

Commodore Eight-Bit Boosters

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The CEBBS meets monthly at the Beaver Creek Library, 3618 Dayton-Kenia Road. A short business meeting is followed by a prepared program of general interest of Commodore 64/128 users. 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. All Commodore Systems are supported. Come join us for a fun experience. Doors open at 6:30 pm on meeting nights. Membership Dues are \$12.00 per year. Come Join Us!

President John Feigleson Vice President Phil Longo Treasurer Michael Dornbusch
Senior Board Member Vacant Junior Board Member Fred Middleton

Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by the president John Feigleson. Items discussed was the wrong meeting date posted in the newsletter. (Please note the date is Wednesday the 27th of July.) The possible demo of the CD32 at the August meeting being cancelled because of a book sale at the library. Looking for a new meeting site on short notice. The post card deal for subscription to Die Hard Magazine. There were more handouts from Papsaw, Ems, distributors. There was a short round table discussion. ComputerFest information. Get your stuff together early as there may be no meeting in August. Meeting Closed 8pm.

The Next Meeting

The next meeting which is scheduled for August is up in the air right now. There has to be a suitable meeting site large enough to handle equipment and members. As of this writing no site has been found. We may have to skip the August meeting altogether. If a site is found we will call all members by phone and notify them as to where, and time. We will still have a newsletter sent out in August. Thanks.

Junes Demo

For those of you who weren't there the June demo was a program which you could run on your Commodore 64/128 computer and view the GIF pictures downloaded from Qlink, or other IBM sources. Some of the pictures were great. It seems that the commodore machine is always viewing other machines programs but they snub the commodore as an inferior machine. Does this tell you anything? Save your machines they will never be obsolete. It was a great show John. Maybe we will see more of this program.

Die Schwarze Katze BBS

This bbs serves the members of the CEBB as well as the general public. We are running two BBS's now as the author for Color 64 has not responded to several request for updates. We will be reorganizing the entire system soon. We will be installing Wildcat Version 4.0 as soon as it arrives. Image and Color 64 version 128 will be down for repair of the ramlink and switching of computers. We will go to one computer on that system, a 128D. I am looking into the possibility of a basic BBS to answer the line and switch you to either BBS thus eliminating a complete computer system. There is a lot of work to be done so please be patient with us. It is hard to run three BBS's, help with the newsletter, mind the treasury, and show up at every meeting. There will always be time to help new users to the world of telecommunications, so don't be hesitant to call and seek help in the selection, and instruction of software for your computer modem. We have operation up to 14.4 baud on Wildcat and soon at 9.6 on Color 64 version 128. We are trying to get more games for the BBS's. You will see as time permits more changes in "Die Schwarze Katze BBS" give us a byte at (513)-237-0268, 24 hrs, 7 days, 14.4 to 300 baud. Not like the others we don't lock out the 300 bauders! "BC"

Meeting Agenda

Meeting starts at 7pm
Officers Reports
Old Business
New Business
Close Meeting
Give-aways/Demo

*Some People Just Won't
Byte!*

Postpone By V.P. Phil Longo

As a result of several factors, that were beyond anyones control, the demo of the CD32, and Amiga 4000T will be rescheduled for another date.

1. I am sorry to report that Paul, the owner of Merical Computers, has been very ill. Our thoughts and wishes for a speedie recovery are with him.
2. Merical has just moved (out) as of late June to an office space, as a temporary operation, until they can find a location and lease of their preference. Bill tells me that they have been looking in the Kettering area. I believe as he has, that 3-5 year leases, for these kinds of businesses, is not very reasonable. So, for the mean time, this office setup will handle all the repair, software, magazines and hardware orders by phone and remote repair pickup too. For all your Commodore computer needs, Bill will be glad to take care of them. So, give him a call at 293-1718.
3. Just look at all the goings on with Commodore or who ever, would you put your signature on a lease for \$2000 per month for 5 years? I sure as hell wouldn't
4. We intend to keep you all updated as to Paul's contition and Bill's endeavor to continue as we get the info.

Done?

As of last meeting, I had thought we might get finished with the buss/cpu discussion of those of you whom are interested. Well, it sure looks like it will continue for sometime to come. I think it is fate because of the ever changing format and configuration options that open type area presents to the users and especially the manufactures. To stay with these guys, your pockets better be deep and your home needs a computer room with people who have a lot of time to spend on more gee-whiz changes to play basic entertainment games and mail list/phone directory. As with all things, that makes for a good news and bad news situation. On the good side is flexibility; some limited upgrading and I got one at work or my buddy has one; So, you take it from there. Now, on the bad side; continual change is not always good to learn, use or just get yourself another life; cost; limited compatibility. So, as Sonny and Cher sang, the beat goes on. We'll try to report some interesting changes from big blue and others as they become significant to the industry and brought forth by our members.

Factoid

Last month I reported the "Fact" and "Rumor" area for the last time. I know how much you all loved this area by all the comments and notes I received. Maybe there will be some other note worthy discussion that may be screaming for some one to do this again so never count it out. But, as of the 15th of Julys judgment of the courts and the last
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production run of the C64 in Germany, we will continue to be here and support these "Eight Bit" machines with or without support from any where else.

Magazines

As usual, I got la-jit questions from interested Partys. But there are some sick ones that think that if it ain't a MS-DOS machine or maybe a Mac, there just is no support Sick'o's say, "well, I don't see any magazines on the racks for those dinasaurs, so what kind a B.S. ya put'in out?" Well, news flash you sick'o idiots, the largest selling and longest lasting door stop, as you refer to it, ain't so dead yet. (gee, that sounded like a ford truck commercial, didn't it) "Die Hard" has already hit a test market area newstand. If it works out, they plan to expand distribution across the U. S. and up north then (??). I know, it is only one after a long dry-spell, but I can not hardly believe this comeback either. One thing it won't be is another "me too" windows or business rag. Besides that, Mr. Sick'o should get a load a 12 actually different Amiga magazines available on the street corners in the U. K. (boy, these people sure read a lot.)

Sources?

Speaking of Die Hard, in the July/Aug issue, under the "Rarities" column, is a current and checked out list of support of hardware, software and special items. Since this goes along with my last topic, I will call Die Hard and ask permission to copy this list to put in the newsletter. Mike has planned to do a prime list for a long time so, he's off the hook. By the way, there is "only" 116 entries.

While on Vacation

My wife's uncle in Naples, Fla. has popular science magazines, so I thought, to kill some time at the inlaws, I'd scan the rags and whoops-there it was... The introduction of a JVC produced genesis (clone) cd player compatible system called "X" eye. The system plays sega cd's and cartridges, audio compact disc, cd+ graphics disc and with an optional cartridge, will play sony electronic book discs. "X" eye comes with the game "Prize Fighter", Compton's interactive encyclopedia" and a karaoke disc all for the small price of \$399.99.

On the other hand, a mom and pop video store near by had an "Atari Jaguar" game machine system for rent out at \$13.00 per day fee. What was even more strange is that the store only had a total of 4 (four) cd's for it.

You got it right, just 4 pieces of software to rent separately. I asked if they were going to get more titles for it and they said "yes", just as soon as they come out. Boy, this is sure a far cry from the over 130+ titles currently available + 70 movies for the Amiga CD32. This so called 64 bit machine is, you guessed it, not really 64 bit at all, (as is commonly understood in the industry).

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A question. If I take two IBM/XT computers and put them together, will they have a 16 bit buss? Well something like that goes on and wa-la, its 64 bit. Some unrelated 32 bit proprietary chips that have some justification for their advertisement might do it, AH!

Their marketing department stayed up all night on this one because the box it came in said "Made in the USA". Well the box itself was and maybe just the final assembly, (like GoldStar) was, but don't look inside. The owner of the store told me that this is what he felt justified him buying this unit.

I guess I am old fashion. I like knowing the whole truth. Many people, as the store owners, felt they had bought something made here to help our economy. Sorry, but wrong again, no more than all the rest of the game machines. Way to go again Atari. DA! DA! DA!

Other Computer News

The clones are a coming for the Mac system 7 which is essentially based on the power pc stuff. It is being licensed under Apple but not now for the 68000 motorola chip based machines as usual, IBM is doing a new push for the PCI buss via a hopefully standardized motherboard and Intel is pushing the newer non-risc Pentium to 90 and 100 Mhz. speed so they can say they are faster than the power PC Risc operation mode of motorola. A 150 Mhz. prototype version Pentium is being tested as I write this and is hopefully set for the fall show.

Boy, you talk about running hot; this thing needs a refrigeration unit to cool it. Even the newer 3.3 volt (green) C.P.U. is what I am talking about. The 5 volt version cannot hardly handle the 50/60 Mhz. speed to heat fan flinging, heat sinking way out-a-this-one.

Note: There still is not an Intel inside any Aircraft computers and I hope it stays that way.

July Give Aways

Randy of TCE ELECTRONICS (Computers), has donated some programs for the next several months. This month's door prizes are 2 disk based programs and a surprise. One is a game and the other is a word processor. I ain't tellin you know!

Thanks Randy! It is good to have friends that know how hard it is for me to beg for stuff. By the way, TCE is moving also, but only one door away from where they are now. This will effectively give them at least twice the space as before. I'll keep you all up to date as things happen. TCE is at 4990 Nebraska Ave. in Huber Hts. Phone (513)-237-7421.

*Get the lead out!
Submit an Article to
The News letter
Today!*

There is Still Time!

Yes there is still time to enter your post card for the free subscription drawing from Die Hard magazine. These entries must be dated on or before 31 August 1994. (Post Marked)

In the survey they had, there was no space for your name and address. They corrected their error by saying that if you sent a card addressed as follows you will be entered in the drawing. Get out your pens and stamps.

On one side put your name and address.

On the other address as follows:

Die Hard
Subscription Drawing
P.O. Box 392
Boise, ID
83702-0392

Save These Name/Numbers

By the Treasurer

These are mail order businessess that I have had satisfactory reasonable service with and I will share them with you. They are cheap and fast.

Ribbons for all printers including commodore
Midwestern Diskette (800)-221-6332
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Creston, IA 50801

Software Commodore, IBM, Amiga
Software Support International
2700 NE Andresen Road Suite A-10
Vancouver, WA 98661 (800)-356-1179

EMS Computer Services
4355 Kinney Road
Ludington, MI 49431 (616)-845-1540

Creative Micro Designs, Inc
15 Benton Drive (Commodore Support)
P.O. Box 646
East Longmeadow, MA 01028 (800)-638-3263

Printer Heads, ect (call for price, stock)
NorthStar Matrix
7940 Ranchers Rd.
Minneapolis, MN 55432- (612)-785-1075

If you have had any like contacts please let us know and the last time you required their services. We want to know if they are still in business. Next month I will list some of the Dayton area businesses that give exceptional service.

Nothing is obsolete! It is just
Commodore's Support

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. (o) is make offer.

Tandy Model DWP-210 printer (o) 236-5528
Vic-1515 printer (o) 236-5528
Okidata UA83 printer (IBM) \$70.00 236-5528
Wanted complete Geos package. If you are getting out of computing I will buy your Geos system. (to include Geos, Geopublish, Geofile, Geocalc, GeoWrite, GeoPaint and other programs by Berkeley Works for the 128 computer)
Contact Michael Dornbusch at 236-5528

Help is Available

For help in the following areas contact after 5pm evenings the following persons:

BBS	Michael Dornbusch	236-5528
Library	Phil Longo	237-8768
Software	Fred Middleton	252-9624
Geos	John Feigleson (at meetings)	
Hardware	Fred Middleton	252-9624
Repair	Michael Dornbusch	236-5528
Newsletter	John Feigleson or Michael Dornbusch at the meetings.	

You can volunteer your knowledge in any computer related subject by contacting the editor.

This Newsletter

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Software Support

Software Support at 2700 NE Andresen Road, Suite A-10, Vancouver, WA 98661, has quite a selection of software for the Commodore 64/128 computers. The prices are right and consist mainly of games. If you are interested in looking at the catalog it will be at the meeting. They are having a "Close Out Sale".

Data East

Software Support sent a catalog with their software close out sale from Data East. Looking through the catalog I noticed that they are still selling games for the 64/128 computer and show new ones coming available at a later date. Is there still support and new material out there. Send us your sources if you have any new material that is showing up on the market for commodore. We still have our contact (Phils Wife) overseas looking for us. Sounds like a 009 adventure!

ComputerFest 1994!

ComputerFest 94 is fast approaching and we don't have a theme for the tables. We need ideas for disk, demos, and other helpful hints to greet the public and show them what the Commodore 64/128 machines are capable of performing. One is eye catching graphics. If you have any neat programs bring them to the meeting for review so we may select some of the best for display. If you have some equipment you wish to sell please let us know what and how much. We must have a list so we can make arrangements to get it there. The computerfest is the last weekend in August 27, 28 th. It is located at Hara Arena. We will try to provide a map in our August newsletter showing the location, and where our tables will be located. We may be asking for additional help with the tables. We had a lot of fun last year. This year it should be even better. Be sure to ask for information about it at the meeting. Its one event you don't want to miss!

Don't lose Your Head!

Yes don't lose your head. I almost lost mine and as you know that would really hurt. After noticing blurry vision and knowing that something wasn't really right I felt around and found the problem. Too many holes in my head. I called a friend of mine and he suggested that I send my head off to be reconditioned. I called to see if they could handle the problem and if they had one just like mine. The answer was a resounding yes they could plug up my extra holes and fix my head. I got it back with a test sheet and now my vision is 20-20. If you need help to fix the holes in your head please contact them, and see if they have one like yours. Also check the price.

NorthStar Matrix (612)-785-1075
7940 Ranchers Rd.
Minneapolis, MN. (They do printer
55432- Heads, ect.)