play a private online game.

David and I will be on at 7pm this Friday.

Game Night 090807

August 5, 2009

Categories: Game Night

This Friday is xbox night at 6:00. Pizza will be served. We will be playing Call of Duty 4, Call of Duty World at War, or Gears of War 2. Remember, these games only allow one person per console so bring what you've got or come prepared to share.

XBOX Night Grows Up

February 10, 2010

Categories: General

I want to thank everyone for supporting XBOX night over the past 3 1/2 years. I started it to give David and his friends a SAFE place to play without going online and dealing with all the inappropriateness that you find there. I also just wanted to provide something fun to do with friends on a Friday night. The kids are older now and the list of players has grown. The games have also changed. Halo3 allows up to 4 kids to play on one XBOX and for 16 people total to play together in a network game. Most games today including the popular Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 allows 4 players to play on a single XBOX, but you can't network to another XBOX. The kids are also old enough now where they care that they have to share a screen and have a lesser experience.

We had a great turnout last week but for the most part the kids wanted to play CODMW2, so we ended up having several separate games going and kids didn't really interact that much. It has also become difficult to accommodate so many kids in our home and keep everyone connected and happy.

So from here on out, XBOX Night is transitioning to a different setup. We will no longer have "open" invitations to anyone that wants to come over. If you plan to attend, you MUST bring an XBOX 360 AND a copy of CODMW2 (or whatever game we might choose). Ideally I'd like to see 6 XBOXs so we can play 3 on 3 with each person on their own XBOX. We will start probably around 6:00. Between 9 & 10pm we will go online and play a private match. So if you have an XBOX 360 and the game we are playing, you can join from home! We'll continue playing until midnight or so.

If this excludes any of our regulars, I'm sorry. Remember, to play from home with us, besides the XBOX and game you will need an XBOX Live Gold Account. They are \$50/year and in my opinion a great value.

I will not be sending out emails to this distribution list any longer. I will continue to post here at <http://xboxnight.wordpress.com/> so you can continue to follow us. Hope to see you next month.

-Alan & David

Recommended Purchase. Bring your own monitor

February 11, 2010

Categories: General

Now that we plan to focus on 1 player 1 xbox, I would like for each station to be as enjoyable as possible. My house has 2 Samsung LCD TV's that offer the best HD experience. I also recently bought a [24in flatscreen monitor](#) for home that I use when I work at home on my laptop. I bought a model that has an HDMI connection. This allows us to have a very nice 3rd HD experience with an XBOX. David often prefers this over the Samsung TVs. Finally I have a 32-in and 27-in tube TV that does not offer an HD experience. Three more station can be setup with various computer monitors, again no HD experience.

Sooo, if anyone is inclined to upgrade there home computer monitor or are planning on buying a new system, I highly recommend getting one that has an HDMI connector and paying a little extra for the convenient monitor speakers. You can the bring it to XBOX night and guarantee you have an HD experience.

Call of Duty 4 Gun Sounds Techno Song

February 11, 2010

Categories: General

[youtube=http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-4IFUak_U0&hl=en_US&fs=1&]

Original XBOX Night Pages

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About

In order to provide for a safe friendly environment for kids to play XBOX with their friends, I am organizing monthly nights at our house where we network XBOX consoles together and let the kids play against each other. We mostly play Halo 3 since it is the most multiplayer-friendly game and most have it. Online play is a different experience than playing against the computer. Unfortunately, online communities aren't the best kid-friendly environments, mostly frequented by adolescent boys where inappropriate language and aggressive taunting are common. We try to have a Wii available for younger siblings.

House Rules

1. No bad language. That includes: friggin
2. Keep taunting to a low level
3. No cheating!
4. No betrayals (shooting your own team members). The games we play will most likely not allow this. But remember if you betray, you can get booted from the game.
5. No time outs once game starts. If you have to go to the bathroom, you can still get shot so go between games
6. No food or drinks while playing. We don't want to mess up the borrowed consoles or controllers.
7. There will be a designated leader for the night that selects and hosts each game. NOBODY else should be starting a hosted game.
8. Gravity and speed should be set to normal for each game.

What to Bring

These are all optional. Remember we CAN have up to 4 players per XBOX though my goal is to have enough to limit 2 per screen.

- An XBOX, of course, if you have one. Classic or 360. Don't forget power chord and video cord.
- Controllers, as many as you feel comfortable but no more than 4, 2 is usually enough (S-type at least, please no original large controllers).
- Headset
- Games
 - Halo3
 - Halo2
 - Gears of War
 - Call of Duty 2
 - Call of Duty 3
- \$5 per person. Max \$10 per family. Covers food & drinks. Even if you don't eat, please contribute \$5, keeps things simple.
- Snacks or drinks are always welcome and can substitute for the entry fee.
- LCD monitor, especially if it has composite/component connections AND speakers.

Layout of Consoles at Kleymeyer Home

February 27, 2010

Categories: General

42" HD LCD TV Family Room

32" HD LCD Upstairs Office

24" HD LCD David's Room

(Projector / 19" Tube Computer Monitor, Upstairs Office)

36" Tube Downstairs Living Room

29" Tube Downstairs playroom

22" LCD David's Room (from Office)

21" Computer Monitor Downstairs playroom