SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMMODORE USERS CLUB INC.



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THE EDITIOR'S DESK 13/6/90

Hello Everyone,

In This issue of the newsletter you would have noticed a problem page. The idea of this is to put in writing any problems or ideas you might have, and then hand to a Committee member.

Who will, hopefully, put you on to someone who will put you on the right track towards solving your problems. Plus put to good use any ideas you might suggest.

If there is enough input towards the problem page, the solutions could possibly be pulished in a special section of the DISPATCH DISK. This will help other members or readers towards solving similar problems.

The passing on of information and knowledge is an important part of a user group, so don't be afraid of assisting some one and passing on suggestions.

We are all still learning, so any tricks or tips that we recieve or give out will enhance and improve our abilities.

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A questionaire will be distributed to members and visitor's alike. If these questionaires are filled in and handed back to a Committee Member, the information then can be collected and then used to the benefit of the club.

The main reason for the questionaire is that the more people (members/visitors), who attend the meetings, the better. Which in turn will bring an increase in membership numbers.

To do this we (the committee) needs to know what members and visitors are interested in plus what everyone would like to see in demonstrations and workshops.

Question (8) in the QUESTIONAIRE, is a fairly important question, members should think about it carefully, before answering it. If the members agree to bring in their computer set ups then a roster could be drawn up so that everybody would know when to bring in their computer.

The beauty of this idea is that you would only need to bring in your computer once or twice a year. Which is not a lot to ask.

THINK ABOUT IT!

What is needed is a postive input from members and visitors alike. REMEMBER!, the club is only good as it's members. It's your club, so the more, you the members, put in the club, the better it gets.

JAN VAN DE BELT - EDITOR

**** PRINTERS GALORE ****

Recently there has been an influx of new non Commodore printers into our local computer shops.

The CENTRONIC printer being the most popular as it has become more or less the standard selected by most PC manufacturers.

The physical connection between your computer and printer is called the interface, it can be any of the well known brands ie XETEC, CARDCO, TYMAC, R T C, or MICROWORD, etc; at a cost of approximately \$75:00 to \$175:00, it can also be a simple cable.

Most of todays word processor, spreadsheet, and database programs have a printer menu, if so then the CENTRONICS type of printer is sure to be listed in the menu, therefore if the program you are running has such a menu, then a simple eleven (11) wire cable as described below will be all that you'll require.

Pins on 64/128

Centronic plug

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C	DATA I	BIT O	• •	2	Bit O
D		1		3	1
E		2		4	2
F		3		5	3
H		4		6	4
J		5		7	5
K		6		8	6
L		7		9	7
M	Strobe	e		1.	STB
N	No cor	nnection			

The Commodore edge connecter, male Centronics plug and cable can be purchased from a number of local electronics shops, two shops that have these requirements are.

Force electronics 203 Wright St Adelaide and branches. Jaycar electronics 190 Wright St Adelaide.

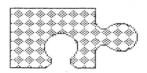
all up cost approximately \$12:00 - \$15:00

For those people using early Commodore 64 programs that do not have a printer menu, can start by loading this short program before loading & running the word pro etc; direction for use will display on the screen.

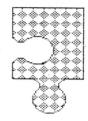
PROGRAM "CENTRONICS MC" or "PRINTLINK"

ready.

JOHN WRICHT.



COMPUTER PUZZLE WORD SERRCH PUZZLE NO. 1



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FIND THE WORDS, RUN A LINE THOUGH EACH LETTER OF THE WORD. THE REMAINING LETTERS AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY LINE.

WRITE DOWN

APPLICATIONS DISK AUDIOCASSETTE DISPLAYS ARRAYS BAD BASIC BITS(2) BOOT BYTES CARTRIDGE CHARACTERS CHIP CODES COMMANDS COMPUTER DATA DIGITESER DIMENSION

DRIVES EFFECTS ELECTRONIC EXECUTE EXPANDABLE EXPANSION FILE FILING FLOPPYDISK FONT FORMAT FORMATTING FUNCTION GAME GOTO

HEATSINK ICON IMAGES INPUT INTERFACE JOYSTICK KEYBOARD LANGUAGE LIST LOGO LOOPS MASTER MEMORY MICRO MODULATOR MONITOR

GRAPHICS

MOUSE OPERATIONS OPERATOR OUTPUT PAD PASAL PERIPHERALS PIN PLAY PLOTTER . PORT PRINT PRINTER PROGRAM PROGRAMMING RAM RESET

RESTORE SOCKET SOFTWARE SPREADSHEETS SPRITE SYMBOL SYNTHEISER TAB TERMINAL TURBO TUTORIAL USERS UTILITIES VARIABLES VERIFY

ANSWER

DISPATCH DISK

FOR SALE

COLUMN

SENDATA Commodore compatible MODEM 300/300 1200/75 boud ie VIATEL & BBS \$125:00 or ONO.

CANON F-60 Centronics printer plus paper \$150:00.

Various original Commodore software both on disk and tape \$2 to \$30.

PHONE 2967761 John Wright.

TRS 80 SERIES 3 COMPUTER Built In B/W Monitor and Twin Disk Drive. \$350:00. RING Norm 3845482 or Rob 3820781.

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Our Disk and Magazine libraries are open at each general meeting from 7:30pm.

If you have any contributions for the newsletter, see Rob, Jeff or Jan.

NEXT MEETING

Our next general meeting will be held on the 18TH JULY 1990 7:30pm.

<u>SUBJECT</u>:- PRINTSHOP DEMONSTRATION by Ross Edwards

<u>LOCATION</u>: - Meetings are held in the house behind the Salvation Army Hall at 186 Elizabeth Rd. in Morphett Vale, just in from Beach Rd.

MEETING RULES

- 1) NO SMOKING
- 2) NO DRINKING
- 3) NO SWEARING

Though the generousity of the Salvation Army, we are allowed to use the facilities in this house, in return for which we give them a relatively small donation. We ask for your co-operation in respect to the above.

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WANTED

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED -THE CLUB STILL NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE OF SEVERAL MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: -

- 1)128 Disk and book librarian
- 2)Newsletter contributions

3)Expert Register. PLEASE help us to help others with their problems.

DEMONSTRATION TOPICS -If you have any requests for topics you would like to see demonstrated, speak up. Even, if it has already been done and you missed it, let us know. If there is reasonable interest, it can probably be repeated.

FUTURE MEETINGS -Help us to spread the word of our existence. Write out some small notices and place them where people will see them. Your local supermarket usually has a notice board as do some Newsagencies and Delis.

FOR SALE

PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE - We have a large range of PUBLIC DOMAIN software for sale through our library. Prices start at \$2.00 per disk which represents very good value. Catalogue disks are also available for only \$1.06 See Jeff at tonight's meeting

for any enquires.

CHEAP DISKS -How much do you pay for your blank disks? The club is making bulk purchase of disks to help members save some money. The cost(to members is 70c per disk, which works out to be \$7:00 for a packet of 10. If you are interested in some, see Rob at tonight's meeting. PRIVATE FOR SALIADS. REFER TO PAGE 3.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The scale of membership fees for this year will be as follows:-

Joining Fee for new members \$5.00 Membership fee (to A.G.M) \$5.00 All pervious members who have no renewed their membership arunfinancial and will have to rejoin the club and pay the joining fee again in order to add items to the club's disk and magazine libraries, we need money, so please pay up promptly.