

Commodore Eight-Bit Boosters

News Letter

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Issue 4.

The CEGB meets monthly at the Beaver Creek Library. A short business meeting is followed by a prepared program of general interest of Commodore 64/128 users is presented. At its conclusion, members may enjoy various services such as the Public Domain Software Library. Visitors are always welcome and membership is open to the general public. Join us for a Fun Experience!

President John Feigleson
Senior Board Member Vacant

Vice President Phil Longo
Junior Board Member Fred Middleton

Treasurer Michael Dornbusch
Junior Board Member Fred Middleton

Last Meeting

There was a lengthy discussion about the commerical library and what is required to maintain one. The Vice president was visiting the club in Toledo and is obtaining more information on this subject. There also a request for volunteers for the Public Domain Library updates. We are looking for users that can review the software in the library and sort out the best working software. This will give us the best updated library for the membership.

We need to appoint a Sr Board member for the club. If you wish to volunteer please contact one of the officers. Request for more demos were submitted. If you have one please submit your request too. The Holiday disk went well at the meeting. If you received a copy of the disk from Toledo and it does not work, please return it at the next meeting. We will copy another one for you. There were membership renewals and fourteen members present at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

This Just in The mail

We just received in the mail a copy of the Copymachine from the author. I have not had time to test it, but it will be available at the next meeting. We checked out the original copy and it failed to operate properly. If you got a bad copy we will replace it for you. Please have your disk at the meeting.

Get Well Wishes

We wish to send our get well wishes to the President and news letter editor. As you can see he is not doing this letter. He is in the Hospital for the next couple of weeks and we hope he has a speedy recovery. Get well quick John.

This news letter is produced by the treasurer using a Commodore 128, Geopaint 128, an ibm 9 pin printer, and a lot of sweat!!

Die Schwarze Katze BBS

(513)-237-0268 Image

This BBS serves the members of the CEGB as well as the general public. We are running three Bulletin boards for the Commodore 64/128, Amiga, and the IBM. Image which is running a 170 Meg CMD harddrive, Color 64, Version 128 which is running about three megs, and Wildcat which is running about 90 Megs. These are there for your enjoyment and use. If you need help getting started, contact the System Operator (Sysop) for advice on the program, modem, and other information needed to start in the world of telecommunications. Call 236-5528 after five and before nine-thirty evenings. Ask for Michael Sr. He (I) will be glad to help you get started or better yet attend one of the meetings at the Beaver Creek Library and get hands on instructions.

Hamvention is here

Just in case you have been on some other planet for the last several years, you may have been missing something. Well you can rest assured that you can get yourself back in the world by visiting this years hamvention at Hara Arena. This years event takes place on the 29, 30 of April and the 1st of May. This is the largest event ever in the Dayton area for Amateur's (Hams), Computer enthusiast, Electronics hobbyist, and just anyone looking for that something hard to find. Every year the event is sold out. They have one of the biggest flea-markets in the world. You must visit it once to believe it yourself. The first day is great and if you see something you want you should buy it then because by the next day all the bargains are gone. Computer stuff is real cheap. Yes there is a lot of Commodore stuff to be had. Stop by and see the biggest event ever. Bargains everywhere!!

Items For Sale/Trade

The following items are for sale or trade as indicated. You may call and make offers on the items listed here.

Tandy Model DWP-210 printer (offer) 236-5528
Commodore Vic-1515 printer (offer) 236-5528

Commodore 64/128, 1571 disk drive, Magnavox 80 monitor, Okidata 120 printer, Joy stick, Games and software. (\$275.00) 236-5961

Commodore 64, 1541 drive, Okidata 120 printer, (no monitor) (\$130.00 or offer) 278-1136

Okidata U83A wide carriage for the IBM. Good shape. (\$70.00 or offer) 236-5528

Wanted Original Geos support programs, such as geopublish, geofile, geocalc with manuals for the 128 computer. (reasonable) 236-5525

Source for Ribbons

Keep this number handy if you need ribbons for your printer fast and cheap. You can order ribbons with your credit card and have them in about three days up to your door. The number is 1-800-221-6332 at Midwestern Diskette. Yes they have other things too, but ribbons for the MPS 803 \$2.90, MPS 801 \$3.50, 1525 \$6.00. You can not beat the prices. Call them they carry all types of ribbons and disk.

Software Sale

Give EMS Computer Services a call at 616-845-1540. They are having a big sale on all their software. You can call and see what they have in stock. This is original new and used software used at 1/2 price and new at normal pricing. They also have used and new IBM software available. Write them at 4355 Kinney Road, Ludington, MI 49431 or call for a free catalog of software. (specify ibm or commodore)

If you have any sources for software, hardware for the commodore eight bit machines please let us know. We will share the information with other eight bit users.

Hamvention 94!

Hamvention 94 is here again. This is one event you don't want to miss. Last year I purchased two 128 for parts for \$10.00 as a good example of what prices are like. One of them I fixed with the parts of the other one. Not bad. Well if you want to visit Hamvention this year, let me advise you to park at one of the free parking areas around Dayton and ride the bus. It is free and takes you right to the front door of Hara Arena. They run every thirty minutes and it is really convient. If you plan to buy a lot of stuff I suggest getting a luggage carrier at Value City, or Hills. They run about eighteen dollars but are worth it. Beats getting loaded down with stuff.

I usually park my car at the Forest Park Plaza on north main street. That way its not to far to walk if I must. I hope to see you all there. It will be a busy three days of shopping for all those items I have been wanting. Take a lot of money and maybe a spare rain coat and hat. The hat to keep the sun off your head and rain coat for bad weather.

Computer Fest

Computer fest is just around the corner. We touched lightly on it at the meeting. We need your input as to how many tables to reserve and what the theme will be this year. Last year we sold equipment, disk, modems, and other stuff that the members had an excessive amount of. We met a lot of users and let them know that they can get support for the commodore computers. We will be deciding on three or four tables. Please attend the meeting and give us your input as to what you want presented.

Articles Needed

We still need articles for the news letter. If you have any articles you wish to review, publish in the news letter please submit them to the editor, or treasurer. We will see that they get printed in the news letter. Please share your information with other users. Do you have any favorite software? What is it like? What don't you like about it. This is a lot of help to other members. That is sharing!

Help is Available

For help in the following areas contact after 5pm evenings until 10pm

BBS	Michael Dornbusch 236-5528
Library	Phil Longo 237-8768
Software	Fred Middleton 252-9624
Geos	John Feigleson (at meeting)
Hardware	Fred Middleton 252-9624
Repair	Michael Dornbusch 236-5528
News letter	Michael Dornbusch 236-5528 John Feigleson at meetings

If you wish to volunteer your time answering questions, or assisting users please give us you name and we will publish it in this column.

Meeting Dates/Place

We are still seeking input as to a time and place to hold our meetings to increase club participation. If you have any suggestions as to a place (free), easily accessible, please bring it to the attention of the membership so we can check it out as an alterative meeting place.

From the VP/Library Person

By the V P Phil Longo

Sorry

Last months news letter may have been hard to read. We plan on doing different fonts and formats to show other options to word processing and publishing available to use on the 64/128. This exercise may take different forms as to the character and skill level used to accomplish it. (mayonnaise) All things change in the universe, so why shouldn't this? All comments and help are welcome and solicited.

Volunteers still Needed

We still need help with sections or part of sections of our library as outlined in last months news letter.

Since the last meeting, only one more person has stepped forward to help with a section.

Present areas in work are 64, 128 Games, telecommunications, productivity, geos, utilities and print shop graphics. This task is being done by members having special interest in these areas. Volunteers are asked to take not more than one area or part of one to review.

If you are interested in helping with your library, please contact me.

Areas of interest not asked for yet include the following: 128 productivity, 128 utilities, 128 telecom, Computsoft 64, Commodore PD, Music, Comal, Education, Tpug, Misc disk and demos.

I guess we will see if a little time or the act of charity (really pity) could be worth the effort that many others before have attempted and gain thankless acclaim, is really worth selfless endeavor. (mayonnaise)

Illness

Over the past several months, members have been very ill because of the wild winter and strange flu's, but there have been some that have been in the hospital for other illnesses. One who I mentioned last month, Fred Middleton, has had a tough time going in and out very often for medication adjustments.

Others, that I have very little info on, are rumored to have been having problems the same way of the in-out variety, but have chosen to remain private. One however cannot though, is our president, John Feigleson.

I doubt that he will make the meeting the 20th, but we hope he is back with us soon. I hope I can fill in for him in the manner he would have performed.

Mike is working hard on this news letter in John's absence. You don't know how much you miss someone until their out of commission. (A real play on words)

"Get Well Soon John!"

More Disk on the way

Mike has contacted the author of the "Copymachine-1" program distributed last month. As some of you have seen, the author offers many other programs of interest. (especially for you utility freqs.) Mike will give you updates as to the quality of the other programs that he intends to order. This might help you to decide, as I will, on the effectivity and usefulness for everyones library.

Disk of the Month

This month, we have a double sided disk for the 64/128. Side "A" contains some 64 system testing out programs, utilities and stuff. Side "B" contains some demos of interest from Germany. One I like uses the Sid chip for what sounds like true eight voice analog sound output. Sid cannot do it? Ya need to listen to this. Ok, how about voice/pitch/wave time sharing kinda like MS-Dos machines do what they call multi-tasking.

Although this is primarily 64 stuff, it will check out the operation of your 128 in the 64 mode and allow some refinement looks in 80 column. By the way, if anyone has a Public Domain 128 system checkout and stuff, please let us know because I haven't run across one while putting this disk together.

Disk of the Month

No, this is not a mis print. This time it is a choice of a "Sports Management Program" for all MS-Dos machines or a "Geo Graft Program" that is kinda educational but requires VGA Graphics.

Sports mgnt. is everything you need to manage a sports team including player info, performance, league info, ect...

Geo Graph 1.02 teaches about the U. S. ; it is good for all ages but it ain't a Carman Sandeago.

Thanks to ICE Electronics (computers) for the donation to our MS-Dos, Eight-Bit library.

Demos This Month

As a few of you expressed last meeting, it's time for all motor heads to come out of the closet (garage) and get testing, setup and racing. The season is upon us, so here we go.

We will be reviewing 3 programs at this months meeting. #1. "Drag Racing Analyzer" for the 64/128 and MS-Dos machines. Yes Guys and Dolls, we are going to compair 'em. #2. "Muscle Builder" for GM. Ford and Dodge are available but this is what we got. (64/128) #3. "Racer's Edge" for any car and you got to see this one cause it flat blows the doors off a lot of others that cost a lot more bucks and it's for the 64/128.

See You at the Meeting!

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Start at 7 ish PM.

Officers Reports

Old Business

New Business

Close Meeting

Have Fun/Demos/Disk

Last Minute Request

Wanted Manual for Vic-20. 236-5528
(or contact Joe Muhlmeister 419-224-5472)

Hamvention Map

The map on the following page will show you where you can obtain free bus service to the Hamvention 94!

There will be free bus service provided between Hamvention and their satellite parking areas which include Salem Mall, Forest Park Plaza, Mendelsons, Meijer (Route 48 and I-70) , Air Force Museum, Dayton Mall, KOA campground and the Miami Valley Technology Center (formerly Montgomery County Joint Vocational School-JVS. It is better to ride the bus as you will avoid the traffic problem. Believe me it is worth it. After all that walking it is good to sit down for the ride back to the car and rest. I hope to see you there. (Black Cat)

Do Not Forget

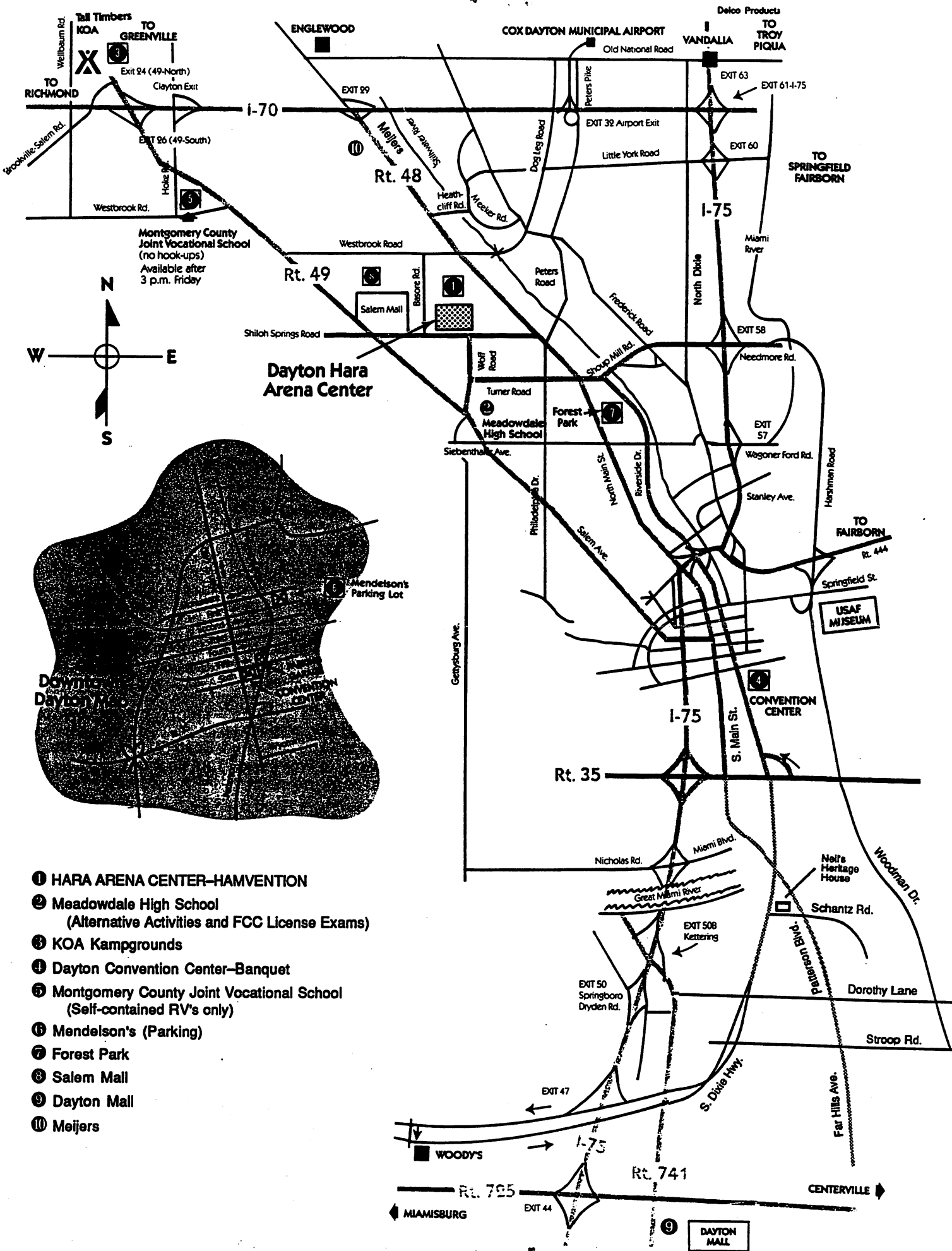
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Hara Arena

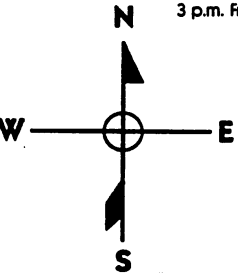
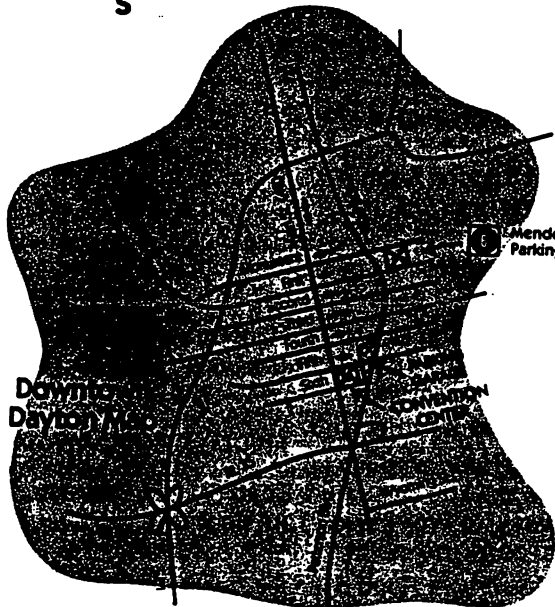
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We still had lots of room for your article. Please share your information with other users. We mail to other clubs and drop the letter at computer stores. You write it, we will publish it.



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- ② Meadowdale High School
(Alternative Activities and FCC License Exams)
- ③ KOA Kampgrounds
- ④ Dayton Convention Center-Banquet
- ⑤ Montgomery County Joint Vocational School
(Self-contained RV's only)
- ⑥ Mendelson's (Parking)
- ⑦ Forest Park
- ⑧ Salem Mall
- ⑨ Dayton Mall
- ⑩ Meijers



Montgomery County
Joint Vocational School
(no hook-ups)
Available after
3 p.m. Friday

Dayton Hara
Arena Center

Meadowdale
High School

CONVENTION
CENTER

USAF
MUSEUM

DAYTON
MALL

MIAMISBURG

CENTERVILLE

Rt. 795

Rt. 741

TO FAIRBORN
Rt. 444

TO SPRINGFIELD
FAIRBORN

Delco Products
TO TROY
PIQUA

COX DAYTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

TO RICHMOND

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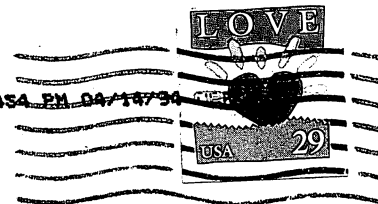
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Welcome

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