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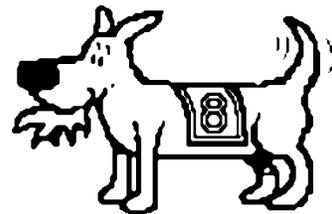
The newsletter of the Commodore Users of Wichita

"For the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers"

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Eight-bit keeps takin' a byte
out of Commodore computing

Random Access
by Dale Lutes

I have quite a few things that I want to cover in this month's column, so please stick with me.

First, I want to call your attention to a special meeting we will be holding on November 11, from 7:00 to 10:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to help Don McManamey locate software for future issues of the Disk O'Quarter. We know that **YOU** have programs in your own collection that would be perfect to share with the rest of the club. So please, help us out. Bring your disks (all of them, really!) to the Kinkaid Park club house at 410 Marion (see map). If you can bring a system along to help make disk copies, that would be super!

Moe has already recapped the Open House for us in his column. I would just like to add my own appreciation to David Zimmerman for the use of his facility. One of the highlights of the Open House for me was meeting two members from the Salt City Commodore Club in Hutchinson. We are now exchanging newsletters with them: *Disklosure* will be available for you to read at the next club meeting. Perhaps some of you would be interested in car pooling up to Hutch for one of their meetings???

We always reserve the month of December for a special holiday get together in place of our usual demonstration. For the past two years, Mary Wilson has been kind enough to make arrangements for refreshments. This year, Mary will be out of town, so we are looking for a volunteer to take her place. If you can help out, please contact one of the steering committee members by November 11.

It is with mixed emotions that I must announce the passing of the Public Domain Librarian position from Francis Catudal to Dwayne Howard. Francis has done a great job running the PD Library for several years. Unfortunately, his mother's ill health has made it increasingly difficult for Francis to attend regularly. We recognize the importance of the library to our members, and at the last meeting, Dwayne offered to take over. As chairman, I endorse this change in assignments. Dwayne has been assisting Francis with the library, and I am sure he'll do a fine job.
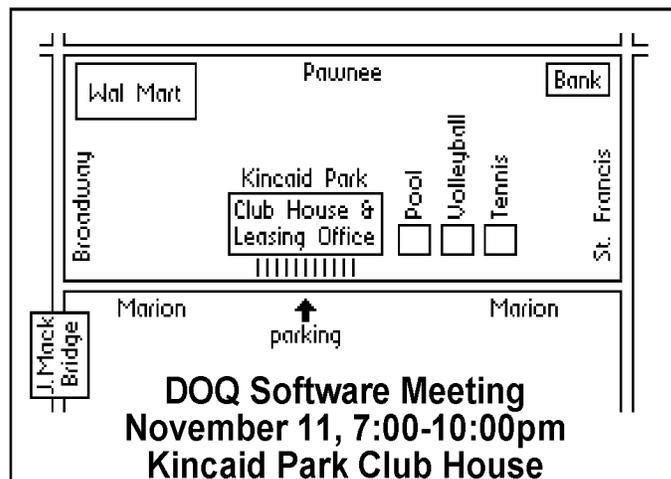
It's not too early to begin thinking of filling out our tax returns for 1996. Previously, the club has been able to offer our members a special price on Harv Harris' excellent *Tax Survival Kit*. As I announced back in May, Harv has dropped out of the Commodore market. Velda Sipes has been in contact with the makers of *Perfect Tax*, a program that was sold last year by Creative Micro Designs. The price quoted to Velda was $44.50. If you are interested in *Perfect Tax*, you can call them toll-free at 1-800-525-5611. If you have tried out any other tax programs for the C-64 or C-128, please share your experiences with the rest of the club.

I am writing this column the evening after officiating my last football games of the 1996 season. It is hard to give up something that I love doing so much. But, knowing that I will have more time to spend with my good friends in the CUW makes it easier. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again at the next meeting.

Next CUW Meeting:
Saturday, November 9
1:00 - 5:00 pm
1411 South Oliver

Find out how computers can be interfaced with keyboards and other electronic instruments. Howard Bedient will demonstrate MIDI technology.

Wal Mart

Pawnee

Bank

Broadway

Kincaid Park
Club House &
Leasing Office

Pool Volleyball Tennis

St. Francis

Marion

parking

Marion

J. Mack Bridge

DOQ Software Meeting
November 11, 7:00-10:00pm
Kincaid Park Club House

Rear View Mirror
by Moe Shouse

In the last Rear View Mirror, I did something different. This time I'll talk about our Commodore Expo, open house. We held it at Z-Software on October 5. If you didn't make it, you really missed something. I really thought it turned out fine. We had 11 systems set up, including four outside. One outside was on the tail gate of a pickup. It looked like it worked good. I never would have thought to do one like that. We gave away a few door prizes. We smashed a TI 99 with a sledge hammer. And we raffled off a complete system with printer and joystick donated by Z-Software. We did get about 6 names of new people that we can send newsletters to. We had two really good demos. One on geoPublish by Dale Lutes. Shaun Halstead had two computers hooked together with null modems showing a game that is played from both machines, like it would be if you called someone on your telephone with a modem. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the Expo. Everyone that helped did a great job. If I tried to name everyone, I am afraid I would forget someone, so I'll just say one big thanks to all.

One last word: If we call some of these new people that came to our show, it may help get some new members.

One more last word: I came across some information in Loadstar issue 121, about using partitions on a 1581. Somehow the info from Commodore is not right. Loadstar files, bit: partitions, tells how to get the partition you need. It also has a program. I haven't read it in detail but it looks very good. Maybe next time I can get some more details to you.

4 Sale

Mike Connell has a C-64 system and a lot of software for sale. His list is too long to include in its entirety, but here are the highlights:

Hardware:
Commodore 64, 1541 disk drive, 1802 monitor, 1530 mouse, Okimate 20 color printer, datasette

Software:
Epyx Fast Load, Speech-64, Q*Bert, Choplifter, Rack 'em Up, SubLogic Jet, Snow Strike, Sink the Bismark, Dam Busters, F-14 Tomcat, Chuck Yeager's Advanced Flight Trainer, Sky Fox, Ace of Aces, Activision Road Race, Dragon World, PHM Pegasus, Seven Cities of Gold, Jack Nicklaus Golf, Law of the West

Included are the manuals for most (if not all) of these items. We don't have Mike's phone number, but if you are interested, please write him at 1512 S Old Manor Road, Wichita, KS 67218.

A reminder to all parents:
Please supervise your children at club meetings!

In our club's three-year history, we have had remarkably few problems with the kids who attend. Most are too busy playing computer games to get into any real trouble. But I must call your attention to an unfortunate incident that occurred at the October meeting. One of the oldest kids in attendance last month *hit* one of the youngest, making him cry. Marie Both took charge of the situation and got the two to shake hands and make up. However, Marie and the other committee members are not baby sitters. We take pride in having a family club where kids are welcome. To keep it that way, those of us who bring children must take the responsibility to monitor them and to correct them when problems arise. Thanks very much for your cooperation in helping to make our meetings enjoyable for all members, from the youngest to the oldest.
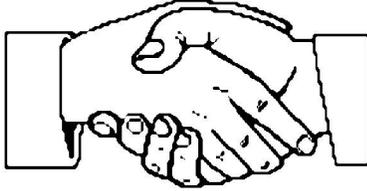
Charter Members

Don't let time run out! Renew your membership in the CUW now. See Marie Both at the next meeting or mail the application on the last page of this newsletter.

The Helping Hand

This column lists those users willing to share their experiences and knowledge with other club members.

Astrology, Biorhythm
Marie Both

Cards, Posters & Signs
Fred Earley   Ron Shannon

Family Roots
Maxine Ulrich

GEOS
Fred Earley   Dale Lutes

Getting Started
Ron Shannon

Internet Access
Shaun Halstead

Labels
Jerry Shook

Telecommunications
Robert Bales

Printing in Color
Don McManamey   Jerry Shook

Programming
Dale Lutes

Word Processing & Desktop Publishing
Fred Earley   Don McManamey
Jerry Shook   Dale Lutes
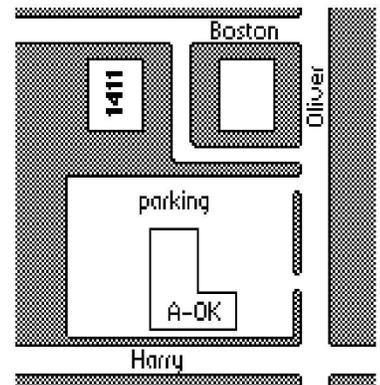
Helping Hand Volunteers
Robert Bales   744-2580
Marie Both   262-2338
Fred Earley   722-4044
Shaun Halstead   942-5809
Dale Lutes   721-0835
Don McManamey   265-2560
Ron Shannon   263-6390
Jerry Shook   776-2683
Maxine Ulrich   838-8606

Let us know if we may include your name in future Helping Hand listings. If we don't have a category for you already, we'll add one!

The Commodore Users of Wichita is a club dedicated to "the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers." Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 1-5pm at 1411 S. Oliver, one block north of the corner of Harry & Oliver. Anyone who owns or uses a Commodore computer system is welcome to attend.

Family memberships cost $15 per year. Members receive a monthly newsletter, a quarterly disk publication, access to an extensive library of public-domain software, and the right to vote on matters of club policy. Other membership options are also available. Contact any of the officers (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) for more information. We are looking forward to seeing **you** at our next meeting!

You may join or renew your membership by mail.
Complete this form and mail with a check payable to:

Commodore Users of Wichita
c/o Marie Both
351 E Marion CT, #2
Wichita, KS 67216

Type of membership:
❏ Family - includes Newsletter & Disk O'Quarter ($15 per year)
❏ Newsletter-only ($5 for 12 issues)
❏ Disk O'Quarter by mail ($12 for 4 issues)
❏ Disk O'Quarter by mail plus Newsletter ($15)

Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

List additional family members who are interested in participating:
_____
_____

What Commodore systems do you use? (please check all that apply)
❏ C-128   ❏ C-64   ❏ SX-64   ❏ VIC-20   ❏ C-16   ❏ Plus/4
❏ Other (specify) _____