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



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Commodore Users of Wichita will meet on September 11th at Boston Market W. Pawnee 1:00 p.m.

CHICAGO EXPO 1999!

The date is **Saturday, September 25, 1999**. The location of the EXPO is the same as last year:

DAYS INN - (Formerly Holiday Inn)

Lansing, Illinois

Take Interstate 80/94 to Torrence Ave North (Exit 161 North)

Turn left at the first stop light at 173rd St.

Turn left again at the next corner corner which is Frontage Rd.

TIME:

SETUP: 9 - 10 AM

DEMO'S & SALES: 10 AM - 4 PM

CLEAN UP: 4 - 5 PM

COST:

\$5.00 per household family

\$5.00 additional for each sales & demo tables (1st come, 1st serve)

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Nate showing off his 128 Tower at last years Expo.



Moe's Soup Box

By Morris Shouse

Well it finally came. What is "it"? You say. Well "it" is Wheels 128. This is an upgrade to Geos. Which we have needed badly for a long time. Mr. Maurice Randall has worked on this upgrade for a long time. He

can't call it Geos because the name Geos is still a copyrighted name, still held by Berkeley Softworks. This new upgrade is made to work with ALL of CMDs equipment. It knows how to go to any device and any partition on a CMD device. That means it can boot from your RAMLink, your Harddrive, and any floppy drive. It can have 4 drives open at one time.

Wheels works well with CMDs SuperCPU at 20 MHz. But the load speed from a 5-inch drive is not a lot faster than normal. But that may be cause it has a lot more work to do as it is booted into the computer. Wheels will also work in a native mode partition on any CMD device. This means you can have a partition as big as

1.6 Mb OR bigger and Wheels will run in it. Wheels is the operating system it does not come with any applications. You use your old well known apps. Like Geowrite, etc. One thing Wheels does require is a ram expansion unit. It can be the smallest one made, but it does need one. I am just getting started using it but it is easy to use. Mr. Randall has a great warranty and replacement policy.

During the first 30 days, your disk will be replaced regardless of who is at fault. It's a hard warranty to beat. One thing that this system can do that Commodore users have not had before is subdirectories, I don't know how it use them yet but they look like they can be of use, when one can store so much data. This Wheels upgrade is what Goes should have been. It adds so much more than Geos ever had that it is really a different O.S. I think this Wheels will give Commodores a new lease on life. And I am glad he couldn't use the Geos name. I think you will see many new apps. Written just for Wheels and CMDs new equipment. Also if it weren't for CMDs SuperCPU these other things would not be of much use. So with this new combination of equipment great new things are about to happen in the Commodore world.

FRENCH NOUNS

A language instructor was explaining to her class that French nouns, unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine. Things like "chalk" or "pencil", she described, would

have a gender association although in English these words were neutral.

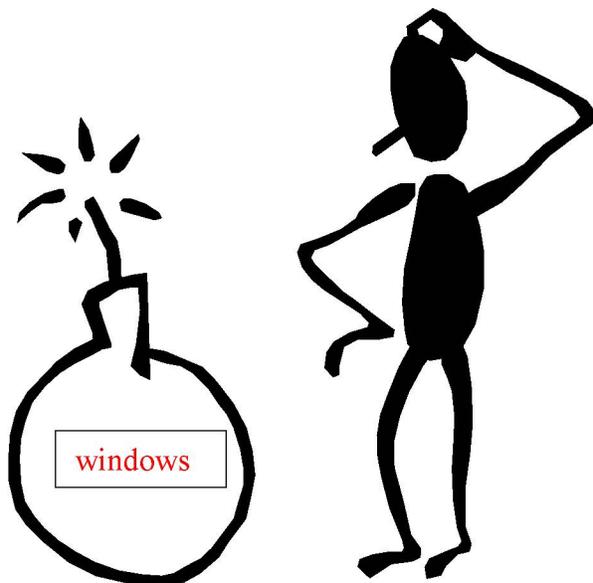
Puzzled, one student raised his hand and asked, "What gender is computer?"

The teacher wasn't certain, which it was and so divided the class into two groups and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. One group was composed of the women in the class, and the other of men. Both groups were asked to give 4 reasons for their recommendation. The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because:

1. In order to get their attention; you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data, but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men on the other hand, decided computers should definitely be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it



Dale passed this on to us it's a joke. (I hope!)

Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) announced that it is selling advertising space in the error messages that appear in Windows. Acknowledging for the first time that the average user of their operating system encounters error messages at least several times a day, Microsoft is trying to take financial advantage of the unavoidable opportunity to make an ad impression.

"We estimate that throughout the world at any given moment several million people are getting a 'General Protection Fault' or 'Illegal Operation' warning. We will be able to generate significant revenue by including a short advertising message along with it," said Microsoft marketing director Nathan Mirror. He also mentioned that Microsoft is intended to add banner ads into its Blue Screen of Death in the near future.

The Justice Department immediately indicated that they intend to investigate whether Microsoft is gaining an unfair advantage in reaching the public with this advertising by virtue of its semi-monopolistic control over error messages.

In the process of getting this news letter out windows went belly up (So what's new?) and I lost all my e-mail address. So please send me a note so I can rebuild my address book. For those that may not have my address it is : jls@gte.net

Thank You

Jerry ☺

