

# Commodore Eight Bit Boosters News Letter

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The CEBB meets monthly at the Beaver Creek Public Library. A short business meeting is followed by a prepared program of general interest to 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. The Purpose of the CEBB is to help the Commodore 8 Bit computer user enjoy learning more about their equipment.

## Your CEBB Officers

President John Feigleson Vice President Phil Longo  
Sec/Tres Mike Dornbusch 236-5528

### LAST MEETING

There was no meeting due to ComputerFest94.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the Beaver Creek Library on September 28th, 1994 (Wednesday). The doors will open at 6:30pm and the Meeting will start at 7:00pm sharp. John will run a GIF, RLE demo using a 64 to view these IBM formats. There will be give-a-ways and swap tables ready.



This newsletter is produced on a Commodore 128D, with a 1581 Disk Drive, Panasonic KX-P2124 Printer and a 1750 REU. The Desktop Publishing Programs used are GeoPublish and Geos 128 as well as Public Domain Fonts, Printer Drivers and Dos Shells.

## Commodore is Still Dead

News at Eleven

### DIE SCHWARZ CAT

(513) 237-0268 BBS System

This BBS serves members of the CEBB as well as the general public. Anyone may log-on. If you have any questions about BBS's, modems or terminal programs just give Mike Dornbusch, who is the System Operator (SYSOP) a call at his voice number 236-5528. Mike will be happy to help you get started in the exciting world of telecommunications. If there are any files that you want and do not see contact the Hippo by E-Mail and he will D/L them from Genie.



Commodore Eight Bit Boosters does not condone and will not tolerate commercial software piracy. Piracy is illegal and hampers the continued production of quality software for the C64 and C128 platform. All acts of piracy will be reported to the proper authorities.

## Next Meeting is 26 October 1994

## *ComputerFest 94!*

ComputerFest 1994 is now a thing of the past and if you didn't get a chance to go see the Mid West's largest computer show under one roof. It's not because you weren't informed about it, we sent newsletters to all members, past members, and guest of the club. Maybe you didn't have the time or didn't want to spend the money, but you missed out again. There are estimates that there were 42,000 people at this event. Compared to last year's event there were not as many professional vendors present. I didn't get to see the whole show as I was minding the tables, and answering questions about our group and giving information to many users that are looking for Commodore support. It seems as if some people are getting the run around from some groups that Commodore is dead. The Sunday newspaper said that Commodore is on ice and the Amiga is a sizzling hot item. Well, I hate to be the bearer of bad news but if Commodore goes down the tubes, the Amiga's will follow unless someone gets things turned around. The user groups have to be the sole supporters of Commodore. They have to promote use, give demonstrations, and show more of what the machines are capable of doing. We have taken great strides to offer all members and guest the chance to participate in our group. We still need your input. At the Computerfest this year, the hot items were mice, cartridges, and software. Yes, I said software. Hardware was the lowest request except for the REU (Ram Expansion Unit). It seems as if the software was sold out in the first hour and a half. Games, and Word processors were the favorite. We met and helped several people with problems and I hope they keep their word by showing up at one of the meetings. We passed out copies of our newsletter and address of our meeting place. Other services were offered to school systems and Daycare Centers.

It was a tiring two days of being on your feet constantly and in limited space but, as they always say, "We had Fun". Looking forward to next year.

## *Next Years Event*

We have to decide how many tables we want to reserve at next years event. They are taking reservations now. If you are interested in participating in next years event, please make your intentions known to the club officers. The tables will be thirty-five dollars each with a maximum of four and the vendor tickets are

still five dollars each. We only have a limited time to apply for this event, so contact us now or as soon as possible.

## *Club Dues Increase*

I, Michael Dornbusch, duly elected treasurer of the Commodore Eight-Bit Boosters, am proposing to the executive board, (this is to ease the strain on the club treasury due to printing, and postage of the club newsletter) raising the membership dues to a reasonable amount to sustain the club. I am also proposing that we discontinue to mail newsletters to other groups who don't exchange with us and non members of the Eight-Bit Boosters. A four page newsletter cost the treasury sixty-five cents to send. Multiply this times twelve and that is seven dollars and eighty cents. That leaves four dollars and twenty cents left out of a member in good standing dues. The ones who don't pay their dues on time are getting the rest. I therefore suggest discontinuing newsletters with the expiration date of their membership. If your dues are continuous or you are sending us your newsletter, you will continue to receive our newsletter. We will no longer send out special editions to guest or past members. With these measures it will help reduce the strain (drain) on the treasury. These proposals will be discussed and brought before the membership before any action is initiated. Please contact one of the officers with your ideas or suggestions.

## *Die Schwarze Katze BBS*

Well, I got some good news and some bad news. The good news is we have Wildcat Version 4.0 and the bad news is it will take some time to install it. More good news. I finally contacted the author of Color 64 and we will have the latest Version, 8.02, with networking coming soon. It will be able to run at a lightening speed of 28.8K baud. The bad news is we only have a 14.4K baud modem. More bad news for other local sysops is yes, the commodore 64 will run faster than 2400 baud so call us up for a demo. We are at 170 Megs and still growing. If we had the backing of another organization, we could network with the west coast (long distance calls aren't free). We plan to network with the East Coast once a month for the latest in software and messages. If you are upgrading to a newer, different machine, you might consider donating your old public domain software to

your club. We try to maintain the best, working software available for members. That is the reason to network the board with the few remaining Commodore Bulletin Boards to share and distribute information and support.

### *This Just In*

I just received a letter from Donald Ayers with the following message. You can take it for what it is worth. The Commodore Eight-Bit Boosters is not responsible for the contents. It states as follows:

Michael I have a disk with over 600 blocks of text material on the Commodore eight bit computers available on a resource disk I have written. This includes hardware list, history, acceleration, business applications, and more. If you think you've seen it all think again. The name of the disk is GrassRoots #1 and is tasked with helping sustain eight bit activity via perpetual resource files. The price of the disk is \$2.00. The letter which will be available at the next meeting explains more than I am willing to write here. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, write to the following and enclose \$2.00. Let us know what you find out.

Donald Ayers  
75 State Rd 270 W.  
Sturgis, KY  
42459-

### *This Newsletter*

This newsletter is produced for the Eight-Bit Boosters. Articles appearing are information presented by the author and do not reflect the concept of the membership. Some articles are from newsletters received from other clubs and will reflect that credit. Articles submitted will be printed in the newsletter as space allows. For Sale ads and articles must be submitted to the editor 15 days before scheduled meetings. This newsletter is produced using GeoPaint, GeoWrite, GeoPublish, Geos related programs, Commodore 64/128D, REU, 1581, 1541, 1571 drives, Super Graphix interface, 9 pin and 24 pin printers. Articles appearing are from notes of the Treasurer, Vice President, President and editor. Submitted articles have authors credit.

### *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	(at Meetings)

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

### *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 you can make an offer. If you attend regular meetings you might consider bringing them to the For Sale/Swap table at our monthly meeting.

Tandy DWP-210 printer (o)	236-5528
Vic-1515 printer (o)	236-5528
Okidata UA83A (Centronics IBM) (o)	236-5528

Getting out of computing? I will buy your complete Geos package (to include Geos, GeoPublish, GeoFile, Geocalc, GeoWrite, GeoPaint, and other programs by Berkeley Works for the 128 computer. Contact Michael Dornbusch at 236-5528.

### *Dues For Next Year*

It's time to start planning for the coming year. For continued support of your Eight-Bit Boosters, please renew your dues early. This will determine in which direction the membership wishes the club to go. Renewing early, attending meetings, showing earnest interest in club activities, donating time, used or broken equipment, will keep your 64/128 machines alive. Your Commodore Clubs need your continued support now.

Remember **BEYLOFT 5** has moved to  
Saturday at 1:00 pm on channel 22.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CEBB October Meeting 26 Oct. at  
BeaverCreek Library

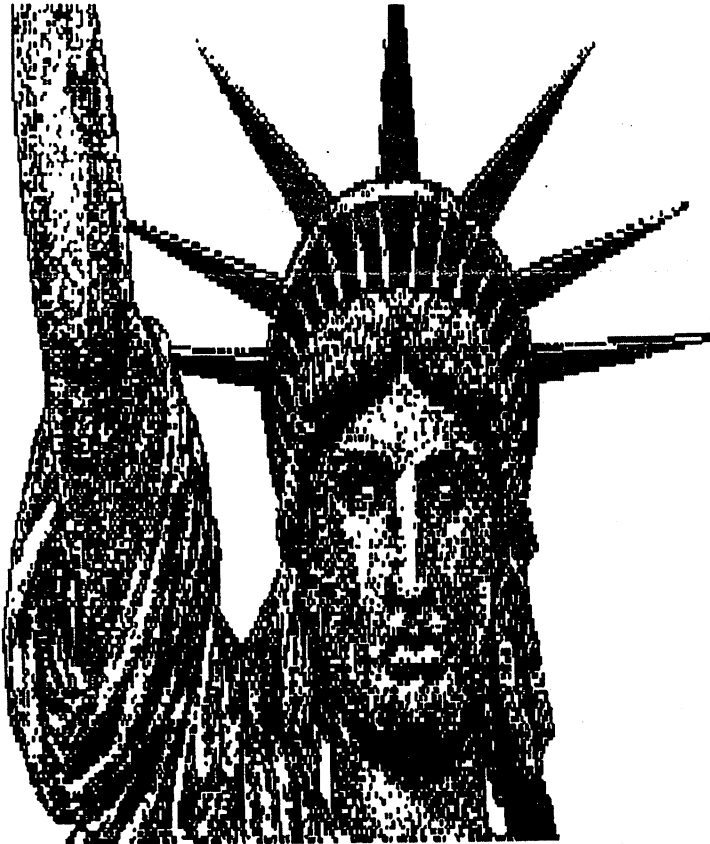
Cincinnati Computer Fair, November 5-6  
Saturday 10 - 5 Sunday 10 - 3

At the Cincinnati Gardens Admission \$5, for  
Booth & Info Call 513-263-3378

### **Proposed Constitutional Changes**

Phill "Left Hand Mann" Longo brought forth some changes to the CEBB Constitution at the last Executive Board Meeting. These Items will be voted on at the next meeting.

1. Article II, Section 1 - Correction of typo by removing "*injoying*" and inserting "*enjoy*".
2. Article II, Section 1. - Add to the end of the existing sentence "*and to provide a social atmosphere to meet*".
3. Article III, Section 1. Paragraph C - Change all after the first comma to read "*and accompany the application with the appropriate amount of dues as set forth in the ByLaws*".
4. Article V, Section 1. - Add to the existing sentence "*unless a meeting place cannot be obtained*".
5. Article V, Section 1. - Add new sentence "*A minimum of one meeting every two months will be maintained when participation decreases (even in a social setting if necessary)*".
6. Article VI Section 4. - Correction of typo majority to "*majority*".



## **HEADLINES**

***WAM!***

**is a new education cable channel**

(WAM stands for What Adults are Missing)

Hope it is better than Psyc Friends Network :) ed

**Couple Convicted of transmitting obscene pictures  
over Bulletin Boards**

**UK (England to the rear of us) Teenager arrested for hacking Pentagon  
Computers on the Internet**

**Software Publishers to Hate Software**

Hmmm ratings Good-Fair-Don't Spend yo Money? ed