



STELLAR JOCKEYS MAY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Stellar Jockeys newsletter for May. We've got some news, a brief retrospective, and your regular dose of community contributions.

Benjamin, Stellar Jockeys

The Blood Anniversary Update Is Coming



Brigador: Up-Armored Edition's birthday is in June, so we're celebrating with a modest update to the game next week. Much like our last update in December 2020, the update is going to affect both the game's assets packfile and reset the global.json to the intended state. If you have been modding your copy of the game, we strongly suggest you back up your copy so you don't lose any data changes you have made.

The update is scheduled to go live on **Monday June 7th** across all digital storefronts and will feature new missions, playable vehicles, performance improvements and many other things. Keep an eye on our [Steam news hub](#) for a full post detailing everything.

Understanding The Brigador Journey: Names

Before we can talk about Brigador, we need to talk about the origins of the

company itself and where its name even came from.

Back in the fall of 2009, at the University of Illinois, the second meeting of ACM GameBuilders was held wherein people could pitch game ideas. ACM GameBuilders is a community of student game developers at the University of Illinois and is a spin off of the ACM (or the [Association for Computing Machinery](#)) which has a number of chapters both across the US and the rest of the world.

In attendance among others at this 2009 meeting were three people: Hugh Monahan, Dale Kim and Harry Hsiao. The first name you may recognize, the other two you might not - both Dale & Harry were the original engineers of Brigador's custom engine and were studying Computer Science at the time. Hugh, meanwhile, was working at the high school associated with the University of Illinois, which granted him credentials to use academic facilities. Hugh was there to pitch - Dale and Harry were there to listen.

Reminiscing on the event, Dale explained that out of the majority of the pitches, Hugh's idea was not only clearly described but also actually achievable. A small group formed to work on the project for the rest of the school year, culminating in them managing to show off the project at the university's engineering student showcase event called Engineering Open House. Given the team had managed to pull off the project, Harry, Dale and Hugh realized they could probably make more games in the future, so they stayed in touch...

...But what even was that game? Unfortunately, we don't have any images of it. Effectively it was a clone of the original [Star Control game from 1990](#). The title of this student project? **Stellar Jockeys**.

Merch Store Shipping Rates Updated

As part of our ongoing spring cleaning, both domestic and international **shipping rates have been adjusted** on our merchandise store to more closely match 2021's rates. In general this means that shipments to the US, Canada, Australia and the EU will cost slightly more than before, while fees to New Zealand and various overseas territories outside of Asia have been significantly reduced. If you have any questions about ordering products from our store, please get in touch by emailing team@stellarjockeys.com.

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Community Spotlight

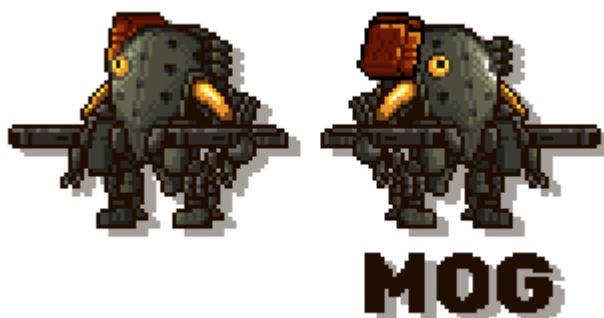
Hugh kicks off this month's round up with their uplifting take on Kroenig, who is proud of all your accomplishments, especially the following posts.



Charles-the-cat has recreated the Touro in, of all programs, 2008's Spore....



...**Lowkey Ops** graced us with a delightful pixel art take on the mongoose...



...and at this rate we're probably incapable of not including the latest work by **Juntti**, who took the "Think Mark" meme and applied it to Brigador to give us "Thinker From Volta".



As always, many more entries can be found in the **#becks_best** channel on our Discord server.

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Next Month

With the update dropping in a week, we'll be occupied with the influx of community newcomers and technical issues that come with them. Did we mention that it's Stellar Jockeys' 10th anniversary too?



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