THE COMMODORE COMPENDIUM

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The dollar bill pictured above isn't really worth all that much in todays economy, but this very same dollar bill can keep our club alive and well. How is this possible? Two dollars at every meeting for the disk-of-the-month helps. A dollar or two for the raffle tickets surely can't hurt. I've spent more money going to a movie. I've read about the other clubs that have folded for lack of support. Let's not go the way of the Rockford and Pittsburgh clubs. Keeping our club solvent is a worthwhile endeavor and it still leaves us enough \$\$\$ to buy a turkey for Thanksgiving.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 24 -- Allen Steele's Music Demo

December 17 -- CHRISTMAS PARTY



FROM PAT CARMANY

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I REALLY HAD FUN AT THE MEETING LAST MONTH. OUR DEMO OF COMPUTEREYES WENT OVER WELL. IF YOU MISSED OUR NOVEMBER MEETING, I GAVE A PRESENTATION OF A CARTRIDGE DEVICE THAT CONNECTS A VIDEO CAMERA, OR YCR TO THE COMMODORE TO CAPTURE REAL-WORLD IMAGES. THE PICTURES OF THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB, INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE OF BBCG'S COMPENDIUM, WERE CAPTURED AT THE MEETING USING MY VHS VIDEO CAMERA AND THE PROGRAM, COMPUTEREYES. ONCE SAVED TO DISK, THESE IMAGES CAN BE USED WITH PROGRAMS LIKE DOODLE, FLEXDRAW, NEWSROOM, PRINT SHOP, AND FUN GRAPHICS MACHINE. WE DISCOVERED LIGHT AND SHADOW ALL MAKE FOR DIFFERENT EFFECTS. THIS WAS A VARY USER-FRIENDLY SYSTEM WITH A SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND MANUEL. AT THE END OF THE MEETING WE PUT THE PICTURE OF EACH MEMBER ON THEIR DISK OF THE MONTH.

ALSO AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING WE HAD A SPECIAL GUEST. LARRY EMMONS FROM MASSENA, NY VISITED WITH US. LARRY HAS BEEN AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF OUR CLUB FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS E-MAIL LARRY ON THE MENTAL HEALTH 885 (1-800-790-2647) LARRY GOES BY HIS REAL MUSTANG, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHECK IT OUT. LARRY LIVES IN THE FAR NORTHERN PART OF NEW YORK WHERE IT'S ALREADY PRETTY COLD, SO OUR INDIAN SUMMER FELT LIKE THE REAL THING TO HIM. HE ALSO VISITED THE RAIN FOREST AT THE ZOO WHILE IN CLEVELAND.

LARRY HAS AN ARTICLE IN THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER, ALONG WITH HIS PICTURE TAKEN AT THE MEETING. BE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT.

DON'T FORGET THE NOVEMBER MEETING FALLS ON TUESDAY THE 24TH BECAUSE OF OTHER LIBRARY SCHEDULING.

NOVEMBER IS ELECTION TIME AS EVERYONE KNOWS, AND BBCG IS NO EXCEPTION. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP LIGHTEN THE LOAD FOR THE REST OF US. ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE OVER ONE OF THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE CLUB STILL HAS TIME TO RAISE THEIR HAND AND YOLUNTEER! WE NEED A TREASURER AND SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER REFRESHMENTS AND GREET PEOPLE AT THE DOOR. ALSO A PROGRAM DIRECTOR TO SEE THAT WE HAVE A DEMO OR ACTIVITY GOING ON AT UP COMING MEETINGS. GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE POSITIONS. 440-234-6092

ALSO ANGEL CAN USE ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE OR WOULD LIKE TO WRITE ONE, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATE.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THE BOARD AND STAFF OF BASIC BITS WANTS TO TAKE THIS TIME TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TIME. WHEN WE TAKE TIME TO REFLECT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, ONE OF THE THINGS I'M THANKFUL FOR, ARE THE FRIENDS ! HAVE MADE AT BBCG MEETINGS.



THIS IS ALLEN STEELE, HE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF NAME, BUT I'M TRISH AND FRED WHITE IS THE NOVEMBER MEETING. ALLEN HAS USED HIS COMMODORE TO PLAY, COMPOSE AND TRANSCRIBE MUSIC FOR A LONG TIME. I EVEN REMEMBER HIM HAVING MICHAEL KELLEY DOWNLOAD A PROGRAM TO TUNE HIS GUITAR MANY YEARS AGO. SO MUSIC IS HIS THING AND COMMODORE DID IT LONG BEFORE THE OTHERS. COME OUT AND SEE WHAT ALLEN HAS DONE WITH THREE SPECIAL PROGRAMS JUST MADE FOR THE 64. THESE PROGRAMS WERE DONATED TO THE CLUB AND WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THE END OF THE MEETING.