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Unreleased Nintendo Arcade Game to Debut at Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo 2017

Atlanta, GA - *Sky Skipper*, a previously unreleased arcade game by **Nintendo**, will be unveiled and available to play at the Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo (SFGE), one of the largest gaming events in the Southeast. The fourth-annual event anticipates over 3,200 attendees and will take place Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel & Convention Center in Atlanta.

Originally developed in 1982 but never released to the public, the *Sky Skipper* arcade game has been resurrected by enthusiasts **Whitney Roberts** and **Alex Cowley** with support from Nintendo of America. With only four circuit boards known to exist, and using a dedicated original example from Nintendo's vault as a guide, the project team's efforts have spanned many hours and two continents to bring the vintage game to life and unveil it in front of video gaming fans at SFGE.

Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo co-founder **Patrick Wall** expressed his excitement over the upcoming debut, "Being one of the first group of gamers to see and play *Sky Skipper* after 35 long years is tremendously exciting. The game existed only in the shadows of Nintendo's corporate vault for so long, it is hard to believe that the spotlight will finally shine upon it in just a short time at SFGE."

"*Sky Skipper* represents an insightful look into Nintendo's past that helps us to better understand how arcade titles were developed," says project co-lead Whitney Roberts. UK resident and project co-lead Alex Crowley adds, "Not only is *Sky Skipper* a good game, it's a fantastic piece of art. It's amazing to see it come back to life and be given the credit it never achieved back in the day."

The game will be unveiled in a ceremony Saturday, June 10 at 10:30 AM featuring "Video Game Player of the Century" **Billy Mitchell** and Twin Galaxies founder **Walter Day**. Following the ceremony, *Sky Skipper* will be added among the more than 250 arcade, pinball, and console systems available for free play at SFGE.

For more information about the Sky Skipper Project, visit www.skyskipperproject.com. To learn more about the Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo, visit www.gameatl.com

About Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo

A true fan convention, the Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo (SFGE) is a 3-day gaming event in Atlanta, Georgia founded by a group of enthusiasts in 2014. With consistent growth, SFGE now attracts more than 3,000 attendees and features over 250 full-sized arcade games, pinball machines and console systems, along with tabletop gaming, vendors, guest speakers, a film festival, wrestling, tournaments, live music, and more! SFGE is a family-friendly event for all ages.

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