

# **Boomer**

June 2003 Tribute Package

A small collection of writing from some of the people close to Boomer within the community.

Just a small thing we wanted to give you, to say “thanks” for what you have done, and “well done” for what you have achieved.

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## The Man From The Sea...

It's strange how time can be deceiving. When I first poked my head through the door of RCT2.com, the first face I saw was welcoming, thoughtful and wise. This mighty, yet humble figure is the man I have come to know as the life and soul of RCT2.com.

He was one of the first people to welcome me into this community: his kind words and friendly personality make him the ultimate father-figure of the RCT world and I'm so grateful that I am lucky enough to be able to work with this awesome man of such courage, wisdom and strength.

At times, he has been the only thing holding me together while here. Boomer has shielded me from attacks, taught me and corrected me with the love and gentleness of a Father. I look up to him as a member of my own family, despite having never met him, never seen him, and never even having heard him. This, in my honest opinion is an affect that can only be provoked by someone of the charisma and love held firmly by Boomer.

Boomer, I want you to know that the respect I hold for you is as vast as the seas from which you gained your name: Boomer, the man from the sea.

Thank you my friend, thank you for all the smiles you've given me, for all the patience you've shown me, and most of all, for all the confidence you've asserted me with.

I present you with the title: the Life and Soul of RCT2.com!

*thedoctorpepper*

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"Boomer probably thinks that he's learned a lot from me in the last year, and that he's taught me nothing. But he'd be wrong.

I've learned that one of the famous old proverbs is indeed true. You cannot teach an old dog new tricks."

*Dave (rcthelp)*

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## The Man Who Brought A New Perspective...

Hidden away in the state of Oregon, USA, lies a man with the willpower, courage and persistence in order to succeed in anything he does. Known to many people as 'Boomer', the man with the same name as the owner of Microsoft Corp. plots his next victim of the e-view. Want to know how it all started? Keep on reading...

### rct:who?

Back in March of 2002, a new RCT website emerged. Taking up the name of rct:2, the name was originally meant to mean rct(mark 2). because it was my second RCT site venture. To my surprise, and delight, Rollercoaster Tycoon 2 was announced just weeks after development finished.

During this time, I was a regular member at RCTUK. Boomer also posted there on a regular basis. I as approached by the screen name of 'Boomer' complete with avatar (from which he still tells me has some similarity to his real life graphic). What awaited me in the Private Message was priceless, little did I know I was about to give a chance to one of the best writers this community has seen. I'm pretty sure still to this day, that if I hadn't of given him the go, he will have still found his way to where he is today, due to pure perseverance.

Boomer asked me, begged me to let his talents fly into a website on a regular basis. At the time, we decided it would be a great addition to the site, as I couldn't think of any other website that had original writing talents available for the visitor to take 'another perspective' into the rct community. Overall, it was pretty weird how he took hold of the team at rct:2. At first he was a little cautious, as many people would be. He has no idea if his creations would rub off on visitors, or if his writing would turn off visitors. He strived to create and display, asking for comments and feedback whenever he could. This would not only help the talent, but encourage him! All he could hear was the cry of delight from the readers.

His first e-view came on April 24th 2002. Doctor J, creator of some of best utilities experienced the hot seat. This was a huge hit with the small fan base rct:2 had now gathered, which was rapidly increasing.

It took him only two further weeks to find Oblivion, followed by a friend of his, known as VooDew5, who was a popular character at the rct:2 forums. His real big break came, when he finally managed to grab the attentions of the 'top dog' webmaster, Red Phoenix. This e-view was what made people start to look, and realise the talent was there. The site became a temple for the writing, the forums where busy and big, clocking well over 3000 page views a day was no mean feat for site that was only 1 month old.

It wasn't long before Boomer started on various other people, each from a unique background. Good friend of mine Joshua Vanderburg (webmaster of RCTOA.com at the time) followed, then did Pops, major hit was Henry Winkelstein, Chocobogo and Tim Miller.

By now, rct:2 was a haven, one of the major rct websites on the net, bar the big three at the time (RCT Station, Tycoon Planet & RCTUK). RCTOA was our host, experiencing major problems with downtime and such. Boomer suffered as a result. This was a real problem for me personally. I didn't want to let anyone down, and after the problem persisted for a while, Boomer asked if he could leave rct:2 to take up a position here at RCT2.com. Of course, I was under no obligation at all to stop him, I agreed and we exchanged kind

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words, before I walked him to the door. With a final glance over his shoulder, he wandered off into the unknown again.

### **RCT2.com - Make? Or Break?**

Since Boomer started at RCT2.com, I haven't really been able to get an inside view on his work, but from here, he seemed to grow even stronger. New Re-view series, and webmaster e-views. These were also great crowd pleasers.

Again, it seemed Boomer has surpassed himself and started his rct community over again. This brings us to today, the man now owns one of the biggest sites in the rct community, and would he have imagined this over a year ago? My guess is that he did, no other person would have the same commitment, not even me.

I feel that one day, Boomer will reach his goal, not only to monopolise the world of creative writing in the community, but to interview the man himself, Chris Sawyer. If anyone will get there, I can't see nobody else's name at the bottom of the finished article.

Well done on what you have done. It's been great.

*skippy*

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*You can read all of Boomers E-views at RCT2.com*

*<http://www.rct2.com/index.php?RCT2d=community&RCT2i=eviews>*

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## Boomer... The Chosen Friend

Perhaps, you've heard of the expression, "Sometimes you pick your friends, sometimes they pick you."

Well, I personally can't think of a more appropriate way to describe how Boomer and I came to know one another. See, Boomer was the one who personally "picked me" one day and so began our friendship...

By the same token, I believe he has picked every RCT2 member to be his friend by the way he has open the doors to all who enter and by striving to make this first and foremost, a friendly site.

Boomer, my friend, in my opinion, you've succeeded!

*Nautical Twilight*

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## Boomer From Another Perspective...

When I first stumbled into RCT2.com last October, I had been frequenting quite a few other sites. While they all had their unique features, the communications always left me wanting. Their forums were a place of information, and many times some mean spirited flaming. My expectations were not all that high when I first started lurking the RCT2.com forums, but I found a level of friendliness I wasn't expecting. I decided to register and see what the site really had to offer.

What I wasn't expecting was that after I posted for the first time, there were many regulars who welcomed me into the community. One of those was this guy named Boomer. He seemed a friendly sort, and had quite the personality, and apparently quite a few lumps on his head from a now famous cast iron skillet.

Over the next few months I got to know this man by his interactions with others. I learned he is not quite two years older than I am. I learned he is a dedicated family man. I learned that he is respectful of other's feelings, and of differing opinions. I learned he was a Disneyland fan too. In one incredible coincidence, Boomer discussed the long gone Pacific Ocean Park. Coincidence because I had just found out about this gem, and had gathered more information on it to find out what it was really all about. Here was Boomer talking about how he could remember the smell of the hot dogs, and specifics about some of some of the attractions. I sent Boomer a magazine article about the park (don't know if he ever got it) because there were some illustrations of some of the things in particular he mentioned.

In less than a year I have seen a wise Boomer, an educated Boomer, a stressed Boomer, a happy to the point of being silly Boomer. Most of all what I have seen is an honest, caring, and dedicated Boomer. It is easy to see why this man is referred to as the heart and soul of RCT2.com.

*Sambo*

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## Welcome Boomer! To Fisherman's Friend

It's party time! RCT2.com has his first anniversary.

Did you know you own a whole set of islands close to the Bermuda Quatrangle?

No? How very absent of you, for you do!

A lovely house, or I should say estate! With multiple bedrooms, and all the luxury you want! Private beach, several boats, etc. etc. Skippy, the pet dolphin, Occy the octopus, the kids love to play with him, or Toothache the shark, he give problems sometimes!

A Indian Island with tents and a campfire, a place (Oyster Isle) to go for dinner. Free flying lessons! (Better make sure you have a good insurance!) The opportunity to study seagulls using the Flight of the Seagull. And, of course, LOTS OF FISH! Take the Fish Pirate, her captain is at your service, and go fishing!

Visit the Maelstrom, you only can do that once! by the way, but you can also fly over it when taking your free flying lessons! Make sure you fly OVER it! It is located in the center of the Bermuda Quatrangle.

Have a lot of fun and happy anniversary! You will be welcomed with fireworks!

A serious word (short one, LOL) This park contains lots of scenery made by lots of members of RCT2.com! Not all of it is already perfect, so maybe you should save your objectdat file first!

I'd like to thank all the members who's scenery I used in this park!

*Mama Bear*

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Boomer's own park is available for download at RCT2.com

<http://www.rct2.com/forums/uploads/boomerpark.SV6>