

Happy Birthday Mike Minkoff!

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Blue Sky Ranger Mike Minkoff celebrates his birthday today, May 30. Mike designed and programmed the classic Intellivision games Snafu and (with Rick Levine) PBA Bowling. As Director of Application Software, he oversaw the production of many other favorites, including Space Spartans, B-17 Bomber, Night Stalker and Shark! Shark!

Mike was one of the first programmers at Mattel Electronics, starting on hand-held games in the late-1970s, and he was the last, staying after all the other programmers had been laid off in 1983 and 1984 to archive the Intellivision games in development.

(Those archives allowed INTV Corporation to pick up Intellivision production nearly two years later.)

In the video below, Mike talks about his favorite project, Snafu.

You can play Snafu free online at Getback.com!