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The Sims Hangout Update  
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<http://www.sims-hangout.com>

Hi Simmers!

Things have been stirring at The Sims Hangout over the past few weeks. After a rather long break from The Sims, I have returned to the game after getting the Hot Date expansion. The website was looking a little out of date so I have gone through 'tweaking' things. Here's whats new :-

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Help Center  
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The Hangout is a strategy site, not a download site and my main aim is to help people to play the game. Over the years I have spread information out over the strategy pages, FAQ page, cheats page and answered individual questions via e-mail. It was all starting to get a little messy so I have created a 'Help Center' which I hope is a comprehensive resource for any Sims related problem you may be having.

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Hot Date  
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I haven't put up any guides for Hot Date yet. I actually started playing it a little later than most folks and I'm still getting my own head around it. I actually managed to overwrite my entire Sims game a while ago so when I started playing it again I spent most of the time trying to recreate my families rather than experiementing with the new Hot Date stuff.

However, I have gone through my existing strategy guides adding in notes for HD owners. Strategy guides are on their way but to help me decide exactly what to write about I'm going to put up a poll. On the subject of polls...

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New Poll! :-)  
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Sims : Vacation has also been recently announced and it looks pretty exiting. As I was a little late with Hot Date I was honestly not sure whether I should back track and put some HD info up, or whether I should first write about the upcoming Vacation, or just do something else entirely. So far I have had several hundred votes and the results are a little surprising :) Please go to the site and have your say. The poll will stay up until next weekend sometime.

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Forums Opened  
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When I first started the site (you know that was 3 years ago now?? Phew!) I toyed with the idea of putting up a forum. Back then there were a lot of childish idiots who had nothing better to do than just abuse public forums and so I decided against it as I didn't have the time to act as a moderator. However, times have changed and just about every major (and minor) website now has an EZ-Board forum and many internet folk have EZ-Board accounts. So, The Sims Hangout now has an EZ-Board forum :-). It hasn't really been used much but it's there anyway...

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What's Next?  
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Following on from the Help Center, I am going to revamp the FAQ page. In fact, it is being replaced with a searchable FAQ database which I think will be a lot easier to use than scrolling through that overly large page. Hopefully, it will be much easier to maintain and update and I can grow it into a really useful resource.

After that, I'm going to add some new content to the site but I'll be using on-site polls to ask visitors exactly what they'd like to see.

That's all for now folks!

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