

The Zero Page

The newsletter of the Commodore Users of Wichita

"For the sharing, learning and love of Commodore computer

Random Access

By Dale Lutes

I want to begin this month by thanking Jerry Shook for stepping forward to take over as editor of our club newsletter. A past chairman of the CUW and a president of the old C&AUGW before that, Jerry is someone we can always count on to get things done.

You may wonder what I've been doing in the time since I put together the December newsletter. Has Dale forgotten all about his Commodore? Hardly. In fact, I've been spending quite a bit of time working on some new GEOS programs. It is amazing how much fun these systems can be when you get to use them for more than business!

A co-worker of mine likes to build and fly model rockets (a hobby that I enjoy as well). He refers to the cold winter months, that period of time when you are much better off indoors as "the building season." As for me, I might consider this time of year "the programming season." When I look at the creation dates of the files for my other programs, December and January seem to stick out the most.

Whether you do actual coding or play games or catch up on your home budget --- whatever you do with your computer at this time of year, I want to wish you a very happy and productive "computing season." See you at the next meeting.

Jerry's corner

By Jerold Shook

If you have read this far you have probably noticed a slight difference in the format of our newsletter. Fear not this is just me trying to carry on and not knowing how to do it, but given time I will get it looking much closer to the quality we are all use too.

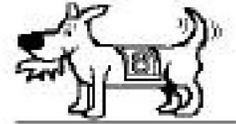
As you all know, Dale was doing the paper on his 128 in GEO Publish. I am not near as versed in GEO's as Dale is and to tell the truth I don't have any of my commodores set up at this time. Some time in the future I want to set one up again and at that time I will try doing the news letter on it, but right now I must do it on my PC if for no other reason than my best printer is on it.

I don't have the resources Dale had, so for now, and until a better way is found I will print the newsletter on my printer.

Our January meeting will be held at Spaghetti Jacks at E. 47th South. 1pm Saturday the 9th.

Be There! Or Be Square!!

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**Next CUW Meeting Saturday February 13
1 to 5 PM 1411 South Oliver**

MOE'S Soap Box

By Moe Shouse

Well I was not able to get out a column for Jan. Seems like its harder to get the regular things done when one is on a holiday. But I might get this one out, if I don't get interrupted. Some of you may not know this. But at our Dec. meeting we voted to let in any 8 bit computer or any computer that is emulating an 8 bit computer. Now this will let in Apple II's, Iie's, ect. And the Apple IIgs in to the club as well as some of the Atari's. Also the TI99's and some others I cant think of now. And any IBM system that is emulating any 8bit computer. That's right you DID see me type the letters IBM! I'll bet you thought you would never see me do that! Well never say never. This new way of doing our club will only work if no platform bashing is done. This is a must!! NO PLATFORM BASHING!!! It is ok to say "I like my computer because it is cheep" or "because it boots up in 30 sec.". But we can't say "unlike XXX" or "better than XXX" or "faster than XXX" ect....ect.

While I am on the subject of emulation. I need to tell you that our demo for February will be an emulation demo. Mr. Floyd Harper will show us an IBM emulating a Commodore 64. I find it very interesting, it seems to some advantages over a real 64. You don't want to miss this one.

Also we have a new newsletter editor Jerry Shook. He is doing things a little different. For one thing he didn't use a Commodore to do the newsletter for Jan. Hey that's ok cause now I can send my column to him by E-mail. I would like to give Dale Lutes a big big thank you for doing a great job on the newsletter for the past five years. I think that Dales newsletters could be compared to anyone's and come out on top. Also Jerry may try to send out the newsletter by E-mail. I think that is a great idea. This will let us send it to more people with out any extra cost.

My oldest son received a modem and Internet service for Christmas. Well I think old dad has been on the net as much as Jeff has. There are tons and tons of Commodore web sites on the web. I may have a short list of some very good ones at the Feb

meeting. One I really liked is one put on by our very own Nat Dannenberg. He has some pictures of his custom 128 tower with how he built it. I will have his web site address at our Feb. meeting.

[Happy 8 bit byting "MOE7707"](#)

Random Access

By Dale Lutes

I recently received some mail from my friend Dave Elliott. I've been corresponding with Dave for several years. He lives in England and through him (and Peter Hunt in Australia) we have been exchanging newsletters and software with geoClub. As I reported in December, geoClub is no more. But I am happy to report that Commodore computing is still alive and well in the U.K. You see, Dave's letter included a copy of an excellent magazine called Commodore Scene (or CS, for short). CS contains a wealth of information for the Commodore enthusiast. The issue that I have (#23) is from December. It is 68 pages in length and contains articles on the U.S. Commodore Expo, Web-It, the Super CPU, plus software and magazine reviews. Allan Bairstow publishes CS four times a year. Allen became the magazine's editor with issue number 21 and he is doing a superb job. CS is nicely laid out with plenty of eye-appealing graphics. It has a full-color cover and Allan promises more color in the issues to come. Subscriptions are available to us in the United States at a cost of 21 British pounds (no, I don't know what that comes to in dollars). A companion disk is also available for an extra two pounds. Back issues are available.

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I'm not sure how often Allen checks his lentil.org account. I sent a message to that address a few days ago, but haven't received a reply yet.

Dale

January's meeting held at Spaghetti Jacks



Jerry's Corner

By Jerold Shook

Hey, Have you noticed that we have 2 columns this time. I keep working to learn the best way to do our newsletter, and with luck it will look better as I learn more. I have threatened to read the docs on how to use these programs, but to date I have been able to resist the temptation to do such a wimpy thing.

I would like any comments on the picture, do you like it or not? Also are you in the picture? If not, why not?

I am going to make the plea that I am sure that all of you have heard before, and that is how about writing an article for this newsletter? Everyone that has written has had the same misgivings that you have, but most have found that it isn't as hard as it first looked to be. Everyone has something that they could share with us, and really it isn't that hard to write about something that interest you. Tell us how you have modified your computer or program. How about how you have used your computer to simplify a job or chore. Since we are trying to expand our interest in all computers, tell us about yours and how it has changed the you do things. I use my taxies & mine every day in a lot of ways, games, Internet, letters. I would be lost without this little toy of mine.

[See you at our next meeting.](#)

Jerry

TO BE 6 AGAIN

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby officially tender my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of a 6 year old again. I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make ripples with rocks. I want to think M&Ms are better than money, because you can eat them.

I want to play kickball during recess and paint with watercolors in art. I want to lie under a big Oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on hot summers' day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple. When all you knew were colors, addition tables and simple nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. When all you knew was to be happy because you didn't know all the things that should make you worried and upset. I want to think that the world is fair. That everyone in it is honest and good. I want to believe that anything is possible.

Somewhere in my youth... I matured and I learned too much. I learned of nuclear weapons, war, prejudice starvation and abused children. I learned of lies, unhappy marriages, suffering, illness, pain and death. I learned of a world where men left their families to go and fight for our country, and returned only to end up living on the streets... begging for their next meal. I learned of a world where children knew how to kill...and did!!

What happened to the time when we thought that everyone would live forever, because we didn't grasp the concept of death? When we thought the worst thing in the world was if someone took the jump rope from you or picked you last for kickball?

I want to be oblivious to the complexity of life and be overly excited by little things once again. I want to return to the days when reading was fun and music was clean. When television was used to report the news or for family entertainment and not to promote sex, violence and deceit. I remember being naive and thinking that everyone was happy because I was. I would walk on the beach and only think of the sand between my toes and the prettiest seashell I could find. I would spend my afternoons climbing trees and riding my bike. I didn't worry about time, bills or where I was going to find the money to fix my car.

I used to wonder what I was going to do or be when I grew up, not worry about what I'll do if this doesn't work out.

I want to live simple again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness and loss of loved ones. I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind and making angels in the snow. I want to be 6 again.



**I GOT CARRIED AWAY...
BY THE Y2K BUG!**

(((SPECIAL NOTICE)))

Don McManamey will be giving the Disk of the Quarter job, so if we want to continue having a Disk of the Quarter, someone will have to volunteer to do it.



The Helping Hand

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

Robert Bales 831-0008
Telecommunications, Internet, CMD
HD and FD drives

Dale Lutes 721-0835
GEOS, Programming, Word Processing,
Desktop Publishing,
CMD FD drives and RAMLink

Don McManamey 265-2560
Word Processing, Print Shop,
Printing

Jerry Shook 776-2683
Databases, Label Making, Word
Processing, Printing

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 and other 8 bit 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 or other 8 bit computer system are 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. **We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting!**

