



Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club



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President's page

Rampantly Rambling Ruminations

Howdy Fellow Commodore Users!

This year should be an exciting year for Expositions of Commodore and Amiga enthusiasts.

The Vintage Computer Festival will be held on the East Coast sometime this summer, it's too early to tell yet, but it will probably be held in Boston, or somewhere in the New England area. The West Coast version of this show has been attended in the past by Robert Bernardo of the Fresno Commodore User Group, in California.

There will be an Amiga 2001 show in St. Louis Missouri this year on March 30 thru April 1st at the Sheraton Westport Plaza.

The annual Spring Commodore Expo this year will be hosted by our neighboring Commodore Club in Louisville (LUCKI), planned for Memorial Day Weekend. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express which is actually located in New Albany, Indiana. For us in Cincinnati, that's a two hour drive. A nice trip for the day, or maybe the weekend?

The South West Regional Association of Programmers User Group (SWRAP) had a wonderful expo last fall, but they haven't announced a possible date, yet. Possibly in the September thru October range?

I am wondering if I have the time and resources to visit all of these wonderful expositions. I even heard some news on an expo slated for Lorain/Elyria metro area for Atari and game console enthusiasts, this summer. The Atari has a fondness in my heart since it was my first game console. There is talk that the Commodore folk may

show up at this event, since it too is also a game console as one of it's alternate entities. Can you think of a better way to spend the weekend than with folks that have a lust for the same crazy machines you do?

Don't forget our own participation in the local computer shows sponsored by Tradeshow Productions. Are we to make a presence with them again this year? We may in February IF we get volunteers willing to spend a few hours manning our booth. It doesn't have to be all day, or the entire weekend. Don't forget, while you are there, you can shop for those computer bargains you're always looking for, too!

Now that we've outlasted that 18 day streak of below freezing high temperatures, I hope to see you at our next meeting on January 21st. I don't plan to dig out my bermuda shorts, just yet, but I am looking forward to the warm weather hopefully arriving soon.

David Witmer

Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club
President

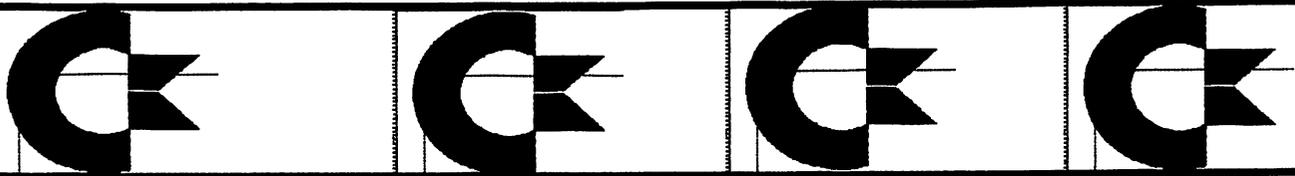
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Secretary's Report

by Julie Barr

David Witmer called the meeting to order, all the while spying on the goodies sitting on the table next to him.

President's Report: No new updates to the club's webpage. David has been involved with a project concerning a new camera being marketed by Sony that creates its digital images on a Compact Disk. The idea was first brought to light by Robert Bernardo of the Fresno Club. His quest was to find a camera that had media that could be used by the Commodore Computer. The Sony has previously produced cameras that saved their images to 3 1/2 floppy disk compatible with the IBM format. Robert spotted at one of his local stores the new Sony Mavica camera that writes to CD's and wondered if it was in a format that could be readable thru the Commodore. Since David worked at a computer store that sold digital imaging products, including cameras, he got a chance to play with one of the cameras. A third party was called in to help with the project since neither David nor Robert had a CD drive setup for their Commodores. Dale Sidebottom from the Louisville Club was brought into the mix, since he did have all the necessary hardware, and software (CDRom Commander for the 128) to try the disk out. Initial reports indicate the CD drive Dale had could not read the disk. But that perhaps a newer drive would, so when Dale gets a new drive, he will try again. So this project is on hold pending the selection of the appropriate drive. Discussion proceeding on how it could benefit the Commodore Community.

Vice President's Report: Not Present

Treasurer's Report: Not Present

Secretary's Report: Not Present - December's minutes were written by David Witmer, so blame him!

Publicity's Report: Exhibited newsletters gathered from our exchange newsletter program with other Commodore Clubs. No new items to be listed in our For Sale Diskette.

Editor's Report: Not Present

Lbrarian's Report: Not Present

Membership Report: Not Present, however there was

discussion that an email list of current members be gathered and exchanged with the fellow club members. It would be for the use only of the members to contact other members, when the option to contact via phone is not possible (i.e. someone is on the internet using the phone line all day?), and a letter might not be delivered in a timely manner. It was agreed by all present that people external to the club do not need this information, so a flyer will be included in a future newsletter onl to the local members, along with an email confirming the addresses of those members' addresses gathered. Please send an email to cbmusers@yahoo.com to have your name and email address added to thi list.

New Business: The club will not be a Tradeshow Production's January show. The temperature was so extreme, that not many attended the meeting, so volunteers could not arrange to be on the list to man the table. February's show is a possibility if enough people volunteer. Roger Hoyer and David Witmer volunteered, as they had no plans that should prevent them from attending. Check your calendar and see if you can attend the February show.

Old Business: Can we eat the food now? Everyone that attended brought in a covered dish of wonderful edible food. The few that showed up had lots of left overs to take home.

The Demo for December was Christmas Music via the Twisted Christmas disk.

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For Commodore aficionados and fans of vintage computer platforms, Sellam "Sam" Ismail has made the pre-announcement for the Vintage Computer Festival East (East Coast of the United States). Give the VCF website a ring and state your preferences.

Truly,
Robert Bernardo
Fresno Commodore User Group

Date: Tue, 19 Dec 2000 00:49:45 -0800 From: Vintage Computer Festival
<vcf@siconic.com> To: rbernardo@value.net

Subject: Help Us Plan VCF East

Greetings Vintage Computer Enthusiast!

I am happy to announce that the VCF is moving ahead with plans for an event on the East Coast of the United States. We are considering hosting the event somewhere in the New England area, with Boston being heavily favored both for its central location and historical relevance to computing.

But we want to be sure to hold the event in a locale that will be amenable to the highest number of potential attendees, so we are polling our mailing list subscribers to determine where the most ideal location would be.

In deciding on a locale, we'd like to keep these criteria in mind:

1) Availability of an affordable location suitable for the Festival 2) Geographical proximity to the most number of potential attendees 3) Proximity to major airports 4) Availability of decent and affordable accomodations 5) Weather 6) Historical relevance (i.e. near Route 128 near Boston, as a parallel to doing the main Festival in the Silicon Valley)

So if those who are entertaining the notion of going to a VCF East could mosey on over to the following URL and fill in the survey we'd be most appreciative:

<http://www.vintage.org/survey.html>

Your input will help to decide where we will host the first VCF East. The event is tentatively scheduled to fall somewhere in between VCF Europa (April 28-29, 2001) and VCF 5.0 (Fall 2001).

Thanks very much for your participation in our poll, and we hope to see you at one of the upcoming Vintage Computer Festival events!

Best regards,

Sellam Ismail Producer Vintage Computer Festival

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**Next Meeting
Sunday
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from 2 P.M. to
4 P.M.
at**

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