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Posted by [nebusj](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2012 07:37:41 GMT

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Subject: Re: Norman's varied career, besides being welcomed home
Posted by [Reaper G](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2012 14:58:44 GMT

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On Aug 17, 12:37 am, nebu...@-rpi.edu (Joseph Nebus) wrote:

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Was there even a point to that short?

And that's what we're talking about after last night?

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Reaper G

Pest, Foodie, MSTie, G-fan, Wrestlemaniac, and geek-at-large

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Subject: Re: Norman's varied career, besides being welcomed home

Posted by [Ernie](#) on Sat, 18 Aug 2012 01:34:53 GMT

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"Joseph Nebus" <nebusj-@-rpi.edu> wrote in message
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Norman would have been funny on it's own w/o riffing. that said, carrying
Norman references into Manos was a winner. Ernie

Subject: Re: Norman's varied career, besides being welcomed home
Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Sat, 18 Aug 2012 20:30:54 GMT
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On Friday, August 17, 2012 3:37:41 AM UTC-4, Joseph Nebus wrote:
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Subject: Re: Norman's varied career, besides being welcomed home
Posted by [nebusj-](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2012 05:35:53 GMT
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In <9101748b-7fdf-4990-a020-9199396b2239@googlegroups.com> Doug Elrod
<dre1@cornell.edu> writes:

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There *is* something weirdly amusing about the Norman shorts, although that's maybe just from how hard it is to imagine who the shorts were made for, exactly. They can't have gone to the educational market, but there weren't shorts for theatrical films by the time these were made (with rare, freak exceptions). They wouldn't fit on TV. Where was it meant to go?

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Ah, so this isn't about "Norman, is that you?" starring Norman Chambers, because the unintended hilarity factor would definitely go up a notch if that were the case.

Norman... Is That You? (1976)
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0074973/combined>

When Ben (Red Foxx) discovers his wife Beatrice (Pearl Bailey) has run off with his own brother, he rushes to his son Norman (Michael Warren) to unload his tale of woe--only to discover that Norman has a secret lover: the effeminate Garson (Dennis Dugan.) Needless to say, Ben does not take it well, and numerous complications follow--including Ben's attempt to get Norman over being homosexual by fixing him up with a hooker (Tammy Dobson.) Unfortunately, this description of the movie sounds a great deal more entertaining than the movie itself.

Michael Warren as Norman Chambers
Redd Foxx as Ben Chambers
Pearl Bailey as Beatrice Chambers
Dennis Dugan as Garson Hobart
Wayland Flowers as Larry Davenport

Norman is that you? (Trailer)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmXfnvxXI5w>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SnapTrack>
SnapTrack, Inc. was a Silicon Valley technology startup that invented and sold a GPS-based location technology for cellphones. Founded in 1995 by Steve Poizner and Norman Krasner, it grew to 65 employees before being bought by Qualcomm in 2000 for \$1 billion in stock.

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September 13, 1980 Showtime promos Part 1
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdUckp2EnZ8>

"Welcome Back Norman" begins at 0:21

Uploaded by gamelover1949 on Nov 19, 2010

****NOTE:** Part of the short film shown was clipped because of bad video at that point. I apologize for that.**

Here are some really old Showtime promos from September 1980. Here's what you'll see.

1. Coming Up Next on Showtime for Saturday Night Fever
 2. Showtime Short "Welcome Back, Norman" (this is the vast majority of the promo)
 3. National Lampoon's Animal House
 4. Showtime's After Hours promoting Van Nuys Blvd., The Killer Elite, The Inheritance, and Lipstick
 5. Tonight on Showtime with Saturday Night Fever and The Sentinel (it says September 13th, but no year)
 6. Showtime movie bumper
 7. Ratings bumper (R, and it recommends the film for mature audiences)
 8. Paramount logo
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