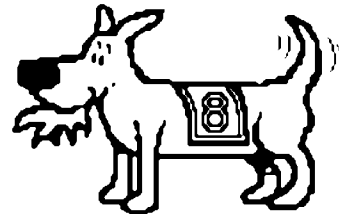


The Zero Page

*The newsletter of the Commodore Users of Wichita
For the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers"*



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

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Random Access

by Dale Lutes

Putting the YOU back in CUW

I frequently like to look back at the history of our club to see where we've been and to get a feel for where we're heading. Reviewing past issues of *The Zero Page* helps to jog my memory. About a month ago, I checked all of the newsletters from January 1996 to the present looking in particular at who was volunteering to give presentations at our meetings. I shared some of this with those present at our last meeting. The following table shows which members have presented or co-presented a demo or tutorial. It covers 16 months of CUW meetings. It does not including special events such as disk drive switch installations, the Open House, or our Christmas party (there were many involved in those activities and I apologize for not including you here).

presentations	member
8	Dale Lutes
3	Jerry Shook
3	Don McManamey
1	Robert Bales
1	Dwayne Howard
1	Marie Both
1	Fred Earley
1	Mike Shook
1	Howard Bedient
1	Arlen Gould

It wouldn't take much to construct a similar list for newsletter article submissions, and I'm sure Don could do the same for the *Disk O'Quarter*. I am also sure that those lists would be even smaller in terms of membership representation.

I am trying to make two points with this information: One is that a full seventy-five percent of our members don't even appear on

this list. The other is that one member is responsible, at least in part, for half of the demos given at our meetings. Now, I'm not whining about being overworked. On the contrary, I really enjoy helping others learn more about their Commodores. I also get a kick out of putting together *The Zero Page* and the geoSide of the *Disk O'Quarter*. BUT (and this is a big BUT), this club was never meant to be a one-man show. In designing our by-laws, we deliberately set term limits on elected officers and kept the decision-making power in the hands of the general membership. I don't expect that all of our members have the skills to give a demo. I am concerned, however, at how lopsided the participation has

become, and that we may be "burning out" some of the core members of the club.

Therefore, I am giving every one of our members a two-part homework assignment due at our July meeting:

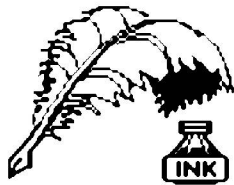
Part 1: Open up your disk file and select the three pieces of software you use the most. Out of those, pick one that you would feel comfortable talking about for 20 minutes. Then, see me or one of the other steering committee members about possibly giving a demonstration at a future meeting.

Part 2: While your disk file is open, choose the three pieces of public domain software, shareware, or freeware that you use the most. Copy them to a blank disk with supporting documentation, and give that disk to Don McManamey.

Remember, our club slogan is "For the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore Computers." I believe that sharing implies a two-way exchange. It takes YOU and your involvement to make this club go. Let's all work to put the **YOU** back in CUW!

**Next CUW Meeting:
Saturday, June 14
1:00 - 5:00 pm
1411 South Oliver**

**Come to our next meeting for
a look at the new *Disk O'Quarter*
with Don McManamey and
Dale Lutes.**



Don's Digest

by Don McManamey

Greetings once again. Recently, while looking through the 128 user guide I ran across something I thought would be of interest to nearly everyone who has a

128. There are a number of things which can be done with just a couple of key strokes which are fun and amusing if not useful. Now perhaps you think you need to be a programmer to use these things but not necessarily. Did you know you can change the cursor from a block to an underline or from blinking to non-blinking? And this with just a couple of keystrokes?

Now my favorite is the one that lets you swap from 40 columns to 80 columns and back. If you like to write or modify programs you'll like it too! Here I can list a program in 80 columns where I get more of the program on one screen, go to 40 columns and run the program and then go back for more changes and I find the 80 column screen just as I left it. Suppose you had a long program and the line you wanted to change was complex. You could list the program in 80 column mode (showing the complex line) go to 40 column mode and list the same line, make the desired changes and run the program. If you wanted to revert back to what you had, just go back to 80 column mode, place the cursor on the proper line and press return. Now it is back the way it was. Well so much for me, here is the list. By the way, it is in a handy clip out form for future reference.

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Meetings of the CUW are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. The deadline for articles is 14 days prior to the meeting day. Submissions are accepted on 1541, 1571, or 1581 formatted floppy disks. geoWrite, ASCII, or PETASCII files are preferred. In a pinch, paper hard copy will work. Call Dale at 721-0835 or mail your articles to:

Commodore Users of Wichita
c/o Dale Lutes
11102 W. 17th Street
Wichita, KS 67212-1187

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June Meeting Agenda

1:00 - 2:00	Equipment setup, informal meeting
2:00 - 2:45	Business meeting
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:00	Feature demo
4:00 - 5:00	Meeting over, informal gathering, equipment teardown

Commodore 128 ESCape functions:

Press and release the ESC key then press the appropriate key.

Cancel quote mode	ESC C
Erase to end of current line	ESC Q
Erase to start of current line	ESC P
Clear to end of screen	ESC @
Move to start of current line	ESC J
Move to end of current line	ESC K
Enable auto-insert mode	ESC A
Disable auto-insert mode	ESC O
Delete current line	ESC D
Insert line	ESC I
Set default tab stop (8 spaces)	ESC Y
Clear all tab stops	ESC Z
Enable scrolling	ESC L
Disable scrolling	ESC M
Scroll up	ESC V
Scroll down	ESC W
Enable bell (by control G)	ESC G
Disable bell	ESC H
Set cursor to non-flashing	ESC E
Set cursor to flashing mode	ESC F
Set bottom of screen window at cursor position	ESC B
Set top of screen window at cursor position	ESC T
Swap 40/80 column display	ESC X

The following are valid on the 80 column screen only:

Change to underline cursor	ESC U
Change to block cursor	ESC S
Set screen to reverse video	ESC R
Normal - non reverse video	ESC N

This information was taken from the *Commodore 128 System Guide*.

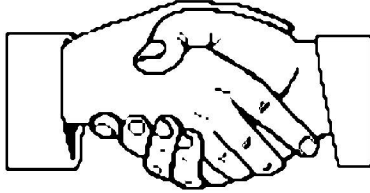


WANTED:

Dave Sparlin is looking for a replacement keyboard for a Commodore 128-D. If you can help him locate one, please give Dave a call at 722-0581.

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

Family Roots

Maxine Ulrich

GEOS

Fred Earley

Dale Lutes

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

831-0008

Marie Both

262-2338

Fred Earley

722-4044

Shaun Halstead

942-5809

Dale Lutes

721-0835

Don McManamey

265-2560

Jerry Shook

776-2683

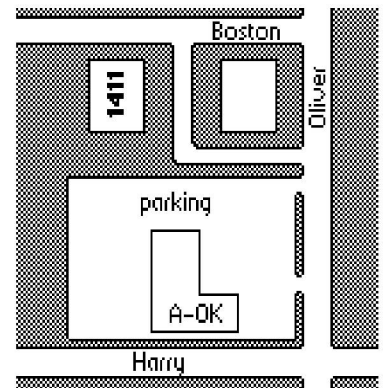
Maxine Ulrich

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) _____