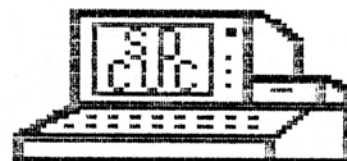
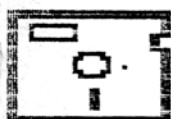


# Southern Districts Commodore Users Club Inc

## The Dispatch Disk November 1989



### COMMITTEE. 1989/90

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President  
Robert Cloosterman :- 382 0781

Secretary  
vacant

Treasurer  
Terry Pitt :- 381 3216

Assisting  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant

Librarian  
Jeff Carey :- 294 8447

The library is open from 7:00 - 7:30 before each meeting. Public Domain disks are for sale at that time also.

Newsletter Editor  
Terry Pitt :- 381 3216

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#### NEXT MEETING

As the next meeting will fall on December 20th, it was decided, at the committee meeting, to ask you, the members, whether or not to hold a meeting that night.

#### SUBJECT

Due to the school holidays, a "KIDS NIGHT" could be held. A problem session could also be held.

#### LOCATION

House behind Salvation Army Hall  
Elizabeth Rd  
Morphett Vale

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES

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Membership fees will remain unchanged this year and are as follows.

JOINING FEE -  
New members only \$ 5.00

MEMBERSHIP FEE -  
New and existing members \$ 10.00

Current members are reminded that these fees are now due and payable. Please see me after tonight's meeting.

Terry Pitt  
Treasurer

### RULES TO BE OBSERVED AT CLUB MEETINGS

- 1) NO SMOKING
- 2) NO DRINKING
- 3) NO SWEARING

We are allowed the use of this house through the generosity of The Salvation Army in return for which we give them a relatively small donation. Your co-operation in respect to the above is sought, as a breach of these conditions could find us looking for other clubrooms.

We cannot dictate what members do in the privacy of their own homes. However whilst you are attending meetings you are requested to refrain from copying any copyright material.

Thankyou - The committee

A  
Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year



From the Editor and  
the committee of  
the Southern  
Districts Commodore  
Users Club Inc.

## IN MEMORY OF



S.D.C.U.C.

### IS THIS THE FINAL EDITION OF THE DISPATCH DISK ?

What has prompted me to ask this question was the response from the members at the Annual General Meeting in regard to Committee Duties ; minimal to say the least ! You all have your reasons, but for the club to continue we need a hard-working committee . As you can see from the front page , we will be working hard as there are only three members from the desired number of eight !

This prompts me to ask another question :- " How much desire is there to keep the club going ? " Judging by the response at the meeting I would initially say " Very little " and I would suggest that the club be wound up as allowed for in the constitution .

Does this fairly drastic step have to be taken , however ? I think not . There are solutions , but they demand some more effort from the members .

Here are some of my thoughts . You probably have already heard them from others in the club , but they are worth repeating .

#### 1) WE NEED MORE NEW MEMBERS .

We especially need to attract new owners of C-64's ; the ones who bought their computers for the kids and are now wondering what else they can do with it .

#### 2) WE NEED TO KEEP THESE MEMBERS .

We can do this by catering for them on a more basic level . The demonstration of EPROM programming by Greg Dodd last month was excellent but of little interest to a person who knows nothing about their computer except how to load a game in . " It's all very nice , but what use is it ? " they might ask . We'll never keep them all , but by thinking of their needs , hopefully some will stay with us .

#### 3) WE NEED MORE INPUT FROM MEMBERS .

This applies not only to articles for the newsletter (PLEASE) , but also at the meetings . How about putting together a short demonstration on your favourite word processor or spreadsheet program for example . What about showing some of the newer members , including me , how to make use of programs like G.E.D.S. etc .

#### 4) WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE S.I.G.'s

After the formal meetings are over , things settle down to a general discussion session . This time could be used for Special Interest Groups to get together . What happened to them ? Were they left up to the committee and then faded away due to disinterest by members of the club .

In conclusion let me sum up with this it is YOUR club and I feel there is a need to keep it going . However it can only survive if you play a part . The committee is only there to guide the club , not to BE the club !

How about it . Over to you  
Terry Pitt

## From the President.

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Let me introduce myself to those members who do not know me . I was elected to the position of President, due mainly to the poor response at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING last month. As I have been a member for only six months so far, I had no idea what I was in for, but now I am glad that I went !!

I have many ideas for the club which I would like to share with you, the members. Some of these have already been discussed with our Treasurer, Terry Pitt, and our Librarian, Jeff Carey, at the Committee meeting, which was held last week.

One of the things which was discussed at the committee meeting, as some of you may already know, is that we shall be placing a notice in the Computer section of the newspapers, prior to the meeting stating when the next meeting will be held and what will be on the Agenda for that evening. This was done in last Saturday's Advertiser for tonight's meeting. By the way, welcome to any visitors who may be here tonight; I hope you will find tonight very interesting.

If anyone has an article or program which they feel could be of benefit to other members, please think about giving a demonstration. Feel free to discuss it with the committee so that we all may learn something new.

It has been suggested that every 2nd or 3rd meeting we hold a workshop night. This is a night where any member who has a problem with a program or even a game that they may be having difficulty with, to bring it along with their computer and we will endeavour to help hash it out.

Another item discussed at the committee meeting was that we could hold an Unusual or Favourite program evening, where you can bring these along to share with other members. STRICTLY G Rated of course!

Our Librarian Jeff will have Public Domain disks for sale or Loan through the Club Library, with prices ranging from approx. \$2.00 to \$10.00. This charge will be channelled back into the club to buy more P.D. disks to keep the club's collection more up to date.

We are asking members and visitors to sign for THE DISPATCH DISK to keep track of who gets a copy so that we can send one to those members unable to attend the meeting. Please Oblige.

A reminder to those members who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions (ALL of you); they are now due. The joining fee is still \$5.00 and the annual fee remains \$10.00, for Single or Family. If you have difficulty at the moment, please let Terry know so that we can come to some sort of arrangement.

Finally, there will be WANTED and FOR SALE sections in the Dispatch Disk for anyone wanting to advertise in the newsletter. Please contact Terry or myself ASAP so it can go in the next edition.

I hope to get to know all of you better in the near future so that we can get together to enjoy the many benefits of this club.

Yours Sincerely,  
Robert M. Cloosterman

---\*\*\* ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER \*\*\*---

This newsletter was produced using a program from Springboard called "THE NEWSROOM". Using this program it is possible to produce a newsletter with a wide variety of different features.

---\*\*\* LAYOUT OPTIONS \*\*\*---

Newsroom produces four different page layouts on two different sizes of paper.

LETTER - 8 1/2 " x 11 " or  
LEGAL - 8 1/2 " x 14 "

We have used letter sized paper which allows two options:

- 1) 6 panels with a banner across the top as in the front page or
- 2) 8 panels ie. 4 down each side as in the inside pages.

---\*\*\* TYPE FONTS \*\*\*---

Newsroom has five different fonts for use within the program as shown below.

Serif Small  
Sans Serif Small  
Serif Large  
Sans Serif  
English

These fonts can be used in the BANNER, PHOTO LAB or COPY DESK work areas. All five different fonts may be used in the Banner and Photo Lab work areas, but only one small and one large font may be used in the Copy Desk work areas.

---\*\*\* MAKE A BANNER \*\*\*---

The Banner is the title across the top of the front page that serves to identify the newspaper. Clip-Art such as the computer and disk on the front of the Dispatch Disk are edited and mixed with text in this work area.

---\*\*\* MAKE A PHOTO \*\*\*---

This is the section in which Clip-Art and text for captions are added together ready for the COPY DESK work area.

---\*\*\* CREATE A PANEL \*\*\*---

In the Copy Desk work area you write the articles for the newsletter. You work on one panel at a time by combining text with photos developed in the Photo Lab work area. Articles may spread over one, two or up to ten panels using legal size paper.

---\*\*\* LAYOUT YOUR PAPER \*\*\*---

When the panels and Banner have been made, they can be arranged onto a page in the Layout area of The Newsroom.

---\*\*\* THE PRESS ! \*\*\*---

Once a page has been defined in the Layout area, you can begin to actually produce your newsletter. If you need to you can also see how a photo, banner or a panel will look on paper by printing it out individually.

---\*\*\* THE PROS AND CONS \*\*\*---

The Newsroom IS easy to learn and use. The key thing to remember is SAVE your creations to a data disk before returning to the main menu or they will be lost. A joystick or keyboard may be used to select icons (Fire = comm key). It is slow but a Fastload cartridge and a 2nd disk drive help considerably. One of the problems with it is that the copy desk will not link panels so that if you edit panels, you must manually edit the following panels from the same story. Also when reloading photos, the original clip-art disk must be put in the drive as required, although there is a Public Domain program to solve this, I understand. The biggest deficiency in the program is the "dotty" nature of the printout. It was a lot of work, but I did enjoy putting the newsletter together.  
Terry Pitt Editor

## WANTED

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Some help with future editions of the Dispatch Disk. This can range from sketchy thoughts to finished articles. All submissions gratefully received. Please help before brain fade sets in!

**MORE PEOPLE TO ASSIST ON THE COMMITTEE** - We are still several people short (see editorial) so please think about it. Committee Meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday in each month. A **SECRETARY FOR THE CLUB**. Some skill at letter writing, taking minutes and other duties are required.

For any of the above please see Terry or Rob at tonight's meeting.

## FOR SALE

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Public Domain Software Disks - priced from \$ 2.00. Catalogue Disks a bargain at only \$ 1.00. See Jeff Carey at tonight's meeting.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMMODORE  
USERS CLUB INC.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME .....  
ADDRESS .....  
.....POSTCODE.....

PHONE - HOME ..... BUS .....  
AGE ..... OCCUPATION .....  
SIGNED .....  
DATE .....

ABOUT YOURSELF  
( continue overleaf if necessary )  
ORIGINAL SOFTWARE

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Do you have any special skills that you can offer the club ?

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Please hand in to a committee member